



WASHINGTON OSAGE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Where are you God?

In 1 Kings 19, the prophet Elijah has a meltdown. He looks at heaven and says, “I’ve had it! I’m ready to die! Just take my life!” He had a big showdown at Mount Carmel with the prophets of Baal, and the Lord won! He killed all the false prophets and the Lord even brought rain as a testimony of His power. That’s powerful stuff. But anytime God does something great in the life of His people, somebody’s not going to like it. Elijah’s somebody was King Ahab’s wife Jezebel. She sent out people to kill Elijah for all the things he had done. So, after his meltdown and rant, Elijah lays down exhausted and depressed. After sleeping awhile, the Lord tells him to go stand on the nearby mountain in His presence. God did three powerful things as Elijah watched.

A mighty wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks.

An earthquake crumbled what was left.

A fire scorched the earth.

You would think Elijah would have shouted and danced and had a holy fit knowing he was in the presence of the Most High. But God was not in any of these things, as powerful and awesome as they were. During the stillness and silence that followed was a whisper. It was the voice of God speaking to the prophet as he had always spoken to him. The Lord was calling him back to his side with the gentleness of a shepherd calling a lamb back to the flock.

You might be wondering “where God is?” I know I have. I want lightning and thunder. I want power. I want fire to rain down from heaven. I want my life to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Well, guess what? It won’t be until I get still and silent and listen for the whisper. I’ve noticed God rarely if ever speaks with smoke and fire and crashes of thunder. He is the all-powerful, all knowing, all present Lord that chooses to whisper to your heart.

LISTEN!

Keep Lookin UP!

Monty

Pray for the churches staying in our Falls Creek Cabin and Lodge

August

8—Forge, 10:30 @ WOBA and Leadership Team

6-10—Collegiate Week, SWOSU, Weatherford, OK

26—The Call Conference, OBU

September

3-10—Edna McMillan State Missions Offering Week of Prayer

4—WOBA Closed, Labor Day

11—Hope Clinic 10 year Celebration, 6:00pm FB Bartlesville

12—Forge, 10:30 @ WOBA, Leadership Team

27—See You At The Pole

October

10—Executive Board, 11:30 @ WOBA

22—Washington/Osage Baptist Association Annual Meeting,
6:30 @ Highland Park Baptist Church

November

7—Forge, 10:30 @ WOBA and Leadership Team

13-14—State Convention Annual Meeting

22-23—WOBA Closed, Thanksgiving

December

3-10—Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Week of Prayer

12—WOBA Christmas Fellowship, Highland Park

25—Jan 1—WOBA Closed, Christmas



All Things That God Had Done Malawi Trip Reaps Great Harvest

Lonnie Hoelscher—Pastor, New Harmony Baptist, Rosemanne Park, Tammy Ivey, and Johnathan Long—Pastor, Lenapah Baptist, had the privilege of going to Malawi this past May/June. The plan was to teach and train 100 church members/leaders from 15 different churches the “Four Fields Ministry” model. The Lord provided nearly twice that number of people. As a result of the training and showing the Jesus Film two different times, more than 300 new professions of faith were recorded and 150 new believers were baptized. Psalms 37:23 says, “The steps of a man are established by the LORD; And He delights in his way.” It is exciting to see the Malawians “go and bear much fruit” as a result of the teaching and modeling they received.

It is a great blessing to see the work of the Lord among the churches reaching their neighbors with the Gospel. Now the hope is the Washington/Osage Baptist Association churches will also be blessed to see them encouraged through helping meet this pressing need. All these things God has done and is doing!

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BARKLEYVILLE
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6pm
First Baptist Church
4th & Cherokee, Bartlesville, OK



Tickets: \$40 each
 Tickets go on sale on August 6th

<i>Dinner by The Painted Horse</i>	<i>Comedy by Rik Roberts</i>
<i>Worship with Andy Chrisman</i>	<i>Dessert Auction</i>

Sponsored by: Arvest, Regent Bank, Matt Spence/State Farm Insurance, Steadfast Financial Partners, The Painted Horse, & Truist Credit Union

Falls Creek Cabin Update	
Goal:	\$250,000.00
Given to Date:	\$184,199.33

Contribution Report	July '23	Jan-July '23
Avant Baptist	\$603.12	\$3,187.80
Bartlesville Southern Baptist	\$1,580.00	\$11,060.00
Bluestem Baptist	\$0.00	\$419.76
Calvary Baptist	\$492.89	\$5,056.79
Eastern Heights Baptist	\$874.11	\$4,520.33
FBC, Barnsdall	\$418.82	\$3,717.56
FBC, Bartlesville	\$1,687.50	\$12,812.50
FBC, Copan	\$0.00	\$750.00
FBC, Dewey	\$1,187.65	\$4,861.48
FBC, Hominy	\$164.49	\$1,608.35
FBC, Nowata	\$1,322.50	\$8,639.50
FBC, Ochelata	\$1,007.13	\$5,849.37
FBC, Pawhuska	\$672.08	\$5,188.81
FBC, Prue	\$476.13	\$4,561.11
FBC, Ramona	\$762.00	\$6,779.16
FBC, Skiatook	\$1,636.43	\$14,057.92
FBC, Wynona	\$0.00	\$815.00
First Southern, Vera	\$348.80	\$3,031.95
Greater First Baptist	\$0.00	\$400.00
Highland Park	\$550.76	\$5,014.41
Iglesia Bautista	\$0.00	\$0.00
Labadie Heights Baptist	\$0.00	\$1,659.00
Lenapah Baptist	\$292.00	\$2,579.00
Lynn Baptist	\$22.27	\$243.18
Matoaka Baptist	\$374.34	\$1,958.00
Nelagoney Baptist	\$214.00	\$691.00
New Harmony Baptist	\$0.00	\$4,511.00
New Life Baptist	\$49.80	\$363.32
Osage Indian Baptist	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rose Hill Community	\$0.00	\$1,004.00
Silver Lake Baptist	\$0.00	\$35.00
Tri-County Baptist	\$430.00	\$1,909.00
Trinity Baptist	\$41.67	\$465.84
Victory Baptist	\$156.70	\$913.60
Virginia Avenue Baptist	\$0.00	\$605.24
Wann Baptist	\$157.18	\$1,051.57
Whippoorwill Baptist	\$75.33	\$455.17
BGCO	\$208.33	\$1,458.31
TOTAL	\$15,806.03	\$122,234.03