

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

What a great day last Sunday was! It was a busy day, but one that reminded me that there is a lot of life in our church family!

Hearing the AWANA's sing in worship and the annual derby race is always a great time for our families. I am so grateful for our AWANA ministry. It is one of the largest in the state and is very successful because we have such dedicated workers.

The children's graded choir program Sunday night was also a great blessing to all of us. Once again, it is successful because of people who love music, love children, and desire to make a difference in these young lives for the Savior.

While I am writing about volunteers, how about the success of our Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry? It has already exceeded our wildest dreams and expectations! They did a great job feeding our church family after the children's choir program. The Disaster Relief Ministry will be a great blessing to this area for many years to come. Once again, it would not happen without many people volunteering their time.

Since this Sunday is Mother's Day, we will be building our worship service around that theme. I read a story about the great preacher G. Campbell Morgan. He and his wife had four sons who all became pastors. At a family reunion a friend asked one of the sons, "Which Morgan is the greatest preacher?" The son looked at his father and promptly replied, "Mother!" Join us this Sunday as we thank God for mothers.

Pastor Russell




**Happy
Mother's
Day!!!
Sunday,
May 10,**

Joining Hearts 

Mother's Day Offering
Sunday, May 10
*Demonstrating Christ's Love
Across Generations*

Your Gift Brings Hope for ages 0-100 to the Baptist Retirement Villages & Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. Offering envelopes available in the pew racks for your convenience.



**NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER**
Thursday,
May 7, 2009

**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.**

