



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

EVERY NUMBER HAS A STORY

3,300 Oklahoma Disaster Relief volunteers...
hands and feet of Christ to hurting people



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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
LOVE IN ACTION

A LOST WORLD...
TOUCHED BY OUR WITNESS...
CHANGED BY OUR LORD.



“More and more men and women
believed in the Lord and were
added to their number.”

Acts 5:14 NIV

A LETTER FROM DR. JORDAN

Dear Oklahoma Baptists,

Every Number Has a Story!

In Acts 5:14 the Scripture says, “*More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.*” Although this Scripture talks about more and more men and women, we must remember the focus was on individuals whose lives were radically changed when they met Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. ***Every Number Has a Story!***

You hold in your hands the Annual Report of our work as Oklahoma Baptists. While there are many numbers in this book, may I remind you that stories of changed lives are the heartbeat behind the statistics. ***Every Number Has a Story!***

Just consider:

- As the new school year began 8,956 students who attended the Youth Evangelism Conference prepared to share their faith in Christ with their peers.
- Record attendance at Falls Creek brought a record number of decisions – 5,453 public decisions included 1,548 professions of faith and 981 called to ministry. These individuals went back to their hometowns, churches and schools to make an impact for Christ.
- Through ACROSS Oklahoma, 800,000 homes received materials about salvation and local churches. One young woman from Waukomis shared with the pastor’s wife that she had accepted the Lord as her Savior because she read the brochure delivered to her door.

Because you are a member of a cooperating Oklahoma Baptist church, you have been a part of each life that has been changed. You have been a part of every story in this book.

Thank you for your participation in the Cooperative Program. May God bless you and your church as you continue to serve Him. May we see many new lives brought into Christ’s Kingdom in the year ahead.

Every Number Has a Story!



Anthony L. Jordan
Executive Director–Treasurer



A LETTER FROM DR. JORDAN





PROVERBS 31:30

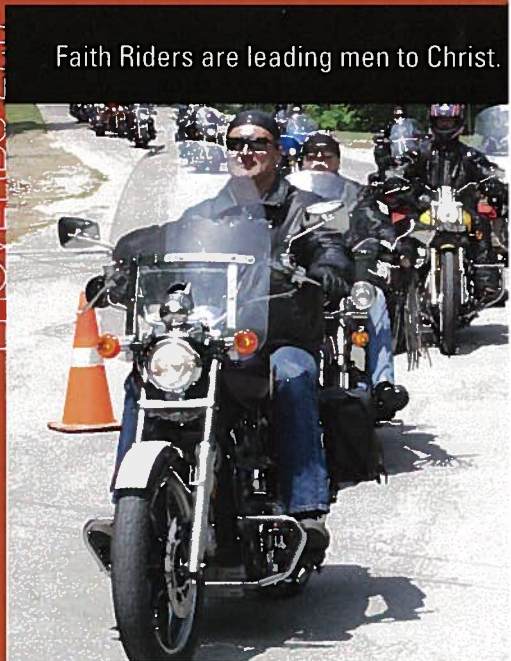
Oklahoma Ladies Retreat inspired women to walk by faith.

ADULT MINISTRIES

- Adult Discipleship
- Adults on Mission
- Bivocational Pastor and Staff Development
- Bridging the Creek Senior Adult Conference
- Building Powerful Ministry Teams
- Church Library Ministries
- Deacon Ministry
- Demographic Studies
- Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry
- Family Ministry
- Father/Daughter Weekend
- Father/Son Weekend
- Golden Gate Contextual Learning Centers
- Hispanic Sunday School Materials
- Lead Like Jesus
- Leadership Development
- Marriage Enrichment
- Men's Fraternity
- Men's Ministry
- Men's Retreat
- Ministerial Counseling
- Ministers' Wives Weekend
- Missional Ministry Conference
- Missions and Ministries Celebration
- Mother/Daughter Weekend
- Oklahoma Baptist Symphony
- Oklahoma Bible Conference
- Oklahoma Ladies Retreat

- Oklahoma Southern Baptist Secretaries
- Pastoral Learning Communities
- Robert Haskins School of Leadership
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Single Adult Ministry
- Statewide Women's Enrichment and Education Training (S.W.E.E.T. Spots)
- Sunday School
- Technology Training
- Transitional Pastor Ministry
- Women's Missions & Ministries
- Women's Missionary Union
- Worship & Music Ministry

PROVERBS 27:17



Faith Riders are leading men to Christ.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program thousands of Oklahomans are ministered to with the love of Jesus.

Family and Men's Ministry

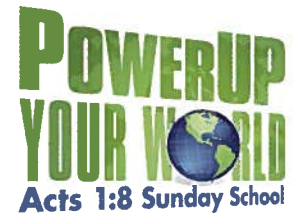
More than 2,200 men attended the "Rewired" Oklahoma State Men's Retreat, recording over 30 professions of faith, and more than 325 motorcycle riders participated in the "Rewired Rally to Falls Creek." Fifty-seven dads and daughters attended the first ever Father/Daughter Weekend and nearly 200 fathers and sons attended Father/Son weekends at CrossTimbers. There were 75 pastors and staff trained in Prepare/Enrich marriage counseling training.

Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry

In 2008, the Family and Men's Ministry launched a new local church motorcycle ministry called Faith Riders in more than 20 churches throughout Oklahoma. Every participating church recorded reaching families through this ministry. Twenty-five riders from across Oklahoma traveled to Sturgis, South Dakota, to participate in the South Dakota Baptist Convention's 2008 Sturgis Mission where there were 1,344 professions of faith.

