

The Challenger

Bryan Baptist Association

January 2006

From the Desk of the DOM

As the year 2005 comes to a close and 2006 begins I find myself meditating on these Scriptures. "The eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." (Deut. 11:12) "My times are in your hands." (Psalm 31:15) "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." (Psalm 90:2) "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness." (Lam. 3:22-23) "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:5) These blessed words reassure us of the following things:

1. God's love is always upon His people, therefore we can freely show His love to others.
2. God is personally interested in each of us, therefore we have no reason to worry.
3. God's hand never wearies in reaching out to empower His people, therefore we will accomplish the work He has set before us.
4. God's hands control the time we are upon this earth, therefore we are unconquerable until His purpose for us on this earth is over.
5. God's reign and rule is from everlasting to everlasting, therefore our highest praises to Him must be continual.
6. God's protection for His people is from the beginning of each year to the end, therefore we can cast all our burdens upon Him because He cares for us.
7. God's provision for His people is daily, therefore we are free to seek first His kingdom and righteousness.
8. God's purpose for His people will be accomplished, therefore our faith should stay at a high level and ever increase.
9. God's faithfulness allows us to begin each day afresh and renewed, therefore we can pray with abounding confidence and expect Him to answer.
10. God's goodness and mercy track us down and overtake us each day, therefore we need not be negative, unbelieving, fearful and distraught.

Let us be greatly encouraged as we begin the new year. Wonderful things are in store for us. God will accomplish His purpose in our lives. Rich blessings will most certainly continue to be upon the Bryan Baptist Association. I can hardly wait to see what our sovereign Lord will do among us in 2006.

Terrell Suggs

Let us serve you. Terrell Suggs

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November 2005 Financial Report

Achille, 1st -Bob McLean ---- \$ 107.51	Cartwright - Ray Earley ----- \$ 599.76	Kemp -Roger Spears ----- \$ 0	Sunset View -Harry Boydston ----- \$ 0
Albany - Jackie Robinson -- \$ 107.30	Community - Bob Stevens - ---- \$ 0	Kenefic -Hillary Dean ----- \$ 236.99	Utica --Jay Perry ----- \$ 0
Armstrong ----- \$ 184.33	Cobb - Bruce McLaughlin ----- \$ 0	Lake Point - Jared McIntire ----- \$ 42	Wade - Charles Williams ---- \$ 196.50
Bennington-Neil O'Donnell- \$2194.11	Colbert - Les Roberts ----- \$ 496.32	Mead - Kerry Groce ----- \$ 306.01	Western Meadows ----- \$ 518.10
Blue - Randy Lewis ----- \$ 91.36	Durant, 1st-James Robinson- \$ 1264.99	Platter, 1st --Bruce Almy ---- \$ 182.45	Yuba -Joe Smith ----- \$ 0
Bokchito, 1st - Preston Burns-- \$ 521.50	Emmanuel - Charles Loyd ----- \$ 0	Reynolds Chapel----- \$ 0	Account Balances as of Nov. 30:
Brown ----- \$ 213.86	Fairview - Darrell Edwards - \$ 1282.86	Roberta - Bud Jenkins ----- \$ 329.15	BBA Checking ----- \$ 6114.60
Bushnell - Kim McGehee ----- \$ 46.40	Faith, Bokchito----- \$ 210.24	Robinson - Donald Ford ---- \$ 173.75	Falls Creek ----- \$ 2614.03
Caddo - Jim Baker ----- \$ 0	Grace - Anthony Williams ---- \$ 667.45	Silo -Buddy Johnson ----- \$ 963.75	Disaster Relief ----- \$ 9820.27
Calera - Jacob Toews ----- \$ 728.25	Hendrix -John Max Cox ---- \$ 141.34	Stone Creek -- Fred Resz ---- \$ 69.71	Carrell Hooper Mission ---- \$ 2433.73
Calvary - Darel Bunch ----- \$ 233.38	Iglesia Bautista -Alejo Benito -\$200.00	Streetman Rd ----- \$ 175.53	Sunset Cove ----- \$ 2661.09

Jail Ministry

My name is Fred Broder, and I am the full-time volunteer chaplain of the Bryan County jail. Another brother in Christ and I have partnered in the Jail Ministry, and we're seeing phenomenal results. The Lord is moving mightily in that place. I go into the jail every day during the week, and we hold actual church services on the weekends. Every weekend we see at least three or four people saved. Sometimes we see more than that. We're working not only to get these people saved, but to get them disciplined, so they'll have a strong foundation in Christ. I learned a long time ago that you'll never win a battle by waiting for the enemy to come to you. You have to take the battle to the enemy's territory to catch him off guard and render him ineffective. I am not a certified expert on the scriptures, but I know the word well enough to know that we're at war. The devil wants to destroy you. A lot of people are content to sit on a pew on Sunday morning, and maybe even go the extra mile and attend Sunday School. Jesus said to go into all the world and make disciples of all men. The way we in the Jail Ministry see it, either you're a saint or you aint. The Bryan Baptist Association has been gracious enough to provide us with a TV-DVD combo, so that we can start showing the inmates movies once a week. Today is the start of that program. Today we'll be showing "The Passion of the Christ." Our goals for the near future include finding a way to baptize the inmates and working up a discipleship program for those who are released from jail. We would like to thank the Bryan Baptist Association for all the support they have given us. We would also like to thank the brethren throughout the area for your prayer support. We thank all the magnificent sisters from Stone Creek Baptist Church for agreeing to cook turkeys and hams for the inmate Christmas dinner. Most of all, we thank the Lord Jesus Christ for His mercy and grace.

