

# The Challenger

May 2006

Bryan Baptist Association

## From the Desk of the DOM

### Revival of Prayer



Matthew Skariah

Sunday - Thursday

April 30 - May 4

Fairview Baptist

12th & University, Durant

Sponsored by:

Bryan Baptist Association

Sunday

10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Monday thru Thursday

7:00 PM

National Day of Prayer Meeting  
Thursday May 4th at 7:00 PM

About the Speaker:

Matthew Skariah is an intercessor, a speaker and President of **World Prayer Band Ministries**. He has traveled world-wide, teaching and preaching on the subject of prayer and revival.



The BRYAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WEEK OF PRAYER is MAY 21-28. The theme this year is CHANGING YOUR WORLD.....RE sourcing CHURCH VISION. This is what the Bryan Baptist Association is all about. We are here to help your church understand and obey its God-given vision. I encourage you to set aside some time in your church to emphasize our Association and seek to answer such questions as "What is a Baptist Association?" Help your people to understand that we are servants to the churches. The churches are not here for the Association, the Association is here for the churches.

Cooperation is one of the most important words known to Southern Baptists. A long time ago we learned that we can do far more together than we ever could alone. This is one of the major reasons the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Protestant denomination and the greatest missionary sending agency in the world.

The BBA enjoys the cooperation of 38 churches working together. Some very exciting things are happening. The future is as bright and victory is ours. I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do among us. I would love the opportunity to come to your church and tell what we are all about. Our Association has all sorts of ministries. They are all geared to reaching Bryan County, Oklahoma, the nation and our world with the gospel of Christ. There has never been a more exciting time to be ON MISSION for our blessed Lord. What a privilege it is to be children of light and to declare His glorious message of light in a world full of darkness.

Remember the BBA HOOPER offering. This is for volunteers on mission. It assists our people in being able to participate in mission opportunities. We currently are in a five-year partnership in Penjamo, Mexico with the Calvary Baptist Church. It has been our great privilege to travel there and do mission work for the last three years. This year's trip will be June 11-20. I trust you will give generously so we can continue in this and other worthy mission endeavors. Thank you for your loving support.

Please contact us. We are at your service.

### Freedom Day Sunday May 21

Fun, Food, Fellowship, Praise & Worship, God's Word! What more could you ask for! Be at Sunset Cove 2:30 - 6:30pm! If you want to have a part in the program contact Jim Pena at 580-775-4663

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## March 2006 Financial Report

Achille:	Caddo - Jim Baker -----	\$ 231.30	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards -----	\$ 0	Silo -Buddy Johnson -----	\$ 619.48	
Community -Bob Stevens-----	\$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toews -----	\$ 309.76	Hendrix - Roddy Arnold -----	\$ 99.12	Utica --Jay Perry -----	\$ 274.04
First -----	\$ 62.83	Cartwright - Ray Earley -----	\$ 277.85	Kemp -Roger Spears -----	\$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams -----	\$ 0
Albany - Jackie Robinson --	\$ 120.03	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin-----	\$ 0	Kenefic -----	\$ 139.69	Yuba -Joe Smith -----	\$ 231.49
Armstrong -Monty Wood ----	\$ 116.50	Colbert - -----	\$ 421.13	Mead		<b>Account Balances as of Mar.31:</b>	
Bennington-Neil O'Donnell-----	\$ 0	Durant:		Mead - Kerry Groce -----	\$ 444.41	BBA Checking -----	\$ 4338.70
Blue - Randy Lewis -----	\$ 75.91	Calvary -Darel Bunch -----	\$ 590.64	Emmanuel - -----	\$ 672.09	Falls Creek -----	\$ 2487.59
Bokchito:		Fairview - -----	\$ 575.00	Streetman Rd -----	\$ 395.85	Disaster Relief -----	\$ 4891.73
Faith -----	\$ 89.34	First -James Robinson-----	\$ 1116.37	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ----	\$ 167.64	Carrell Hooper Mission ----	\$ 3705.60
First - Preston Burns-----	\$ 0	Grace - Anthony Williams ---	\$ 552.79	ReynoldsChapel-Bob McLean-287.17		Sunset Cove -----	\$ 1470.95
Brown -Dale Ballard -----	\$ 186.81	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito -----	\$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins -----	\$ 209.15	Roadrunners -----	\$ 2156.33
Bushnell - Kim McGehee -----	\$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire -----	\$ 0	Robinson - Donald Ford -----	\$ 84.15		
		Stone Creek -- Fred Resz -----	\$ 198.98				
		Sunset View -Harry Boydston ----	\$ 0				

## BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News

At the executive board meeting in January, I said that one of the Disaster Relief team's goals would be to reach out more to needs of people that may have suffered a disaster at the individual level. The Disaster Relief team had an opportunity to help a local family recently in response to a personal disaster. Their apartment burned along with all their belongings. The family needed many things, but, of course, food is always the first requirement. We were able to open our storage house and share with the family from our food supply.

