

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MINISTRY ENRICHMENT

# C.O.M.E.

**Saturday August 15, 2015**  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
FBC Moore, OK  
Cost: \$5.00  
Covers Lunch and Materials




This year COME will host the regional 3 ROLES training in the morning core tract. The afternoon will be ReConnect Start series.

**PORTLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

# ABKA

Tuesday Nights—6 to 7:15 pm  
Portland Avenue Connection Center  
Interested in Karate?  
A new semester begins Tuesday, August 4th.  
Come try it out! No prior experience necessary.  
For ages 9 and up!



Put your cowboy boots on and join us at the Wedding Reception for Jeanie Adams Barton & Gerald Barton  
Saturday, August 22, 2015  
2:00—4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
A money tree will be available.  
Hosted by: Angie Martens, Mandy Boyer and Shelly Brandon



# OPEN WIDE

## dental clinic

Saturday, August 15  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
PABC Connection Center



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

Tuesday, August 11th  
6:00 am. in Fellowship Hall  
BIG hearty breakfast all the coffee you can drink for \$5 and encouraging devotion.



Aluminum Can Collection For **Children's Ministry Camp & Activity Fund.**  
A collection container for CANS ONLY is located in the Children's Building Entry Hallway.

**THE GOOD NEWS FESTIVAL**  
CHESAPEAKE ENERGY ARENA

**AUG. 22-23** WITH MUSICAL GUESTS  
• SKILLET • LACEY • DAE-LEE  
• MICHAEL W. SMITH & MORE  
• HOST AMENA BROWN WITH DJ OPDIGGY

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IN COOPERATION WITH **BILLY GRAHAM** Evangelistic Association  
Always Good News.

## In Christian Sympathy

The Portland family extends Christian love and sympathy to:

Alie Faye Johnson in the loss of her brother, Joe Cottrell  
Gina McKean in the loss of her mother, Sandy and her aunt, Carolyn Robb.  
John Moore in the loss his wife, Myrna.

## Thank You

Notes of appreciation have been received from the following:

Gina McKean & Family  
Family of Myrna Moore  
Bill Tritten

**Wednesday's Dinner Menu**  
Adults—\$3.50 Children—\$2 Family—\$12

Aug 5—Taco Salad, Chips/Salsa & Dessert  
Aug 12— Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
Aug 19— Chicken & Rice Casserole & Dessert  
Aug 26— Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert



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

## SERMONS

**Address Updates:**  
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**Dr. Walter L. Mullican, Senior Pastor**  
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Cody Boyer, Music & Senior Adults  
Gina McKean, Preschool & Children

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## Pastor's Perspective



The big event is almost here! In just a little over three weeks will be the wedding of our daughter, Katy Ann to Mr. Jonathan Scott! The wedding is Saturday, August 29th at 2 pm in the auditorium at Portland Avenue with reception following in the Connection Center. You are all invited so consider this your official invitation! As you might imagine, preparations for the wedding have been going on for some time. The bride has been working on getting everything ready for her groom. She will be radiant and beautiful adorned in white signifying her purity. The groom will stand tall and handsome with an ear-to-ear smile as he sees his bride come down the aisle. It will be a beautiful moment. The two will be joined in marriage through a covenant of lifelong commitment.

The relationship of the church to Christ is that of a bride and groom. Hear words Paul's words in Ephesians 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

The church, which is not a building or the institution, but are those called out ones who have pledged themselves by faith and trust to Jesus Christ, should be preparing herself for the coming of her groom, Jesus Christ. The Lord provides everything needed for the church to be prepared and ready for the coming of the groom. He has footed the bill for the wedding through his death on the cross. He has given us the engagement ring of the Holy Spirit to guide us and prepare us for the groom's coming. Are you ready for the great wedding when Jesus, the groom, returns for His Church? To get ready, admit and repent of your sin, put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone to save you and forgive you, and confess Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. The church is living against a cultural and moral backdrop that is blackness for its lack of truth and light. Against this backdrop a holy church will stand out as a beacon of light and hope as we draw attention to our groom, Jesus Christ, who is mighty to save! Portland Avenue, let's be that kind of church in our community! I Love You!

*Bro. Walter*

TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS  
WALTER AND KATHY MULLICAN  
&  
ALLAN AND CAROL SCOTT

# KATY ANN MULLICAN

&

# JONATHAN ALLAN SCOTT

request the pleasure of your company  
at the celebration of their marriage

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN  
TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

PORTLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
1301 N. PORTLAND AVENUE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73109



**Recent Updates to the PABC Website**



You can access an online directory via the website. It requires a KEY that you can get by calling the office or emailing [tgraham@portlandavenue.org](mailto:tgraham@portlandavenue.org).



You can now use Online Giving on our church website. Go to the "Giving" page where you can set up an account. Remember we are a member supported church and our ministries take place through your regular and faithful giving.

