

The Challenger

March 2007



From the Desk of the DOM

SUNDAY SCHOOL COACHING CLINIC

One of the greatest opportunities for Sunday School growth is being made available to BBA churches through our partnership with the BGCO. It is a new concept that will actually provide a specialist to coach participating churches in building an evangelistic SS.



Byron Smith, Minister of Education at FBC Hugo, will visit our Association once a month for six months beginning March 22. Pastors are asked to team up with their SS directors and attend these personalized coaching sessions together.

The sessions will focus on enrollment as the driving force to increase the Sunday School. Strong emphasis will be placed on empowering new workers for ministry. Outreach and evangelism will be a priority. Special effort will go into finding, enlisting and developing new teachers, along with starting new classes. The investment for each church is \$50.00.

I trust you will take full advantage of this unique way of helping your SS reach more people for Christ. Several churches have already signed up, the more, the better. Please call the BBA office for more detail.

Terrell Suggs

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January 2007 Financial Report

Achille:	Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ----- \$ 0	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 1194.56
Community -Bob Stevens----- \$ 0	Caddo - ----- \$ 318.63	Sunset View-Harry Boydston -\$ 162.94	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 124.92
First ----- \$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toews ----- \$ 715.92	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards \$ 408.04	Wade - Charles Williams ----- \$ 81.05
Albany:	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 410.94	Hendrix - Roddy Arnold ----- \$ 83.16	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 261.68
Albany - Jackie Robinson - ---- \$ 91.04	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin----- \$ 55.38	Kemp -Roger Speer ----- \$ 0	Account Balances as of June 30:
RRV Cowboy - George Toma - \$ 30.00	Colbert - Tobey Clements---- \$ 762.20	Kenefic ----- \$ 244.62	BBA Checking ----- \$ 5367.85
Armstrong -Monty Wood ---- \$ 321.56	Durant:	Mead:	Falls Creek ----- \$ 2553.31
Bennington----- \$ 642.50	Calvary -Darel Bunch ----- \$ 374.44	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 302.79	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 3519.53
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 96.36	Fairview - Bill Ledbetter ----- \$ 691.00	Emmanuel ----- \$ 0	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 1123.08
Bokchito:	First -James Robinson----- \$ 2097.36	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 313.03	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 3167.55
Faith -Scott Melton----- \$ 273.00	Grace - Anthony Williams ---- \$ 596.63	Platter, 1st ----- \$ 181.44	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2224.69
First- Preston Burns----- \$ 62.50	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito-\$ 160.00	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 259.90	
ReynoldsChapel-Bob McLean\$ 390.38	Lake Point - Jared McIntire----- \$ 0	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 105.57	
Brown -Dale Ballard ----- \$ 286.23			

Attention: This report reflects only what was received by the BBA during the reported month. Churches contribute however they choose: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.



Church News



Falls Creek Planning Meeting

will be **March 26 at 7PM** at the BBA office. If you have children or youth planning to attend Falls Creek during the associational weeks, at least one representative from your church needs to be here.

Please welcome **James Wigington** as new pastor of **Emmanuel Baptist Church**. He has been the interim for awhile. His first Sunday as pastor was Feb. 4th. Praise the Lord that we have so many faithful ministers in our association.

An Associational **Bible Drill** will be held at **First Baptist Church of Durant on April 22nd** at 2:30pm in the fellowship building. All churches that would like to participate please contact **Jean Fortenberry at 580-775-0875**.



Word of Truth Radio Ministry

Every day at 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. ministers from Bryan Baptist Association share with you truths from God's Word. Many of you have come across this ministry as you've turned your radio dial to 91.1 FM.

You've heard from us. Now we'd like to hear from you. Many of you, I'm sure, have had your lives touched as God used this ministry to speak the Word you needed to hear for your situation. In 100 words or less would you tell us what "The Word of Truth" has meant to you.

