

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

A Sunday School teacher tried to communicate that Jesus is always with us, even though we can't see Him. One four year old claimed to understand the concept. He said, "I know who He is. He's the one who opens the doors at the grocery store."

Whether we totally understand it or not, Jesus is always with His people, even though we can't see Him visibly. I love how Jesus ended the Great Commission. He said in Matthew 28:20b, "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

When the great missionary David Livingstone went to Glasgow University to receive an honorary Doctorate he said, "Would you like for me to tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile?"

It was this, 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' It is the word of a gentleman of the most strict and sacred honor." When Livingstone was found in the jungles of Africa, he was found on his knees, his face in his hands, cold in death, and his Bible was opened to this very verse. He was trusting to the end of his life this precious promise of God.

Are you facing one of life's challenges right now? Are you struggling with whether or not God knows or cares? I promise you that He both knows and cares. Don't forget that He has promised to be with you always. Look to Him, know that He is with you in whatever you face, and our great God will see you through. As the hymn writer wrote, "Trusting Jesus, that is all."


Pastor Russell

Congratulations!

ANGELS!!!



Spring Training

2009
Spring
Training
WINNERS!



**GRADED CHOIR
SPRING PROGRAM**
Sunday, May 3 6:00
p.m.
FBC Auditorium
Followed at 7:00 p.m. by
Church-Wide Disaster Relief Fellowship
Come eat a burger and see what the
disaster relief trailer ministry is all
about!!!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday, May 7

 Join the prayer service beginning at Noon at Carnegie Hall. 

**The Beckham-Mills
Baptist Association
is hosting a celebra-
tion Saturday,
May 2, 2009
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
honoring
Bro. Ralph Chapman
on his 20th Anniver-
sary as our Director
of Missions.**

**The event will be held
at the Association
Office at 1906 North
Watts in Sayre.**

***In lieu of gifts, a love
offering money tree**

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**


By Letter



Dusty & Shannan Cloud
1009 N. Falcon Road
Elk City


**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 3
8:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship
Hall**



Join

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:
 May 4 Tentatively closed
 May 5 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 May 6 5:00-9:00 p.m.
 May 7 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Thank You's
have been received from
the following:

Tricia Carter

Herman & Norma Lowery

Scott & Susan Washa
Gracey, Faith, and Joy

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

Schedule:


- 1) Thurs. [30th] Rick & Doc -Flight # 1
[leave hotel for airport at 1AM]
The first of "11" departing flights for USA.
- 2) See you Sunday, May 3!

Adult Choir

Now is the time to join the Adult Choir for our combined "mass" choir concerts with FBC Weatherford, Clinton & Elk City. Come and join in on the fellowship Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Doc

Coming Events

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- May 3 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Noon **AWANA Grand Prix**
Hot dogs in the FH & Races in the Gym
5:00 p.m. *Vertically Inclined* Study, AD6
Deacon's Meeting, Parlor
5:15 p.m. 3-Year-Old Choir, Chapel
6:00 p.m. Graded Choir Spring Program
7:00 p.m. Church-wide Disaster Relief Fellowship
- May 4 9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E.. Outreach Team C
- May 5 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- May 6 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
- May 7 Noon National Day of Prayer Service
at Carnegie Hall

**LOOK INSIDE FOR
OUR MAY CALENDAR!!!**

Extended Session:

- Babies:**
David & Rachel Poole
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
David & Wanda Thompson
- 2 year olds:**
Jay & Libby Wood
- 3 year olds:**
Ty & Tiffany Ford/Anita Ball
- 4 year olds:**
Billy & Jamie Shaw



Weekly Report

April 26, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	278
Youth.....	64
Children.....	78
Preschool.....	71
Fellowship.....	22
Total.....	513
Hispanic Mission.....	49
Total *incl. mission.....	562
New S.S. Members.....	9
Enrollment:.....	1410

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$67,932.20
Above.....	\$38,552.20
Bldg Received.....	\$4,841.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	2
By Statement	0
By Baptism	0
Professions of Faith.....	0

Year to Date

Additions	
By Letter.....	52
By Statement.....	7
By Baptism.....	31
Total.....	90

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$499,460.00
Received.....	\$526,260.73
Above.....	\$26,800.73
Building Received.....	\$48,332.07
Balance on Note	\$91,636.71
Principal Paid.....	\$112,363.29