

Please join us for a
Bridal Shower
 Honoring **Callan Pope**
 Bride-elect of Andrew Mullican
 Saturday, March 11th
 at 10 o'clock
 At the Home of Teresa Reeves
 7401 S.W. 74th
 Transportation from the church available
 Please RSVP to 942-5539 for a ride.
 Callan and Andrew are registered
 on Amazon, at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Pottery Barn



Speaker
Robbie Barham
 3500 National Champion
 Soccer & Team Captain

Worship
Brad Duncan
 Student Minister
 1000s of Disciples

MANCAVE
 FORGING OF MIGHTY MEN
 Saturday, April 8th 9:00 am
 1301 N Portland Ave BNC, OK 73107 in the Connection Center

\$10 Tickets
 Breakfast
 Giveaways
 Activities for Men & Boys

2nd Sunday **GATHERING**
 Sunday, March 12th
 6pm in the Auditorium

spring forward
 Set your clocks forward
 1 hour on Saturday night,
 March 11th and join us
 Sunday morning, Mar. 12th
 at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School.



ADVANCE TRUTH
 TURNING THE WORLD
 UPSIDE DOWN

The **Rewired Men's Conference** is an annual event that takes place in the Arbuckle Mountains at a conference center known as Falls Creek. The focus is transforming the lives of men through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Rewired reaches men from all backgrounds and interests or what Keith Burkhart, Men's Ministry Specialist at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, likes to call the different "tribes" of men.
 Registration at: menrewired.com



OBHS to honor
 Eli & Freida Sheldon
 Tuesday, March 14th 3-4pm
 5th Floor at the Baptist Building
 Oklahoma Baptist Historical Society is hosting a reception in honor of the Sheldons for their 10 years of service to the Society and Oklahoma Baptist Historical Commission.
 Persons planning to attend are asked to
 RSVP by email at:
OKbaptisthistoryman@gmail.com or
 by calling 405-990-0123.

In Christian Sympathy
 The Portland family extends
 Christian love and sympathy to:
 Joan Woolley in the loss of her mother,
 Leora Henderson

Thank You
 Notes of appreciation have been received
 from the following:
 Anita Sheline

Wednesday Night
 Fellowship Dinner
 Menu for March
 Served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
 Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2
 Family Plan —\$12

Mar. 1—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert
 Mar. 8—Chuck Wagon Stew, Cornbread & Dessert
 Mar. 15—Baked Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert
 Feb. 22—Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes & Dessert
 Mar. 29—Sausage/Rice Medley & Dessert



**MEN'S
 BREAKFAST**
 Tuesday, March 14th
 6 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 Join us for a full breakfast and
 plenty of coffee for only \$5.

OPEN WIDE
 dental clinic
 DENTAL CLINIC
 Saturday, March 18th.
 Appointments required.
 Call 946-9497 at 9am Thurs., February 16th.

Periodicals Postage Paid
Baptist Messenger
 Special Edition
 Dr. Walter L. Mullican, Senior Pastor
 Tony Mullican, Student/Community Minister
 Cody Boyer, Music & Senior Adults
 Gina McKean, Preschool & Children

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Pastor's Perspective

Church family, I want to thank you for praying for me and Jeff Hughes as we served in Kiev, Ukraine, Feb. 15-Mar. 3. The Lord moved in a mighty way during the days of the English Language School and we saw 57% of the over 1,000 students who graduated make a positive decision for Jesus Christ!

I returned from this trip with a tremendous burden about our church's lack of evangelism in these recent days and my own. We are just not reaching folks for Christ. Our baptisms are way down in every age group. We must all become more bold and consistent in our witness to those around us. Gone are the days that the lost will just show up in our church services. Our personal evangelism must be done wherever we find ourselves connecting with people. I shared about Kathy sharing the gospel with the man who owns the hotdog shop up the street from the church. She took that divine opportunity to share the gospel. We must be looking for these "God moments" to share the message of Christ if we are to see the waters of the baptism stirred every week. Who will you share with this week?

Ted Kersh is coming for our annual Bible Conference, March 19-22. Our theme this year is Rekindle the Church. It's about our church experiencing revival. I am reading a good devotion online about revival and I want to quote from it, *What is revival? A simple definition is "to come alive again." Revival is the spark, if you will, that starts the engine. And periodically we need a new spark. Revival is like waking up from your sleep. One person defined it as nothing more or less than a new beginning of obedience to God. The great evangelist Billy Sunday once said, "They say that a revival is but temporary. So is a bath, but it does you good." A revival may be only temporary, but we need one right now. We are not praying that nonbelievers have a revival, because they don't need one. They need salvation. The church needs revival. Revival is a church word, and it is for believers only—believers who once, perhaps, were more alive than they are today and need to be revived again. C. H. Spurgeon said, "To be revived is a blessing which can only be enjoyed by those who have some degree of life. Those who have no spiritual life are not, and cannot be, in the strictest sense of the term, subjects of revival... A true revival is to be looked for in the church of God." Revival starts with you and me. Then it affects the church. And then the church affects the nation.*

Join me in praying that we all awake to God in a new and powerful way in our lives. I Love You!



