

The Challenger

September 2005



From the Desk of the DOM

BRYAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED

The BBA Executive Board, in our April meeting voted to reschedule the Annual Meeting from September to October 17 - 18. This was done to allow our churches more time to complete their ACP reports and to be in line with the BGCO calendar. From henceforth, our Annual Meetings will be during the third week of each October. This year it will be at Utica. James Robinson, pastor of FBC Durant, will preach the annual sermon. Reports and presentations will be presented on some of the exciting things going on in the BBA. It promises to be filled with good fellowship, lots of information, and blessed inspiration.



PASTOR/STAFF CONFERENCES TO BEGIN SOON

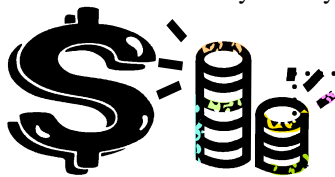
Pastor/Staff Conferences will begin again on Monday, September 12. Fairview Baptist will be the host church and meeting time will be at 10:30. Jim Baker, pastor of FBC Caddo is the new president. He has already planned some great programs all the way through December. We hope to have good participation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

First Baptist Church Colbert will host the 2005 REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE on Monday night, September 12, from 6:30 - 9:00. It will be co-sponsored by the BBA and the BGCO. This will provide a unique opportunity for motivation and training. The age group leaders will be as follows:

General Leadership - Preston Collins - Union Baptist Association,
 Adults - Byron Smith - First Baptist Hugo, Youth - Brad Clay - First Baptist Sulphur,
 Children - Chuck Hicks - First Baptist Webber Falls, Preschool - Willa Ruth Garlow - Capitol Hill OKC

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
 Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs



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July Financial Report

Achille, 1st -Bob McLean ----- \$ 0	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 976.02	Kemp -Roger Spears ----- \$ 1742.00	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 0
Albany - Jackie Robinson -- \$ 110.43	Community - Bob Stevens - \$ 106.00	Kenefic -Hillery Dean ----- \$ 0	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 0
Armstrong ----- \$ 83.44	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin ----- \$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire ----- \$ 0	Wade - Charles Williams ---- \$ 111.72
Bennington - Neil O'Donnell ----- \$ 0	Colbert - Les Roberts ----- \$ 427.14	Lee Heights -Harry Boydston \$277.00	Western Meadows ----- \$ 334.59
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 70.14	Durant,1st-James Robinson \$ 1117.85	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 284.74	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 280.32
Bokchito, 1st - Preston Burns ----- \$ 0	Emmanuel - Charles Loyd --- \$ 281.94	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ---- \$ 167.09	Account Balances as of July 31:
Brown ----- \$ 0	Fairview - Darrell Edwards -- \$ 623.76	Reynolds Chapel - Roddy Arnold-- \$ 0	BBA Checking ----- \$ 5256.67
Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 0	Faith, Bokchito - Stephen Clark --- \$ 0	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 215.80	Falls Creek ----- \$ 7104.85
Caddo -- Jim Baker ----- \$ 224.09	Grace - Anthony Williams ----- \$ 0	Robinson - Donald Ford ----- \$ 0	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 1640.99
Calera - Jacob Toews ----- \$ 276.41	Hendrix - John Max Cox ----- \$ 96.14	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 523.94	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 1621.01
Calvary - Darel Bunch ----- \$ 237.11	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito ----- \$ 0	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ----- \$ 71.92	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 3448.11

Calling All Church Secretaries

The BGCO is sponsoring a Tax Seminar. A group of us are going to it, on Sept. 30. If you would like to join us, just call the BBA office. The cost is \$40.00. We will have to leave here at 5:30am. And will return around 7:30pm. These kinds of things are much more fun with a group, so come go with us!

Thank You So Much For Your Dedication and Hard Work

The **Oklahoma Disaster Relief Team** went to Atmore, Alabama to help victims of Hurricane Dennis. Ten men from the Bryan County Chapter went on this trip. They prepared **12,930 meals** from July 12 - 16. The chain saw crew performed **17 recovery debris removals**. This is one of the ministries your **Edna McMillan Offerings** supports. Next time you see one of these men, let them know how much you appreciate their sacrifice and dedication to helping those in need.



Clark Harp
Thomas Parris
Larry Wilcox
WA Bourne
Bill Garner

Claudy Alford
Waymond Luginbyhl
Gary Capshaw
Larry Russell
Mark Miller



Upcoming Senior Events

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

Sept. 22 - Yukon, OK Clydesdale Ranch

Oct. 20 - 22 - Heavener, OK then on to Ft. Smith, AK

Nov. 12 - Eat at Beef & Bean

Dec. 8 Chickasha - Christmas lights

Luncheons:

September 14 - Hendrix Baptist

Oct. 12 - Mead Baptist

Nov. 9 - Silo

Dec. 14 - Bennington



Attention !!!

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 hand-book calendar? Be sure to call the BBA office BEFORE SEPTEMBER

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580-924-2351



Living Proof Live

featuring **Beth Moore** is coming to the Big Apple on

October 7-8 and you can see and hear every minute of it right here—via satellite—in a live-feed hook-up. At:

First Baptist Church, 124 West Evergreen, Durant

Oct. 7 at 6:00 - 8:30pm

Oct. 8 at 8:00 - 11:30am

Tickets are \$25.

