

**BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for**



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**From our Pastor**

**Beloved,**

In their book, *In Search of Excellence*, Thomas Peters and Robert Waterman told a story about an automobile factory worker, who, on his way home from work each evening, straightened up windshield wiper blades on all the vehicles he passed because he couldn't stand to see a flaw in one of their cars.

What if we Christians had that level of commitment to the churches to which we belong. What if, instead of complaining about the flaws in the church we spent our time straightening up these flaws because we couldn't stand to see a flaw in the church!

The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (ESV) That means that it is not "those" folks at the church; it is "we" at the church. We are all in this together and should work together to further the kingdom of God.

There is no such thing as a perfect church. The reason is that churches are made up of imperfect people, who regularly gather together because of their need for one another and their need to become more like their perfect Savior, Jesus Christ. A church is made up of broken, dependent, imperfect, teachable, forgetful, troubled people who once were lost but now are found, who were blind, but now can see.

Charles Clayton Morrison once said, "The Christian church is the only society in the world in which membership is based upon the single qualification that the candidate shall be unworthy of membership." I am an imperfect believer and we are an imperfect church following a perfect Savior. But let's work hard to make it the best church it can be!

*Pastor Russell*



**Join Us!!!  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009  
Day of Prayer for  
Spiritual Awakening  
With  
DR. GREG FRIZZELL &  
DR. ANTHONY JORDAN  
at First Baptist Church, Elk City  
9 am - Noon Pastors Conference  
7:00-8:30 pm BMBA Churches  
All Members of All Ages**



**AWANA Workers  
Thank-You Lunch  
& Training Meeting  
Sunday, August 30  
Noon  
FBC Fellowship Hall**

**All AWANA workers (Puggles, Cubbies,  
Sparks, & TNT) are invited!!! AWANA  
continues to grow and more help will be  
needed this year. If you did not help last  
year and are willing to help this year,  
you are invited to this lunch, too!**


**5TH SUNDAY  
BUILDING FUND  
OFFERING  
Sunday, August 30**

**S.I.S. will be  
collecting New Small  
stuffed animals to  
donate to the  
Elk City Fire  
Department &  
Ambulance  
Service  
during the  
month of  
September.**



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

**By Baptism**



Jasmine Cook  
411 W. 6th  
Elk City



Lexi Hargrove  
Rt 2, Box 4420  
Elk City, OK

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**WOMEN OF FAITH**  
**tickets are here!!!**  
**If you ordered one,**  
**the money is due**  
**now! There are still**  
**tickets available.**  
**Contact Greta**  
**Louis@799-2998.**  
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**Wee School Openings!!!**

We have one spot available in each of the 1-year-old & the 3-year-old classes. Also, several openings in the 4-year-old class. Contact Katy Womack ( 225-7951) to enroll or for more information.



**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**

Aug 31, Sept 1 & 3 **CLOSED**  
 Sept 2 5:00-8:00 pm



**THANK-YOU's**  
have been received from

Jonny Stockton  
 Janie Worsham  
 Helen Chester & Family  
 The Family of Henry Chester

Posted on the board near  
the Chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Adults...lets go to Falls Creek! [Call Today!]**  
 "Bridging the Creek" – We'll leave FBC at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 28 and spend the night in Norman. The Tuesday conference begins at 10 a.m. and we should be back in Elk City around 7:30 p.m. Info in the mail! Cost- \$ 55 per person [+ meals]. GOAL: 20 needed [2 per room].

- Graded Choirs**  
 WE are going to "divide" our Graded Choir ministry into the following age groups:
- 1) 3 yr olds Susan Potter [director], Rose Trotter [teacher]
  - 2) 4-5 yr. olds Patsy Pothorst [director]  
 Stacey Barker, Shannan Cloud [teachers]
  - 3) 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> gr. Donna Ware [director]. Teachers: Sally Coffey, Nita Rittenhouse, Estelline Coffey, Carson Guthrie
  - 4) 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> gr. Jeff Guthrie [director] Dawn Tillman,  
 Linda Nix, Lou Ford, Cindy Miller [teachers]
  - 5) 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr. Lori Daubenspeck [director], Doc Ware [teacher] Erica Daniell [pianist]

**Adult Choir**  
 Our rehearsals began this past Wednesday evening and we will soon begin work on this year's Christmas music. JOIN us THIS week at 7:30 p.m.

**Jami Smith**  
 What a joy to have her in our service last Sunday morning. JUST in case you missed out – Jami's recording can be found at Mardel's or you can order on line at [www.jamismith.com](http://www.jamismith.com). She was scheduled as our special guest at this year's "Hanging of the Green" but cancelled because the Smith family's 1<sup>st</sup> baby [a GIRL] is due on the SAME weekend. We have rescheduled Jami with her "entire" band on Dec. 4, 2011.

*Doc*

- Coming Events**
- Aug 30 5th Sunday Building Fund Offering  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 Noon AWANA Lunch & Training  
 4:00 p.m. ESL  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Aug 31 6:30 p.m. Outreach Blitz
- Sept 1 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Sept 2 5:00 p.m. Weds Meals *\*Make reservations!*  
 5:45 p.m. Weekly Teach Mtg, AD6  
 6:00 p.m. AWANA; ESL; Yth Tch Mtg, Yth Rm  
 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate;  
 The Island
- Sept 3 7:00 p.m. Prayer for Spiritual Awakening w/  
 Dr. Greg Frizzell & Dr. Anthony Jordan!

**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**  
 Phylesha & Marianne Tabor

**Creepers:**  
**NEED HELP!!!**

**1 year olds:**  
 Rebecca Booth

**2 year olds:**  
 Pete & Sheri Stover

**3 year olds:**  
 John & Megan Thomas

**4 year olds:**  
 Wayne & Stephanie Poole



**Weekly Report**  
 August 23, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	313
Youth.....	86
Children.....	97
Preschool.....	85
Fellowship.....	11
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>592</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	63
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>655</b>
New S.S. Members.....	6
Enrollment: .....	1419

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$22,135.57
Below.....	\$7,244.43
Bldg Received.....	\$838.50
<b>And the Lord Added...</b>	
By Letter .....	2
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	2
Professions of Faith.....	1
<b>Year to Date</b>	
Additions	
By Letter.....	4
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism.....	6
Total.....	10
<b>Giving</b>	
Budget Need.....	\$969,540.00
Received.....	\$969,261.86
Above.....	\$278.14
Building Received.....	\$87,881.33
Balance on Note .....	\$0.00
Principal Paid.....	\$204,000.00