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▼ **SPRINGER**

## \$2.175 mil bond issue for area school

By **JENNIFER LINDSEY**  
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**SPRINGER** — As enrollment continues to increase, Springer Public Schools is hoping to pass a \$2.175 million bond issue Tuesday to build classrooms and a larger cafeteria.

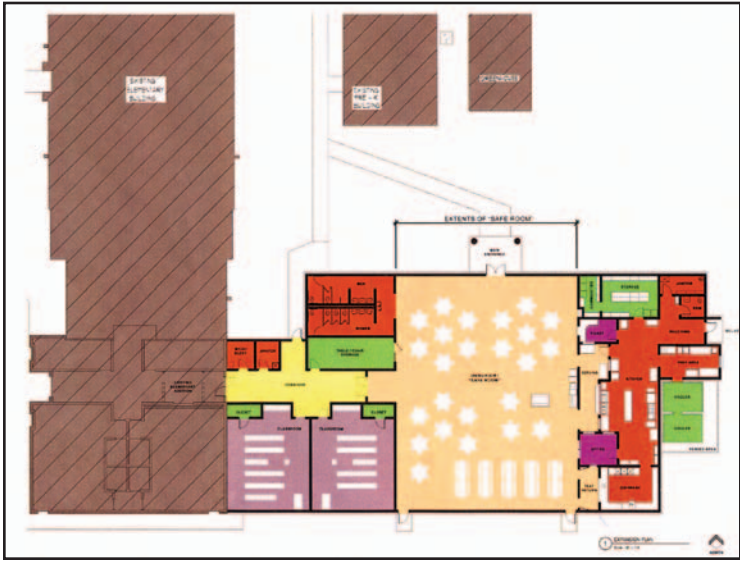
Springer Public Schools have seen a 79-student enrollment increase since 2006, with a 52-student increase in the elementary during that time.

"We are pushed for space with that many students," Superintendent Matt Holder said.

The new addition would include two new classrooms and a new cafeteria.

"Right now, we have some classes meeting in a storage closet," he said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

A drawing of the larger cafeteria and classrooms for Springer Schools if the bond issue passes.

▼ **OKLAHOMA CITY**

## Education board meeting subdued

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — The second meeting of the state Board of Education under Superintendent Janet Barresi, the first since a contentious gathering last month, proceeded in a more subdued manner Thursday.

With an Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper on hand — an unusual but not unheard-of measure — the meeting lasted barely more than an hour and was one of the shortest for the board in recent memory. The only agenda item that drew much discussion concerned Gov. Mary Fallin's budget proposal for the state Department of Education for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Most of them are just as dull and friendly as this one is," board member Tim Gilpin of Tulsa said afterward. "We do occasionally have a contentious meeting. I know I have opposed things that the past superintendent proposed that were substantive in education policy for the districts. . . . The difference was, we all shook hands and hugged afterward and that was it. Let's hope we can do that now."

"It's not personal. It's not political. When you have differences with someone about department issues or education policy, that doesn't mean you're not supposed to shake hands afterward and be friendly."

During the board's January meeting, Gilpin — a former chairman of the Tulsa County Democratic Party — called Barresi, a Republican, a "dictator" and fellow member Herb Rozell said a legislative liaison would be "worthless" to the board if she took maternity leave while the Legislature was in session.

▼ **ARDMORE**

## March for Babies scheduled for May 7

By **STEVE BIEHN**  
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J.D. and Mendy Spohn, 2011 March for Babies co-chairs, talked about why they support the March of Dimes and its annual fundraiser — the March for Babies — during a kickoff luncheon for team captains and other supporters Thursday at Dornick Hills Country Club.

The theme for the 2011 March for Babies is "Working Together for Stronger, Healthier Babies." The event is scheduled for May 7 in Central Park.

J.D. Spohn is Ardmore City manager, and Mendy Spohn is Administrative Director for the Carter County Health Department. They are the parents of a healthy one-year-old girl.



