

PROMOTER

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Ps 100:3-4 (KJV)

*3 Know ye that the LORD he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not
we ourselves; we are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.*

*4 Enter into his gates with thanks-
giving, and into his courts with
praise: be thankful unto him, and
bless his name.*

Greenbrier Church Promotes North American Mission Offering through a “Cup of JOE.”



The Greenbrier Free Will Baptist Church pastored by Scott Breeden is committed to doing their part in helping reach the world with the Gospel. Each year the Greenbrier church does something special to support the World Missions Offering for International Missions and the North America Missions Offering for Home Missions. They also regularly support TSP. This year the church promoted the “Cup of JOE” offering (Joint Offering Effort) for the annual Home Missions Offering. “Our Missions reporter, and myself are always trying to think of new ideas for the Missions: North America offering every year” said Pastor Scott. The

church distributed store bought coffee cups with lids and asked members to put the cups in their car cup holder and drop spare change in it each time they purchased food or drinks and got change for their purchase. “On the day of the offering we received \$694.48, but we continued to gather in other offerings and ended up with a total of \$774.48,” said Breeden. Greenbrier is a rural church and makes a huge impact for the cause of Christ. This church is an example of what every church can do. ☒



TSP Missionaries in Japan and Their Battle with the Enemy



Several years ago, Missionary Brenda Carney went to Japan as a short term missionary to later return with her husband, Rusty as career missionaries. On her first term Brenda met a young lady named Yukari who became a Christian while studying in the US. Upon the Carney’s return to Japan, Brenda

rekindled her friendship with Yukari. After becoming a Christian, her family disowned her and cut off her financial support to be educated in the US and she was forced to return to Japan without a degree or a family. Yukari said that at that time she got very discouraged, and instead of trying to find a good Christian church to go to, she slowly started living for herself again and making bad decisions. She ended up marrying a non-Christian Japanese man and they had a child. “After we returned to Japan, Yukari started calling Brenda occasionally for counsel. We sent her a Japanese Bible and she started reading it,” said Rusty. “She kept saying that she wanted to witness to her husband, however she was concerned for her safety. Not too long after that she called and said that she had taken

their daughter and moved to another city with her father for their safety. (Her father had actually separated from her mother, because he wanted to have contact with Yukari even though the rest of the family was shunning her,)” Rusty continues. “At her father’s house there was a lot of spiritual oppression. Yukari said that her two-year-old daughter would ask her for a glass of water, and then she would take it to a corner in the house and act like she was talking to someone and giving them the water. Yukari’s father said that the place where she kept offering the water was where the Buddhist altar used to be in the house. A lot of other stuff was going on in the house as far as noises and things, and Yukari’s father even had a friend pay money to the Buddhist priest in order to get rid of the “ghosts” who were living in the house. Yukari called us and asked us what to do. We told her to pray out loud and read Scripture. So she started doing that. Her father would hear her no doubt. And soon after that she found a protestant church in the area and had the pastor come and pray at the house. After that everything stopped! Yukari’s father saw that the power of Jesus was greater than what was in the house and shortly thereafter gave his heart to the Lord!” Rusty rejoiced. ☒



The World Missions Offering (WMO) is the simplest means of joining the efforts of Free Will Baptist International Missions and Oklahoma’s Total Support Program to plant churches

overseas. The National Association of Free Will Baptists has designated the last Sunday in April for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for International Missions.

Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Churches have a significant responsibility in helping to ensure that the WMO is successful. Oklahoma’s Total Support Program has committed to provide

support for 8 International Missionary families and we can’t do it without you! We are asking that every Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Church participate in helping plant churches in Oklahoma and around the world by doing two imperative things:

1. Support the Total Support Program on a consistent monthly basis (you can contact the State Mission office for more information or visit our website at www.okfwbmissions.com), and
2. Take up a special offering on the last Sunday of April designated for the World Missions Offering and send it through TSP. Thanks for your continual support to reach Oklahoma, North America and the rest of the world! ☒

