

JANUARY

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

Ministry Wives
No January Meeting

NCBA Young Women's Conference
Saturday January 17th
Calvary Baptist , Okmulgee

Pastor/Staff Breakfast
Tuesday - January 27th - 9:00 am
Association Office

FEBRUARY

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

Ministry Wives
Monday February 2nd—6:00 pm
El Tapatio - Dewar, OK

MVP Retreat
February 6th - 8th
Falls Creek

Youth Rally
February 18th
FBC Okmulgee, OK

Pastor/Staff Breakfast
Tuesday - February 24th - 9:00 am
Association Office



North Canadian Baptist Association

News & Information



Pastor / Staff Fellowship

January

January 6.....Pastor / Staff Meeting
January 13.....Pastor / Staff Meeting
January 20....Pastor / Staff Meeting
January 27....Pastor / Staff Breakfast

February

February 3.....Pastor / Staff Meeting
February 10.....Pastor / Staff Meeting
February 17....Pastor / Staff Meeting
February 24....Pastor / Staff Breakfast

Ladies' Spring Renewal
March 16th
Dewar FBC

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Learning to Share Your Faith

In this day and age sharing our Christian faith can sometimes feel hard. We might fear rejection or worry about saying the wrong thing. Yet God calls every believer to share the Good News. The best way to do that is to let it flow naturally from our daily walk with Him.

Real witness begins with a close relationship with God and a genuine concern for our neighbors. When His love fills our hearts, it shows in our words and actions. We don't share to judge or argue, but to show the hope and forgiveness found in Christ. People already know their own struggles with sin, what they need to see is the grace of God that changes lives.

Our courage grows through prayer, and practice, trusting the Holy Spirit, and remembering how faithful God has been. We don't need to have all the answers—just a heart willing to love, listen, and care. Genuine kindness opens the door for meaningful conversations about faith.

When we focus less on "trying to witness" and more on simply loving people as Jesus did, opportunities to share His truth come naturally. True witnessing is not about pressure, but about letting God's love shine through our lives.

(Read 1 Peter 3:15 and 2 Timothy 4:2.)

-Anonymous

January - February Birthdays / Anniversaries

January Birthdays

Lawrence Matlock 1-11

Shawna Basquez 1-13

Scott Wolf 1-16

Kendell Hamilton 1-22

Jayne Hankins 1-27

Lauren Buss 1-31

January Anniversaries

Ben & Nicolette Taylor 1-02

Jeremy & Lois Kitchen 1-03

Bill & Teresa Rowland 1-20

No

February Birthdays

No

February Anniversaries

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Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE
1.17.26

Focus Age Group
College, Young Married, SAHM, Early Career

8:30A-4:00P
COST-\$10

North Canadian Baptist Association
**YOUNG WOMEN'S
GATHERING**

Hosted at Calvary Baptist Church, Okmulgee
Childcare Available

INVITES YOU TO COME & BRING A FRIEND TO THE
SPRING YOUTH RALLY
**REAL FAITH UNFILTERED:
THE REAL YOU,
THE REAL JESUS**

SPEAKER: DUNCAN BLACKWELL
PASTOR - FBC ELK CITY, OK

**6:30 PM
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026
FBC OKMULGEE**

Upcoming Events

NCBA INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US AT OUR
**Spring
Evangelism
Rally**

PREACHER
TOM
ELLIFF

MUSIC
JOE
MCKEEN

MARCH 8TH | 6:00 PM
FBC - OKEMAH

NCBA INVITES YOU TO
Join the
**KID-REACH
RALLY!**

AGES 3RD - 6TH GRADE

GUEST SPEAKER
BRANDON BOMGARTEN

6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
DEWAR, FBC

DOM's Deliberations

Finding Renewal and Faith in Challenging Times

In times of financial strain, it's easy to view the challenges before us as a crisis or reason to panic. Yet, as an association of churches united by faith, we understand that God often works through adversity to reveal what truly matters. Our current financial challenges are not a signal to despair, but a reminder to refocus on stewardship, faithfulness, and trust in God's provision. Throughout Scripture and history, God has repeatedly shown that seasons of need can become opportunities for renewal, creativity, and deeper dependence on Him.

Stewardship Over Fear

Rather than reacting in fear, this is a moment to examine how we use the resources entrusted to us. With reduced giving across our congregations and some churches cutting their percentage of support, we are being called upon to do more with less—to find ways to serve effectively and faithfully even when we are feeling the pinch because resources are stretched thin. In some ways it feels like this is an impossible task like being asked to make bricks without straw; but in reality it is more like God taking Gideon down a path of doing more with less, so that only God can get the glory. This is a time to prioritize mission over maintenance, to focus on impact rather than comfort, and to encourage generosity that comes from conviction rather than convenience. We must also remember that God will always fund the ministries that are in line with His will, so we must make certain that our focus is on God and what He is leading us to do.

Financial tightening often brings clarity—it helps us distinguish between what is essential to the Kingdom's work and what is merely familiar.

Faith in Every Season

Most importantly, this season tests our faith, both individually and collectively. We serve a God who multiplies what seems small and sustains His people through every storm. By facing these challenges with prayer, wisdom, and cooperation, we position ourselves for God to do something new among us. This is not a panic button moment—it is a wake-up call to renew our trust, restore our vision, and reaffirm that the mission of Christ's church is never hindered by circumstance, but strengthened through faith.

A Call to Prayer

As we move forward, let's commit ourselves to prayer—for our churches, our leaders, and the mission we share. Pray that God will provide fresh vision, renewed generosity, and a unified spirit among our congregations. Ask the Lord to reveal how each of us can play a part in strengthening His work, even in challenging times.

Together, let's seek His wisdom and depend on His promise to supply every need as we remain faithful to His calling.

Reflection Verse - "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

— Philipians 4:19

Happy New Year
Brother Bill