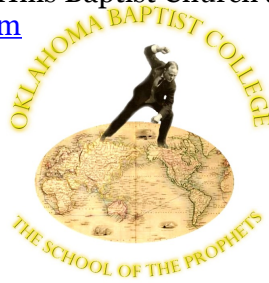


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A Message from the Vice-President: No Greater Joy

April 2010

Dear Alumni:

3 John certainly came to mind throughout the month of March, as we had the privilege of encountering so many of our Alumni, literally from one side of the country to the other. My prayer in this article is that I do not overlook any of the dear Alumni that we did see and fellowship with along the way.

Mrs. Ross and I had the privilege of attending the Fourth Annual National Youth Worker's Conference conducted in early March in Chico, California. Dr. Tim Ruhl and his kind people were so good to us at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. What a blessing that ministry was to our hearts. I wish I could take the time and space to

detail all the many ways in which it was a blessing to be able to attend that conference.

We were hosted by Brother and Mrs. Jerry Benefield, parents of Alumnus Malinda Benefield. There are simply not enough adjectives to hang on the description of how wonderful it was to be with the Benefields throughout the days of the conference. Suffice it to say that the ONLY thing that could have made it better would to have been able to have Malinda there as well, but with her being a teacher in Morgan Hill, California, and with a last-minute change in our arrival flight, it was not possible for her to come to Chico. Having spent the time we did with the Benefields, I learned afresh and anew a great many reasons that explain why Malinda is the blessing she long has been to numerous people.

We did get to see Brother and Mrs. Joe Kirby, who brought their fantastic children to the conference so that we could meet them. We were so sorry that there was not more time for reminiscing and getting caught up on things. How many precious memories flooded my heart as I thought back on how the Lord worked in so many wonderful ways to bring Joe and Jennifer together and have them to become the family they are today. They brought a fine group of workers to the Conference from Santa Maria, California where they faithfully serve the Lord under Pastor Bud Silva.

The former Mrs. Becky [Higginbotham] Andresen from San Antonio, Texas, was also there at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, together with her husband. Thank you so much for being the blessing you were to us at the Conference, Becky.

From California, we flew to Dallas/Ft. Worth where we were picked up by our dear friend, Dr. Garry Way. We drove nearly straight from the airport to the church to begin the annual Missions Conference. At Crossroads Baptist Church, I believe anyone can have his spiritual batteries recharged if he has any life left in him at all. I know that every year that we have ever had the privilege in taking part in the Missions Conference; we have been the ones to walk away blessed. This year was no exception.

The greatest part of that blessing, aside from seeing how the Lord moved on the hearts of the members, was being able to see so many of our graduates. Truly, I have "no greater joy" than to see them living faithfully before the Lord. We had a great time with the Alumni who are part of the membership of Crossroads Baptist Church, including Mrs. Rachael [Way] Suggs who came for a visit one night, together

with Richard and Stephanie Way, and their son, little "Preacher Boy" Andrew. Andrew (pictured below) is three now and walking literally in the "bootprints" of three generations before him.



We saw Joe and Bridgette Dawson and their precious daughter Heidi. We were able to see Ashley Martin, who is always a blessing. Joshua Nothstein and his wife were able to come for a visit during the week, and that blessed our hearts to visit with them again. Matt and Sarah McKendree were there as missionaries at the conference, together with their little girl Martha. Mrs. Ross and I kind of thought that Martha had an eye on that little "Preacher Boy" Andrew! She surely listened intently as he "preached." She was his "congregation of one!" At any gathering like this, you come to find out more and more about your graduates. We learned one day while fishing that, if it is possible to find a snag in a pond full of catfish, Matt McKendree will find it! He shall forever be etched in my mind as "Snag McKendree!" The bragging stopped as to any size of fish we landed when it turned out Mrs. McKendree caught the BIG one that day! Way to go, Sarah!

The one Alumnus whose absence was most keenly felt had to be Miss Sarah Evans. It would be safe to say that "the silence was deafening!" Just kidding, Sarah! If anyone ever had a spirit present in her absence, it was Sarah! The folks at Crossroads understand, I'm sure.

