

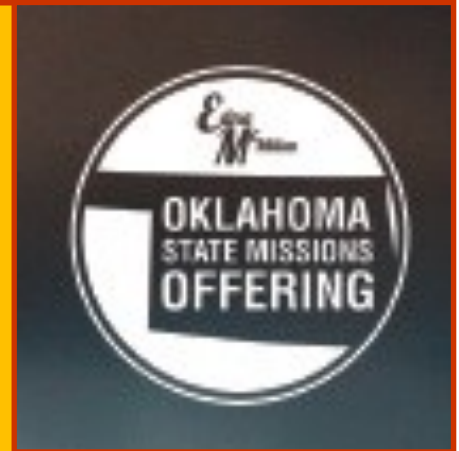


# The Challenger

## September 2018

### From the Desk of the DOM

It's time for the Edna McMillan Offering for State Missions. As you may or may not realize, every year in September members of churches associated with the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma receive an offering to promote and support work being done around Oklahoma. We in Bryan Baptist Association have benefitted from this offering just this year. In the spring we received a new block party trailer for use by our churches in reaching out with the gospel. It has been a huge success and it is here solely because of the Edna McMillan offering.



Let me encourage you to make plans to participate in this offering. There are many resources available for order or download at [www.statemissionsok.org](http://www.statemissionsok.org). These are all totally without charge. Even shipping is free. If you would prefer to not use the internet you can call Chloe at our offices (580-924-2351) for help or just go straight to Shelley Urton at the BGCO (405-942-3800). However you do it, I urge you to do it now because September is upon us!

**Tim Bowen**

As the BBA offices have now moved, please update our mailing address in your records.

**P.O. Box 970  
Durant, OK 74702**

This will be our mailing address going forward.

**We are updating the Challenger mailing list!**

If you receive the Challenger and need to update your name or address, be removed, or would prefer to receive it via email, please call the BBA office at 580-924-2351 by January 1, 2019!

It's time for ACP again and packets have been sent to church clerks! Please fill these out, and enter your church's information online. If you do not have internet access, please drop your surveys off at the BBA office, or mail to P.O. Box 970 Durant, OK 74702 before September 30. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the office! 580-924-2351 —Chloe.

## What's Going on in Our Churches

**Streetman Rd** is in search of a Music Leader/Pianist. If you're interested in leading our services, please contact us! We would love to hear your God given talent. Jody Shires 580-931-3086

**FBC Cartwright** is searching for a Bi-Vo Worship Minister. Send resumes to: stacierphillips@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 264 Cartwright, OK 74731

**Utica** is seeking a P/T Youth Minister. For more information, contact Leann Bishop. 580-920-9929

**Stone Creek** is seeking a Bi/Vo Pastor with a family to help us grow in God's grace. Send resumes to: Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 1262 Durant, OK 74702

**FBC Colbert** is seeking a music minister. Send resumes to fbccolbert@gmail.com

**FBC Yuba** is seeking a P/T Youth Pastor. Send resumes to mlmood@yahoo.com or losttoadeerhunter@yahoo.com or call 580-285-2121 or 903-647-6495

### Greetings from LTBRM!

As Labor Day approaches, the lake will be abuzz with a flurry of activity, as lakegoers take one last chance to enjoy the water before cooler weather arrives. As we gear down from our busy season, there are lots of improvements and upkeep to be done, as we look toward 2019. The cabins will still be available to rent during the fall and winter seasons. It will be a perfect time to come and enjoy the grounds and prayer trails, as the leaves start to turn to beautiful colors. There is also a variety of wildlife to observe.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

Psalm 19:1-3 NKJV

**Tammy Wood**

**580-916-2181**

**www.ltbrm.com**

### Please pray for our pastorless churches:

**Brown, Stonecreek, Silo, Bushnell,  
Achille Community, FBC Durant**

### Operation Christmas Child

Our WMU sponsored a craft night and invited kids. We had materials ready for everyone to make items for shoeboxes. Two tables were set up: one for stuffing bears, the other for braiding jump ropes. The kids really enjoyed making the crafts. So, if someone out there has a special craft idea that would be appropriate for shoeboxes, why not prepare and have a fun time with kids from your community? Everyone will enjoy this activity. Yes, it takes preparation, but the end results are rewarding. The jump rope project is fun for everyone (see August Missions Mosaic, p. 15). Even when we were done, they lingered wanting to do more. Soon, we'll invite kids to gather to pack shoeboxes. Buy pencils and crayons while they're on sale. Pray!

**--Dolores Kiser**

## Senior Adult Luncheons

**Sept. 12—FBC Caddo  
Oct. 10—Blue**

### Birthdays

Mack Chambers	Sept. 01
Ryan McMillan	Sept. 02
Bill Ledbetter	Sept. 05
Sunny Thralls	Sept. 07
Jeana Arnold	Sept. 08
Bob Shepard	Sept. 09
Sharon Toews	Sept. 19
Jeremy Dunegan	Sept. 19
Lindy Hanson	Sept. 26

### Wedding Anniversaries

Ted & Sonya Pass	9/13/08
Troy & Stacie Phillips	9/20/94
Jay & Tammi Perry	9/22/90

### Ministry Anniversaries

Joey Gosnell	9/01/—
Dennis Bowen	9/01/02
Ida Peevyhouse	9/—/09
Preston Burns	9/01/03
Kerry Groce	9/02/96
Ryan McMillan	9/05/12
Philip Stephens	9/12/05
Bruce McLaughlin	9/16/—

### Upcoming Revivals

Sept. 16-21: Matt Skariah at Grace

Ed Newton

Garry McNeill  
Bannon

**SYATP  
2018**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**BLOOMER SULLIVAN AREA**  
**SE OK STATE UNIV**

### From the BBA Prayer Ministry Team Leader

Here are some thoughts on love. If we love God we will read His Word. If we love God church attendance becomes easy. Not to be there is saying that there is little or no love for the Savior. Stewardship become a matter of fulfilling the requirements of this love of the Lord. Love inspires personal witnessing. Our character will become more like this love of the Lord Jesus Christ, and others will find us becoming more and more like Him Whom we love. As You know, this love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit's presence with us. Loving the Lord, will have a dynamic influence on our prayer life. Those we love, we like to be around, prayer is direct communication with the One we love. How is your communication with Jesus? Spend time daily with our Lord, it is a reflection of your love for Him.

**In His Grip, Bro. Anthony**

### Basic Tax Seminar

**October 2, 2018**                      **9 a.m.**  
**FBC Durant**                              **\$59**

**The Basic Tax Seminar** is a seminar intended to help churches with understanding payroll, taxes, compensation issues, charitable contributions and other financial issues in the church.

If you would like to attend, please contact Thomas Jordan:  
405-942-3000 ext. 4505 or  
tjordan@bgco.org



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We love to have your church's events in the Challenger. If you or your church have any announcements or news you would like to be included in next month's Challenger, please contact the BBA office before September 20th.



OKLAHOMA STATE MISSIONS OFFERING  
**Statewide Goal: \$1.1 Million**  
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# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2		4	5	6	7	8
<b>Single Adults Sunday</b>		<b>Edna McMillan Season of Prayer &amp; State Missions Offering September 2-9</b>				
9	10	11 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at Calvary	12 Sr. Adult Luncheon @ FBC Caddo	13	14	15
16	17	18 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at Calvary	19	20	21	22
<b>Anti-Gambling Sunday</b>						
23	24	25 Pastor/Staff Conf 10:30am at Calvary		27	28	29
30				<b>Saw You at the Pole Rally          Bloomer Sullivan Arena          6:30 p.m. Sept. 26</b>		