

**LIVE TRUTH**  
REWIRING MEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-28 | 2018

**Preregistration till April 9th**  
Men \$70 Youth (13-18) \$60

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2018 BGCO WOMEN'S RETREAT  
APRIL 20-21, 2018  
FALLS CREEK

**Women's Retreat—Cost: Adults \$75 Students \$50**  
On March 24, the price will increase to \$85. for all ages.  
Additional info at [bgco.org](http://bgco.org). The deadline to register is April 5.

**PORTLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**ABKA**

**KARATE CLASSES**  
Begins Tuesday, Jan. 9th  
Every Tuesday at 6pm—  
Connection Center  
Classes are designed for 9 year olds and up!  
Try a couple of classes for FREE  
and see if Karate is for you.  
The cost is only \$10 a month  
when you decide to join.  
Contact Tony for more info.

**Positions Available in Children's Ministry**  
"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4

- PAID Childcare positions working with babies through age 3 . . .  
Wednesday evenings 5:45 to 8 p.m.  
2nd Sunday Gatherings—5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Various other times when needed.
- Volunteer Sunday School Leaders & Helpers
- Volunteer Children's Worship Helpers
- Volunteer Wednesday Night BLAST Helpers

For MORE information, please contact Gina at 942-5539 or [gmclean@portlandavenue.org](mailto:gmclean@portlandavenue.org).

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

Family & friends of Janice Leverett  
Kathy Mullican in the loss of her brother  
Angela Nelson in the loss of her grandparents

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

Donella Gray  
Bethel Hughes  
Hare Family  
Martens Family

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner**  
Menu for January  
Served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

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

Jan. 10—Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
Jan. 17—King Ranch Chicken, Corn Relish & Dessert  
Jan. 24—Spaghetti & Meatballs, Bread & Dessert  
Jan. 31—Chicken & Rice Casserole & Dessert

**OPEN WIDE dental clinic**

The next dental clinic is January 20th.  
Appointments required.  
Call 946-9497 beginning at 9 a.m.  
Thursday, January 18th.

**Just a Reminder:**  
Aluminum Can Collection  
For Children's Ministry  
Camp Fund

A collection container for CANS only is located in the Children's Building Entry Hallway.



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The new year has started off with transition for our family. Kathy's brother, Bruce, went home to be with the Lord last Thursday. In fact, I am writing this article from the front seat as Kathy drives us to Shawnee for Bruce's service of celebration that I will lead Monday afternoon. Kathy's brother had Down syndrome and had a limited mental capacity but his love capacity was unlimited. My message this afternoon is titled, A Valuable Life. Some in our world don't see much value in the lives of people with mental and physical disability but Bruce's life had incredible value. It started with his parents who valued him from the womb. When told they should just put him in an institution and forget about him, they chose not to do so, but rather to love and nurture him. Psalm 139 says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made and that God has a plan and purpose for every life. This month we observe Sanctity of Human Life on January 20<sup>th</sup> which acknowledges the value of the life from the womb to the tomb. We must stand in the gap for those who cannot stand for themselves. Next Sunday when we see our Special Ministries folks in our worship service, I want you to see them with a different set of eyes. Not as an annoyance or a problem, but see them as incredible people of value and get to know them. Your life will be better for it. Kathy and I thank you for all your prayers and expressions of love. We love you!

*Bro. Walter*

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

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**2nd Sunday GATHERING**

Sunday, January 14th at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Jesus said, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" -Matthew 4:4

Plan now to read the Bible through in 2018!

Online plans at [bible.com](http://bible.com) or [oneyearbibleonline.com](http://oneyearbibleonline.com)  
Get a printed plan at the Welcome Center.

*Women's Only Bible Study*  
Starting Wed. Jan. 3rd - 6:00-7:30 pm  
Meeting in Room 162 (Main Bldg-North)  
Study is FREE  
You need a notebook, pen, and your Bible  
Led by Kathy Mullican  
Questions? Call Kathy 789-2709

**THE BOOK OF Romans**  
ONE CHAPTER A DAY

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.  
ROMANS 1:16

# Senior Spirit

Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them  
- Hebrews 7:25

Happy New Year!

Let me start by saying a big thank you to our church family and staff. I have been amazed at the love and support that has been shown to me ever since we made the announcement in August that I would be leaving. The original plan in July was that I would sing with the group and still be able to lead worship at PABC. Through a crazy process we were finally able to get to that point. I'm very appreciative and elated to stay in the music ministry at Portland Avenue and even more elated to be home more with my wife and children.

For over a year our Wednesday night bible study group has been praying for my brother in law Rick. Rick was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in November 2016 that eventually spread to his brain this past fall. We have always prayed for his cancer situation, but more importantly his need for salvation. I have shared with Rick on several occasions, but he had never (to my knowledge) accepted Christ as his Savior.

