

# The Challenger



March 2006

## From the Desk of the DOM PRAYER WALKING

There is currently much interest in Prayer Walking among Southern Baptists. However, it's not anything new. Thousands of years ago the Lord said to Abraham, "Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." (Genesis 13:17). It was for the purpose of understanding and claiming God's promises.

In Joshua 5 & 6 we see Joshua walking and praying, surveying the city of Jericho and its defenses. As he walked, he listened to God and developed a strategy for conquering the city. What was it? Prayer walking! Through prayer walking he met the Captain of the hosts of Israel, the pre-incarnate Christ. One of the most exciting stories in the Bible is about the collapse of the walls and the conquering of the great city of Jericho. How did the people Israel do it? Prayer Walking!!! Jericho was a formidable foe but no match for the Lord.

What a fantastic thing it would be if a massive Prayer Walking movement would start among Bryan County Baptists. What power from heaven would be upon us if we could have a giant army of prayer warriors? I feel very strongly about it. I prayer walk every day and enjoy it more than I can say. Constant communion with our heavenly Father is the most important thing we can ever do. We will never be what we must be as followers of Christ unless we pray without ceasing.

To help encourage and train in this area, we're going to have a Prayer Walking Training Conference on Thursday, March 16 at the Hispanic Mission. Gerald Kelly, our own BBA Prayer Coordinator, and I will be leading the Conference. This will be the first of what I trust will be many such Conferences. Gerald and I would like to encourage you to invite us to conduct a Prayer Walking Training Conference in your individual church. It could be on a Sunday or Wednesday evening or whatever time would be best for your church. We hope to do this in many of our churches over the next several months. We will be in further contact.

Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs

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## January 2006 Financial Report

Achille:	Caddo - Jim Baker -----\$ 0	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards -----\$ 0	Silo -Buddy Johnson -----\$ 0
Community -Bob Stevens-----\$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toews -----\$ 287.89	Hendrix --- -----\$ 83.24	Utica --Jay Perry -----\$ 114.54
First ----- \$ 55.53	Cartwright - Ray Earley -----\$ 414.05	Kemp -Roger Spears -----\$ 1514.10	Wade - Charles Williams -----\$ 0
Albany - Jackie Robinson - ----- \$ 0	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin-----\$ 0	Kenefic -Hillary Dean -----\$ 116.46	Yuba -Joe Smith -----\$ 168.64
Armstrong -Monty Wood ---- \$ 212.08	Colbert - Les Roberts -----\$ 382.11	Mead	<b>Account Balances as of Jan.31:</b>
Bennington-Neil O'Donnell--- \$ 45.68	Durant:	Mead - Kerry Groce -----\$ 380.38	BBA Checking ----- \$ 5929.61
Blue - Randy Lewis -----\$ 77.58	Calvary -Darel Bunch ----- \$ 528.57	Emmanuel - -----\$ 0	Falls Creek -----\$ 2800.58
Bokchito:	Fairview - -----\$ 591.19	Streetman Rd -----\$ 187.77	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 5034.09
Faith ----- \$ 0	First -James Robinson----- \$ 1448.06	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ----\$ 131.58	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 2555.61
First - Preston Burns-----\$ 205.37	Grace - Anthony Williams ----\$ 544.04	Reynolds Chapel-Bob McLean-----\$ 0	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 1881.94
Brown ----- \$ 0	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito -----\$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins -----\$ 210.90	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2156.33
Bushnell - Kim McGehee -----\$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire -----\$ 42	Robinson - Donald Ford -----\$ 0	
	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz -----\$68.40		
	Sunset View -Harry Boydston \$151.00		

## BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News

Disaster Relief training will be held March 11th. We plan to conduct it at the First Baptist Church in Durant. The registration will begin at the church at 8:30 A.M. We in the BBA will conduct the Feeding Unit Training but there should also be training available in Chainsaw, Child Care, Shower Unit, Mud-Out, Water Purification, and Medical. You don't have to be a NASA engineer or anything close to it to become a part of DR. All that is required is a willing spirit and a desire to serve others in the name of Christ. If you can boil water, you can be on the cooking team. Actually, we will forego that qualification and you can be on the team even if you can't boil water! The Feeding Unit is made up of five sub-teams (cooking, line serving, maintenance, sanitation, and warehouse). I'm sure you will find something suitable for your talents. Come and join us.