Oklahoma’s First Hispanic Work Expands Ministry



For almost a decade Oklahoma Free Will Baptists have been ministering to Hispanics through the leadership of Pastor Alfredo Botello and his family. Pastor Alfredo started out by planting a church

in Bartlesville. After a few years he trained leaders to take on responsibility for the Bartlesville work (although Botello is still

heavily involved) and has allowed him to begin two new works in Tulsa and Catoosa. “The work in Catoosa is going extremely well.” reported Botello. They have grown from zero to 60 in just a few months. Pastor Roger Ballard and the Woodcrest church is hosting the Hispanic ministry and are pleased with the progress and impact it is having on the English speaking congregation as well. Pastor Alfredo’s two sons have also planted churches in Oklahoma; Gamaliel in Woodward (state project) and Israel in McAlester (Kiamichi district project). Their daughter and son-in-law are also planting another church out of state. ☒



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Bid For The Future Scholarship Auction April 28, 2012

**Individual Tickets - \$50
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For Additional Information

Pat Miller - 405.912.9015 or Sherri Sloan - 405.912.9452

What would you buy with \$2400? Some might be responsible and pay down their debt, others might just spend it on something they need or want. I would spend my money on a new set of golf clubs and bag. It probably would not help my golf game but at least I would look like a real golfer, like the ones on television.

At last year's "Bid for the Future" Scholarship Auction, \$2400 bought four tickets and free parking at any 2011 Dallas Cowboys' football game. You might be thinking that \$2400 is a little overpriced, but it was for the Dallas Cowboys and the game was at the new Cowboy Stadium. The generous couple who bought the tickets enjoyed the game and all the "bells and whistles" that came with the experience. But, truly, they received more from the tickets than just the enjoyment of the game. Ultimately, they helped a Hillsdale student by helping to fund a scholarship.

The intent of our scholarship auction is raising money for Hillsdale in-house scholarships. We award close to \$500,000 of scholarships from our budget every year, and when you sponsor a table, buy a ticket or purchase an item at the auction you are helping a student. You are assisting in giving a Christian education to a young man or woman who is challenged to be different and to make a difference in this world.

We need your help to make this year's "Bid for the Future" Scholarship Auction the biggest and best ever. You can help by sponsoring a table - \$800 Gold Sponsorship for 8 or \$400 Silver Sponsorship for 4,

buying individual tickets, donating auction items or making baskets full of items for bidding. You can help by making generous bids during the *Live Auction* portion of the day; as well as, during the *Silent Auction* for those that purchase dinner tickets.

We have a lot of fun at each year's auction and the day provides time for fellowship and to reconnect with friends. We appreciate our Friends and Alumni and the meal gives our faculty, staff, and students an opportunity to personally thank those who have purchased a meal ticket as they serve and wait on tables. Each year the talents of our students are displayed through artworks, baskets, and testimonies that are shared during the *Live* and *Silent Auctions*.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 28. If we can answer any questions about the auction please contact Hillsdale by calling **Pat Miller at 405. 912.9015 or Sherri Sloan at 405.912.9452.**

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Thompson".

Bid For The Future Scholarship Auction April 28, 2012

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

March 26-28, 2012 • Western Hills Guest Lodge

Cost: \$110 per person (with a roommate)
 \$160 per person (staying alone)
 \$220 per couple

Speaker: Melvin Moon, Pastor of First FWB Church, Hartville, MO

Music: The Calvarymen Quartet, Hartville, MO

For more information, please go to www.okstatece.com.

STATE COMPETITION

Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m.

Hillsdale FWB College

Registration forms are on the website: www.okstatece.com

Entry Fees: Individual Entry \$25.00
 Group Entries (2-4 members) \$45.00
 Large Group Entries (5+ members) \$75.00

Mail registration forms with entry fees to: OK State CE Board
 P.O. Box 183
 Locust Grove, OK 74352

Registration deadline: April 15

2012 KIDS CAMP – June 11-15

Theme: Snack Pack
 Speaker: Chad Norris
 Worship: Ka Pop
 Entertainment: Andy Holmes & Gerbert

ENCOUNTER CAMPS – KBA – June 17-22; ALVA – June 24-29

Theme: Epic
 Speaker: Chris Spradlin (www.epicparent.tv)
 Worship: AttaBoy (www.attaboyonline.com)
 Entertainment: Painter, Eric Samuel Timm
 (www.nooneunderground.com) (KBA only)



CAMP	Early-bird Rate & Dates	Regular Rate & Dates	Late Rate & Dates	Sponsor Rate	Pre-Camper Rate
KIDS CAMP	\$100 By April 23	\$110 By May 14	\$120 After May 14	\$100	\$60
ENCOUNTER - KBA	\$110 By April 30	\$120 By May 21	\$130 After May 21	\$110	\$60
ENCOUNTER - ALVA	\$150 By May 7	\$160 By May 28	\$170 After May 28	\$150	\$80





John Hewett

Director
Arms of Compassion
A ministry of Oklahoma
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Arms of Compassion
...over five years of touching lives at home and around the world...

