

## BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*



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September 3, 2009

### From our Pastor

#### Beloved,

If you have not noticed it lately, we are a blessed church! Look around and you can see it all over the place. There is a great spirit in our church family. God is blessing His Word from both the classes and the pulpit. Our church members are inviting their family, friends, and others they know to come with them to Sunday School and worship.

There is a special joy in being part of a church that is God-centered, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led, and Word-driven. Because of that, we continue to have many guests and visitors coming every Sunday. It is imperative that a church our size work hard to welcome new people. We must go out of our way to be friendly to guests.

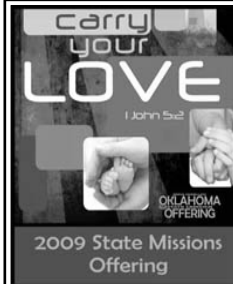
I read about a guest who attended a certain church. She said, "I don't want to say it was a cold and unfriendly church, but the ushers were using ice skates!" The story is told about an usher who approached a man with a hat on in church and asked him to remove it. "Thank goodness," said the man, "it worked. I've visited this church four times, and you are the first person to speak to me."

All local churches have a reputation! Ephesus was known for leaving her first love. Laodecia was known for being lukewarm. Sardis had a name for being alive, but Jesus said it was dead. The church at Corinth was known for its carnality, strife, and doctrinal problems. It begs the question, what is our church known for? We could mention many things. We want to be faithful, obedient, mission minded, evangelistic, loving, committed, etc. You get the picture. Most of all, let's be "caring people, sharing Jesus."

Pastor Russell



**Join Us Tonight!!!  
Prayer for Spiritual  
Awakening with  
DR. GREG FRIZZELL &  
DR. ANTHONY JORDAN  
7:00 pm FBC, Elk City  
All Members & All Ages Invited**



Edna McMillan  
Oklahoma State Missions Week  
of Prayer  
9.6.09 - 9.9.09

Offering Goal: \$1,150,000

Hallelujah Goal: \$1,200,000

Our Church Goal: \$6,000

## COMPASS

*Finding Your  
Life's Direction*

Starting September 13  
5:00 p.m. in Adult 4

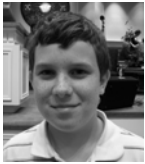
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**AWANA workers  
are needed for all  
age groups. Please  
contact Ann  
(225-7951)**

**S.I.S. will be  
collecting New Small  
stuffed animals to  
donate to the  
Elk City Fire  
Department & Am-  
bulance Ser-  
vice  
during the  
month of  
September.**



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

**By Baptism**



Nolan Neece  
Rt 2,  
Box 5048  
Elk City, OK

**By Letter**



Erma Taylor  
2302 W.  
Country Club,  
J76

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

**Wee School Openings!!!**

We have one spot available  
in the 1-year-old  
class and several in  
the 4-year-old class.  
Contact Katy



Men's Prayer  
Breakfast

Sunday,  
September 6  
8:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**

Gym Hours:  
Sept 8 4:00-8:00 pm  
Sept 9 5:00-9:00 pm  
Sept 10 4:00-8:00 pm



**THANK-YOU's**  
have been received from  
Leon & Phyllis Cooper  
Posted on the board near  
the Chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Adults...lets go to Falls Creek! [Deadline, Sept.10]**  
"Bridging the Creek" – We'll leave FBC at 4 pm on  
Monday, September 28 and spend the night in Norman.  
The conference begins Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and we  
should be back in Elk City around 7:30 p.m. 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 [dir], 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 [dir] Teachers: Sally Cof-  
fey, Nita Rittenhouse, Estelline Coffey, Carson Guthrie  
4) 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> gr. Jeff Guthrie [dir] Dawn Tillman, Linda  
Nix, Lou Ford, Cindy Miller [teachers]  
5) 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr. Lori Daubenspeck [dir], Doc Ware  
[teacher ] Erica Daniell [pianist]

**Adult Choir**

WELCOME to CHOIR – Karissa Maddox, Robert  
Land. We have started working on some of our Christ-  
mas music. Come and join the fellowship and GREAT  
new inspirational music.

Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> ...SCHEDULE

1. Youth Choir
  - 1) 4:00 p.m. Youth "BELLS"
  - 2) 4:40 p.m. Snack supper
  - 3) 4:55 p.m. Youth Choir
2. Adult "Bells"- after evening service

Doc

**Coming Events**

- Sept 6 8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
4:00 p.m. ESL  
5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Sept 6-9 Week of Prayer for the Edna McMillan  
State Missions Offering
- Sept 7 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- Sept 8 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH  
9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conf Room
- Sept 9 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs  
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 10 Noon Live Embers, FH  
6:30 p.m. S.I.S., Parlor

**Extended Session:**

- Babies:**  
Sara Cloud/Lori Cloud
- Creepers:**  
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**  
Michael & Katy Womack
- 2 year olds:**  
David & Shana Dyson
- 3 year olds:**  
NEED HELP!!!
- 4 year olds:**  
Sheila Sutton/Jenny Kauk



**Weekly Report**

August 30, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	296
Youth.....	91
Children.....	94
Preschool.....	72
Fellowship.....	26
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>579</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	25
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>604</b>
New S.S. Members.....	9
Enrollment: .....	1421

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$33,938.00
Above.....	\$4,558.00
Bldg Received.....	\$9,138.60

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	0
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	1
Professions of Faith.....	1

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	4
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism.....	7
Total.....	11

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$998,920.00
Received.....	\$1,003,199.86
Above.....	\$4,279.86
Building Received.....	\$97,019.93
Balance on Note .....	\$0.00
Principal Paid.....	\$204,000.00