PowerUP Your Sunday School Strategies

PowerUP Your World, the latest strategy for developing a missional Sunday School, was released in 2008. Since introducing the original PowerUP Resource in 2006, over 2,000 PowerUP Kits have been released. The PowerUP strategy has been adopted in five state conventions. PowerUP Your World is the most comprehensive missional Sunday School strategy to date and challenges each person and class in the church in a holistic approach to personal spiritual growth and living life as a missionary in their community.



Women's Missions and Ministries

A pastor's wife wrote, "This was one of the best weekends I have ever experienced. I now know that I am not alone. I even have a prayer partner for this year. Thank you so much!" The Ministers' Wives Weekend is just one example of the many ways Oklahoma Baptist women's leaders are equipped and encouraged. More than 200 pastors' wives attended the weekend event, with 561 women receiving missions and evangelism training at S.W.E.E.T Spots. This year was the largest-ever Oklahoma Ladies Retreat at Falls Creek with more than 3,000 women who were encouraged to walk by faith. Perhaps most significantly, 10,000 miles were logged on Pray ACROSS Oklahoma, a statewide prayer walking effort on March 8.



ISAIAH 12:4

Baptist Collegiate Ministries empower students to serve all over the world.

COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

Cameron University
 Carl Albert State College
 Collegiate Ministries at the BGC
 Connors State College
 Eastern Oklahoma State College
 Langston University
 Murray State College
 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
 Northeastern State University
 Northern Oklahoma College
 Northeastern State University/Tulsa
 Community College Southeast at
 Broken Arrow
 Northern Oklahoma College and
 Northwestern Oklahoma State
 University at Enid
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Oklahoma Baptist University
 Oklahoma University Health
 Sciences Center
 Oklahoma State University at
 Oklahoma City
 Oklahoma City Community College
 Oklahoma City University
 Oklahoma State University
 Oklahoma State University at Okmulgee
 Oklahoma University

Panhandle State University
 Redlands Community College
 Rogers State University
 Rose State College
 Seminole State College
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 at Sayre
 Tulsa Community College
 Tulsa Community College Northeast
 Tulsa Community College West
 Tulsa University
 University of Central Oklahoma
 University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
 Western Oklahoma State College
www.MajorThing.com

PSALMS 86:11



COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program college students are reached, trained and sent out.

Collegiate Ministry – Moving Lives Forward

I met Joe the first night of our “Don’t Waste Your Life” Bible study. At the urging of his friends he began coming to the BCM meetings at Southeastern. He said that God had been on his mind lately and he was on a quest to discover Him. I explained to him that to be a follower of Jesus, a person must confess with his mouth that Jesus is Lord and also believe in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and through these confessions he would be saved. I then asked him, “What do you think?” He told me that he doesn’t have a problem confessing that Jesus is Lord, but he wasn’t sure if he believed that Jesus was actually raised from the dead. For Joe, Jesus was a good man, maybe the best man ever, but he wasn’t ready to follow Him with his life.

The next week Joe came back to our meeting. “Do you remember what we talked about last week?” I asked. “Yes,” he said. I asked him, “What has God been saying to you?” “I believe” was his simple reply. I said, “You do?” “Yes,” he said firmly. So in the manner of one week, I had met Joe, explained the Gospel to him; he’d weighed the truth of the Scripture, and he had committed his life to follow Jesus. The following week Joe told our large group meeting of his new found faith, began attending church and was baptized. He is now an active part of our group. Joe’s life was moved forward from darkness into light.

- Brandon Brister, Director, SOSU

BCM is striving to be a spiritual “Rapid Transit System” moving the lives of college students forward as quickly as possible, reaching them, training them and sending them to their world.

Last year 8,708 college students were engaged on 35 campuses, with 139 making first time commitments to Jesus. Of those, 642 were involved in training programs and 710 served in mission ventures. Regarding missions, BCM students served in Oklahoma through Baptist Homes for Children, CrossTimbers, DaySpring Villa, Falls Creek, Kiamichi Baptist Assembly, Summit Camps and multiple other camps. Others served as youth and children’s interns in Oklahoma churches. Still others served in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Vermont, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Asia, Central Asia, East Asia, Southeast China, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, England, Guatemala, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Tanzania and Venezuela.

OKLAHOMA BCM
...moving lives forward

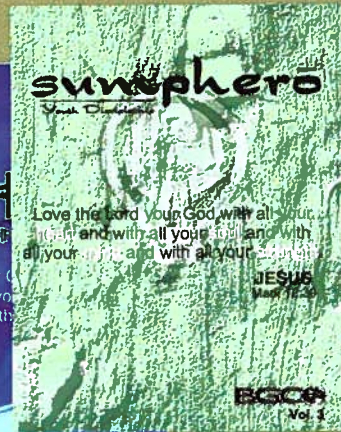
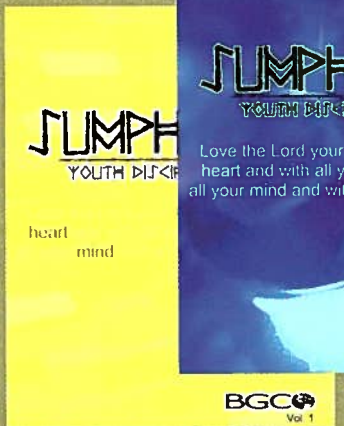


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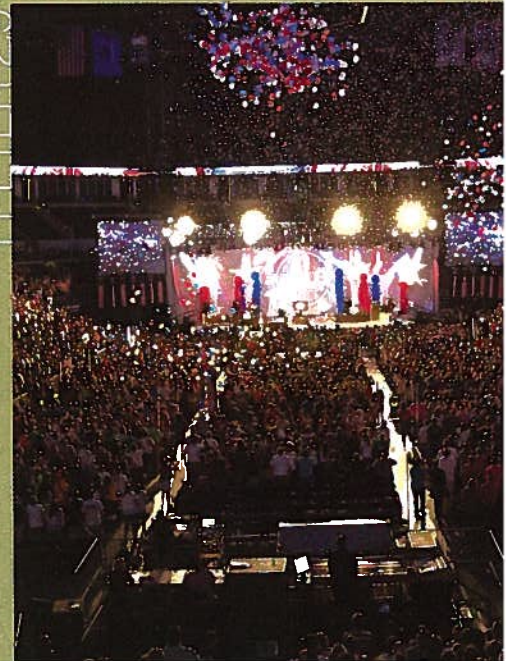
GO students share the Gospel in Wales.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

