

# The Challenger

February 2007



## From the Desk of the DOM

**DISASTER RELIEF TEAM** – The winter storms have left much of our state devastated. It will be a long time before things are back to normal. The men on our DR team, led by Clark Harp, have worked overtime and gone the second mile in helping. They have been in Muskogee with other DR teams in feeding some two thousand people per meal twice a day. We commend them for their sacrificial service.

It is during times like this that we see the great value of having a Disaster Relief ministry. The love of Christ is shown in practical ways. Doors are opened to share the gospel with people who, under normal circumstances, would never listen. We especially remember acts of love and kindness done for us in times of crisis.

No one wants to see disasters come but we know they are inevitable. How thankful we are to have a wonderful DR team in place that is on call and ready to go when the need arises.

**MEXICO MISSION TRIP:** The BBA is planning another mission trip to Guanajuato, Mexico, **JUNE 15-24**. This will be our sixth time to travel to this very beautiful but spiritually starved area of the world. It may be that you are feeling led of the Lord to go with us this year. It's time to start planning. We're going to have our first orientation meeting on Tuesday, Feb.13, at the BBA office at 6:30. Please call me if you're interested.

Terrell Suggs



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## December 2006 Financial Report

<b>Achille:</b>	Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ----- \$ 127.92	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 584.17
Community -Bob Stevens----- \$ 0	Caddo - ----- \$ 299.64	Sunset View-Harry Boydston ----- \$ 0	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 0
First ----- \$ 0	Calera - Jacob Toews ----- \$ 0	W. Meadows-Darrell Edwards----- \$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams ----- \$ 49.00
<b>Albany:</b>	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 298.30	Hendrix - Roddy Arnold ----- \$ 112.56	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 231.92
Albany - Jackie Robinson - ---- \$ 68.52	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin----- \$ 0	Kemp -Roger Speer ----- \$ 0	<b>Account Balances as of June 30:</b>
RRV Cowboy - George Toma ----- \$ 0	Colbert - Tobey Clements---- \$ 478.27	Kenefic ----- \$ 0	BBA Checking ----- \$ 2924.75
Armstrong -Monty Wood ---- \$ 187.87	<b>Durant:</b>	<b>Mead:</b>	Falls Creek ----- \$ 6713.57
Bennington----- \$ 244.70	Calvary -Darel Bunch ----- \$ 0	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 369.57	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 3475.05
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 156.04	Fairview - Bill Ledbetter ----- \$ 597.00	Emmanuel ----- \$ 0	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 1079.59
<b>Bokchito:</b>	First -James Robinson----- \$ 916.28	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 144.12	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 1036.17
Faith -Scott Melton----- \$ 0	Grace - Anthony Williams ----- \$ 0	Platter, 1st ----- \$ 279.87	Roadrunners ----- \$ 2360.66
First- Preston Burns----- \$ 222.30	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito----- \$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 226.15	
ReynoldsChapel-Bob McLean \$ 172.34	Lake Point - Jared McIntire----- \$ 0	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 0	
Brown -Dale Ballard ----- \$ 143.04			

**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.

The Bryan Baptist Youth Ministry presents:

# Reach

...we were the first to reach as far as you with the gospel about Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:14

**February 14, 2007**

**Fairview Baptist Church**

**Durant, OK**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Jared McIntire**

**Worship Leader: Kelli Wilson**

The Bryan Baptist Youth Ministry is hosting a community wide youth event to bring all the youth ministries in our association together for a night of worship and outreach. We invite your church to join us, and to use this event as a way to reach new students for your youth ministry. The event is free and open to anyone. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call the Associational office at 924-2351.

Join us in praising the Lord and welcoming two new pastors in our Association. **Darren Wallace** will begin February 18th at **Streetman Road Baptist Church**.

**Royce Couch** excepted the Lord's call to **Kenefic Baptist Church** on January 20th. Some of you already know Royce as he was the Interim at Faith, Bokchito until they found their new pastor. We are very proud and blessed to have these fine men in our Association.



February brings WMU Focus Week the 12th-18th. This is not only a time to focus on WMU but also on living the call God has placed on your life. This coming year will present us with some opportunities for putting that call into action. The Focus Week Banquet will be held Thursday, February 15th, at Mead Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pat Wagstaff, our State President will be the featured speaker for this event. She will share with us about Prayerwalking and Servanthood Evangelism. Pat has written a book on Prayerwalking and has done Servanthood Evangelism both here in the States and in Malawi. She will bring some good solid information that we can use in our individual churches as well as in our own walk with the Lord. We are asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. Whether you are involved in ministry or missions this is information we can all use. There is a Prayerwalking/Servanthood Evangelism Project scheduled for March 10, 2007. More on this in the March Challenger.

Make this month of February a Celebration, not only of WMU, but of who you are in Christ with the gifts and talents He has given you to use for His glory.

Betty Stout & Ethel Gray  
WM&M Co-Consultants

## Church News



**The State of Oklahoma Historical Commissioner** presented **Chole Impson** with a certificate honoring her for her dedication to **First Baptist Church of Bokchito** on December 17th. Chole (92 years young) joined FBC in 1926. She has been a continuous member ever since (80 years). Chole is very dedicated; she has been a Sunday School teacher, pianist and is a true prayer warrior. God bless you Chole. May we all strive to be as faithful!

**The Singing Churchwomen of Oklahoma** will be ministering in concert **Tuesday February 20th** at **First Baptist Church of Durant**.



