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MAY 2011

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2011

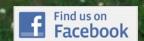
May is graduation month, a time when high school and college graduates alike breathe a big sigh of relief as they strut across a stage and happily grab the diplomas they have purchased with many late-night cramming sessions, hastily-scribbled papers, and pasted-together projects. Toward the end of the month, these graduating students will be seated in their folding chairs, donning cap and gown, and impatiently listening to an over-eager commencement speaker exhorting them to be all that they can be in their futures. They will shake hands or share hugs with teachers, family members, and friends who have encouraged them and shaped them throughout their years in school. They will look forward with anticipation, and possibly some anxiety, to what is in store for them in their futures.



As these students stand at this crossroad, we at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church have an excellent opportunity to help make their transition into the next phase of their lives a smoother one. Knowing that more than half of graduating high school students leave the church upon graduation should motivate us to do all that we can to ensure our graduates feel as welcomed and as comfortable at Lincoln as we can possibly make them. This goes beyond shaking their hands during the welcome time or congratulating them on their diplomas (although that's good, too!). This involves building relationships with them: inviting them to your small groups, asking them to sit by you in your adult Sunday school class, having them to your house for dinner or a Coke, and investing in them the spiritual wisdom with which God has blessed you. What an incredible blessing it is that we have thirteen high school and college graduates in whom we can invest spiritually as God guides them in His grace and wisdom. Please take a moment to pour over the names and faces of our graduates featured on the inside of the newsletter, and pray not only for them but also that God will show you how He would have you invest in their lives for the long run.

Jason Dirks, Senior Pastor • Andrew Dostal, Associate Pastor • Chris Castor, Associate Pastor

3 Services, 2 Campuses, 1 Church:
Lincoln Campus: 17th & Lincoln Avenue
Service times are at 8:30am and 11:00am- Sunday School is at 10:00am
Fifth Street Campus: 5th Street & Oklahoma
Service time is 9:45am and Sunday School is at 11:00am

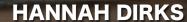




CODY COTTOM

Sharon-Mutual High School

Will be attending & playing football at Southern Nazarene University



Woodward Christian Academy

Will be attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University



DAURICE FRENCH

Woodward High School

Program

BRANDY DELACRUZ

Woodward High School

Planning to attend the LPN

Will be attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University- majoring in Education & Biology



GAVIN KING

Woodward High School

Will be entering the work force after graduation



Planning to attend Oklahoma Baptist University to pursue Art Therapy & Missions



Planning to go into law enforcement

TYSON SIMPSON

MATTHEW PAUL

Woodward High School

Woodward Christian Academy

Will be entering the workforce after graduation





JACOB TROY

Woodward High School

Will be attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University



NIKKI WADKINS

Woodward High School

Will be attending University of Central Oklahoma majoring in Mass Communications



Woodward High School

Thinking about attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University



CRESTON WHITE

Sharon-Mutual High School

Will be entering the workforce after graduation

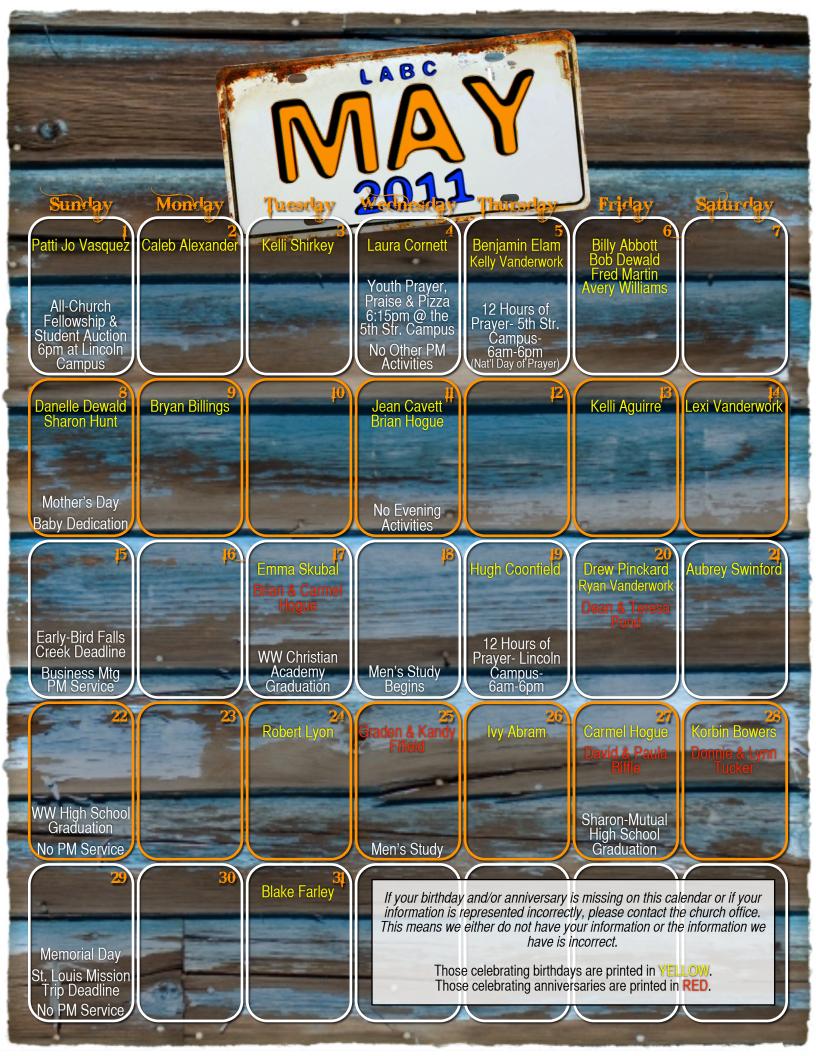




NATHAN TREADAWAY

Southwestern Oklahoma State University- Graduated in December 2010

Earned Bachelor's of Science in Engineering Technology with minor in Environmental Technology; currently working on a Master's in Technology Mgmt.





ATTENTION ALL MEN!

"Man Training" - "Spiritual Testosterone" - "Blood and Guts (He Bled So You Would Have Guts)"

"God's Mighty Men" - "Stuff You're Not Doing and Should Feel Really Guilty About..."

"Everything Not in a Beer Commercial" - "Why You Need an Accountability Partner a Lot More

Than a New Bass Boat" - "Stop Being a Mark Driscoll Sermon Illustration..."

These are all names suggested to me by helpful church members for the summer men's leadership training we will be hosting on Wednesday nights starting May 18th. I actually saved you from having to hear some of the more "creative" titles suggested to me. I am excited about the opportunity for the men of our church to dig into the Bible together and ask the Holy Spirit to teach us how to be Christ-centered men. Here is a list of some of the topics we hope to cover: Biblical Manhood, A Man of Prayer, A Man of Study, A Man and His Wife, Pastor Dad, A Man and his Church, A Man with a mission, A Man and his friends, A Man and his work, A Man and his Money. I can't think of anything that has the potential to transform our church, our marriages, our families and our community more than a group of men who are filled with the Holy Spirit and trained for the work of the Kingdom. Guys, please consider spending some time together with us on Wednesday evenings this summer.

1 Corinthians 16:13 says, "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."

Pastor Jason

JOIN US FOR "12 HOURS OF PRAYER" TWICE THIS MONTH
6AM TO 6PM

Thursday, May 5th, at the Fifth Street Campus Thursday, May 19th, at the Lincoln Campus