- All-State Baptist Choir and Orchestra
- Evangelistic "Fish Clubs" on High School and Middle School Campuses
- Falls Creek Youth Weeks
- GO Students International Mission Trips
- Oklahoma Youth Ministers Association
- Oklahoma Youth Ministry Forum
- See You At The Pole Rallies
- Sumpherō Youth Discipleship
- www.Code2Life.com
- www.skopos.org
- Youth Evangelism Conference
- Youth Pastor Mentoring
- Youth Worker Leadership Training



1 PETER 2:9



STUDENT MINISTRIES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program the Gospel of Christ is being carried to schools throughout Oklahoma.

2008 YEC (Youth Evangelism Conference)

The largest gathering of Oklahoma Southern Baptists each year is the annual Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC). August 8-9, 2008, the Ford Center in Oklahoma City hosted 8,956 students and leaders to hear the challenge to return to their school sharing Christ. The theme for the conference was "Jesus 08," but the focus of the weekend was challenging and equipping students to return to school living their faith, sharing their faith and focusing on who is their leader. Wes Hamilton, Ben Fuqua, Pocket Full of Rocks, 33Miles, Hawk Nelson and Run Kid Run were the special guests at the 2008 YEC.

Before the evening session of YEC, more than 1,200 students and leaders prayer walked, served in economically-challenged neighborhoods or distributed materials around the Oklahoma City area to help local church starts. After the Mission YEC projects, students gathered at Moore, First Baptist for breakout training conferences on practical ways to live and share their faith. The YEC was followed on Saturday evening by Christian Family Day at Frontier City with an "Idea Walk Through" for leaders and an outdoor concert with Sanctus Real.

2008 Falls Creek Youth Weeks

The simplicity of "The Lord is my Shepherd" was the main focus for the Graze 2008 Falls Creek Youth Camp. Thousands of students and adults at Falls Creek were challenged to understand more about God as they considered what it really means for the Lord to be their Shepherd; He is present with them, providing for them, protecting them and He has a plan for them.

The youth weeks during the summer of 2008 hosted 926 churches, 41,983 full time campers, and 54,990 total campers, which are all new records for Falls Creek. During the eight weeks of camp there were 5,453 public decisions, including 1,548 professions of faith and 981 publicly called to ministry.

Falls Creek is best understood through the lives of teenagers who shared their faith for the first time during the student-led invitation counseling; through students who walked into the Wynn Center for World Missions and asked about the next step in sharing their faith at school and overseas; or through the life of a student who just came to camp to skateboard, but went home a follower of Jesus with a skateboard.

GO Students

Our students were fulfilling the call of God on their lives to leave the comforts of Oklahoma to share Christ in the United Kingdom with people they had never met. They interacted in the immigrant neighborhoods with people from all over the Middle East and North Africa and had the unique opportunity to tell them for the first time about Jesus.

GO Students 2008 had 206 high school students and adults from 96 different churches serving for ten days in July on a GO Students Mission Team in the United Kingdom. Each team member spent hours prayer walking, sharing the Gospel with people of various cultural backgrounds, learning from IMB missionaries about their daily task and studying the Scriptures to learn the heart of God for all people.

Sumpherō Youth Discipleship

Sumpherō (some-fair-o) Youth Discipleship is a thirty-two session curriculum of interactive discipleship designed to engage students in eight specific spiritual disciplines. Authored and piloted by Oklahoma youth pastors, Sumpherō is a free downloadable resource offered by the BGCÖ Student Ministry. More than 315 churches from 16 states have accessed Sumpherō Volume One and more than 120 churches have downloaded Sumpherō Volume Two. Volume Three was released in the fall of 2008.

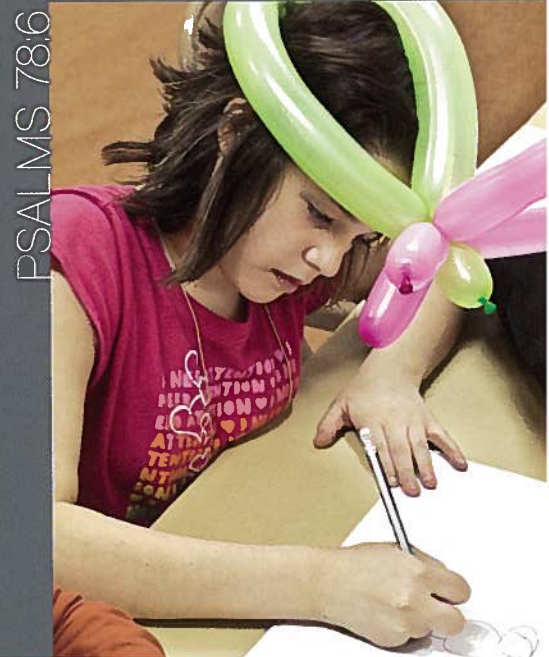


PROVERBS 22:6

Activities teach children about the love of Jesus Christ.

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills
- Children in Action
- Children's Ministry
- Children's Mission Education
- Church Weekday Education
- CrossTimbers Mission Adventure Camp
- Girls in Action
- Heart of a Child Convention
- January Update
- Ministers of Childhood Education Association
- Mission Friends
- Mission Ignition
- Preschool Ministry
- Preteen Ministry
- Royal Ambassadors
- Special Needs Ministry
- TeamKid
- Vacation Bible School



PSALMS 78:6

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program Oklahoma children are taught about the love of Christ.

