

Final Print Issue

PRAYER POINTS

PRISON MINISTRY

Oklahoma Baptists are impacting prisoners with the Gospel. Through a new ministry initiative in partnership with OBU, long term inmates have the opportunity to earn a theological education. Your giving will provide inmates ministry training as they serve the Lord by sharing the hope of Jesus with their fellow inmates in the prison system.

PASTORAL CARE

The health and strength of a church depend on the health and strength of a pastor. As Oklahoma Baptists, we encourage one another to advance the Gospel. Shepherding the flock of God is challenging work. Every pastor needs relational support. The offering will provide resources to strengthen our pastors, so they can shepherd the flock of God in a way that advances the Gospel.

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Oklahoma Baptists have a great heritage of sending missionaries overseas with the International Mission Board. In an effort to reach the nations, every church has the opportunity to connect with missionaries overseas through the State Missions Offering. From any town in our state, we can touch the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through praying, giving, and going.

EMBRACING BROKENNESS

Oklahoma Baptists have a long history of stepping into areas of brokenness and meeting needs, all to advance the Gospel. In fact, that is the very heart of this offering. The Missions Offering is a very tangible expression of the common bond we have in Christ and the common mission we have to advance the Gospel in our state.



2020 GOAL:
\$1.2 MILLION

Children have great opportunities in their own neighborhoods and schools to love others and share the Good News of Jesus. The Missions Education Activity Sheets provide engaging activities to open young eyes to missions in their own backyards!
- Edna McMillan



Pray

Brokenness is an opportunity for Gospel advance.

Pray for the brokenness in your community. Ask the Lord what role you can have in reaching others for Jesus.



Plan

While every church cannot meet every need, every church can meet a need. Through the offering, God has an open door for us to enter, shoulder to shoulder, to advance the Gospel. Set a goal to give as we embrace brokenness in our state.



Share

Together, we can increase awareness of opportunities to advance the Gospel. A powerful way to communicate the work Oklahoma Baptists are doing around our state is by sharing mission videos during church gatherings and on social media.



Support

100% of your gift advances the Gospel in Oklahoma. Give to the Edna McMillan State Missions Offering through your church.



SEE THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING AT STATEMISSIONSOK.ORG

DOWNLOAD MISSIONS EDUCATION ACTIVITY SHEETS AT STATEMISSIONSOK.ORG

Edna McMillan State Missions Offering
Week of Prayer
September 6-13, 2020

What's Going on in Our Churches

Ministry Anniversaries

Bernice Davis	9/—/88
Dennis Bowen	9/01/02
Dennis Pena	9/02/18
Preston Burns	9/01/03
Kerry Groce	9/02/96
Bruce McLaughlin	9/16/—

Wedding Anniversaries

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

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
Kimi Harris	Sept. 29



Grace Baptist is seeking
a Bi-Vo Youth Pastor.
Send resumes to
lifepius@simplynet.net

Greetings from LTBRM!

It won't be long until the leaves will change and we will welcome cooler weather. 2020 continues to be an unusual year, but we trust that God is working His will. Even in difficult times, His promises continue to be true. Proverbs 3:6 tells us to acknowledge Him in all of our ways and He will direct our paths. As we continue in this 'season' of uncertainty, we trust that He will give us guidance and wisdom. Our prayer for LTBRM 'The Helm' continues to be that this ministry will offer spiritual growth and healing to our guests and community, and will bring glory to God. Please continue to pray for and financially support this ministry. We are thankful for the busy year we have had thus far, as we welcomed numerous church groups, families and pastors. We have dates open for fall retreats. For scheduling questions, contact us at 580-916-2181 or visit our website at www.ltbrm.com.



