

October 2011 General Fund Contributions

RECEIPTS-GENERAL	October	YTD
Alva	\$ 660.98	\$ 6,927.49
Arnett	\$ 410.30	\$ 3,901.59
Buffalo	\$ 388.52	\$ 5,851.23
Fargo, Liberty	\$ 268.98	\$ 2,491.93
Fort Supply	\$ 241.07	\$ 2,682.85
Gage	\$ 588.47	\$ 4,933.27
Laverne	\$ 308.82	\$ 2,653.61
Mooreland	\$ 788.70	\$ 7,637.77
Seiling	\$ 481.41	\$ 5,159.89
Sharon	\$ 377.52	\$ 5,040.86
Shattuck		\$ 1,714.34
So Persimmon	\$ 79.20	\$ 895.25
Vici	\$ 205.00	\$ 2,107.00
WW-ALBC		\$ 314.53
WW-Crown Heights	\$ 505.62	\$ 3,296.42
WW-Elm Street	\$ 117.49	\$ 1,192.46
WW-FBC	\$ 1,314.84	\$ 13,716.51
WW-Lincoln Ave.	\$ 2,758.28	\$ 29,476.01
Other Receipts	\$ 208.33	\$ 1,874.97
Total Church Receipts	\$ 9,703.53	\$ 101,867.98

Next Executive Board is December 12 @ 10:30 am

**Northwestern Baptist Association
Minutes
Regular Executive Board Meeting
October 10, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of Northwestern Baptist Association was called to order at 2801 Maple, Woodward, OK at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Pat Dougherty as Moderator, presided and RaNita King, Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

The following board members were present: DOM John Elam, Justin Eilers, Jason Dirks, Ken McKinley, Bryan Billings, Mike Cox
Minutes were approved.
Financial Reports were approved.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee by Jason Dirks-Moved that RaNita King and Todd White receive a 3% pay raise for 2012. Motion carried.
Nominating Committee by Pat Dougherty-as for a motion that we postpone nominating new committees until after the first of 2012.
Motions by Jason, seconded by Ken, carried
Budget by John Elam-Discussed budget items, that even with pay raises the budget was not going up. Motion to accept by Ken with Mike seconded, carried

DOM Report

Next Executive Board will be Nov. 17, 2011
We would have a Book of Reports for the Banquet on October 15, 2011 at the Church Strengthening Conference.
Theology Conference is October 17 at LABC 8:30 to 3:30 with Michael Patton.
Guatemala Mission trip is November 4-12.
Holiday meal will be Dec 3 or 10
Planning to have Pastors Conference thru December.

Old Business

New Business

Jason moved we adjourn, seconded and carried.

Ra-Nita L. King, Clerk



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Holiday Addition

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5
Executive Board
- December 25
Merry Christmas
- January 1, 2012
Happy New year

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2011 **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**
National Goal: \$175 million

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4 – 11, 2011

Christmas Giving



Associational and Church Upcoming Dates

November 24
Office Closed



November 28
Pastors Meeting with Mike Cox

December 4-11
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

December 5
Pastors Conference

December 12
Executive Board

December 19
Pastors Conference

December 26-29
Office will be closed but we will be available to by phone if you need anything.
John @ 580.273.8222
RaNita @ 580.571.1344

January 1, 2012
Happy New Year from your Associational Office, may it be greatly blessed.



State Evangelism Conference 2012



January 30-31, 2012
at Southern Hills Baptist Church



Campground News

Todd and Tonda White

Autumn has slowed life at the camp- the color of fall has all but slipped away. A new coat of paint has been applied to the outside of South Persimmon Cabin and we are working on the Associational cabin.

Now is not the time to hibernate but it is the time to remember others God has placed in our paths. As we commit to Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas shoeboxes and so many other fields of ministry during the holiday season, let us not forget the hundreds of campers that will return or come for the first time to NWBA Campgrounds in the summer of 2012.

Perhaps you would consider a "work offering" in the coming months. There are always enough small projects to go around. Also, the cabins are available for use all winter. Perhaps you desire to sponsor a men's or women's retreat or a spring break children's event. If so, consider being "thankful" enough to utilize what God has blessed us with- our own camp. Call the office to schedule your church or family event. Be a blessing during the next few months and you in turn will be blessed.

Holiday Giving

There are many ways to share at Christmas time. On the front of the newsletter you will find two of the bigger projects used in our association. *Lottie Moon* is upcoming and allows our churches to support mission work in cooperative effort.

The other is *Operation Christmas Child*, and though the collection date has passed I have been hearing from many of ways they are planning to make this a year round project. One student made mention of doing a "shoebox" a month for this next year. Others collect items year round and do many "shoeboxes" each year.

Have you got a special way of giving during the holidays?

Just a Thought
RaNita

Church Strengthening Banquet Held by NW Baptist Association

By Patricia Keplinger
(Member, FBC Laverne)

Have you ever asked someone why something was done a certain way and the response was "because we've always done it that way!"

On Saturday evening, October 15, 2011, Northwestern Baptist Association stepped outside the box and changed the traditional agenda for its' Annual Meeting from a general time of preaching and worship to a more specific time of encouragement and exhortation for the leaders and worker of their association.

Director of Missions John Elam, stated "As an association I can do very little to impact the work of any particular church. Together though, we can commit to be effective in what we do, hold each other accountable to God's word and eagerly desire to be used as a vessel of honor in the hand of the Lord."

With over 100 people in attendance, Pastor Elam continued that we're to "be useful to

the kingdom of God and our goal should be being used of the Lord and His glory on this Earth."



Pastor Joe Ligon, Pastor FBC Marlow OK

Followed by an amazing dinner and opening in prayer, the keynote speaker was introduced. The keynote speaker of the evening was Pastor John Ligon from Marlow First Baptist Church. Pastor Ligon emphasized that the New Testament Church, as described in Acts 2, was "... the most courageous, outrageous organization in the world today... and there was no church on the planet that could compare."

The message, entitled "Church Matters" focused on the three main components. The first, whether in the building or rebuilding phase - face the facts- activity does not equal spirituality. The second, find your quiet place and listen to God. Pastor Ligon shared that whatever the facts are where we minister, we must do it together as stated in Nehemiah 2:17,

"Come let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." As he continued into verse 18, using the NKJV, Pastor Ligon quoted, "Let us rise up and build. There, they sat their hands to this good work."

The emphasis of this message, as stated in Nehemiah, was that we are to work together on the vision of our local church. Pastor Ligon continued by saying that the key is to HAVE A VISION and DREAM BIG!

As stories and funny jokes were shared, he reminded attendees that every time the New Testament church was persecuted, it grew.

In Pastor Ligon's closing comments, he encouraged believers' to keep the faith. He stated, "You cannot take God out of the formula and cannot take faith out of the process... we must always, always keep God at the center of what we do." With a great deal of encouragement and compassion, he shared, "YOUR CHURCH MATTERS! Face the facts, keep your eyes on the future and remember YOU DO MATTER, each week matters. JUST GO AND GET IT DONE!"

Meet baby Carina and her mother Rosa:

Northwestern Baptist Association provided one year's worth of formula for baby Carina through the ASOSAP, Hope of the Pokomchi. Rosa and Carina are from the village of Cruachuz Guatemala. Carina weighed 4 lbs at birth and through our support and 6 months later she weighed 10 lbs and is growing.