Our first planned event this year happened January 28<sup>th</sup>. We provided vegetables and dessert for the BBA's Men and Boy's Wild Game Supper held at Emanuel Baptist Church. The DR team also acted as server's for the event.

Our next planned event this year is March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be preparing dinner for the Singing Churchmen of OK. We provide support to several planned activities during the year just as part of the men's ministry, which is what DR is. It provides a great service and also keeps us trained and gives us practical experience in the use of our equipment.

Clark Harp, BBA DR Blue Cap

## Sunset Cove News

Now that we have four RV spots finished they are available to be used. Call Winston Smith at 580-920-3723 or the BBA office to reserve a spot for the night or several nights.

Our charges are as follows:

Senior Citizens - \$10.00 a night

Member of a supporting church in the BBA - \$12.00

Member of a non-supporting church in the BBA - \$15.00

All spots have full hookups with water, sewer, and electricity. Each site has 30 amp or 50 amp electricity available.

Work is being done each week and anyone wanting to help with projects are encouraged to come out to work. We are marking off some area for the soccer fields and softball diamonds now. If you haven't seen the Sunset Cove Ministries lately, please come to visit anytime. You will be pleased with the improvements being made.

This ministry is currently being supported by eight BBA churches and we appreciate them very much. Some give a set amount monthly, and others give a percentage of their offerings. We do have some individuals that give also. If you and/or your church could find a way to support this ministry in some way it would help tremendously towards the overall project's completion. Come see us!



Over the last few months I have been explaining our mission at the BCM...Investing in LIVES. I have shared that we exist to encourage and inspire students to Love God, Invest in Others, and Value Biblical Living. We exist also to Equip them to reach those they encounter each and every day with the great news of Jesus Christ. Finally, we want to be a sending ministry, sending students out to reach the world, beginning with the world around us and then to the Nations.

I want to instill in the students at the Southeastern BCM that every follower of Jesus is called to be involved in missions. We pray, we give, and we go as God allows us. This year we are going to be doing something new to support BCM Mission work. On April 3, 2006 we will host the First Annual Go Open Golf Scramble at the Durant Country Club. The Four-Man Scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The entry fee is \$50 per person or \$200 per team and includes green fee, cart, soft drinks, lunch and prizes. All proceeds will go to send Oklahoma BCM students around the world sharing the good news about Jesus. Can you think of a better reason to play a round of golf? We will also hold a Silent Pie, Cake, and Cookie Auction during the awards presentations that will allow those present to further support missions by purchasing some of the best sweets in Bryan County. (This silent auction will replace the annual pie auction held each March.) I am excited about this event because it will give more people an opportunity to become aware and to be involved in what God is doing through college students here at Southeastern and around the world. If you would like to play in the tournament, sponsor a hole for \$100, or if you would like to bake goodies for the Silent Auction, please contact me, Brandon Brister, at 916-0908 or Drew Beard at 230-9010. Thank you for...Investing in LIVES!

The **True Love Waits** rally was a success. Nineteen of our churches were present to worship with The Freedom, and to be challenged by Kandy Newton. Over 375 people attended the event and we had numerous decisions. I want to say thank you to all the churches that participated, and especially to the youth leaders. You did an awesome job! I appreciate Jay Willoughby and Calvary Baptist for hosting the event. We hope to continue developing more events like this in the near future. The focus is to share the life changing message of Christ to students in your area.

Thanks again.

