

**BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for**

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*

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**From our Pastor**

**Beloved,**

The story is told of a young man who, as a snake handler, was feeding a krait, an extremely venomous snake from eastern Asia and its adjacent islands. During the feeding, the snake bit him.

The only antidote was a blood replacement from one who had survived a bite by the same kind of snake. Amazingly, there was only one man in the nation who qualified. He was flown to the hospital. The transfusion was performed and the victim of the snake bite survived.

All of us are suffering from snake bite. The deadly venom is coursing through our veins. That venom is sin and there is only one man in the world who is qualified save us from its terrible effects. That man is Jesus Christ. Through His blood and His alone can we be forgiven and cleansed from our sin.

Peter wrote, "You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ." (1 Peter 1:18-19 NASB) I love how hymn writer William Cowper puts it:

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from  
 Immanuel's veins,  
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all  
 their guilty stains,  
 Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty  
 stains,  
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all  
 their guilty stains.

*Pastor Russell*

**The Lord's Supper Service will be observed Sunday, April 19**



**April 5 & 12, 2009  
 Spring Training Score Totals**

**Angels 3722  
 Royals 3264**



**OUR  
 CHURCH  
 GOAL :  
 \$11,000.00  
 We Re-**

**MARK YOUR  
 CALENDARS!!!**

**May 24-27  
 Junior Camp**

**June 1-5  
 Super Summer**

**June 22-27  
 Falls Creek**

**July 12-16 VBS 2009**

**July 25-August 1**

**Youth Mission Trip**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

**By Baptism**




Brandon Purvis  
819 N. Walker

**Oklahoma Baptist  
Men's Retreat is April  
24-25 at Falls Creek.  
Cost of \$55 includes  
lodging & 3 meals  
(\*For ages 13-18 \$45)  
Sign-up sheets in  
the S.S. boxes!**



**VBS 2009 t-shirts may  
be ordered until May  
10 by signing up in  
S.S.**

**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:  
 April 20 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
 April 21 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
 April 22 5:00-9:00 p.m.  
 April 23 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Thank You's**  
have been received  
from the following:

C.H., Judy & Elizabeth Long  
 Elk City Fire Department  
 Posted on the bulletin board  
near the chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Summer Missions**  
We are beginning to "seek" opportunities for special mission projects in the Elk City area. Please call if you know of a special need!

**Prayer: Singing Men of Oklahoma**

- Performance schedule:
- 1) Sat. [18<sup>th</sup>] – concert at "Khachaturian Concert Hall
  - 2) Sun. [19<sup>th</sup>] – "7" choirs AM & PM concert at Philharmonic Hall
  - 3) Mon. [20<sup>th</sup>] concert at "Nor Nork" & Civic Auditorium "Gyumri".
  - 4) Tues. [ 21<sup>st</sup>] "2" separate choirs at "Dilijan Ampitheatre" & "Music Conservatory".
  - 5) Wed. [22<sup>nd</sup>] "2" separate choirs at "Vanadzor Armenian Evangelical Church" & "Art College in Dilijan".
  - 6) Thurs. [23<sup>rd</sup>] -AM sightseeing at Mt. Ararat, afternoon tour "Genocide Memorial".
  - 7) Fri. [24<sup>th</sup>] – "8" separate choirs sing until 5:00 p.m. at Memorial. Mass choir concert "Aran Khachaturian Auditorium".
  - 8) Sat. [25<sup>th</sup>] – everyone transfer to Tel Aviv airport. PM Concerts at "Hillel St. Assembly" & "Dar Annadwa Hall...Bethlehem Lutheran Center".
  - 9) Sun. [26<sup>th</sup>] "11" AM choirs & mass choir w/ "3" afternoon & evening concerts at "Jerusalem YMCA Auditorium". Long day!
  - 10) Mon. [27<sup>th</sup>] – Mount of Olives and Bethlehem tour. Evening concert for "Armenian Community inside OLD City of Jerusalem".
  - 11) Tues [28<sup>th</sup>] Jericho, Cana, Tiberias & Sea of Galilee Tours
  - 12) Wed. [29<sup>th</sup>] – Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Garden Tomb Tours. Private worship service-Garden Tomb
  - 13) Thurs. [30<sup>th</sup>] – Rick & Doc on Flight # 1 [leave hotel for airport at 1:00 AM] The first of "11" departing flights for USA. See you Sunday, May 3!

**Adult Choir** Come join the Adult Choir as we prepare music for combined concerts with FBC Weatherford, Clinton & Elk City. Reminder: we only have "8" rehearsals before our concerts and a special "Welcome to choir"... Natalie Butcher. Great music and fellowship!

*Doc*

**Coming Events**

- April 19 S.S. Spring Training!!!  
 8:30 a.m. Adult I Breakfast, FH  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Awana Grand Prix Workshop  
 Midwest Farm Supply  
 3:00 p.m. Elkwood  
 4:00 p.m. ESL  
 5:00 p.m. *Vertically Inclined Study*, AD6  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E.. Outreach Team R  
 April 21 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH  
 April 22 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs  
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals  
 5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs  
 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6  
 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Teachers Mtg, Yth Rm  
 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room



**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**  
Jane Thomas/Mildred Nesser

**Creepers:**  
NEED HELP!!!

**1 year olds:**  
Keith & Sondra Weaver

**2 year olds:**  
Linda Jackson/Beth Dixon

**3 year olds:**  
NEED HELP!!!

**4 year olds:**  
Jeff & Greta Louis



**Weekly Report**

April 12, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	323
Youth.....	65
Children.....	93
Preschool.....	80
Fellowship.....	35
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>587</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	35
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>622</b>
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:.....	1406

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$21,158.74
Below.....	\$3,807.73
Bldg Received.....	\$1,242.62
<b>And the Lord Added...</b>	

By Letter .....	0
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	1
Professions of Faith.....	0

**Year to Date**

Additions

By Letter.....	48
By Statement.....	7
By Baptism.....	31
Total.....	86

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$440,700.00
Received.....	\$418,730.73
Below.....	\$21,969.27
Building Received.....	\$42,008.07
Balance on Note .....	\$166,636.71
Principal Paid.....	\$37,363.29