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, some members of our team will be going to Falls Creek to feed the evening meal for the men's retreat. We will be joining up with other members from the southeast zone and will work on the state feeding unit. Praise the Lord.  
Clark Harp, BBA DR Blue Cap



## Sunset Cove News

As a result of our last Sunset Cove Committee meeting we have decided to put up signs for all visitors to be aware of the regulations to be observed while on the property. Our gate will be open to the public on the days we are on the premises. There are times when we are not there because of things we have to do in Durant or as I visit churches and pastors. Normally a phone call will alert us that you are coming out to the property. The sixth and final RV spot is completed and is ready for rental. The costs have been publicized in the Challenger before. A workday is called for on May 20 getting ready for the Freedom Day Celebration to be May 21. Please come to help get the property cleaned up and looking good for that all day Celebration.



If your church is contributing to the Sunset Cove fund, we appreciate what you are giving. And, if your church is not contributing on a monthly basis... we need your help! The Cove project is not in the BBA's budget so we are not funded by your regular gifts each month. It takes a special offering to benefit us. Thanks, Winston & Mary

### Christian Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

Host Families are needed for several exchange students from South Korea this fall for 5 to 10 months. These are Christian kids that are anxious to come to the United States to learn about America and attend school. Other Christian and non-Christian students from other countries are available too. If you would like this wonderful opportunity to enrich your lives and that of an exchange student, call Diane Dean, Center for Cultural Interchange Area Rep. at (580) 931-3868 or (580) 775-4203.

## A Special Mother's Day Gift

By Dolores White Kiser

Many heart problems plagued my husband, Burrel. His illness grew more serious each day. Congenital heart failure caused him to resort to sleeping in an upright position in a recliner. I spent my nights on the couch next to him, ready to rush him to the hospital if an emergency arose. The pillow-top divan was soft and easy to sleep on.

We moved back to our bed one night when we had guests. I spent a horrible night because I felt as if I were sleeping in a wrinkled gown on wrinkled sheets. I found no comfortable sleeping position. The restful divan had spoiled me. I need a thin cotton gown. Maybe I could sleep better, I thought. Or, perhaps a new mattress would solve the problem.

The next time Burrel went to cardiac rehab therapy, I shopped for bedding. The price of a pillow-top mattress abruptly changed my plans. A new gown would be sufficient.

A few days later, my youngest son asked what I wanted for Mother's Day.

"I don't want anything," I said. Already I had requested gifts to include in shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. But after we concluded our conversation, I suddenly remembered a gift I needed. "Oh, I wish I had told him to give me a thin cotton gown," I said aloud.

"A thin cotton gown," Burrel repeated.

Burrel died on Mother's Day in 2003. We had previously planned a family celebration, with my four grown children visiting and attending church with us. Life had to go on, so my children gave me the gifts they had bought, which included a couple of shoe boxes packed with gifts for needy children.

After the family left, I wept over the devastation that had entered my life on that holiday. I didn't know how I would survive alone. The ringing phone interrupted my misery.

"Mom," my oldest daughter said, "there's another Mother's Day present we forgot to give you." Steve, her husband, would bring it over. Soon he arrived and handed me a beautiful gift bag. Inside was a white cotton gown with flowers embroidered on the front.

"Burrel asked Joan to buy it for you. He was very crafty when he slipped a note to her the last time she was over here," Steve said.

"Thank you," I gasped, clutching the gown to my heart. I gave Steve a hug as he left.

I took the precious Mother's Day gift to the bedroom, fell across the bed and sobbed. Though Burrel had given the note to Joan on Friday, he remembered me even the day he died.

I have grown accustomed to sleeping on the mattress again. Perhaps the gown helped, for I've slept in it every night for the last year. On cold nights, I slip pajamas on underneath. The gift will be a beautiful memory for me the rest of my days. Just a thin cotton gown, but the message it carries remains, "Sugar, I love you."

**Families Feeding Families** served over 3100 meals during the month of February and served over 3300 meals during the month of March. FFF appreciates the church's donations along with individual donations. Some of our larger food donors have quit donating locally and are making "national" donations – this has affected our supply coming in, but we trust that God is always in control. FFF appreciates all your prayers. We see change on a daily basis and are thankful for your constant support through prayer. March 15, 2006 – 2 year anniversary mark. FFF has provided over 100,000 meals over the last 2 years thanks to your prayerful support. Mark your calendar! Friday, May 12, 2006 starting at 6:30 pm we will host a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at the kitchen. Bring your entire family for pizza, pop and a celebration party! You will have an opportunity to meet others who help out throughout the month. We will have food, door prizes and fellowship. On a personal note, our family wants to thank you for the help with food and prayers for **Isis** and this special baby. Your constant love is very uplifting and appreciated. We are so glad to be back. Bryson Keith Burkhalter was born at 6:06 pm on April 5, 2006 weighing 5 lbs 11 oz and 19.5 inches long.