**Streetman Road Baptist Church** would like to invite all to come to a **reception on February 25th at 2:00pm** to welcome their **new pastor, Darren Wallace** and his wife **Nikki** as well as their seven children.

An Association wide **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**.

**Reynolds Chapel** also has a **"Singing" every 3rd Friday at 7pm**. Please feel free to join in!



**Western Meadows Baptist Church Women's Ministry** will host a **shower for "The Helm"**. Please come, have fun, find out more about the Helm and bring a gift to help supply the kitchen.

**Date: Saturday, February 24th Time: 10:00 am**

**Place: The BBA office, 1925 W Main, Durant**

**HELM WISH LIST** --- Skillets, All sizes of pots and pans, sheet cake pans, muffin pans, cake pans, large plastic or stainless steel mixing bowls, colander. All types of cooking utensils (ladles, wooden spoon, large mixing spoons etc). Can opener, mixer, blender, dish towels, crock pot, labeler, garden rakes & hoes, pruning sheers and clippers, work gloves, ping pong paddles, volley balls, out door and indoor games, all types seasonal decorations

Harold and Betty Garrard of Fairview BC would like to thank everyone that has prayed for them and their family recently, when Betty's sister passed, as well as the on going prayers for Harold's brother that had a stroke, and his nephew battling cancer. They both appreciate the prayers so very much and know that your prayers have made a huge difference in their lives.

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## BBA Disaster Relief (DR) News

The Disaster Relief Team was not called out during 2006. Praise the Lord! We attended several local events including the annual Freedom Day celebration at Sunset Cove, the Agri Expo, the SODA expo, and the Durant Christmas parade. We use each opportunity to minister to people in some way and to generate interest in the Disaster Relief ministry.

We trained thirteen people in our October, 2006 training session. Most of them trained for the chainsaw team. I encourage anyone who has a heart for this type of ministry to come to our training session

March 3, 2007. Training will be held at the Durant First Baptist Church beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will make every attempt to be finished by 2:00 p.m.

The team prepared to provide aid to the Durant area when the recent ice storm was first forecast. We made preparations by working in conjunction with the Durant/Bryan County Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross. We took our trailer and food supplies to the Fair Grounds and set up inside the Community Center to provide assistance in case of massive power outages. Fortunately our services were not needed in Durant. However, we were called to come to Muskogee January 16<sup>th</sup> to help provide food for hundreds suffering due to power outages. We took our trailer and joined the LeFlore Association and the Muskogee Association trailers at the Fair Grounds in Muskogee. Several chainsaw crews were on site also.

We stayed until Sunday night, January 21<sup>st</sup>. During that time, we prepared two meals a day, lunch and dinner, feeding in the neighborhood of 4,500 to 5,000 meals each day. A serving line was set up on site but most of the meals were sent to remote sites via the American Red Cross. We had a tremendous week being blessed by the Lord with good health and safety, an opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of people, and many opportunities to provide a witness for Him. The people of Muskogee made us feel that our efforts were really appreciated and the First Baptist Church of Muskogee went out of their way to make our stay comfortable. We stayed in their Christian Life Center where we were provided with air mattresses, showers, and even breakfast for the crew. Praise God for Christian brothers and sisters.

We left our trailer and equipment in Muskogee to be used by teams that came to relieve us. Currently, we are scheduled to go to McAlester Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. If we go, we will be working on the state unit. Again, I urge you to consider becoming a Disaster Relief member by coming to our training session March 3, 2007. Clark Harp, BBA DR Blue Cap

**The RA Basketball Tournament was a great success in spite of the weather on January 13th. Champions of each division were:**



**Lads - Armstrong FBC**

**Crusaders - Durant FBC**

**Challengers - Calera FBC**

**High School - Faith BC**



**Congratulations to all these gentlemen! Some will be moving on to the Regional Tournament on Feb. 17th!**

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary !!

### Birthdays

2/9 - Jay Perry

2/12 - Bradley Willis

2/13 - Kay Groce

2/16 - Ken Bartholomew

2/18 - Brandon Brister

2/19 - Donald Robinson

2/20 - Zona Loyd

2/20 - Charles Howard

2/27 - Crystal Gibby



### Wedding Anniversaries

2/10 - Bob & Norma McLean

2/11/72 - Gary & Vicki McLarry

2/23 - Donald & Billie Robinson

### Ministry Anniversaries

2/25/89 - Jay Perry, Utica

2/18/84 -

Norma Fuller, Colbert

2/18/84 -

Elaine Lashley, Colbert



## Upcoming Senior Events

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

February 16 - Coleman to Maw & Paw's

March 23 - Dallas to JFK Museum

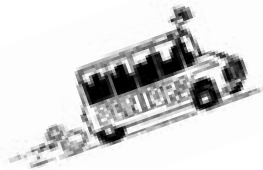
April 20 - Tyler to Azalea Show

### Luncheons:

February 7 - Calera

March 7 - Brown

April 11 - Bushnell



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

**February 22. 580-924-2351**



## Positions Needed

**Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches:** Achille First, Emmanuel, 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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## February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor/Staff Conference	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Senior Luncheon Calera FBC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
			Directors of Missions Winter Meeting			
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pastor/Staff Conference	<b>13</b>	<b>True Love Waits Commitment Day &amp; Rally @ Fairview BC</b>	<b>15</b> WMU Focus Week Banquet 6:30pm	<b>16</b> Roadrunners to Coleman to "Maw & Paw 's "	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pastor/Staff Conference	<b>20</b> Singing Churchwomen Durant, FBC 7:00	<b>21</b> FFF Meeting @ 10:00	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			

