

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

Dr. Russell Duck, Pastor
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From our Pastor

Beloved,

This Sunday we will celebrate Easter, the time when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, rose from the dead. I love how Paul puts it in Romans 1:4, "And (He) was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord." (ESV)

For the believer in Jesus, victory over death is the ultimate victory. Death cannot hold us because it did not hold Him. There is a future for us. There is hope past death. David Redding said, "Everyone knows that death did something terrible to Christ, but not everyone knows that Christ did something wonderful to death."

What does it mean for us that Christ is alive? It means that this risen Christ now lives in our mortal bodies through His Spirit. Romans 8:11 says, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

It means that His resurrection power is the power that now energizes us from within, making us capable of following Him. 1 Corinthians 1:9 says, "Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead."

It means that our hope and future life is secure in Him. 2 Corinthians 4:14 says, "Knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence." See you Sunday as we celebrate our hope in Jesus!

Pastor Russell



**Join us Easter
Sunday, April 12
as we worship
together!**



**April 5, 2009
Spring Training Scores**

**Angels 1660
Royals 1552**



**OUR CHURCH
GOAL : \$11,000.00
To Date We**

**Have Received :
\$10,365.12**

*Offering envelopes are
available in the pew racks
for your convenience.*

**Extra Help is
needed in our
Extended Session
and Kids Church
Easter Sunday,
April 12. If you
can help please call
Ann at the church
office at 225-7951.
Thank You!!!**



**VBS 2009 t-shirts may
be ordered until May
10 by signing up in
S.S. or by calling Patti
at the church of-
fice @225-7951.**


**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

By Statement Tina Boise
By Baptism Randy Boise
112 Carpenter



**Oklahoma Baptist
Men's Retreat
is April 24-25, 2009
at Falls Creek.
Cost of \$55 includes
lodging & 3 meals
(*For ages 13-18
cost is \$45)
Sign-up sheets in
the S.S. boxes or call
Cindy at the church
office @225-7951.**

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:
April 13 4:00-8:00 p.m.
April 14 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 15 5:00-9:00 p.m.
April 16 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Thank You's
have been received
from the following:

Karissa Maddox

Pauline Hill

Doris Rhoades

Darryl & Carolyn Murray

Wayna Jean Young

Posted on the bulletin board
near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



SPECIAL "THANKS"

I'd like to thank Danny Ogles, Jennifer Moran & ALL our production team. Rick Wheeler did a fantastic job with videos & special effects. Adult choir.. what a blessing to not only rehearse and hear each "special" come together but to have also "worshipped with you" last Sunday evening! A special "THANKS" to Donna Ware and Lori Daubenspeck for your leadership with the Graded Choirs. Each of you are a BLESSING to me!

Mission opportunity

Erica Daniell is going to London [June 27-July 7] as part of the "Falls Creek Go Students" partnered with "I Witness Ministries. She still needs \$1,600 for the trip. Please make checks to FBC [%Erica'09 Mission Trip].

Summer Missions in Elk City

We are beginning to "seek" opportunities for special mission projects in Elk City. Please pray for the mission committee as we meet and begin these plans.

Prayer: Singing Men of Oklahoma

1. Thursday, April 16 – departing on "11" different flights! The Singing men will also be divided into "14" small groups throughout the tour & the entire choir will perform three consecutive concerts on one afternoon. Rick & Doc will be on Flight #1. By the way, we will be leaving the hotel in Bethlehem at 1:00 a.m. on April 30th to make the return flight home.
2. Rick & I look forward to sharing about our Mission endeavor in the near future. Thank you FBC "family" for your prayers and financial support! We love you.... Doc and Rick!
3. Thank you "Billy Shaw" for leading rehearsals and Sunday services during my absence.

Adult Choir

Come & join the Adult Choir as we begin preparing music for our combined concerts with FBC Clinton, Weatherford, and Elk City. Reminder: we only have "10" rehearsals before our combined concerts and a special "Welcome to choir"... Shannon Cloud!

Doc

Coming Events

- April 12 Happy Easter Sunday!!!
S.S. Spring Training!!!
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
4:00 p.m. ESL
4:30 p.m. Youth Bells/Choir
5:00 p.m. *Vertically Inclined Study*, AD6
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- April 13 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Outreach Team A
- April 14 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
- April 15 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Meeting, Conf Room
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:

Sheila Sutton/Sally Coffey

Creepers:

NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds: NEED HELP!!!

Terri Priddle/Katy Womack

2 year olds:

LaDonna Farrell/Darlene James

3 year olds: NEED HELP!!!

Jamie Shockley/Susan Potter

4 year olds: Sandy Bledsoe

Fonny & Jana Spears



Weekly Report

April 5, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....292

Youth.....69

Children.....79

Preschool.....77

Fellowship.....28

Total.....545

Hispanic Mission.....48

Total *incl. mission.....593

New S.S. Members.....9

Enrollment: 1417

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....\$29,380.00

Received.....\$33,187.73

Above.....\$3,807.73

Bldg Received.....\$2,277.00

And the Lord Added...

By Letter 0

By Statement 1

By Baptism 1

Professions of Faith..... 0

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....48

By Statement..... 7

By Baptism.....30

Total.....85

Giving

Budget Need.....\$411,320.00

Received.....\$397,571.99

Below.....\$13,748.01

Building Received.....\$40,765.45

Balance on Note\$168,046.57

Principal Paid.....\$35,953.43