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▼ **A2A**

## Volunteer giving back through race

*Editor's Note: This is a bi-weekly series that will be featured leading up to the 2011 A2A. The series will highlight just some of the hundreds of people who are volunteering or participating in this year's Race For Mercy.*

**Bryan K Royse, Ardmore Branch Manager, Communication Federal Credit Union**

**Q:** Why are you volunteering or participating?

**A:** "From a personal standpoint I'm setting up a team to run and/or walk (5K) in support of Jeff Gelona, who is battling cancer. Jeff has touched a lot of lives and it's time to give back and support him," Royce said.

"From a corporate standpoint, this is our first year supporting the A2A. We will be having a number of people traveling from across the state to participate. Some of our executives and other employees will be working as volunteers and others will participate in the race."

**Q:** What are you doing?

**A:** "I'm running in the 5K."

**Q:** If you volunteered or participated last year, why did you decide to do it again?

**A:** "Last year I was inspired because of the health aspect of running. This year, a lot of it still is the health aspect, but more is that cancer has touched my family's lives personally. It has become very important to me to show support, because cancer has come home to us. This is my way of fighting the disease."

**Q:** What is your volunteer/participation history? What other causes or projects have drawn your support?

**A:** "Most of my history is through Jeff and Vicki Gelona and Carousel Productions' fund raising for non-profit organizations. I've also participated in numerous mission trips and serve on the CIS (Cities In Schools) Board."

**Q:** What would you tell someone who is considering volunteering or participating in the



Bryan K Royse

A2A?

**A:** "I would challenge anyone to take the step. Whether it's participating in the actual races and heading in the direction of a healthier life or from the importance of giving — time or money to make this a success. I challenge people and businesses to volunteer and run with it."

There are several opportunities for volunteers to participate in the March 20 A2A event. Individuals can volunteer "in memory" or "in honor" of someone. All volunteers and participating runners must register online at [www.a2amarathon.com](http://www.a2amarathon.com). A list of volunteer jobs follows.

**Pre-race Opportunities:**

- Sponsorship — To contact area businesses and individuals regarding sponsorship opportunities.
- Packet assembly and pickup — To assemble and distribute packets for runners at expo.
- Registration — To assist during race registration at the Ardmore Convention Center.
- Pasta Dinner — To assist with planning, set-up, serving and cleanup.
- Cleanup — To assist with trash pickup along the race course.

**Race-day Opportunities:**

- Starting and Finish Lines — To assist with staging, teardown and cleanup of race sites.

- Registration — To assist during race registration at Noble Stadium.
- Water/Aid Stations — To assist with serving water and/or sport drinks to runners along the course.
- Medical Support — For trained medical professionals to provide assistance, if necessary.
- Gear Check — To collect and transport bags of runners' clothing, etc., from start lines to stadium.
- Spirit Groups — For bands, drill teams, civic clubs, etc., to provide spirit and cheering along the course.
- Communications — For licensed ham radio operators to provide communication along the course.
- Safety Patrol — For cyclists to patrol race route to provide assistance, if necessary.
- Traffic/Parking — To direct runners along the race course or vehicles to parking.
- Awards — To assist with presentation of medals, etc., at finish line.
- After-race Refreshments — To stage and serve refreshments to runners at the finish line.
- Most Valuable Volunteer — I am not picky. I will help wherever you need me the most.

▼ **UPDATE**

## Parent struggles to get child's remains

By **MARSHA MILLER**  
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Thomas Billy Lee Tillery's mother is struggling to find a way to get her son's remains returned to her in California.

The 11-year-old child was reported missing from Madill in 1994. His partial remains were identified last week and his mother, Reba Williams, was notified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

"The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children are working with Tillery's family in hopes an Oklahoma funeral home may step in to help them lay this child to rest," said OCME spokeswoman Cherokee Ballard Thursday afternoon.