We were back home in Oklahoma City before heading out to New York City to take part in the wedding of Caleb Garraway and Miss Katie Sawyer. An additional surprise and blessing awaited us in being able to fellowship with Pastor Dana Dice, his wife Julie, their children, and a number of Alumni who attended the wedding. What a blessing to renew fellowship with the Dices and to have the honor of speaking for him on Sunday, March 21. Brother Dice surprised us by bringing Dr. Rick Dawson with him to pick us up on the day we were able to tour New York City together. Brother Dawson conducted a blessed revival meeting for Brother Dice. Thank you, Brother Dice, for arranging that surprise. What a blessing it was to meet your people, and to realize that you have over fourteen nationalities meeting at Gospel Light Baptist Church - truly an "International" ministry!

At the wedding, it was a real blessing to see Bruce Garraway and meet his family. It was also a blessing to cross paths, briefly at least, with Jason

Garraway. The Garraway and Sawyer families were a blessing to witness together on the occasion of this wedding. I believe it was a blessing that honored the Lord in every way. I have never seen the weather more beautiful in New York City than it was on Caleb and Katie's wedding day. Congratulations to you both!

One additional surprise blessing came to many of us when Mrs. Jolynda [Ownbey] Bohman came through on Sunday night, March 28. I believe Jolynda said it has been eighteen years since she was married in Arkansas. How good it was to see her, though the time was too short once again.

On Tuesday, March 30, we witnessed a small Alumni Reunion of sorts, when Jolynda was joined with Mrs. Jennifer [Wesson] Post, Wendy [Wesson] Green, Mrs. Melissa [Keeton] Vineyard, Kristi [Smith] Moore, Mrs. Laura [Litson] Keeton, Mrs. Patti [Stinger] Larson; Mrs. Jill [Bentley] Legere, Mrs. Becky [Croft] Trimble, and Mrs. Suzanne [Ward] Craighead, all going out for a bite to eat at lunch time (pictured below). Had we known where they were headed, we should have sent an all-points bulletin out, just to prepare the place for the invasion! There is truly "no greater joy" than to witness Alumni getting together, who are still serving the Lord.



Scarcely did that group of Alumni leave for their meal, when I walked back into the hallway and saw Miss Susie Mitchell and Miss Crystal Horman. Both ladies are here for a few days, getting together with the likes of Miss Nuri Kim, Miss Mary Tran, Miss Audrey Brock, and others. That's another bunch that might merit an "all-points bulletin!" Susie and Crystal are both serving the Lord in Bourbonnais, Illinois, in the ministry of our dear friend, Dr. Terry Anglea. Thank you for stopping in, Miss Susie and Miss Crystal. It was great to see you again.

Brother and Mrs. Joe Finn have been "world travelers" indeed, going over to visit Ben and Ashley Anglea, their daughter and son-in-law in Madagascar, before the arrival of little Nellie Ann. There is one proud "Uncle Jody" running around here right now. Want pictures? Jody doesn't carry wallet-sized photos - he is armed with 8x10's!

We have heard of a number of births here of late, which you can check out in our "New Arrivals" section of the *Scroll*, together with some pretty urgent prayer requests. Do pray for Dr. James A. Vineyard. He had a stint put into an artery that was over 90% blocked, and faces an upcoming gall bladder surgery. Pray for Mrs. Jo Ann Vineyard at this time, as it is never easy to have your husband slowed by such issues. She has been a real trooper through it all.

We just concluded College Days here at OBC. We were disappointed only at the news that the Kevin Birdsong family could not come, as they were told in Portland that they would be unable to get in or out of the Denver Airport due to inclement weather. As a result, flight was canceled with no hope of rescheduling for several days. We are in hopes of scheduling the Birdsongs to be here yet before the end of the current semester. We will keep you posted. I can only imagine what that Alumni gathering of ladies would have been like had Mrs. Charlotte [Bauman] Birdsong been included!

There is so much more that I would like to say, and like to convey to you. Literally, from the west coast, to the south coast, and back up to the east coast, it has been a great joy to see so many of our Alumni in the month of March. I pray that it will not be long before our paths shall one day cross, or cross again.

