

**BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for**

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*



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**From our Pastor**

**Beloved,**

With Baccalaureate and Graduation coming, I want to share some thoughts with our graduating Seniors. These days have been days of growth and discovery for you. Now you will move on to a different phase of life.

Luke 2:52 says, "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

Jesus grew in "wisdom." He was growing intellectually. Let me encourage you for the rest of your life to listen, to read, and to think. Keep growing yourself mentally.

Jesus grew in "stature." He was growing physically. Let me encourage you to take care of your body. Since it houses your soul and spirit, you are going to need to take care of it.

Jesus grew in "favor with God." He was growing spiritually. Let me encourage you to spend time with God in Bible study and prayer. Keep attending worship even after you leave home. Stay connected to the Lord by cultivating a daily walk with Him.

Jesus grew in "favor with men." He was growing socially. Life is relational, and within those relationships we hammer out who we are. Be careful who you hang around with. Remember the old adage, "You win or lose by the friends you choose." Honor God in your relationships.

If you will keep growing in these four areas of life, you will truly be successful in the eyes of God.

*Pastor Russell*



**CONGRATULATIONS  
To Our Graduates!!!**

**Graduate Recognition  
Sunday  
May 17, 2009**

8:30 a.m. Graduate & Family  
Breakfast

10:45 a.m. Graduate  
Recognition

(Graduates need to bring  
their caps & gowns.)

**Congratulations on  
your achievement! We look  
forward to celebrating  
this event with you!**

**BMBA JUNIOR CAMP 2008**

**"Shine"**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

**May 26- 29**

(For students finishing 3rd-6th grade)

**The time to sign up is NOW!!! Cost is \$70.**

Mandatory Parent/Camper Meetings Sunday, May 17 at Noon in the Choir Room or Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, you *must* attend one of these meetings.

**Baby Dedication  
Sunday,  
June 7, 2009**

This year Parent/Baby  
Orientation Meetings  
will be held at 5:00 p.m.  
on May 17 or 24 in  
the Parlor.

Please make plans  
to attend one of these  
mandatory meetings if  
you plan to participate  
in Baby  
Dedication  
on Sunday,  
June 7.




**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**By Letter**

Robert & Nila Land  
Kelsi and Whitley  
P O Box 507  
Cheyenne, OK

**Joining Hearts  
Mother's Day  
Offering**

**We received  
\$3,288.84**




**We Need Your Help  
in Kids4Christ!**

Please contact Ann if  
you have an available  
Wednesday this  
summer  
you could  
help.  
**Thanks!!!**



**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

May 18	4:00-8:00 p.m.
May 19	4:00-8:00 p.m.
May 20	5:00-9:00 p.m.
May 21	4:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Ruby McCorkle

Posted on the bulletin board  
near the chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Summer  
Missions in Elk City**  
Missions Team meeting Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at  
5:00 p.m. [conference room].

**Adult Choir**  
We have "4" more rehearsals before our "Tri  
City" concerts!

- 1) FBC Weatherford - Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>@6 pm
- 2) FBC Clinton - Sun. June 14<sup>th</sup>@10:45 am
- 3) FBC Elk City - Sun. June 14<sup>th</sup>@6:00 pm

**FYI**  
Ed Seabough helped organize our New Eng-  
land trip last October and he's now sponsoring  
"Seabough's Scandinavia Tour" Sept. 3 - 15,  
2009. Interested? See Doc. [FBC is not spon-  
soring this trip.]

*Doc*



**WHAT WE DO IN LIFE ECHOS IN ETERNITY**

FBCEC STUDENT MINISTRIES : FALLS CREEK 2009

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**Coming Events**

May 17 Senior Sunday!!!  
8:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
Recognition of 2009 Graduating Seniors  
Noon Junior Camp Meeting, Choir Room  
3:00 p.m. Elkwood  
5:00 p.m. *Vertically Inclined Study*, AD6  
Missions Team Mtg, Conf Room  
Parent/Baby Orientation, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

May 18 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E.. Outreach Teams R & E

May 19 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH

May 20 6:00 p.m. Yth Teachers Mtg, Yth Rm  
6:30 p.m. Kids4Christ; Weds Worship;  
Regenerate; Falls Creek@The Island  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**  
Carolyn Comer/Linda Crow


**Creepers:**  
Phylesha & Marianne Tabor

**1 year olds:**  
Josh & Terri Priddle

**2 year olds:**  
Steve & Cathy Hooper

**3 year olds:**  
Jeff & Stacey Barker

**4 year olds:**  
**NEED HELP!!!**

 **Weekly Report**  
May 10, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	284
Youth.....	73
Children.....	80
Preschool.....	74
Fellowship.....	24
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>535</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	44
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>579</b>
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:.....	1425

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$26,879.62
Below.....	\$2,500.38
Bldg Received.....	\$1,420.50

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	4
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	0
Professions of Faith.....	0

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	59
By Statement.....	7
By Baptism.....	31
Total.....	97

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$558,220.00
Received.....	\$591,985.23
Above.....	\$33,765.23
Building Received.....	\$52,711.67
Balance on Note .....	\$89,933.28
Principal Paid.....	\$114,066.72