You can send your stories by mail to: Bryan Baptist Association, 1925 W Main St., Durant, OK 74701. Or you can email them to: sdmelton@liberty.edu. Thank you for sharing with us. It is our prayer that this ministry will continue to encourage and to motivate you to live for Christ with all that you are.

In Christ, Scott Melton

Can you sense it? It is almost spring and the signs are everywhere... daffodils sprouting, the tulips and the budding trees can't be too far behind! I love spring because it represents newness and new life...it also means we are getting closer to sending many of our SOSU BCM students out on Summer Missions. Many students will be staying right here in our area and serving with the youth of Oklahoma at the Baptist Home for Girls in Madill, Falls Creek, other Camps, and some will even serve on the campus here at Southeastern Oklahoma State University with the upward bound program. Other students will be going to a summer discipleship/mission program in Chicago called Project Impact. Still others will be heading overseas to experience God at work in India, Africa, and other parts of Asia, working hand in hand with the International Mission Board. I will be leading a team to Venezuela in South America to help Central Baptist Church of Barquisimeto reach out to the university students in their city.

As you can see, there will be students everywhere. This is a testimony to God and His work through the SOSU BCM. We are very blessed to have such supportive churches in our association that provide for the operating costs of the BCM ministries. However, each student raises his or her own support for summer missions. They are all doing a good job of raising support for their individual trip expenses, but I would like to give you the opportunity to partner with them by making a financial donation to our Summer Missions account. Maybe you could help a student go and in the process help them see the work of God in the nations and allow them to share in the joy of seeing a person come to know Christ. All money in the Missions account goes to students for the purpose of missions. You may call me (916-0908) if you have any questions about who, what, when, or where and I will be glad to assist you....or you could send a gift in any amount to BCM Summer Missions, PO Box 12, Durant, OK, 74702. Thank you for your support of God's work among the students of Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Moving LIVES Forward,
Brandon Brister, Director



March is here and that means it's time for the North American Missions Emphasis for 2007. The theme for this year is "Change Your World". Whether you choose the N.A. Mission study, the Week of Prayer for N.A. Missions, participating in the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering or being involved in a N.A. Missions trip you can impact the lost here in the U.S. and help the more than 5,000 North American Missionaries serving in the U.S. Prayerfully set a goal for the offering and promote it in your church. Pray and give as God leads. THANK YOU!!! (DOUBLE)!!!

Thank you to all who came to the Focus Week banquet. You helped to make it a great time together. Also, THANK YOU to the Mead Baptist Church for all their hard work and gracious hospitality. They really went the extra mile in making us feel at home.

THANKS also to all who provided the delicious cookies for the Singing Churchwomen.

On March 22-24 in Oklahoma City there will be the first ever North American Native Women's Conference. Native American women from across the U.S. will gather for a conference designed to "weave together" God's Native American women. Ethel will be going and participating in servanthood evangelism. Our Association has been asked to help provide cookies and Kool-Aid for the Children's Ministry. If you can help with this request it would be greatly appreciated. You may bring these to the Associational office before the 22nd and Ethel will take them as she goes. Please pray for this meeting and all the Native American women as they travel. Pray God will be glorified and souls will be refreshed and renewed.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!!!!!! Betty Stout & Ethel Gray WM&M Co-Consultants



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BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News

The Disaster Relief Team remained in an alert mode for a couple of weeks after the Muskogee ice storm expecting to be called back to help in the continuing efforts but other teams were given an opportunity to get involved as well. Three sites were operational in the McAlester/Muskogee area during the ice storm. Three of us went to Camp Hudgens near Lake McAlester February 12th to assist in the

closure activities there.

The DR team participated in the Bryan Baptist Association's Wild Game Cook Off January 27th. We cooked some vegetables and served the food. We prepared the evening meal for the Baptist Singing Church Women of Oklahoma at First Baptist Church in Durant February 20th.

The Associational Blue Caps and team leaders from around the state will be coming to Camp Hudgens February 23 and 24 to participate in a seminar on maximizing the Associational team's resources. The Bryan and LeFlore Association's leaders will be conducting a good part of the training. We in the Bryan Association have operated with LeFlore Association so many times now that we are almost like one team.