"His mother has struggled for years not knowing what happened to her son or what to do. Today she's struggling to get her son returned to her new home in California. A cemetery there wanted to charge \$2,000 to bury the boy, not including transporting him from Oklahoma to California. His mother and her husband can't afford it, but are desperate to bring Thomas home. They want to have him cremated in Oklahoma and buried in California near another family member."

Ballard confirmed Thursday the child's remains, which were sent to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification for DNA testing and positive identification, had been returned to the OCME's office earlier this week and are ready to be returned the child's mother.

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**SHOW OFF YOUR SPRING BREAK**

Send us photos of your family on spring break, and we will run some in the newspaper and some at [www.ardmoreite.com](http://www.ardmoreite.com). It doesn't matter if you went someplace warm or had a "staycation" — we want your photos.

Send with your name and a daytime phone number to [yournews@ardmoreite.com](mailto:yournews@ardmoreite.com) by March 28.

**News Items**

Ardmore (580) 221-6524 or (580) 221-6593  
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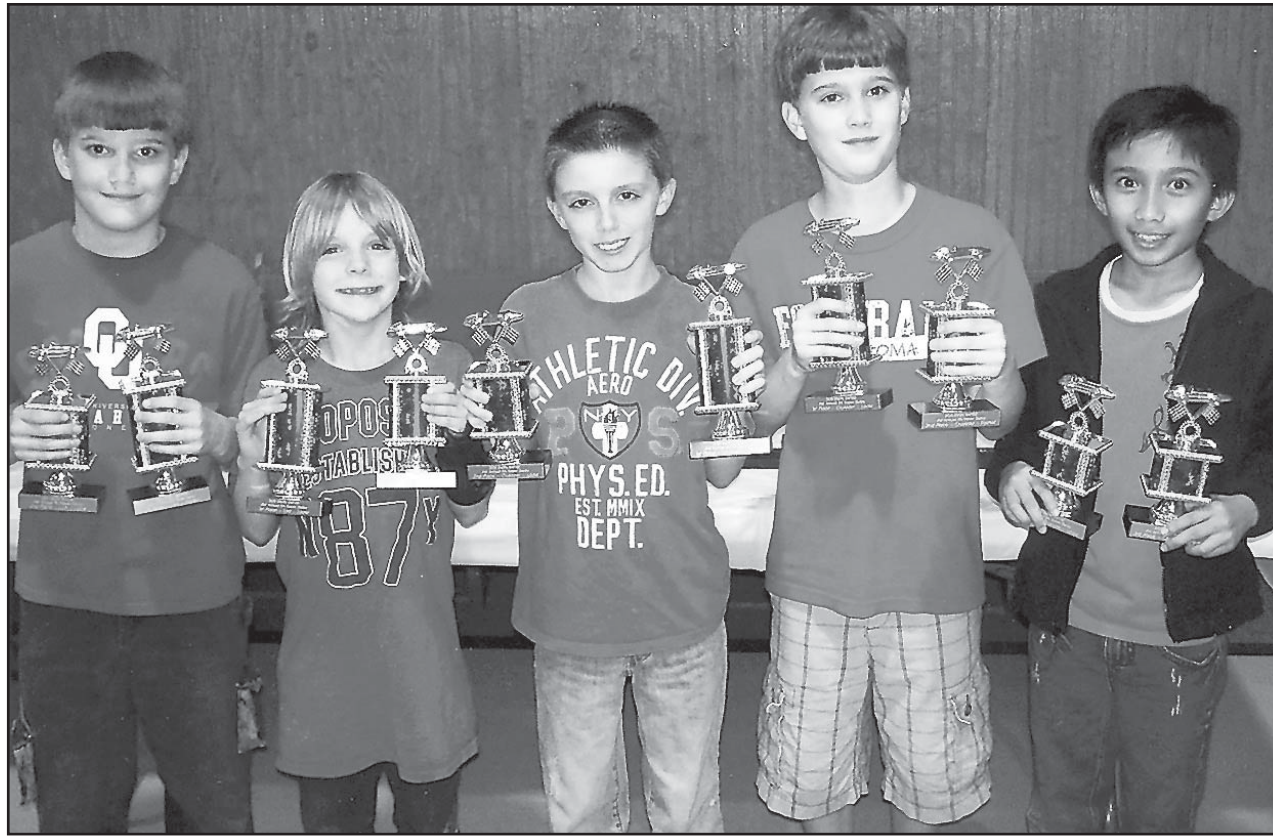
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# Soap Box Derby Winners