The Wood Family

From the BBA Prayer Team Leader

As I was thinking of what to write for this month's prayer article, these words from a song we sing from time to time came to me. "Why do you wait dear brother, Oh, why do you tarry so long?" I know we sing this song during an invitation time in regards to someone turning from their sin and coming to the Lord in salvation. But, I would like to use these words in regards to prayer and our prayer life. We read books on prayer, articles or devotions on prayer, listen to lessons on prayer and many read this monthly article here on prayer. We will find a range of commitments in our prayer lives in our association. There are many who pray when we have a need, others have what I call a superficial prayer life and then there are those who we call prayer warriors. Those who have a close personal intimate relationship with the Lord and spend quality time with Him daily. Those are the one who make the devil and demons of hell tremble. So, we ask which are we? I ask the question from the beginning of this article, "Why do you wait dear brother, Oh, why do you tarry so long?" Let's get to praying! Praying for our church, our association and our nation. The victory will be won on our knees. Let's pray!



**In His Grip,
Bro. Anthony**

BBA Income July 2020	
Achille, Community	
Achille, First	
Albany	
Albany, RRVCC	
Armstrong	350.33
Bennington	
Blue	145.00
Bokchito, Faith	365.28
Bokchito, First	
Bokchito, Reynolds Chapel	113.10
Brown	30.50
Bushnell	251.00
Caddo, Blue River Fellowship	
Caddo, First	195.40
Calera	718.75
Cartwright	
Cobb	
Colbert	
Durant, Calvary	
Durant, Fairview	782.47
Durant, First	1,302.55
Durant, Grace	508.91
Durant, Lakepoint	
Durant, Stonecreek	607.88
Durant, Sunset View	
Durant, Western Meadows	902.92
Hendrix	82.52
Kemp	1,000.00
Kenefic	230.70
Mead	1,302.69
Mead, Emmanuel	355.00
Mead, Streetman Road	
Platter	37.82
Roberta	468.60
Robinson	203.30
Silo	484.78
Utica	
Wade	50.00
Yuba	730.72
Other Income	256.67
Total July Income	11,476.89
Monthly Budget Needs	10,613.25

Other Accounts Income July 2020	
Block Party Trailer	0.00
Carrell Hooper Missions	133.77
Disaster Relief Trailer	0.00
Falls Creek	0.00
Great Physician's	330.00
Senior Adult Roadrunners	0.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00
These totals reflect amounts received July 1-31, 2020. Checks received after the 31st will be shown in the August 2020 totals.	

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Operation Christmas Child continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them! We're looking forward to a great Operation Christmas Child season as we prayerfully consider ways to modify our collection and processing in light of COVID-19.

Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will you partner with us to share that glorious hope with boys and girls around the world—many of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus? The Red River Area collected just over 12,000 boxes last year and our goal this year is 12,500!

Every gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love. As children come to faith and are discipled through The Greatest Journey, they tell their friends and family about Christ. As a result, families and communities are transformed, and new churches are planted.

Your local drop off locations are working on options to provide you a low to no contact drop off experience during National Collections Week which is November 16-23. So pack those shoeboxes! Find creative ways to host packing parties! Get your church family, workplace and community groups mobilized now to shine God's love to children all across the world!

—Michelle Blackmon





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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.



*May the LORD
give strength to
His people!*

*May the LORD
bless His people
with peace!*

-Psalm 29:11

September 2020 Events

Sept. 06	Single Adults Sunday
Sept. 06-13	Edna McMillan Focus Week
Sept. 07	Labor Day—BBA Closed
Sept. 13	Anti-Gambling Sunday
Sept. 20	Baptism Sunday
Sept. 21	New Pastor/Staff Orientation @ BGCO
Sept. 23	SYATP
Sept. 29	Great Physician's Clinic Closed

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Senior Adult Luncheons



Due to COVID-19 precautions, the BBA Roadrunners have decided to cancel their monthly Luncheons for the time being. Updates will be shared as they are available.

**Please pray for our
pastorless churches:**

Achille Community,
Blue

Pastor / Staff Conferences

**Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.,
BBA Office**

Sept. 08	James Robinson
Sept. 15	Tim Bowen
Sept. 22	Ken Bartholomew
Sept. 29	Mack Chambers
Oct. 06	Shane Meshaya