Vacation Bible School

Aloha! Surf's up! *Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth* was the 2008 VBS theme. This year, Oklahoma churches enrolled 40,300 children and celebrated 1,300 decisions for Christ. How exciting!!! Children were able to learn how to know, speak and live God's truth. This tropical adventure helped kids develop the stability they need to become unshakable in a world of shifting sands.

Mission Ignition

This year marked the beginning of a new focus for Oklahoma children called *Mission Ignition*. We invited children from all over the state to join us for this one-day exploration of missions. Activities for this event included low ropes, cartooning, crafts and a variety of mission adventures the children could take part in. This year over 1,000 people participated in *Mission Ignition* from 32 different Baptist churches. Children were able to gain a better understanding of missions, and they obtained a stronger desire to do missions where they are located. Five children were nominated and recognized as recipients of the "Mission Ignition Outstanding Service Award" and many children's groups accepted the challenge of serving others in 2008.

Church Weekday Education

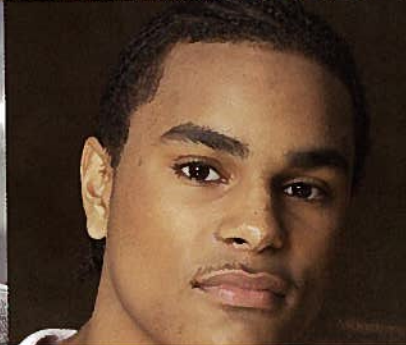
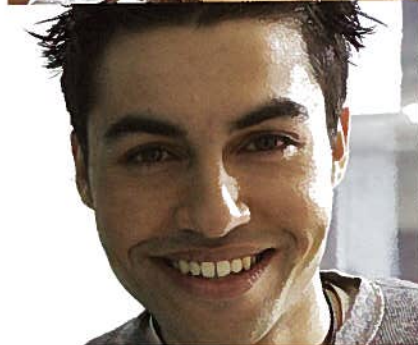
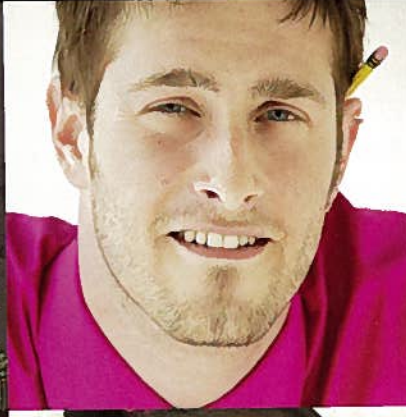
Nicole and her husband came to church after they had been invited by their daughter's daycare teacher and they both accepted Christ. Mom says: "You could never dream that a 4-year-old could change her entire family, but she did." Oklahoma Baptists trained 442 church weekday directors and teachers at the 2008 Church Weekday Annual Workshop *Come Grow With Me* held at Moore, First Baptist. The attendees were encouraged to guide boys and girls to grow as Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. The two-day event offered 51 breakout sessions with 29 conference leaders that equipped participants from Southern Baptist, Nazarene, Methodist, Presbyterian, Assemblies of God, Christian and nondenominational churches.

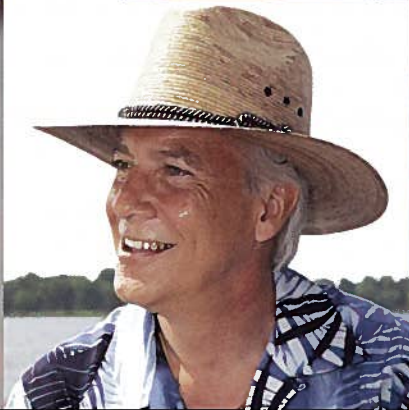
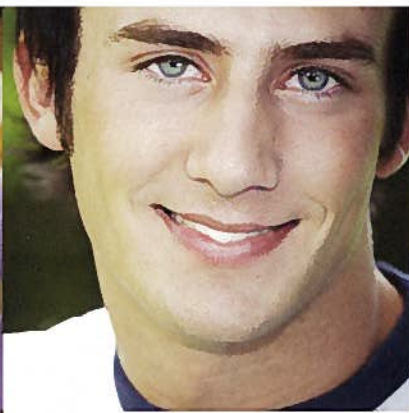
Heart of the Child Convention

Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Kansas-Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas joined efforts to equip preschool and children's leadership in all areas of ministry at the 2008 Preschool and Children's Convention. Over 1,200 leaders from these state conventions chose from over 145 breakout sessions with 70 conference leaders, which concentrated on the specifics of Sunday School, discipleship, worship, missions, recreation and fellowships, and weekday ministries. Leaders were challenged, encouraged, and led to worship by guest speakers Dr. Thom Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources; Jerry Vogel, Manager of Childhood Publishing, LifeWay; Daryl Eldridge, President, Rockbridge Seminary; and Christian Recording Artist, Jason Catron.

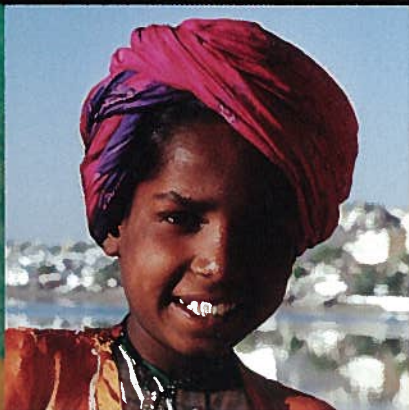


FACE TO FACE WITH





6,357,436 PEOPLE



***Jerusalem...Judea...
Samaria...The Ends of the Earth***

Acts 1:8 is possible when we partner together.