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Trophy winners of the 41st Annual Enon Baptist Association and Royal Ambassador Racer Derby conducted Feb. 19 at Mary Niblack Baptist Church Activity Center were from the left: Caleb Tolbert and Jacob Dart, Trinity Baptist Church; Dylan Stinson, Mary Niblack Baptist Church; and Micah Tolbert and J.P. Caminero, Trinity Baptist Church. The group will travel to the state championship Royal Ambassador Derby Saturday at South Lindsay Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

## CHURCH CALENDARS

**First Presbyterian**  
Sunday Services and activities at First Presbyterian Church begin with Sunday School for all ages beginning at 9:15 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary is at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church for grades one through five is also at 10:30 a.m. in the CE Building. A nursery is provided during services for infants through kindergartners.

### Throughout the week at FPC:

- Monday**  
■ 6:30-8 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 9/Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday**  
■ 7 a.m. — Men's Breakfast and Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday**  
■ 9-11 a.m. — Precept Bible Study/Choir Room  
■ 5 p.m. — GLOW Youth  
■ 5:30 p.m. — GLOW Dinner  
■ 6 p.m. — GLOW De-liberately Denim  
■ 6:30 p.m. — GLOW Choir rehearsal
- Thursday**  
■ 6 to 8 p.m. — Kids Can Cook/Fellowship Hall
- Friday**  
■ World Day of Prayer

### Upcoming Events:

- March 14-18 — Loaves and Fishes
  - March 28-31 — Soup Kitchen
- First Presbyterian is located at 223 W. Broadway St. To ask questions, call (580) 223-3800.

### Latter-day Saints

"The Need for Prophets" will be the theme Sunday during the Sacrament Service for the Ardmore congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Brother Jeff Ebberts will conduct the service, which begins at 10 a.m.

The church is located at 4115 Prairie Valley Road N.E.

The public is invited to attend.

### Seventh-day Adventist

Sabbath school at Ardmore's Seventh-day Adventist Church begins at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. A sermon follows at 11 a.m.

Financial Peace University is at 3 p.m. Sunday.

**Other worship and study opportunities throughout the week include:**

- Sharing Basket is open from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday. Located at 610 L St. N.W., the Sharing Basket provides free clothing

and bedding supplies. For more information, contact Beth Carlson at (580) 226-2487 or Paula Hansen at (580) 223-4766.

■ **Wednesday Prayer Meeting** at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 828 Locust St.

For more information about the church or related activities, call (580) 223-1975.

### St. Mary

Three weekend Masses are scheduled to be celebrated at St. Mary. The Rev. Henry Roberson will conduct Mass in English is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday; Mass in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Mass in English on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### Weekday worship and activities at St. Mary:

- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday — Mass (English)/church
- 6 p.m. Tuesday — Communion Service (Spanish)/church
- 9 a.m. Wednesday — Mass (English)/church
- Noon — Mass (English)/Mercy Memorial Health Center Chapel
- 12:10 p.m. Friday — Mass (English)/church
- Parishioners are encouraged to save receipts from Sirloin Stockade. St. Mary Youth Group receives 5 percent from the total of receipts collected.
- Loaves and Fishes assignment is 7.5-ounce boxes of macaroni and cheese.