Until then, may the blessings of our Lord and Saviour continually be yours. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely your friend and servant,

Robert A. Ross, Jr.
Executive Vice-President

Prayer Requests

Dr. & Mrs. Jim Vineyard – health needs

Kirby Vidrine (05) – in Iraq

Eddie & Becky Trimble (89) – health needs

Stephen and Melanie Trimble [son and daughter of Eddie and Becky Trimble] – recovering from heart surgery

Larry Chappell [son of Dr. Paul Chappell] – chemo

Dr. Earl Jessup [director of Baptist Church Planting Ministry] – has an inoperable tumor. Updates on his health can be found at www.bcpm.org.

Mitch Beard [20-year-old son of Steve & Jill Beard (1986/1985 graduates)] – a Marine in Afghanistan training AA (Afghan army soldiers).

Laura (Van Manen) Consford – undergoing radiation for skin cancer on her head; thyroid is not working

Brother and Mrs. Finn – visiting Ben and Ashley Anglea in Madagascar (March 24 – April 9)

Abe Hanson family – planning to return to Panama in May to start Panama's first Deaf Church

Using Spybot

by Sasha Afanasyev, Class of 2008

[Note: Spybot is a program you can download for free off the internet. It looks for and removes viruses that your anti-virus program may miss.]

(Optional Step) *Restart your computer and enter "Safe Mode with Networking."*

This isn't necessary unless you can't get rid of whatever junk you have otherwise.

While your computer is turning on, before the Windows screen comes up, tap F8.

Keep tapping it until you see a menu. From the menu, select "Safe Mode with Networking."

You want networking so you can download the latest updates from the internet.

Step 1 - Start Spybot

You will get a warning called "Legal Stuff." Click "OK."

Step 2 – Get Updates

Click "Update."

A box will pop up, giving you a selection of servers. This isn't a huge deal, just pick one.

Click "Continue."

The important updates should automatically be selected.

Click "Download."

After the updates finish downloading, click "Exit."

For some major updates, Spybot might exit and restart.

Step 3 – Immunize.

Click "Immunize."

If you have any browsers open, you will get a warning that you need to close them.

I recommend closing them, otherwise the rest of this will be a waste.

Close any open browsers and click "Ok."

Spybot will Immunize. If it's the first time you have run it, it might take a while.

After it is finished, you will see some stats: Unprotected, Protected, Total.

Click the **Green** Immunize button. The Unprotected stat should now show 0 (zero).

Feel free to click "Check again" and "Immunize." Not necessary, but it might make you feel good.

Step 4 - Search and Destroy!!!

Click "Search and Destroy."

Click "Check for Problems."

This will take a while.

Click "Fix selected problems" and "Yes."

If Spybot cannot remove some junk, it will ask you if you want to run Spybot the next time you reboot. Click "Yes" and restart your computer. When you log in, Spybot will take over.

Upcoming Events

April 11-16	Choir Tour
April 24	North/South School of the Prophets
April 26-30	Finals Week
May 4	Red Rock Canyon (8 am – 1 pm)
May 5	Graduation Practice
May 6	Alumni Meeting (9 am)
	Alumni Luncheon (11:30 am)
	Graduation (7 pm)

Web Sites

- [Kevin & Charlotte \(Bauman\) Birdsong \(89\) – Oregon](#)
- [Allen & Stephanie \(Gardner\) Copeland \(91\) – Mexico](#)
- [BJ \(05\) and Jessica \(Harrelson\) \(06\) Cormier – Kenya](#)
- [Thad & Cheri Endicott](#)
Blog: www.mvbcyouthministry.blogspot.com
- [Michelle Geiger \(94\) – Ivory Coast](#)
- [Tom & Heidi Gonderman \(01\) – Australia](#)
- [Daniel \(91\) & Judith \(Vaile\) \(86\) Irvin – Ukraine](#)
- [Bill & Aliex Lystlund \(84\) – USA](#)
- [Steve \(97\) & Ruth \(Sloan\) \(01\) Miller – Mexico](#)
- [Alan \(98\) & Tanya \(Burmester\) \(97\) Minks – Japan](#)
Blog: <http://minksmemos.blogspot.com>
- [Arturo \(98\) & Nicole Munoz – Mexico](#)
- [Roger & Kathy Jewell \(97\) – Dominican Republic](#)
- [Alan \(98\) & Tanya \(Burmester\) \(97\) Minks – Japan](#)
- [Richard \(00\) & Stephanie \(Davis\) \(01\) Miller – California](#)
- [Marlin \(96\) & Lisa \(Thompkins\) \(93\) Petersen – Uganda](#)
- [Schepers Family \(96\) – Dominican Republic \(updated\)](#)
- [Andy \(95\) & Jill \(Croft\) \(92\) Schultz – Zambia](#)
- [David \(99\) & Jolene \(Forsythe\) \(01\) Sloan – Ukraine](#)
- [Randy \(97\) & Tonya \(Hill\) \(98\) Smith – Burkina Faso](#)
- [Keith \(94\) & Sally \(93\) \(Ward\) Stensaas – Uganda](#)
- [Matt \(96\) & Keila \(97\) \(Bergner\) Stensaas – Uganda \(new\)](#)
- [Josh \(96\) & Joy \(97\) \(Herndon\) Wesson – Dominican Republic](#)
- [Brian & Beverly \(Jordan\) \(06\) Weiss – Philippines](#)
- [Mike & Rebecca \(Ager\) Weiss \(01\) – Mexico](#)