Love in Christ, Fred and Annie Broder



2006 is upon us and the spring semester at Southeastern will begin on the 11th of January. This semester we will continue investing in LIVES...Loving God; Investing in others; Valuing biblical living; Equipping students to reach their peers; and Sending students out to reach the world. My hope is that we will continue to move from principle to practice and that students will value living a biblical worldview today and not see their faith as something they only hold onto for that day in the future when the Lord takes us to be with Him. I hope that we will effectively communicate that being a christian is not so much about waiting for a day as it is living in the reality that abundant life begins now. We are to be in the world and point out the work of God where we see it. To acknowledge beauty. To defend the helpless. To help the oppressed. To declare the grace of God to a world that longs for rescue. As I look back at the fall semester, I can see how prayer impacted everything we did that was positive. To continue seeing this progress we need your prayers. Very soon we will begin the process of intentionally facilitating the students God is sending out to the places He is at work on this campus. They have been praying about where God is sending them and who will go with them (Luke 10). Drew Beard and I are committed to discipling these campus missionaries and providing encouragement and support for their ministries to the world they live in. We believe that this is going to be a great semester for Kingdom work at Southeastern because our King has told us there is a harvest and he has asked us to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers...and He is doing just that. So please join us this semester as we pray "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done here on earth as it is in Heaven." May God do His thing this semester, and may we discover more and more that being a follower of Jesus is absolutely the best way to live.

Brandon

Just a little update regarding Families Feeding Families:

We opened our doors March 15, 2004.

March 2004-March 2005: We served 35,698 patrons and over 48,100 meals in our first year.

April '05 – Nov. '05 (8 mo.): We have provided approximately 33,866 hot meals as well as approximately 3890 additional nutritional supplements. We also provided blankets and clothes when needed if available.

Number of daily patrons: 175 – We often feed 200 people or more near the end of the month.

Food 4 Kids: This year we will provide food for 250 children. This averages to approximately 9000 supplements and will encompass 7 towns and at least 9 schools.

Back 2 School Backpack Supply Drive: We provided over 300 backpacks with necessary supplies preparing the children for this school year. We are still continuing to provide additional supplies as needed.

Volunteers: We have approximately 12 volunteers weekly dedicated to serving our community with approximately 200 additional volunteers who donate their time usually once a month.

We have established a solid and trusted reputation with our community. With this, we have the potential and opportunity to reach the community in a powerful and substantial manner.

One in five children in Oklahoma is at risk going to bed hungry.

Poverty Rate:		Elderly Poverty	
<u>Bryan County</u>	<u>OK State</u>	<u>Rate in Oklahoma</u>	<u>National Average</u>
21%	15%	13%	10%

Please join us in our efforts to guide and assist our children and community families in a better way of life. Once you understand how hunger has affected many families in our community and society I feel certain you will become very active participants in helping to conquer these issues. Hunger and not having the ability to make ends meet has grown to epidemic proportions.

Women's Missions & Ministries

Ethel and I pray you will have a Happy New Year and that you will be abundantly blessed. We are looking forward to seeing all of you this year. We pray for a great awakening in God's people in Bryan Association and all over Oklahoma. In February, WMU Focus Week, there will be a banquet February 16th at 6:30PM. Kelly King, Women's Missions and Ministries Specialist will be our guest speaker. We are truly looking forward to seeing all of you there. Place to be announced later.

Prayers & Love, Your Missions & Ministries Co-Consultants

Betty Stout & Ethel Gray



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RA Racers Results

Fun was had by all that attended the RA Racers event last month. For future reference, your church **does not** have to have an active RA group for you to participate in this event. So make plans to be a part next year! The winners this year were:

Crusaders;

1st Place Tice Norman of FBC, Durant
2nd Place Brandon Sanford of Mead BC Lads;

1st Place Turner Norman of FBC, Durant
2nd Place Tyler Crozier of Mead BC

These boys are now eligible to attend the **RA Congress** held on March 3 - 4, 2006 at the Optimist's Gym in Norman, OK.

Congratulations Boys!

Upcoming Events

Jan. 10 - MTI classes start. Information below.

Jan 21 - RA Basketball Tournament 9:00am at the Durant Middle School Gym.

Jan. 23 - BBA Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at Yuba BC at 7:00.