ROMANS 10:17

Communicating Christ to a sight and sound generation.

CHURCH SERVICES

- ACP (Annual Church Profile)
- Annuity Checks to Widows
- Anti-Gambling Sunday Awareness
- Baptist Messenger*
- Baptist Messenger News Web site*
(www.baptistmessenger.com)
- BGCO Communications Strategies
- BGCO Resource Web site (www.bgco.org)
- ChurchComm Conference
- Church Communication Strategies
- Compensation Studies
- Crisis Communications
- Demographics
- Electronic Video Communications
- Ethics & Religious Liberty Committee (ERLC)
- ERLC Alerts
- ERLC Day at the Capitol
- Family Day at the Capitol
- GuideStone
- Interactive Web Communications
- Media Relations
- Messenger Radio Broadcast
- Messenger Radio Web site
(www.messengerradio.com)
- Pro-Life Sunday Awareness
- Print Operations for Churches
and Ministries

- Public Affairs
- Radio Production
- Rose Day
- Strategic Planning
- Television Production

PSALMS 145:4



ChurchComm

CHURCH SERVICES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program we can assist Oklahoma churches in communicating the message of Christ.

Baptist Messenger

The *Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma's third-largest news publication, was recognized by the Evangelical Press Association with the group's Award of Excellence for Most Improved Publication in 2007. The *Baptist Messenger* continues to share, through feature stories and news articles, what God is doing in Oklahoma and around the world.



Public and Media Affairs

2008 was another successful year helping protect the unborn with the passage of SB 1878. This year the 17th annual Rose Day Rally at the State Capitol had nearly 700 in attendance. By serving as the voice of Oklahoma Baptists, the BGCO gave more than 150 media interviews in 2008. This year the Communications Team hosted ChurchComm, the first ever Church Communications Conference. More than 110 people representing 48 churches from all over the state of Oklahoma attended. ChurchComm was offered free of charge to all churches, to provide solutions to better communicate to the church and community.

Electronic Video Communications

In 2008, the Electronic Media Department produced the "Now is the Time" Oklahoma State Missions Offering DVD, PowerUP Your World videos, the Messenger Radio program, Cooperative Program videos as well as several promotional videos and training events. Last year's projects resulted in six Baptist Communicator's Awards.

Interactive Web Communications

In 2008, BGCO launched a revised Web site – www.BGCO.org. The revisions expanded functionality and streamlined navigation designed to make it easier to find the many resources offered online by BGCO ministries. Online registration for Falls Creek youth camp was utilized for a second year, and a new addition to the Falls Creek Web site was the creation of an online staff application.

Print Operations

One area of growth we are experiencing is the development of materials for church capital campaigns. Our staff is taking the projects from development and design to providing the church with all finished printed pieces. Another area of change is bringing the mailing of the *Baptist Messenger* in-house. When this project is complete, the convention will save thousands of dollars in mailing costs per year.

Information Services

Compensation Survey – Churches across Oklahoma are striving to provide adequate compensation for their pastors and staff members. The 2008 Church Compensation Survey, completed by over 1,000 Oklahoma pastors and staff members, is used by budget and finance committees to bring salaries to standard levels.

Retirement and Insurance – Over one-third of our churches provide Church Retirement Plan contributions for their pastors and staff members. In addition, the BGCO provides disability and survivor protection benefits, as well as matching contributions to eligible participants. Medical and life insurance is another great need provided by many churches to pastors, staff members and their families. More churches each year begin offering these important benefits. Multiple conferences and church visits are held each year to encourage and inform churches of this need.

Regional Tax Seminars – Seven Regional Tax Seminars attended by over 250 churches helped ministers, church treasurers and others know how to set up salary packages to best benefit their pastors and staff members as well as the churches.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Evangelism efforts in Oklahoma lead to changed lives forever.

EVANGELISM

- ACROSS Oklahoma Evangelistic Campaign
- CROSS Evangelism
- Ethnic Church Evangelism
- Evangelism Conferences
- Evangelism Resources
- Evangelistic Events
- Evangelistic "Fish Clubs" on High School and Middle School Campuses
- Internet Evangelism
- Oklahoma Life Media Campaign
- Personal Evangelism Training
- State Evangelism Conference
- Women's Emphasis at the State Evangelism Conference
- Youth Evangelism Conference
- www.MajorThing.com
- www.MostImportantThing.com
- Youth Evangelism Conference



ROMANS 10:14

EVANGELISM

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program, homes ACROSS Oklahoma were touched with the Gospel.

Evangelism

March 2008 found Oklahoma Baptists gearing up for one of the largest evangelistic efforts in our convention's history. We reached more than 800,000 homes with the Gospel and an invitation to a local congregation for an evangelistic Easter service. This year, Women's Missions and Ministries kicked off this historic event as they led us to Pray ACROSS Oklahoma on March 8. The Sunday School department prepared five weeks' worth of tips on how to connect the prospects that were discovered to a Sunday School class. These two new additions to the event along with a new tag on our statewide commercial which said—"This Easter discover Life through Jesus Christ at a Southern Baptist church in your community," drilled the seed of the Gospel deep into the lives of Oklahomans across the state.

The door-to-door Gospel distribution was a very important aspect of the campaign. The commercial was broadcast in every section of our State throughout the month of March. This commercial was born out of extensive research on what lost people are thinking about in Oklahoma. It was said that the commercial scratched the itch that was identified through the research. One example of this came from Danny Marney, pastor at Waukomis. He shared that on Easter Sunday they had a young female visitor who wanted to talk to his wife. She began sharing the plan of salvation and the girl told her she had gotten saved a few days earlier because she had read the brochure that the church placed on her door previously. They are so excited! Later the church received a call from someone else who wanted to know how to be saved. The person who answered the phone said she knew how she got saved, but wasn't sure how to tell someone else; then she remembered the ACROSS pen with the Gospel presentation in it that the pastor had given her. She pulled out the Gospel presentation from the ACROSS pen and shared with the caller, who then prayed to receive Christ.