A boxed lunch is available for an additional \$3.

Ticket availability is limited, so purchase yours today.

Call 580-924-3573.

For more information, visit www.lifeway.com/livingproof

Women's Missions & Ministries

September means **Edna McMillan State Offering time!** Have you received your materials? If not contact us and we'll see that you get them. This is a very special offering in that it is used here in our state and association. **More than 40 ministries will benefit from our gifts to this offering. May we be good and faithful**



stewards of God's blessing to us. If at any time we can be of assistance to your women's groups, please let us know. We look forward to the coming year and what God has planned for Bryan Baptist Association and Women's Missions & Ministries. Our prayers, **Betty and Ethel WM&M Co-Directors**

Supplies Needed for Disaster Relief Ministry

Gallon Cans of:

Stew, Soup, Chili, Vegetables (peas, beans, corn, carrots) Fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)

Other Supplies Needed:

Paper Plates, Cups, Bowls, Saucers, Napkins, Plastic Utensils, Bleach, Paper Towels, Trash Bags, etc.

Please do not bring Perishable items



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I am excited to say that the 2005-2006 school year is now underway at Southeastern BCM and we are getting into full swing at the BCM. Our new focus at the Southeastern BCM is "...investing in LIVES." I shared the following vision with the students at our first CrossRoads worship service on August 18th. As a ministry we are committed to several priorities. I plan on using the next five issues of the Challenger to explain them in detail. First, we exist to help students love God. Jesus is quoted in Matthew 22:37 as saying that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, and mind...so that is our greatest objective. Evangelism, discipleship, and missions are all important, but they are all useless if they don't come from a heart that loves God. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13, "If I speak with the tongues of men and

of angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing." Remember the religious people of Jesus day were the ones who seemed to have it all together and seemed to be living the right kind of lives, but were in fact, according to Jesus, rotten on the inside. I am sure they started out with good intentions, but once they became confident in their own righteousness, their love for God diminished. It seems to me that a person loves God most when he understands mercy and grace; and more importantly, when he understands his need for both. So for the Pharisees among us, we need to be reminded of our position without Christ...that we have been saved by grace through faith and this is NOT of ourselves, it is the gift of God so we can't boast about it. And for those who have no problem recognizing their need for grace, we will offer the grace Christ made available at the cross. Our method will be to demonstrate love and teach Jesus-style love. Please pray for the BCM as we seek to invest in the LIVES of Southeastern students, faculty, and staff.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!

2005 Annual Church Profile Survey Due !!!

Please get your ACP Survey done and turned in to the BBA office as soon as possible! You all know I am new, so this will be my first time at getting all this information compiled. I would really appreciate all the extra time I can get to finish my part on time.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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Birthdays:

- 9/1 - Fred Broder
- 9/3 - Betty Robertson
- 9/15 - Gayle Kinnett
- 9/19 - Andy Anderson
- 9/19 - Sharon Toews
- 9/20 - Shirley Paddock

9/24 - Sandra Clark

9/28 - Jared McIntire

Wedding Anniversaries

- 9/3/93 - Daniel & Cynthia Wesley
- 9/11 - John Max & Billie Cox
- 9/22 - Jay & Tammy Perry
- 9/24 - Sonya & Chuck Geiger
- 9/27 - Gary & Carla Robbins

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9/99 - Cora Holloway - Faith

9/02 - Daniel Wesley - Grace

9/00 - Clinton Whitehurst - Grace

9/1/03 - Joey Gosnell - Durant, First

9/1/01 - Betty Robertson - Fairview

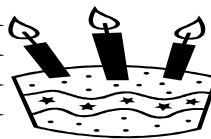
9/2/96 - Kerry Groce - Mead

9/15 - Tommy Fults - Caddo

9/16 - Bruce McLaughlin - Cobb

Ministry Anniversaries

- 9/01/02 - Dennis Bowen - Emmanuel
- 9/90 - Jane Loper - Arm-



Welcome !!

Jimmy James is the new music minister at Platter First Baptist. His first Sunday will be September 4. Jimmy is married to Francie and they live in Denison, TX.

Positions Needed

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.

Streetman Road Baptist Church - part time - Contact Dan Baskin after 4:30 at 580-924-5451, Jolene Reid at 580-924-8567 or Gayle Kinnett at 580-434-7702.

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.



It is time to start collecting shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child. The Samaritan's Purse collects shoe boxes filled with goodies and decorated as a gift, to send to needy children. The BBA office will be a Relay Center again this year. We will take your decorated filled boxes or if you have several empty shoe boxes we also need them to give to people that want to fill them.

Return Service Requested



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 Fri. 8:30 - 1:00

Check out the Challenger plus lots of other things on our new website
www.bryanbaptistassociation.com

September 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5  BBA Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10
Season of Prayer for State Missions & Edna McMillan Offering						
11	12 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview	13	14 Senior Luncheon at Hendrix Baptist	15	16	17
BBA SS Leadership Conference, 6:30 - 9:00 at Colbert FBC						
18	19 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	20	21 'See You At The Pole' Day	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24
				Roadrunner Trip to Clydesdale Ranch at Yukon, OK		
25	26 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	27	28	29	30	
					DEADLINE to have your ACP Survey in to BBA Office	