### BBA's Father/Son Rebuilding Weekend May 19 & 20

This will be an awesome weekend for fathers and sons to work and grow together.

We will be working on rebuilding/remodeling our association's Falls Creek cabins.

We will be doing such things as **painting, cleaning, minor repairs, etc.** in preparation for another wonderful summer at Falls Creek.

Dr. Jeff Williams of First Baptist Denton is going to be leading a time of rebuilding and renewal of the father/son relationship. This will be a great time for both fathers and sons to grow closer together and even closer to **God**.

We will be staying at First Baptist Durant's Cabin Friday night. Dr. Jeff will bring a wonderful message after dinner and fellowship. Saturday we will have a great breakfast and a few more words of encouragement before we roll up our sleeves and make ready a place for our youth to come and find their walk with God.

If you would like to attend please contact DeeDee at the Bryan Baptist Assoc.

We also need your monetary support for paint, windows, ceiling tiles, etc. You may do this by either giving money directly to the BBA Falls Creek Cabin Fund, or by stopping in at Durant Lumber Co., where we have a list of materials needed to do the repairs, and purchasing it directly either there or at a place of your choice.

I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to invest in the lives of our youth, and grow stronger together in our walk with God!!!!

In His service, Joe Black

BBA Men's Ministry Dir.

## CALLING ALL RETIREES

The Senior Adults Road Runners are in need of new members. Come to the monthly luncheons to get the scoop on the next trip. If you have a CDL license and would like to drive the bus occasionally to take the group on their trips, that would be fantastic! This is a fun group that has lots of entertaining trips planned. The trip in May is to go to Granbury, TX. This is an overnight trip and it will be very exciting. Come join the Fun!! Call Betty Trammell at 580-847-2293 or the BBA office for more information.

**Welcome Bill Ledbetter** and his family, wife Sharon and children Jared and Jordan. Bro. Bill is the new pastor at Fairview BC. His first Sunday will be May 21. They are from Muenster, TX where Bro. Bill has pastored for the past 10 yrs.

Reynolds Chapel will be having a Block Party with the new BBA Block Party Trailer on May 15 and a Revival May 21 - 28.



For great gospel listening go to 88.3 FM. The Gospel Station also has a great

website which is

[www.thegospelstation.com](http://www.thegospelstation.com). Check it out!!

## Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!

### Birthdays:

5/1 - Lisa Osuna

5/4 - Fred Resz

5/8 - Michelle McIntire

5/9 - Joe Hutchings

5/9 - Harold Garrad

5/11 - Barbara Fennell

5/11 - Bethany Whitehurst

5/15 - Kit Klein

5/23 - Bruce McLaughlin

5/24 - Bill Goodin

5/24 - Jimmy Moore

5/28 - Jim Pena

5/28 - Frank Roberts

5/29 - Joan Williams

5/31 - Darrell Edwards

5/31 - Johnny Mock

5/31 - Charles Loyd

### Wedding Anniversaries

5/13 - Corky & Jena Stinnett

5/21 - Bruce & Donna Almy

5/24/97 - Alejo & Heather Benito

5/25/01 - Tommy & Andrea Fults

5/25 - Joe & Bobbi Hutchings

5/27 - Jim & Jane Loper

5/29/97 - Jim & Rebecca Pena

### Ministry Anniversaries

5/01 - Gayle Kinnett - Streetman Rd

5/20/02 - Vickie Jordan - Colbert

4/1/02 - Jay Willoughby - Calvary

## Upcoming Senior Events

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

May 4 & 5 - Granbury, TX (This is a change from the schedule)

Jun 23 - Greenville, TX

July 20 - Out to Eat, Place to be announced

### Luncheons:

May 10 - Durant FBC

June 14 - Grace Indian BC

July 12 - Kenefic



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 handbook calendar? Be sure to call the BBA office



**BEFORE May 22. 580-924-2351**

## Positions Needed

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

**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.

**Sherwood Shores Baptist Church** - part time - Contact Wendyl Glenn or Louise Boydston at 903-523-5056 or 903-4703.

**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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 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00



## May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>BBA Prayer Conference at Fairview BC with Matthew Skirah</b>					Roadrunner Trip, Granbury, TX		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Senior Luncheon at Durant FBC	<b>11</b> Sunset Cove Meeting 12:00	<b>12</b> FFF Volunteers Appreciation Supper	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	<b>15</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
					Father/Son Working Retreat at Falls Creek		
<b>21</b> Freedom Day at Sunset Cove	<b>22</b> Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	<b>May 21 - 28 Bryan Baptist Associational Missions Week &amp; Hooper Offering Emphasis</b>				<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> BBA Office Closed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU, IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU.</b>  BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10			