Research on Oklahoma Baptist churches has revealed that our largest decline in baptisms and Sunday School enrollment is among young adults, ages 18 to 34. Churches are struggling with ways to reach, keep, and deploy these "emerging generations" for the cause of Christ. To assist in this effort, the BGCO has established the position of Emerging Generations Evangelism Specialist. Cris Lowery has moved into this role, giving his full attention to this great effort.

Oklahoma Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists is composed of men and women who have committed themselves to impacting our world through evangelism. Oklahoma is fortunate to have some of the most sought after and Godly men and women serving as Vocational Evangelists in our state. Last year they gave of their time during a busy time of year to participate in simultaneous revivals in Utah. This was an effort as part of our convention's partnership with that state. God blessed everyone who went on the trip and several salvations were recorded in the churches. These evangelists are committed to evangelizing our world, so it is no surprise that they would see the bus breaking down in New Mexico as an opportunity to lead the mechanic to salvation. They all agreed that while they were anxious to get home, they wouldn't have missed the opportunity to see this man accept Christ.



ROMANS 15:20-21

Through partnership missions we have the opportunity to share the gospel in many countries.

MISSIONS

- Acteens
- Adults on Mission
- Baptist Builders
- Baptist Nursing Fellowship
- Campers on Mission
- Charity Pharmacy and Medical Clinics
- Children in Action
- Christian Women's Job Corps
- ConNEXTtion Bible Studies
- Deaf and Blind Ministry
- Disaster Relief
- Edna McMillan State Missions Offering
- Ethnic Church Building Emergency Fund
- Girls in Action
- Heart Call
- Hunger Funds Ministry
- Leadership Training Ministry for Church
- Missions and Ministries Celebration
- Mission Friends
- On Mission Celebration
- Partnership Missions
- Rodeo and Cowboy Ministry
- Statewide Women's Enrichment and Education Training (S.W.E.E.T. Spots)
- Volunteers in Missions
- Women on Mission
- Youth in Action

- Chaplaincy...
 - Corporate
 - Disaster Relief
 - Fire Department
 - Hospice
 - Hospital
 - Jail/Prison
 - Law Enforcement
 - Motorcycle Events
 - Oil Patch
 - Resort
 - Special Events
 - State Fair
 - Truck Stop
 - Wagon Train

- Church Planting...
 - African American
 - Anglo
 - Asian Ethnic
 - Cowboy
 - Hispanic
 - Native American

MISSIONS

Through your participation in the Cooperative Program the Gospel is being carried from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the Ends of the Earth.

Disaster Relief

Jerry Benson, State Mudout Team Leader for Disaster Relief, has been a very busy man this past year leading scores of Oklahomans on missions assisting in flooded and destroyed homes across Oklahoma, Iowa and south Texas. His influence as a "volunteer on mission" has spread through Watonga, First Baptist. Some individuals in the church made their first "disaster mission trip" following the Picher tornado. Pastor Rick Harrison said because many people in the church have found a place to do hands on missions, a renewed commitment to missions in their church has come about. Watonga had extensive damage from the August 2007 storms, and now they are helping others who have experienced similar difficulties.

In the past year Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief responded to nine federally declared disasters in Oklahoma; from floods, to fires and tornadoes and ice storms. Oklahoma Baptists were also called upon to serve disaster victims in Kansas, Michigan, Iowa, Texas, California and Burma (Myanmar). Approximately 4,000 volunteers served in these efforts.

Partnership Missions

Michael Staton, pastor of Mustang, First Baptist, led his church on a church planting mission project to Zorcuá, Mexico, in the state of Guerrero. Pastor Staton stated, "This is just what we've been looking and praying for." Oklahoma Baptists have joined Guerrero Baptists in a church planting movement in order to evangelize their state. Partnership Missions is seeking 24 Oklahoma churches to adopt a church plant in Mexico and partner with the church planting team there to see the church grow and establish in these selected unevangelized towns. Fourteen church plants have been started in the past year in Guerrero.

Oklahoma Baptists currently have formal partnerships in Bangladesh, Armenia, Mexico, Utah/Idaho, and New Orleans. Each of these partnership areas received several Oklahoma teams within the past year. These teams have focused on evangelism and church planting. Oklahoma vocational evangelists joined with several state pastors in helping Utah/Idaho have simultaneous revival services in September 2008.

Church Planting

Twenty-year-old Amanda accepted Christ on August 3, 2008, only seven months after the first worship service of University Fellowship Church, a new church in Norman. Pastor Matt McIntosh said that a ladies small group built relationships with Amanda. She readily accepted Christ and now continues to follow and serve Christ through this new church.

In the last twelve months, 50 new Baptist churches have been planted with 428 people following Christ in believer's baptism. Half of these new churches are primarily ethnic in membership, and most of these worship in a language other than English. Of the English language churches, several are oriented toward certain cultural expressions, such as cowboys, motorcycle enthusiasts or young adults. These new churches are extending God's Kingdom by sharing the Gospel with the lost and helping them to find eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Chaplaincy

A "hard core" biker from Ardmore rode his motorcycle to Sturgis, South Dakota for the annual gathering of several hundred thousand Harley-Davidson enthusiasts. While there an Oklahoma Baptist chaplain shared Jesus Christ with him and he repented of his sins and trusted Jesus as Lord. Now he is part of an Oklahoma Baptist church and growing as a new follower of Christ.

