# North Canadian Baptist Association News & Information

## **Pastor/Staff Fellowship**

## January

Jan 2	Bill Rowland
Jan 9	David Jewitt
Jan 16	Paul Tinley
Jan 23	Dr. Kent Choate
Pastor/Staff Breakfast	
Jan 301	11 Project - Care Portal

## February

Feb 6Doug Melt	on (Send Network)
Feb 13	Buddy Hunt
Feb 20	Gary Hawkins
Pastor/Staff Breakfast	
Feb 27	W. Berry Norwood

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## **NCBA Ministry Events & Opportunities**

Since 2024 promises to be a busy year, here is a preview of some of the events and ministry opportunities you and your church can be a part of.

To assist in developing a culture of evangelism in our churches, on February 21, we will host our annual **Spring Youth Rally** and on March 21st-23rd we will host our second **NCBA Evangelistic Rally** at the Henryetta High School auditorium. This will be a time of fellowship, renewal, and worship, utilizing both local preachers and special guests to proclaim the Good News each night. Mark your calendar and begin praying now for friends and family who need to hear the gospel, and then make it a point to bring them with you.

The Mission Team has scheduled an **Association Serve Day** in the Okmulgee community for this spring, where NCBA, as an Association, can show God's love by meeting needs, blessing others, and proclaiming the Gospel to our friends and neighbors in Okmulgee through our acts of service.

This summer the Church Camp schedule will be full starting with Associational Children's Camp, Cross Timbers, Falls Creek and others.

There will be several opportunities to go on Mission Trips. One possibility will be going to **Mobile Missions in Tulsa** June 23-28. As we move forward in our **Colorado Springs Missions Partnership** we will have an association-wide trip July 20-27, we will also be seeking to connect our churches with Colorado churches. These church to church connections will allow for mission trips at other times during the year. We will also be seeking to provide information and connections for international mission opportunities.

For those interested in Disaster Relief, Oklahoma Baptists will be hosting training opportunities.

These and other ministry opportunities are available through NCBA. Find where you and your church can plug in.

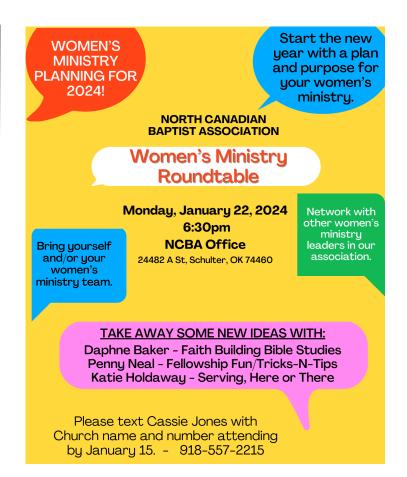
#### **BCM Update**

NCBA has regained occupancy of our Baptist Collegiate Ministries Building. With assistance from our properties team, the OSUIT Carpentry Club, and others much work has been done to refurbish the building. Chairs and other furnishings have been purchased.

Director Jay Roberds is looking forward to taking advantage of this new location to extend the BCM's impact. Please pray for the BCM as it

moves forward.





## **DOM Deliberations**

2024 is here. That means that I have been in this position for 4 years. That does not seem possible. Time really is a fleeting thing. This just serves to reinforce the topic of this month's deliberation. We must Redeem the time. That means that we must not waste it, because once it is gone, it is gone. This time of year, we all think about what we hoped to accomplish last year, and we consider what might have been. We know that we cannot change those things, and so we with the best of intentions, we regroup and make or renew more New Year's Resolutions. Either that or we take a more negative approach and say why bother making them at all.

I would like to suggest that neither is a good approach. Having good intentions without a plan of action and reasonable accountability to carry it out is really nothing more than just wishing. On the other hand, failing to plan is really the same as planning to fail. When we don't try at all and just accept whatever happens, then the best thing that we can expect is the status quo and likely we won't even get that. If indeed we wish to serve God to the best of our abilities, and I believe that we do, then we need to trade in our good intentions for some intentionality and exchange our apathy for a dose of God's vision and a plan to reach it. The best way to do that is to focus on your relationship with the Lord and ask Him to open your eyes to see what He is up to and then to give you the courage to step out and follow Him.

In Joshua chapter 1, God tells Joshua that if he will be strong and courageous and faithfully follow God's leading, that God Himself will go with them and give them the promised land. Friends God has placed before us a land filled with gospel opportunities. Ask God to lead you. Step out and faithfully follow, sharing the Good News as you go. As far as plans go that is a simple but powerful plan.

We all need to seek God and His vision, ask Him to help us to plan to work and then work the plan. If we will do that, then, 2024 will be a great year. Won't you join me? Bro. Bill



# **Celebrations**

### **Birthday**

01/03 Kasey Rogers 01/11 Lawrence Matlock 01/14 Christopher Gore 01/16 Scott Wolf 01/22 Kendell Hamilton 01/31 Lauren Buss 02/15 Justin Tarwater

### Wedding Anniversary

01/02 Ben & Nicolette Taylor 01/03 Jeremy & Lois Kitchen 01/20 Bill & Teresa Rowland



### **Church Anniversary**

01/01 Terry Pittman - Paden 01/04 Justin Wells - Dewar 01/06 Don Baker - Last Chance 01/15 Clint Sinclair - Nuyaka 02/01 Dale Huckabay -Henryetta, FBC

## **Upcoming Events**

## January

New Year's Day/Office Closed Jan 1

Pastor/Staff Fellowship Tuesdays - 10:30 am - Association Office

> Ministry Wives Jan 8 - 6:30 pm - FBC Okmulgee

Martin Luther King Day/Office Closed Jan 15

**Women's Ministry Round Table** Jan 22 - 6:30 - Association Office

Pastor/Staff Breakfast Jan 30 - 9:00 am - Association Office

## February

MVP Pastors and Wives Retreat Feb 2-4

Priority of Preaching Conference Feb 5 - 10:00 am -5:00 pm - OKC, Quail Springs

> Ministry Wives Feb 5 - 6:30 pm - Twin Hills

Pastor/Staff Fellowship Tuesdays - 10:30 am - Association Office

> Rose Day Feb 7

Presidents' Day/Office Closed Feb 19

NCBA Youth Rally Feb 21 - 6:30 pm - FBC Okmulgee

**Pastor/Staff Breakfast** Feb 27 - 9:00 am - Association Office

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