



Fresh Food Mobile Market
 Tuesday, Mar. 3rd—9:00 am
 Portland Avenue Connection Center

Receive 20-25 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.



Portland Avenue's Goal
 \$2,501.00

Annie Armstrong Week Of Prayer
 March 1-8

Pray for Missionaries and church planters on the front lines who are reaching communities in the spiritually darkest areas of North America. 100 percent of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes toward resourcing and empowering missionaries to live out God's call.



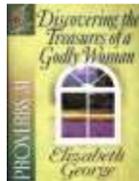
Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Kathy Mullican for more information.



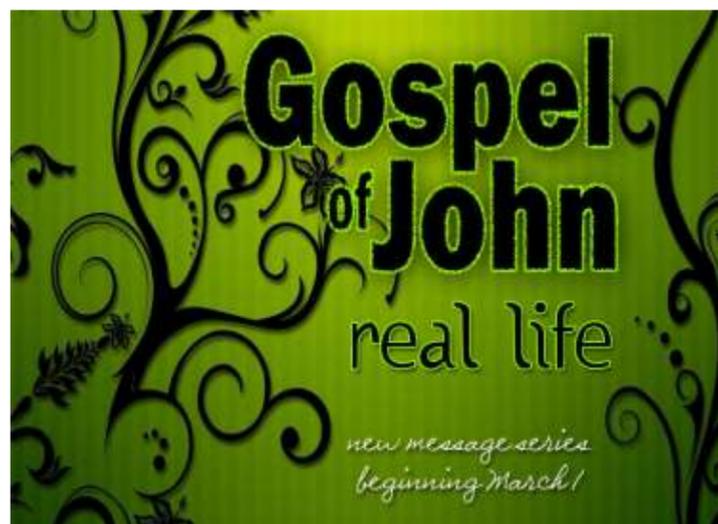
April 24th-25th
Falls Creek Conference Center
 Register online at www.menwired.com
 Cost if paid by April 15th
Boys 13 -17yrs \$50
18yrs and over \$70

NEW Ladies Only Bible Study

"Discovering the Treasures of a Godly Woman" begins Wed., February 25th taught by Kathy Mullican. Books \$5



Saturday, March 21st
 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 Portland Avenue Connection Center



Gospel of John
 real life
 new message series beginning March!



sign up at the Welcome Center this Sunday!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Free Baby Bottle Bank for each woman Potluck Meal

Ladies Night
 Thursday, March 19th
 6:30 pm

Dana Brown, Guest Speaker
 Hope Pregnancy Center

In Christian Sympathy
 The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

John Brandon in the loss of his grandma
 Joe Drouot in the loss of his son-in-law
 Jesse Greenwood in the loss of his wife, Mattie
 Jerry Tennison in the loss of his cousin

Thank You

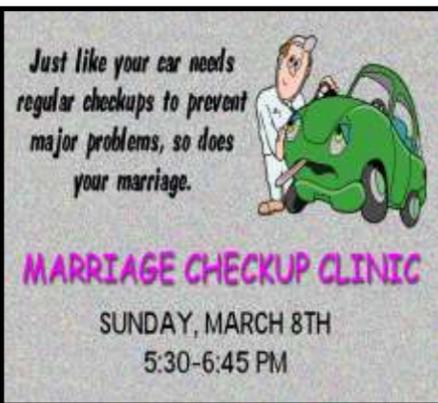
Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Irma Bottger
 Kae Buller
 Betty & Kenny Smith
 Lela Stavros

Wednesday's Dinner Menu

Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

Mar. 4—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
 Mar. 11—Chicken Tenders, Potatoes & Dessert
 Mar. 18—Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert
 Mar. 25—Meatloaf, Potatoes, Peas & Dessert



Just like your car needs regular checkups to prevent major problems, so does your marriage.

MARRIAGE CHECKUP CLINIC
 SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
 5:30-6:45 PM

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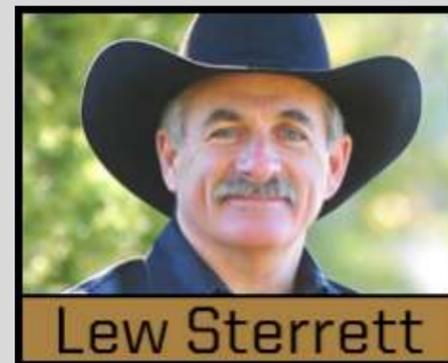


13th Annual
BEAST FEAST

Friday, March 6th



Feature Speaker



Giveaways

Shotgun, Grill,
 Lantern, Ice Chest Cooler,
 Rewired Registration
 Gun Case &
 Venison
 2 Full deer to give away!

Cost

\$10

Where

Portland Avenue
 Connection Center
 1301 N Portland Ave
 OKC, OK 73107

Pastor's Perspective



First, let me thank everyone for the birthday wishes this past Sunday on my birthday. The birthday hat and gifts given at the end of the service were priceless and having the whole church sing Happy Birthday to me.

As I write this article I'm looking out the window of my office at home as the snow piles up and the birds eat from my feeders and yet I am thinking about spring!

Oh, the hope of spring! The grey dullness of winter always yields to the colors of spring and new life! It's almost here. Time change takes place on Sunday, March 8th and Easter is April 5th.

I will begin a new message series on Sunday, March 1st on the Gospel of John called "Real Life." Real life is only found in Jesus! I am excited to be sharing with you from John's powerful portrayal of who Jesus is and how we must respond to him.