Three hundred fifteen Oklahoma Baptist chaplains serve in 27 different areas of chaplaincy, from disaster relief to prison and jail. They serve in hospitals and in the oil patch and in just about every other place where people gather. In the past 12 months, 105 individuals have completed some form of chaplaincy training.



1 TIMOTHY 1:5

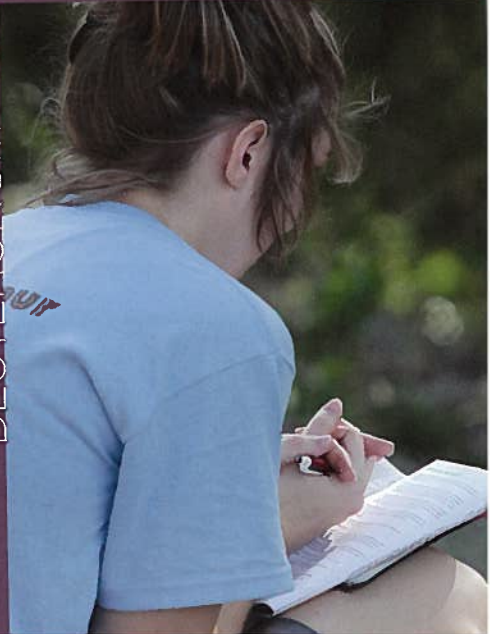
CrossTimbers prepares children for the adventure of following Christ.

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST CAMPS

- Associational Children's Camp
- Associational Outreach Leadership
- Chaplain Spouse Retreat
- CrossTimbers Children's
Mission Adventure Camp
- Director of Missions Annuity Tax Seminar
- Director of Missions Retreat
- Falls Creek Youth Camp
- Father/Daughter Weekend
- Father/Son Weekend
- Historical Society Meeting
- Indian Falls Creek
- Mother/Daughter Weekend



DEUTERONOMY 11:19



OKLAHOMA BAPTIST CAMPS

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program more than 45,628 have been touched through the ministry of four camps.

CrossTimbers Camp

CrossTimbers Children's Mission Adventure Camp set sail for a smooth first year! By efficiently combining Nunny Cha-ha Girl's Camp and using Camp Hudgen's location in McAlester, we were able to increase the quality of camp life through your support, prayers and generous giving. Renovations in lodging, camp equipment and programming unlocked an exciting future for the CrossTimber's vision. CrossTimbers welcomed 3rd through 6th grade campers and offered the following camping options:

- 6 Co-ed Weeks
- 1 All Boys Week
- 1 All Girls Week
- 1 Special Needs Week - Camp Perfect Wings

Every day, children experienced hands-on mission activities such as a hike to an African village, cooking and eating real foreign foods, joining Campers on Missions, by helping build a real building and playing Wheel of Fortune to learn about the Cooperative Program. The average attendance for the main co-ed sessions was 145. God worked in the lives of 96 young campers with many decisions for salvations and rededications! With only 10 percent of the property actually being utilized, we anticipate great support from Oklahoma Baptists and await God's provision in the years to come.

Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center

Did you know that last year Falls Creek served over 85,000 people? Did you know that 30,000 of those were not during the summer months? Falls Creek is much more than just a great facility or eight weeks of youth camp. It is a place ready to serve all ages year-round.

Over the decades the place called "Falls Creek" has transitioned from a summer tent city into a year-round, full service conference center. Motel lodging, meeting rooms, meal service and a wide range of recreational opportunities for groups of 30 or 3,000 are offered. Falls Creek staff has expanded increasing services and improving quality in a commitment to make disciples and impact lostness.

For 91 years Falls Creek has been a quiet place where God has radically affected the lives of hundreds of thousands in a way that has rippled across the globe. We are ready to see it happen again in the next 91 years, because what happens at The Creek impacts the world.



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Oklahoma Baptist University graduated 282 students in 2007-2008.

BGCO AFFILIATES

- 82 Fields of Study
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care, Hugo
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care, OKC
- Assisted Living, OKC
- Assisted Living, Owasso
- Baptist Children's Home, OKC
- Baptist Children's Home, Owasso
- Baptist Home Care, Cleveland
- Baptist Home Care, OKC
- Baptist Home Care, Owasso
- Baptist Home for Girls, Madill
- Boys Ranch Town, Edmond
- Case Management, Tulsa County
- Charitable Trust Administration and Investment Management
- Church Financing
- Comprehensive Campus Ministry Program
- DiscipleNow Teams
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Endowment Ministry
- Exploring Your Call Conference
- Global Missions Equipping
- Hope Pregnancy Centers, OKC
- Hope Pregnancy Centers, Tulsa
- Maternity Services, Owasso
- M.B.A. Master's Degree Program
- Nursing Care, Hugo

- Nursing Care, Owasso
- Nursing Care, OKC
- OBU Special Emphasis Sunday
- Oklahoma Baptist Pastors Winter Bible Study Clinic
- Planned Giving
- Preaching Ministry
- Residential Care, Ada
- Residential Care, Okmulgee
- Residential Living, Ada
- Residential Living, Broken Arrow
- Residential Living, Cleveland
- Residential Living, Hugo
- Residential Living, Lake Texoma
- Residential Living, OKC
- Residential Living, Okmulgee
- Residential Living, Owasso
- Skilled Nursing, Hugo
- Skilled Nursing, OKC
- Skilled Nursing, Owasso
- Ten Bachelor's Degree Programs
- Training Institute
- Weekly Chapel Program
- Worship Ministry Teams

BGCO AFFILIATES

Through our participation in the Cooperative Program we minister to all ages and stages of life.

The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma

The Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma receives and manages gifts that strengthen Southern Baptist ministries. Approximately \$10 million was distributed to more than 300 charitable causes in Oklahoma, across the nation and around the world. These numbers had many stories behind them — the stories of donors who sincerely wanted to help ministries or stories of lives improved because of generous gifts. Donors' gifts affected and improved the lives around them, creating a generous story behind the Foundation's numbers.