### Upcoming events:

- March 6 — Men of St. Mary Pancake Breakfast, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- March 6 — St. Mary Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. students in grades seven through 12 are invited to attend. Other meeting dates are March 27, April 3, April 17, May 1 and May 15.
- March 10-11 — Discover Subiaco Academy, a catholic boarding/day college preparatory school for boys grades 7-12, in western Arkansas, offers prospective students and parents a taste Subiaco life. For more information, call (800) 364-7824 or visit their [www.subiacoacademy.us](http://www.subiacoacademy.us).
- March 12 — 12th Annual Catholic Men's Conference, "In the Father's Footsteps," in Embassy Suites Conference Center, Norman. Registration is \$55 until Feb. 23. Students can register anytime for \$29. Lunch is included. Brochures in lobby. More information online at

[www.catholicmen.net](http://www.catholicmen.net).

■ **March 26-28** — Come and See Weekend at Conception Abbey for young men who are juniors, seniors or high school graduates. Those who are interested should call Charlie Tanner at (580) 226-1507.

■ **OLOG Summer Camp** registration is now open. Camp will run June 29-July 29 and is available to youth who have finished the third grade through the 12th grade and non-Catholic friends are welcome. Information is available in the office, by e-mailing [lstewart@cathoarchdiocese.okc.org](mailto:lstewart@cathoarchdiocese.okc.org), on online at [www.cathoarchdioceseokc.org](http://www.cathoarchdioceseokc.org).

■ **The Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma Inc.** will award a number of scholarships to Catholic students enrolled or who plan to enroll full time at a college/university for the 2011-12 academic year. Application deadline is April 7. Forms are available at the office or on line at [www.cfook.org](http://www.cfook.org).

St. Mary is located at 125 E St. S.W. To contact the church, call (580) 223-0231 or access information online at [www.stmaryardmoreok.org](http://www.stmaryardmoreok.org).

### First Methodist Services and Studies at First United Methodist Church

- Adults:**
- Sunday**  
■ 8:30 a.m. — Worship/Chapel
  - 9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
  - 10:50 a.m. — Worship/Sanctuary
  - 11:05 a.m. — EPIC/Colvert Ministry Center
  - 4 p.m. — Celebrate Recovery Women's Study/Parlor
  - 6 p.m. — Festival of Faith
- Monday**  
■ Noon — Festival of Faith
- 7 p.m. — Festival of

### Faith Tuesday

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- 7 p.m. — Festival of Faith

### Wednesday

- 6:15 p.m. — IGNITE/Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. — Oasis/CMC
- 7 p.m. — Celebrate Recovery/CMC

### Thursday

- 9 a.m. — Precept Bible Study/CMC
- 12:15 p.m. — Lord, Change My Attitude Bible Study/CMC
- 6:30 p.m. — Divorce Care/CMC
- 7 p.m. — Alpha Bible Study/Fellowship Hall

### Children and Youth:

- Sunday**  
■ 9:45 a.m. — Plug-In Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. — Power-Up/Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. — Junior High Youth Group/3rd Floor
- 6:30 p.m. — Senior High Youth Group/3rd Floor

### Monday

- 6 p.m. — Girl Scouts/A9, A1, C11
- 7 p.m. — Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday

- 3 p.m. — Dance/Pre-school
- 6 p.m. — Junior High Small Groups/3rd Floor
- 7:30 p.m. — Senior High Small Groups/homes

### Other Events:

- Sunday**  
■ 5 p.m. — Hearts on Fire
- 6 p.m. — Chili Cook-off

### Monday

- 9:30 a.m. — Body Recall/CMC 116
- 1 p.m. — Clothes Closet
- 1 p.m. — Casper Cards
- 5:30 p.m. — Vesper Chimes rehearsal/Sanctuary

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## BRIEFS

### Methodist youth raise funds for Justin Duncan

Every year, Ringling United Methodist Church Youth Group sponsors a fundraiser to earn money to support their mission trip. But this year, part of the funds of tonight's event are earmarked for an extra special mission closer to home — defraying medical expenses for 11-year-old Justin Duncan.