Charles Loyd and I will meet with area Fire Departments on February 27th to explain what we do and to seek an opportunity to work with other local emergency related groups.

A training session is coming up on March 3rd at the First Baptist Church in Durant beginning at 8:00 a.m. Get trained now before the disasters happen. Qualifications are: 1. Being a member of a Baptist Church 2. Having a will to serve God. If those fit you then come on down! Clark Harp, BBA DR Blue Cap



GET YOURS FREE

For 3 months!!!

Simply call DeeDee at the BBA office or email your name, address, and name and city of your church to slane@okbaptist.net. The Challenger will be included in the Messenger beginning next month!



Block Party Evangelism Opportunity

Sat., March 10th at Crescent Creek
Apartments

We Need Your Help!

Youth Groups, Adult Groups, Individuals,
Come one come all!!

There will be an orientation meeting on Thurs.,
March 8th at 6:30pm at the BBA office.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!

Birthdays

- 3/1 - Billie Jo Vanzandt
- 3/3 - Landon Pena
- 3/5 - Loyd Stout
- 3/6 - Becky Simmons
- 3/6 - Danny Spoon
- 3/7 - Joe Smith
- 3/15 - Dorothy Anderson
- 3/16 - Karen Damron
- 3/16 - Cynthia Wesley
- 3/20 - J.C. Curtis
- 3/21 - Jim Loper
- 3/21 - Elaine Lashley
- 3/27 - Wanda Tolbert
- 3/28 - Jimmy Harwood

3/30 - Margie Resz

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/2/85 - Darrell & Ange Edwards
- 3/20 - J.C. & Bobbie Curtis
- 3/24/54 - Harold & Betty Garrard
- 3/26/49 - Janice & Frank Roberts

Ministry Anniversaries

- 3/11/05 - DeeDee Pena, BBA
- 3/28/04 - Jimmy Moore, Colbert



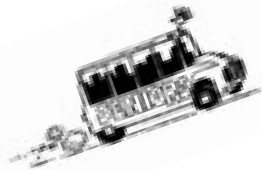
Upcoming Senior Events

Trips: (Please call the BBA office to reserve your place on the bus, leave your name and phone number.)

- March 23 - Dallas to JFK Museum
- April 20 - Tyler to Azalea Show
- May 18 - Sulphur Springs Museum

Luncheons:

- March 14 - Brown
- April 11 - Bushnell
- May 9 - Fairview



If you or your church has any announcements or news you would like to be in next month's Challenger, please call the BBA office before

March 22. 580-924-2351



Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches: Achille First, Bennington, Platter, Caddo First.

Music Ministers Fairview Baptist Church is searching for a Music Minister. Please send your resume to 1200 W. University Blvd, Durant, OK 74701.

Youth/Music Ministers Albany Baptist Church is searching for someone that could possibly do music and/or youth. Please send your resume to Albany Baptist church, PO Box 97, Albany, OK 74721.

Youth Ministers Western Meadows Baptist Church is searching for a part-time youth minister. Please send your resume to Western Meadows BC, 53 Shawna Dr., Durant, OK 74701 or call 580-924-6006.

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March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 RA Challengers Congress 2nd -3rd	Disaster Relief Training @ FBC, Durant 8:00am
4	5 Pastor/Staff Conference	6	7	8	9	10
Week of Prayer/Mission Study & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 5-11						
11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i> 	12 Pastor/Staff Conference	13	14 Senior Luncheon Brown BC	15	16 Roadrunners to Coleman to "Maw & Paw 's "	17
18	19 Pastor/Staff Conference	20 Spring Break No MTI Class	21 FFF Meeting @ 10:00 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	22	23 Roadrunners to Dallas to JFK Museum	24
25	26 Falls Creek Organizational Meeting 7:00pm	27	28	29	30 Church Planting	31 Conference