As we move toward Easter on April 5th, I want to ask all our Sunday School departments and classes to set aside time to do some deep cleaning of your rooms and prepare for new guests on Easter Sunday. Recycle old literature to collection boxes round around the church, and just put a shine on everything for the spring and Easter!

Our 13th Annual Beast Feast is set for Friday, March 6th. It's time to get your tickets which are just \$10 each. We have a fabulous speaker this year in Lew Sterrett along with the gun show, tasty meal, and great give-a-ways. Buy an extra ticket and invite a friend who needs to hear the gospel.

Something to look forward to later in the spring is The Blessed Life Conference with Dr. Ted Kersh happening May 17-20.

God is at work in Portland Avenue Baptist Church and I can't wait to see what He will do this spring. I Love You!

Bro. Walter

Greetings!

First off, let me say that I am thankful that we have a heavenly Father that is constantly teaching us and working in our hearts and lives. Recently the Lord has been teaching me and showing me what it is to be an encourager. I have been blessed to have many people encourage me throughout my life and ministry and to this day those early encouragers words hold a special place in my heart.

God's word is full of stories of encouragers and folks who inspired people to keep going on. Acts 4:36 introduces one such man—Joseph from Cyprus, whom the disciples nick-named Barnabas, which literally means "Son of Encouragement". Barnabas was a direct influence on two early preachers, Paul and Mark, both whom went on to do great things in the name of the Lord.

I have been trying to be a little more like Barnabas lately and I pray that some of you would join me in being an encouragement to others. Try to find someone that you can share a kind word with, build up or stick up for.

Join us as The Bobby Bowen Family Band sings at our church on Sunday, March 29th at 10:45 am. The parents and their six children all sing and play live instruments. Come support their ministry and family.

Senior Adult Committee Meeting
Monday, March 2
10am in Fellowship Hall



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SENIORS

- Day in Norman
National Weather Service
Sam Noble Museum
Lunch at Rudy's BBQ
- Day at Wichita Mountains
Mount Scott
The Holy City,
Lavender Park
Lunch at Meers

Watch for more information regarding dates, times and costs . . . Coming soon!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS			
2	Beulah Anderson	25	Betty Rose
	Jack Langston		Betty Smith
4	Avenell Moffeit	27	Betty Oldham
5	Lodema McGuffin		Bill Thompson
	Janelle Windle	29	Mary Ann Coker
8	Harold McConnell		
9	Linda McPherson		
	Joe Cottrell		Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list?
10	Robert White		Call the church office at 942-5539 with the info.
17	Sharon Amos		

The Bobby Bowen Family

At Portland Avenue
March 29th
10:45 a.m.

Sr. Adult Address Updates:

Ronny Bercky
Bellevue Rehab, Room 339
6500 N. Portland
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Jerry & Linda Cook
Forest Glade Center
2500 N. Glade, Room #309
Bethany, OK 73008

1. Listen to or download sermons at portlandavenue.org/messages
2. Buy sermons on CD for \$3 each. Use order envelope at Welcome Center

SERMONS

PARENT CONNECTION

Teach me Your way LORD and I will live by Your truth. Psalm 86:11

From My Heart to Yours . . .

In January, our Children's Ministry began a NEW Children's Sunday School class called "PEAK" that meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 325. This class is specifically designed for CHILDREN (ages 6-12) with special needs.



For years, our church has ministered to adults with special needs. Now, our Children's Ministry feels called to begin that same type of ministry for kids. New Class Director Katie Brooke and teachers Jennifer Hernandez and Cora Hare, are excited to present the Bible lesson in fun and effective ways for boys and girls. Our desire is to provide a wonderful learning experience specifically designed for children with learning, social, mental and/or physical disabilities, through meaningful Bible learning activities that will speak to their hearts and minds.

Do you know a family with a special needs child? Please invite them to attend our new class. We're excited about the possibilities and want to share the love of Christ with boys and girls—meeting them wherever they are at and helping to take them to the next level of understanding God's Word.

Please pray for our ministry to children as we continue to seek new and innovative ways to reach boys and girls in our community (and their families) with the love of Christ. *Matthew 19:14—Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

Gina

On the LOOKOUT for JOURNEY Leaders!

Please prayerfully consider joining our VBS team.

June 8-12
This is the Way.
Walk in It.

The Vacation Bible School Literature is IN!
Several directors and teachers have already begun their planning for our BEST Outreach Opportunity of the Summer.

Classes still in need of workers include:
Preschool 4 (PK); Preschool Crafts, Preschool Recreation, First Grade, Boys—Grades 6-8 and Recreation for Grades 1-8.

Our JOURNEY Off the Map needs you as a guide!

Training will be available at Portland Ave on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.

FAMILY Mission Trip July 3-10



SAVE THE DATE! The Capital Baptist Association is sponsoring a Family Mission Trip to Gore Range, Colorado. Activities will include Block Parties, Day Camp, Prayer Walks and much more! The cost will be \$100 per person. Includes: transportation, lodging, most meals AND a Fun Day Activity.

WATCH FOR MORE INFO COMING SOON!



Looking for SOMETHING to do during SPRING BREAK?

We're planning some fun "Make and Take" activities for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade—March 16-18.

A variety of crafts, missions, cooking, games and who knows what else!! Watch for the sign up sheet at the Children's Ministry Office.

Missions Event for Kids Grades 1-6

Mission Ignition—A HANDS ON Event for Kids at Portland Avenue! We're expecting about 700 kids and sponsors from all over the state. **They'll have fun learning about missions and DOING missions.**

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas—days of preparation before the event, during the event and clean-up following the event. If you would be interested in helping in one, two or all three areas, please call Gina at 942-5539 for additional information.