Bro. Walter

**Rekindle
 the Church
 Conference**
 Sunday, March 19 - 10:45 am & 6 pm
 Mon-Wed, March 20-22 - 7 pm
 Meals Mon-Wed at 6 pm
 Childcare provided
 for each service
 with Dr. Ted Kersh
Portland
 Avenue Baptist Church
 1301 N Portland Avenue
 portlandavenue.org



Senior Spirit

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him, and established in your faith - Colossians 2:6-7

COMING TO PORTLAND AVENUE!



Sunday
April 23rd
6:00 pm

The Williams Singers are a choral group comprising of 30 exceptional vocalists. Their program features a variety of sacred music including classical, spirituals and contemporary arrangements.



"All the miles of my journey have proved my Lord true..."

When I was in my early teens I began writing songs. I can remember laying on my bedroom floor one night and thinking about all of the good things that the Lord had done in my life up to that point. I picked up a pen and paper and began jotting down the following lyrics:

"I see His sweet hand of mercy
In every mile of the trip
I'm enjoying the journey,
And what a journey it is!"

Looking back now, I can still see His hand in every mile of the trip. But, as life brings it's good days and bad days my theme has become refined and taken a new direction. **All the miles of my journey have proved my Lord true.** No matter what I've faced, whether I was on the mountaintop or at the bottom of the valley, He's been a faithful shepherd, leading me every step of the way.

What a journey!

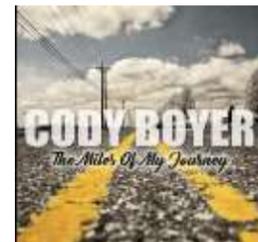
Cody

BIRTHDAYS

2. Jack Langston
5. Lodema McGuffin
8. Harold McConnell
9. Linda McPherson
10. Robert White
17. Sharon Amos
21. Mary Carruth
25. Betty Rose
- Betty Smith
27. Bill Thompson
28. George Goodner
29. Mary Ann Coker

Senior Adult
Birthday missing from
the list?

Call the church office
at 942-5539 and let
us know.



AVAILABLE MARCH 19TH!

Cody will be presenting the songs from his new CD, "The Miles Of My Journey" during our *Rekindle The Church* Conference from March 19th - 22nd.



A special thank you to all who provided food and served at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Oklahoma City University. We fed and ministered to nearly 100 students representing countries from all around the world.

PARENT CONNECTION

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



From My Heart to Yours...

WOW! We had a BLAST at Mission Ignition! It was a FANTASTIC DAY with over 700 kids, sponsors and volunteers! Kids were engaged in "hands on" missions and heard "first hand" stories from Missionaries... about their experiences of being on the Mission Field and their love of sharing the Gospel. We heard about work going on in Senegal, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and right here in Oklahoma City! Kids took part in Mission Projects and were challenged to think of ways they can share the love of Christ with family and friends.

Our emphasis every year is based on Acts 1:8—it's not a church challenge, it's a PERSONAL CHALLENGE... What are each of us doing to share Christ?!

Thank you to everyone who assisted Mission Ignition: with set-up, helped with activities and assisted with take-down and re-setting our church for Sunday.

During Children's Worship this past Sunday, our kids, Kindergarten through 6th grade, discussed ways that we, as a church, can reach others and we, as a "Christ Follower," can reach others. It's interesting to see the creative juices flowing through their minds as they talked in small groups about ways to reach out to our community. I'm glad they are beginning to understand that people don't come to church just because there is a sign in our front yard. People come to church because they were invited by a friend. People don't come to Christ randomly, they come to know Christ because someone personally shared the Gospel with them.

Please continue to pray for our Ministry to Children. The world is rapidly changing around us... We must stand strong and help our kids know what is right and pleasing to the LORD.

Psalm 119:34 "Help me understand Your instruction, and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart."

With a grateful heart,

Gina

KMAK—June 19-22
Kid's Mission Adventure Kamp—we have a few spaces left
 A FUN-filled week of missions, Bible study, camp activities and crafts
 For boys & girls who have completed grades 3-6 at Lake Fort Gibson in Wagoner, OK
 The KMAK fee is \$85 per person. A \$20 deposit is required when you SIGN UP.

GALACTIC STARVEYORS
Vacation Bible School
 Discovering the GOD of the Universe
June 5-9 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 In Search of STARVEYORS to lead out in VBS! We have a good start to our team but still have many positions to fill.
 NO experience necessary—training provided at Portland Avenue on Tuesday, April 18th.
 The BENEFITS are out of this world!
 Call the church office at 942-5539 for more info!

PORTLAND KIDS
 #Living4Him #Psalm1914