

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith



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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Many years ago when our boys were very small, we took them around our small community on Halloween night for a time of "trick or treat." We had a wonderful time and saw many of our friends and neighbors. In fact, when we came home, both baskets were filled with candy.

Our boys had a habit of dumping the entire amount of candy on the floor and looking at all of the bounty they had received. I was sitting on the floor with them and picked up one piece of candy and said, "Is it okay if dad eats this one?" The family togetherness abruptly ended when one of them grabbed the candy out of my hand and said, "No, it's mine!"

I began to think about how generous everyone had been to him. Every person in every home had given him a piece of candy for his basket. He started out with nothing and came back with more candy than he could possibly consume in weeks.

Doesn't this reflect our human nature? There is no doubt that one of the first phrases we learn to articulate early on in life is "it's mine." This is dangerous if it continues through our life, especially as we relate to God. We start out with nothing, and God showers his blessing on us. But if we are not careful we end up saying to God, "it's mine."

Actually we don't own anything. Everything we have belongs to God. And he wants us to be generous and joyful in our giving to his work. 2 Corinthians 9:7 puts it like this, "For God loves a cheerful giver." Let's give, not grudgingly nor under compulsion, but cheerfully, just as God has given to us.

Pastor Russell



DEMONSTRATING CHRIST'S LOVE ACROSS GENERATIONS

Join the Offering in Your Church
Sunday, May 9th, 2010

Our Mother's Day Offering, *Joining Hearts*, benefits both our Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children and the Baptist Village Retirement Communities.

WALKING WITH GOD Graded Choir Spring Program

Sunday, May 2
6:00 p.m.



Baby Dedication

Sunday,
May 23, 2010

This year Parent/
Baby Orientation
Meetings will be
held at 5:00 p.m.
on May 2 or 16 in
the
Conference Room.
Please make plans
to attend one of
these mandatory
meetings if you
plan to participate
in
Baby Dedication
on Sunday, May
23.


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

By Baptism




Cord Carlson
10976 N
1890 Rd
Sayre, OK

Our S.I.S. Food Pantry needs Peanut Butter and Soup.



Gym Hours:



5/3	4:00 - 8:00 pm
5/4	4:00 - 8:00 pm
5/5	5:00 - 9:00 pm
5/6	4:00 - 8:00 pm

THANK-YOU'S
Have been received from the following:

Dona McGilberry
Jo Snyder
The Family of Dorena Dodson
Delila Weatherly

*Posted on the bulletin board near the Chapel.

Doc's Notes



Graded Choir "Spring" Program

1. Date – May 2 Program – 6:00 pm
2. 4 yr. old – 6th grade choir = please meet in your rehearsal rooms at 5:00 p.m.

FYI: YES, FBC VANS will be picking choir members up after school on May 5 and 12.

- 1) May 5 - no choir activities. We are going to the park to play putt putt, etc. from 3:20 pm – 4:50 pm. Parents needed!
- 2) May 12 – games at FBC. This will be the last day for transportation. Thank you for allowing your child to be part of Graded Choirs at FBC.

YM Choir TRIP [5th -6th gr.]

1. Date: Tuesday, May 25th
 2. Leave Elk City 10:00 a.m. / Home around 7:45 p.m.
- Cost: \$17 each (Ice Skating \$7 & Incredible Pizza \$10) ["Extra" cash for game and snacks .. your call].

NOW is the time to come by the church office and pay the \$17 per person! Parents, I need to know if you can go and help sponsor this group. Call 225-7951 today.

Adult Choir [July 4th Patriotic musical production] We have started rehearsals on July 4th musical "AMERICA We Must Not Forget". Come be part of the choir, an ensemble, trio or duet. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Choir & Bells Super! Thanks for the opportunity and privilege of working with you each week! Our rehearsals will continue until our Amarillo concert!

Parents, please call and let me know if you are planning TO GO with US! Last night was a joy to direct the instrumental ensemble and choir special. A special thanks to Janet Cromer and Linda Nix for their help with "snack supper" between bells and choir!

Doc

Coming Events

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| May 2 | 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH |
| | 9:00 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor |
| | 9:30 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship |
| | Noon AWANA Grand Prix & Lunch |
| | 4:00 p.m. Youth Bells/Choir; FPU, AD7 |
| | 4:30 p.m. GriefShare, AD3 Men's Classroom |
| | 5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, Parlor |
| | Parent-Baby Dedication Orientation, Conf Rm |
| | 6:00 p.m. Graded Choir Spring Program |
| May 3 | 9:30 a.m. Homebound Mtg, Conf Rm |
| | 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team C |
| May 4 | 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH |
| May 5 | 3:20 p.m. Graded Choirs@Ackley Park |
| | 5:00 p.m. Weds Meal |
| | 5:45 p.m. Wkly Teacher's Mtg, AD6 |
| | 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Tch Mtg, Yth Rm |
| | 6:30 p.m. The Island; Weds Worship; Regenerate |

LOOK FOR OUR MAY CALENDAR!!!

Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Sara Cloud/Lori Cloud
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
Beverly Chester/Kristy Conklin
- 2 year olds:**
Randy & Patsy Pothorst
- 3 year olds:**
Josh & Christi Thomas
- 4 year olds:**
Jeff & Stacey Barker



Weekly Report

April 25, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	271
Youth.....	68
Children.....	68
Preschool.....	77
Fellowship.....	27
Total.....	511
Hispanic Mission.....	62
Total *incl. mission.....	573
New S.S. Members.....	5
Enrollment:.....	1440

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$30,745.51
Above.....	\$628.51
Bldg Received.....	\$3,944.50

And the Lord Added...

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

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	19
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	36
Total.....	56

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$511,989.00
Received.....	\$561,869.20
Above.....	\$49,880.20
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$182,838.13