Jan. 28 Wild Game Cook-Off -6:00pm at Emmanuel BC. Joe Black is the speaker.

Jan. 30 - 31 - State Evangelism Conference at Moore FBC

Feb. 7 - Prayer Walking Conference at 7:00pm at Mead BC

Upcoming Senior Events

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

Jan. 20 - BBQ Pit in Madill

Feb. 24 - Denison, TX

Mar. 17 - Noble Foundation, Norman, OK

April 20-21 - Granbury, TX

Luncheons:

Jan. 11 - Albany

Feb. 8 - Bokchito, First

Mar. 8 - Bokchito, Faith



MTI Classes

New MTI classes will begin January 10, at Mead Baptist Church. Classes are as follows:

7am - 10am "Basics of Christian Counseling" Terrell Suggs

10am - 1pm "Pastoral Care" Kerry Groce

2pm - 5pm "General Epistles" Jared McIntire

For more information please call the BBA office.

Mexico Mission Trip Dates Changed

The dates for the associational mission trip to Guanajuato, Mexico have been changed to **June 11 - 22**. If you would like to go or have questions, please call BBA office.

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 January 23. 580-924-2351**



Sunset Cove

The Sunset Cove Committee met at Sunset Cove for their December meeting. The main purpose was to view all the work that has recently been done at the Cove. Our voluntary missionaries, Winston and Mary Smith, are doing a wonderful job at the Cove. They will be living on the premises starting sometime in January. Three additional RV sites have been prepared at the Cove. These have 30, and 50 amp electrical hookups and water and sewer. Each site has a beautiful view of Sunset Cove. These will be available for use after the 1st of the new year. Contact the BBA office for reservations. These sites will also be used for future workers that come to help us build at the Cove. Our thanks to the many people that have helped during this past year. We are looking forward to our next project at the cove which will be a 60 person dormitory with full kitchen and facilities. Continue praying that God will continue to open up his treasures in heaven and make all this possible.

Sunset Cove Committee

Welcome!

Armstrong Baptist Church has a new pastor! **Monty Wood's** first Sunday was Dec. 18th. Monty along with his wife Tammy and their 5 children are happy to be at Armstrong and feel this is where the Lord wants them to be. Monty grew up in Calera where he was the Youth/Music Minister at Calera FBC. More recently, he has been at Olive BC in Drumright, OK. Please make an effort to make Monty & Tammy feel at home.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary !!

Birthdays:

1/4 - Bernice Davis

1/12 - Kerry Groce

1/13 - Alton Lynch

1/14 - Paula Smith

1/19 - Bob Fuller

1/20 - Ethel Gray

1/22 - Donna Almy

1/23 - Patricia Ann Mock

1/30 - Jeff Weibling

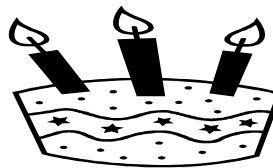
1/31 - Gail Jackson

Wedding Anniversaries

1/2 - Jay & Courtney Wiloughby

1/11 - Darel & Cindy Bunch

1/28/77 - Donald & Cindy Ford



Ministry Anniversaries

1/96 - Dorothy Anderson - Durant, First

1/99 - Darel Bunch - Calvary

1/01 - Lon & Judy Bolan

1/01 - Sonya Geiger - Calera

1/1/00 - Billie Robinson - Silo

1/1/05 - Ashley McLarry - Silo

1/04 - Gary Robbins - Armstrong

1/26/04 - Lisa Osuna - Fairview

Positions Needed

Pastors are needed at the following churches: Brown, Reynolds Chapel, Streetman Rd, Western Meadows, Faith Bokchito

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.

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.

Secretary/Treasurer - Caddo First Baptist - part time - Contact Pastor Jim Baker at 580-367-2235.

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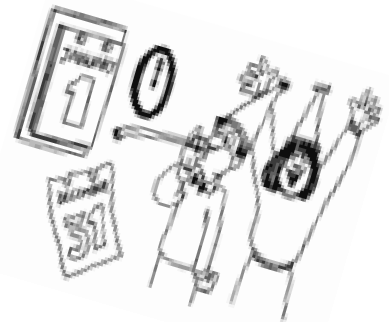
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Happy New Year!!



January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy New Year!!</i>	2 BBA Office Closed	3	4 Sunset Cove Meeting 12:00 @ BBA	5 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	6	7
8	9 Pastor/Staff Conference,	10	11 Senior Luncheon at Albany BC	12 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	13	14
15	16 Pastor/Staff Conference, Fairview 10:30	17	18	19 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	20 Roadrunner Trip BBQ Pit in Madill	21 RA Basketball Tournament
22	23 Pastor/Staff Conference, Executive Board Meeting Yuba 7:00	24	25	26 Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?	27	28 Wild Game Cook Off Emmanuel BC
29 Baptist Men's Day	30 State Evangelism Conference @ Moore FBC	31		Sunset Cove Prayer & Workday 9:00am - ?		