Quotable Quotes

Truly great leaders spend as much time collecting and acting upon feedback as they do providing it. ~ Alexander Lucia

He who thinks he leads and has no one following him is only taking a walk. ~ Anonymous

When we are right nobody remembers and when we are wrong nobody forgets. ~ Unknown

Your friends don't need an explanation, and your enemies won't believe you anyway. ~ Dr. Monroe Parker

God's Coffee

Author Unknown

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite telling them to help themselves to the coffee. When the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said:

“If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.

What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups...And, then you began eyeing each others cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. God brews the coffee, not the cups...So, Enjoy your coffee!”

The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Live simply.
Love generously.
Care deeply.
Speak kindly.
Leave the rest to God.

April Birthdays

- 1 Malinda Benefield (99)
Maribel Martinez (05)
Cheryl (Parker) Pridgen (96)
- 2 William Brooks (02)
Matt Hudson (94)
Jeanette (Liles) Saladin (02)
Mark Linn (80)
Lisa (Tompkins) Petersen (93)
Jeanne Rice (81)
- 3 Brittany (Dice) Neathery (07)
- 4 Glen Aulgur (94)
Josh Graber (05)
Neal Hampton (92)
- 5 Peggy Clifton (80)
- 6 Lyubov Afanasyev (07)
Sunny (Yoon) Paclibar (94)
- 7 Anita (Avant) Bauman (92)
Michael Coleman (79)
Wendy (Wesson) Green (89)
Marcie Hamaker (04)
Jimi Polyak (03)
- 8 Beth Cwenar (91)
Rebekah (Rivers) Nugen (03)
- 9 Duke Moore (92)
- 10 Valorie (Flock) Sanders (91)
Stacy Workman (07)
- 11 Naomi (McGee) Meeks (07)
Joshua Nothstein (05)
- 12 Doyle Frentress (97)
- 13 Kevin Akana (92)
Steve Packard (01)
- 14 Ivan Lambert (85)
Vicki (McDonald) Porter (83)
- 15 Kelly (Rehrig) Lansdale (01)
- 17 Nora Looney (09)
- 18 Hannah (Pranger) Mix (04)
- 20 Felicia (Shadowens) Doss (93)
Sarah (Sloan) Knabb (98)
- 21 Mark Sage (99)
- 23 Kevin Terry (88)
- 24 Polly Irvin (89)
Barry Stephens (84)
- 25 Elizabeth (Brock) Hammell (07)
- 26 Chris Gallegos (98)
TJ Howell (05)
Kelly Valles (08)
- 27 Paula (Patton) Torres (06)
- 28 Chris Block (82)
- 30 Colleen (McCready) Whittaker (99)
Christine Sempberger (98)
Edward Torres (06)

New Arrivals

Daniel (04) and Alesha (Baldrige) (05) Chamberlain are the proud parents of Laura Rebecca, born March 12 weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Ranee Omega was born to Walter and Jennifer (Heard) (06) Horn on March 25 at 10:33 am, weighing in at 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long.



Nellie Ann was born to Ben and Ashley (Finn) Anglea (05) Sunday, March 28. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 17.7 inches long.



Zach and Sarah (Lattie) Bruner (06) are the proud parents of Paige Adison Bruner, born March 22, 2010, at 11:28 pm. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.