Duncan, a student at Zaneis Schools, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Amy Grace, spokesperson for the group, said the annual benefit was originally designed to increase involvement in the youth group's yearly mission trip. This year, the group is headed to Redbud Reservation in South Dakota to paint and roof a church. Cost of the trip is \$400 per member.

"However, when Justin was diagnosed, the group decided they wanted to help and wanted to donate some of the mission money to his family to help cover expenses," Grace said.

Monica Hiller, Ringling High School freshman and member of the youth group, explained the decision.

"He's been my friend and it's really sad cancer is affecting another youth in our community," she said, adding the Christian concert fundraiser, "... should be really fun and bring the community together for God."

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Ringling Schools' Multi-Purpose Building. The concert features Joe Baker and the AnuDay Band, both Ardmore.

Admission is free, however, a love offering will be taken to benefit the youth and the Duncan family.

In addition, Ringling First Baptist Church will operate a concession stand with all proceeds earmarked to benefit the Duncan family.

To ask questions, call Amie Paul, youth leader, at (580) 222-3167.

Europe, Canada and Mexico. His musical style is both pop, with gospel undertones, and "blue-eyed" soul.

"Music has such a phenomenal power to lift our souls, to cause us to pause and consider our purpose and our path here. It can tear down walls and build bridges between generations, between family members, between cultures," Blagg said.

The event is open to all women. There are no club dues or membership requirements. The cost of the luncheon is \$11 inclusive. Door prizes will be given away.

Attendees are asked to arrive by 11:45 a.m. for serving and seating. The program begins at noon and ends at approximately 1 p.m. Reservations are essential and can be made by call Betty at (580) 465-0661 or Linda at (580) 223-6481 by noon Tuesday. If a reservation must be cancelled, call Betty.

The Ardmore Christian Ladies Club is not affiliated with any particular church, group or organization.



Beverly Herd

### 'Church mother' Herd to be honored Sunday

Bishop Roosevelt Vinson, pastor of New Light Inter-Denominational Church, will honor the "church mother," Beverly Herd, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Herd is being recognized for her dedication and faith to the Lord in special services.

The Rev. George Jones, Dallas, will deliver the message. The theme of the service is Proverbs 31:31, "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

The public is invited to attend.

New Light Inter-Denominational Church is located at 702 E St. N.W.

To ask questions, call Alice at (580) 222-9482 or Vinson at (580) 222-9133.



Matthew Blagg

### Blagg to play for local Christian Ladies' Club

Recording artist Matthew Blagg will perform Thursday at the Ardmore Christian Ladies' Club St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Dornick Hills Country Club.

Blagg has been bringing the message of a "real God" to audiences since 1988. Described as a world-class entertainer and singer/songwriter, Blagg has traversed the nation performing in nearly every state in the continental U.S., as well as

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10:30 a.m. Worship  
**Wednesday:**  
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Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M.

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Evening Worship.....6:00  
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The Refuge, Saturday Night.....7:00

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Sunday, February 27 - Worship  
"An Old Testament Picture of Righteousness"  
8:30 am McClure Chapel  
10:50 am Sanctuary  
11:05 am EPIC  
"Taking Christ's Teaching Seriously"  
6:00 pm Colvert Ministry Center

**Monday, February 28**  
Noon Lunch Study  
12:00 pm Colvert Ministry Center  
Worship  
"Take a Good Look at Yourself"  
7:00 pm Colvert Ministry Center

**Tuesday, March 1**  
Noon Lunch Study  
12:00 pm Colvert Ministry Center  
Worship  
"The House You Build Could Be The House You Die In"  
7:00 pm Colvert Ministry Center

**Festival of Faith**