Jared

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## Women's Missions & Ministries

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions** Did you know we have more than 5,000 missionaries serving in the US? Did you know in the US & Canada SEVEN out of TEN people do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior? Did you know 100% of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes directly to missionaries and their ministries? Did you know five priority areas for the NAMB include sharing the gospel, starting new churches, deploying missionaries, mobilizing Christians, and penetrating the culture? Learn all this and more as you plan and participate in the North American Missions Emphasis for 2006.

The theme this year is **"Tell His Story"** and suggested dates are March 5 -12. If Betty or I can be of any assistance in your plans for this emphasis, please let us know.

The WMU Focus Week Banquet was GREAT! If you missed it, make plans to be there next year!

Ethel Gray and Betty Stout, Co-Consultants

# The Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma are coming to Durant!!

Place: Durant High School Gym

Time: Two Concerts - 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

More Info: Call BBA office at 924-2351

The Singing Churchmen are a men's choir of 275 members including a 60 member symphonic band. Don't miss this awesome experience of worship!

Local members are: Bobby Hatcher, Jim Pena, Daniel Wesley, Ken Bartholomew, Jimmy James

## Upcoming Events in Bryan County

**Revival** - Grace Baptist Church, March 5 - 10  
Evangelist - Kim Schmidt  
Times: Sunday 10:55am & 6:30pm  
Monday - Friday 7:00pm

**Associational Bible Drills** - We will have a local contest for 4th - 6th graders on April 23 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church, Durant. Please contact Jean Fortenberry at 580-775-0875 if your church is participating in Bible drills.

**Ladies Seminar** - Faith Baptist Church of Bokchito will host a Ladies Seminar on 3/25/06, from 8:30am - lunch. The speaker is Donna Rychlik with testimonies from Penny Bridwell, Teresa Robinson, and Patricia Collins. Please call 580-295-3488 if you plan to come. There will be no nursery.

## Upcoming Senior Events

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

Mar. 17 - Noble Foundation, Norman, OK  
April 20-21 - Granbury, TX  
May 5 - Azalea Festival, Muskogee  
Jun 23 - Greenville, TX

### Luncheons:

Mar. 8 -Bokchito, Faith  
April 12 - Calera FBC

May 10 - Durant FBC

Do you or your group have events going on that would be of interest to the rest of the association? Would you like to have your event on the annual



## Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

### Birthdays:

3/1 - Billie Jo Vanzandt  
3/3 - **Landon Pena**  
3/4 - Vickie O'Donnell  
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 - JC & Bobbie Curtis

3/24/54 - Harold & Betty Garrard

3/26/49 - Janice & Frank

Roberts

### Ministry Anniversaries

3/04 - Brian Sterbenz - Platter

3/2/03 - Bruce Almy - Platter

3/11/05 - DeeDee Pena - BBA

3/28/04 - Jimmy Moore - Colbert



## Positions Needed

**Pastors are needed at the following churches:** Achille First Baptist, Brown, Streetman Rd, Fairview, Faith Bokchito, Emmanuel, FBC Colbert.

**Music Ministers Emmanuel Baptist Church**, Mead, OK - For their traditional Sunday services and to work with their adult choir. Please send resume to Emmanuel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 235 Mead, OK 73449.

**Caddo First Baptist** - part time - Contact Pastor Jim Baker at 580-367-2235.

**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.

**Faith Baptist Church** is looking for a youth/music minister. Please call 580-295-3488.

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 Treasurer-----Ron Bennett  
 Administrative Assistant ---DeeDee Pena  
 Office Hours - Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 - 4:30  
 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

## March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Week of Prayer/ Mission Study & Annie Armstrong	<b>6</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>7</b> Singing Churchmen of OK at Durant High School	<b>8</b> Senior Luncheon at Faith, Bokchito	<b>9</b> Sunset Cove Meeting 12:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Disaster Relief Training 8:30am at FBC, Durant
<b>12</b> Easter Offering March 5-12	<b>13</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Prayer Walking Conference Hispanic Mission 7:00	<b>17</b> Roadrunner Trip, Noble Foundation, Norman, OK	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am	<b>31</b>	