Baptist Village Retirement Communities

Oklahoma Baptist Village Communities marked 50 years of ministry in 2008. God has truly blessed this ministry over these 50 years and now we serve over 2,100 people every day. In the fall of 2008 ground was broken on a new assisted living and memory care neighborhood at Baptist Village of Broken Arrow. To celebrate 50 years of ministry, BVRC launched the "Life Without Limits" campaign to raise \$700,000 for new transportation for the residents and to provide funds for the Larry and Edwine Adams Assistance Fund, which provides support to residents with financial needs. With eight villages, three home health agencies, case management and medical equipment, BVRC is poised to move forward in shaping the future of aging services.

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children

This year Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children celebrated 97 professions of faith while providing a home for more than 300 children on its four campuses. OBHC's AfterCare Program provided follow-up care and continued relationships with more than 630 young people. In addition, three pregnancy centers welcomed more than 3,559 client visits. Eighty-seven percent of the young women who received ultrasounds chose life for their babies.

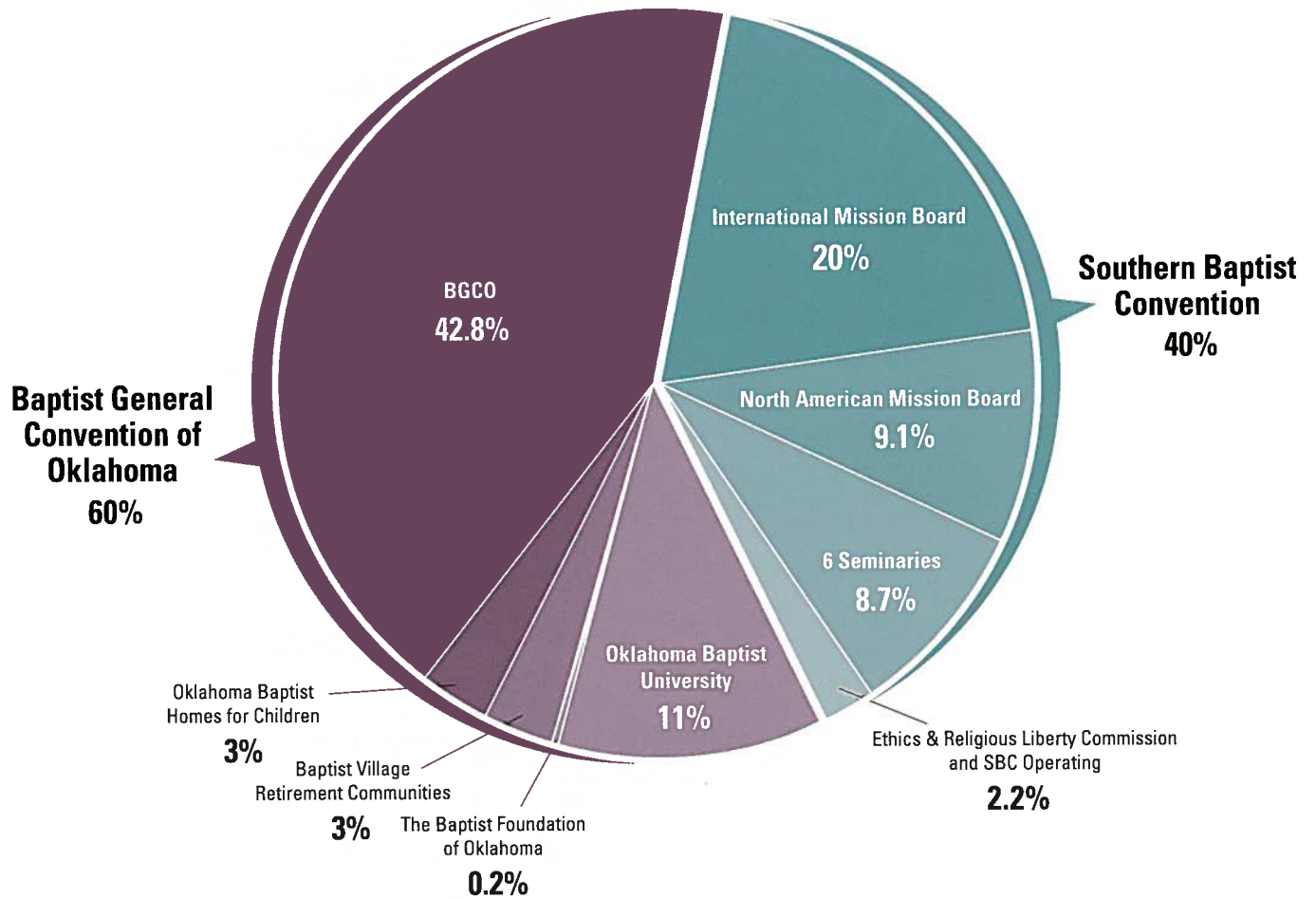
Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma Baptist University graduated 282 students in the 2007-2008 academic year. Students participated in campus worship, discipleship and ministry, including six global missions ventures. Recognized as the worldwide leader in the number of graduates serving as IMB missionaries, OBU had six students enter the IMB Journeyman Program. Education graduates had a 97.2 percent pass rate on state certification exams, 91 percent of nursing graduates passed their licensing exam and 91 percent of pre-med graduates were accepted to medical school. OBU gained approval for a new master's degree program in nursing education.



2009 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES PLAN

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Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma	\$ 10,786,839	42.8%
BGCO Affiliates	\$ 4,334,000	17.2%
Southern Baptist Convention Missions & Ministries	\$ 10,080,000	40.0%
TOTAL Cooperative Program Budget	\$ 25,200,000	100.0%



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8