A few days ago I received the call that doctors had done all they could do. I immediately went to the hospital with the intent of being very blunt about his need for salvation. What I did not know was that the cancer had made him unresponsive and incoherent. He was awake though and I prayed that God please let him hear me. I went through God's plan of salvation and told him how to accept Jesus into his heart. I have no idea if he even heard or not, but I place that in God's hands. What I do know is that within minutes he had a peace about him and calmed down; and within 12 hours he peacefully passed away.

My encouragement to each of you is to never wait for the right moments to share the gospel with someone. Don't give up sharing your faith, even when it seems they may not hear it. And when you get the opportunity be blunt and bold - this decision is the most important decision that person will ever make.

Blessings,

*Cody*



Our 2017 Christmas Musical, It's Jesus!, was very well received. It was our prayer during every rehearsal that someone may come to know Christ through the message of the songs. We were elated to see a young woman come forward during the invitation and accept God's free gift of salvation!



We had a wonderful time at the Sr. Adult Christmas brunch! Sweet moment of fellowship, stories and laughter. And some great food!



## BIRTHDAYS

1 Lois Jackson	12 Dewayne Carruth
3 Ruth Nimmo	13 Betty Langston
4 Geraldine Ellis	15 Cliff McBeth
5 John Moore	Cletus Scrivner
6 Johnny Blurton	22 Phyllis Smith
7 Pauline Smith	23 Linda McBeth
8 Cindy Powell	24 Roy Grueser
11 Hank Smith	28 Dewayne Douglas

Senior Adult Birthday missing from the list?  
Call the church office at 942-5539 and let us know.

# PARENT CONNECTION

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

## Growing a Gospel-Centered Family Requires Firm Footing on the Foundation of God's Word.

One of the ways a child gains firm footing is through the regular reading of God's Word. In our high-tech world, electronics, handheld devices and bright screens are often more appealing to children than picking up a book of any kind. Below are few things you should know about cultivating a climate of Bible reading in your home.



- 1. Live it out.** Telling your child to read the Bible will fall on deaf ears if he does not see you reading it for yourself. Children should see that their parents are Bible readers.
- 2. Establish a routine.** Whether at the breakfast table, right before bed or some time in between, reading the Bible as a family helps children immerse in the truths and stories of Scripture. You may think that Bible reading is lost on a fidgety toddler, but when you establish a routine of family Bible readings, your child will expect it as he or she grows older.
- 3. Share God's Word regularly.** Deuteronomy 6:6-9 says that the truth of God's Word is to be impressed on our children and that we are to instruct our children in a natural way—as we sit around the house, as we walk around, as we lie down, and as we rise. The written Word should be an ordinary and visible part of everyday family living.

Children pick up on and often mimic the habits of those closest to them. They are more likely to read their Bibles if their parents read the Bible with them. If you truly believe in the importance of reading the Bible and if you want your child to grow into an adult who reads the Bible, be diligent to instill the habit of reading Scripture.

## Become a WHIZ KIDS VOLUNTEER and enjoy JOY-filled Thursdays!



See how **YOU** can make a life-changing impact on the life of a child.



### IMMEDIATE NEEDS INCLUDE:

**SNACK TEAM MEMBERS**—the blessing of serving **ONCE a MONTH** preparing the after-school meal for Whiz Kids.

**FULL-TIME SUB**—The blessing of working with a different child each week, when a tutor is unable to attend.

**Come observe a session on Thursday at 3 p.m. and see if Whiz Kids is the right fit for you.**

*For more info, please call the church office at 942.5539 or email gmckean@portlandavenue.org.*



## KMAK Camper Info "Kids Mission Adventure Kamp" June 18-21, 2018

Kids who have completed 3rd through 6th grade.

KMAK is part of Camp Tulakogee, located in Wagner, OK at the waters edge of Lake Ft. Gibson.

**\$85 Per Person**

Includes registration, transportation, lodging, meals and camp activities.

(ACTUAL CAMP COST is \$185 per person. Portland Avenue provides a \$100 scholarship for each child.)

**\$35 deposit requested by February 25th.**  
**Balance in FULL by May 6th.**

CAMPERS provide their own bedding for a twin size bunk or a sleeping bag, toiletry items, towels, etc.

CAMP will provide meals, lodging accommodations & activities.

PORTLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH will provide sponsors, transportation and Bible study.



## A Heart for Missions

Sunday, February 12th

Children's Ministry Fundraiser for Kids Mission Adventure Kamp

Candy filled treat bags will be available for a suggested minimum donation of \$1 each.

Utilize the treat bags to bring JOY to a friend, neighbor or co-worker.