# Senior Spirit

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises - Psalms 98:4

## Greetings!

I have been asked many times over the years why I chose "Gospel Music" or "Church Music" as a career path. The answer is quite simple - the message of the songs. I enjoy other types of music, but nothing stirs my soul like a great gospel lyric or a song of worship to the Creator. The older I get the more I desire music that lifts my spirit and encourages me in my daily walk with Christ. It's an incredible thing to see God work in someone's heart while they're listening to a lyric that you're singing. And by far the greatest compliment I get each Sunday morning is seeing hands raised and tear-filled eyes while we're singing a song like "10,000 Reasons". To see people moved like that means that they are focusing a lot more on God and not on me. It's all about Him, and Him being glorified. That's why I do what I do.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our music ministry please contact me at the church. We will begin our new fall rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30 pm. Christmas rehearsals are also right around the corner. Sign up and access to the new music will begin on Sunday, September 20th.

Blessings,  
*Cody*



SENIOR ADULTS

## THE GATHERING

Monday, September 28th

10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Portland Avenue Baptist Church

1301 N. Portland Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK ~ 405-942-5539 ~ portlandavenue.org

A day of Community Awareness and Fellowship  
with LOADS of HELPFUL information . . .  
ESPECIALLY for Senior Adults!

LEARN About  
Personal Safety  
& Health Issues  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Visual Aids  
& MUCH More!

Come Join Us!  
\$5 per person  
LUNCH INCLUDED

Reservations requested  
by Thursday, Sept. 24th  
Call 942-5539  
to RSVP or for more info.

FREE Flu Shots AVAILABLE on site!  
Compliments of Walgreens!

**FALL FIESTA**  
Featuring Dinner & Concert  
Friday, October 30th at 6 pm

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 3. Walter Cochran  | 28. Carmene Keller        |
| 4. Terry Geis      | 29. Janice Leverett       |
| Gloria Davis       | 30. Barbara Brightwell    |
| 8. Myrtle Cockrell | 31. Len Kramme            |
| Dorothy Echols     |                           |
| 17. Virginia Moyer |                           |
| Gloria Venters     | Senior Adult Birthday     |
| 18. Sharon Banta   | missing from the list?    |
| 19. Betty Douglas  | Call the church office at |
| 23. Joyce Warren   | 942-5539 and let us know. |
| 25. Debi Shelline  |                           |

# PARENT CONNECTION

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

## From My Heart to Yours . . .

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my church family for the many cards, calls, visits, food, words of encouragement, and love shown to my family and me during the loss of my sweet mom, Sandy McKean.

She was a wonderful role model who taught me to love the Lord with all my heart. She was a prayer warrior who talked to God about everything and encouraged me to do the same. She was a diligent worker who taught my brother and I the importance of hard work and to always do your best. She was caring and compassionate and taught me to put the needs of others first. She was an encourager, not only to me, but all who knew her. She was beautiful inside and out and made our family proud. She was my best friend and I miss her terribly, but find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and now resides in the presence of Jesus.

Her life verse could certainly have been Philippians 2:3-4 as it describes her perfectly . . .

*"Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4*

I am grateful The Lord blessed me with a "Christian" mom. It ignites in me a new desire to be more fervent in sharing God's love with children. The window of opportunity for kids to hear and know the Lord is getting smaller by the day. As a church, we must be proactive in helping families "train up their children in the way they should go." (Proverbs 22:6)

Please join me in praying for additional workers for Sunday School, as well as Sunday and Wednesday night kid's classes. A loving, caring adult sharing Christ with kids and/or parents can make a significant impact on our church and in our community.

With a grateful heart,  
Gina

## WHIZ KIDS Resumes August 27th!

We'll have a meeting for returning volunteers on August 20th at Heritage Baptist Church. Bus leaves Portland Avenue at 3 p.m. Dinner will follow at Joy Fischer's home.

Watch for more info coming soon.



## BUCHANAN Back-To-School Mission Project a Success



Thank you Portland Family for helping to provide basic school supplies for over 600 students at Buchanan Elementary School.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped with assembling the supplies and to those who assisted with



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:13-14



## Our Very Newest . . .

Congratulations to Josh and Gwen Kinney on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Faith, born July 27th, weighing in at 8 lbs and 19 1/2 inches long. Congrats to big brother Avery and big sister Adalyn too!

Congratulations to Lon and Kae Buller on the birth of their new granddaughter, Faith Marie Critten, born July 30th, weighing in at 6.9 pounds and 19" long. Parents are Clarence and Kristy (Buller) Critten. Congrats to big brother, Ethan and big sister, Katelynn.

Welcome Jamal Bowen Jr., born in June 2nd, weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz. Proud parents are Jamal and Hannah Bowen. "Jr" is little brother to Rashi and Ra'Nyia, grandson of Cindy Price and nephew to Angela and Brianna.

**BLAST Kick-Off**  
Wednesday, August 12  
Kindergarten thru 6th Grade  
Bible skills, games, crafts & more!

**Children's Ministry Teacher Training**  
Saturday, August 15  
First Baptist Moore  
\$5 per person—includes lunch  
Sign up at the Children's Ministry Office or the Welcome Center.

**New Christian Class for Kids**  
Sundays, beginning in September  
If your child is asking questions about becoming a Christian, this 10 week class is for them. Call the church office at 942-5539 for more information.