So far ACM has directly impacted 100's, if not 1,000's, of children, families, individuals, and even communities in at least ten states and twelve countries around the world with the compassion of Jesus Christ. We have done this through our Disaster Relief efforts, the support of our Global Orphan Ministries, and the distribution of our Compassion and Adoption Grants. We have also promoted compassion in FWB churches throughout Oklahoma and encouraged and equipped multitudes of families in their quest for adoption. From day one, we have said every dollar makes a difference. Remember, Jesus fed the multitudes with just five loaves and two fish. He does not ask of you what you do not have to give. He only asks of you what you do have. Our challenge is for every church to give at least \$10 a month, every association to give at least \$100 a quarter, and every individual to give at least \$1 a month toward our compassion ministries. If everybody will do just that little bit, that will be well over \$300,000 going toward ministering to the least of these. Will you give just one dollar to touch the life of a hurting child or family? ☒

19th Annual Master's Men Golf Tournament

18 Hole Golf Course at Sapulpa

Saturday, May 19, 2012 • 1200 West Dewey – Ph. 918-224-0237

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Golf Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • A & B Flights combined • **Cost:** \$55 includes half a cart, green fees, lunch (burger, chips & drink) \$25 per golfer due at time of reservation (no refund for cancellation after April 30, 2012)

THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS:

\$55 Donation each golfer, incl. half cart, lunch & cash prizes • 2-Man Scramble Format

Sponsored by: Master's Men of Oklahoma FOR: Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College • Layman Scholarships – Endowment Fund And Other Projects
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Flights determined by average team score • A-Flight: 89 and below • B-Flight: 90 and above • Entry fee includes cart • Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd finishers each flight • Longest drive and closest to the pin events will receive prizes in both flights • **SOFT SPIKES REQUIRED**

19th Annual Master's Men Golf Tournament

Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ What church do you attend? _____ Are you the pastor? _____ Flight (A) (B)

Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ What church do you attend? _____ Are you the pastor? _____ Flight (A) (B)

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Staying in Love

Master's Men and WNAC invite couples to a weekend of retreat and renewal. The Conference is scheduled for March 23-25 at the Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson, Missouri. Brother Joe Grizzle will be the speaker. The cost for the conference is \$300 per couple. You can print out a brochure with more information and a registration form or register online at www.wnac.org.

Basic Schedule:

Friday 7:00 pm First session
Saturday 9:00 am Second session
10:00 am Third session
6:00 pm Couples Banquet followed by session four
Sunday 10:00 am Final session

Dress will be casual, with dress casual for Saturday night banquet recommended.

WITH THE LORD



REVEREND BILL M. JONES (February 3, 1937 – December 19, 2011)

Brother Bill was a pastor, a missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, editor of "Heartbeat" missions magazine in Nashville, TN, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Director of Oklahoma State Missions. Also, while serving in many of the above capacities, he also had time to serve the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board for 26 years. Lastly, he served as Senior Adult Pastor in the Poteau First FWB Church. Brother Bill has greatly influenced our denomination throughout the years of his ministry and he will be truly missed.

PASTOR'S WIVES WITH THE LORD



EDITH MARIE MURRAY (June 10, 1933 – December 25, 2011)

Wife of Brother James Murray, Marie grew up in the Vanoss/Ada area of Oklahoma. She and James were married in 1951 in the Garr Corner Free Will Baptist Church, near Stratford where her father, Brother Gertie Wood, served as pastor. She served the Lord at the side of her husband throughout their many years of faithful ministry here in Oklahoma.

BERNICE CROW PALMER (January 4, 1935 – January 19, 2012)

Wife of Brother Lonnie Palmer and long-time missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, Sister Bernice went to be with our Lord on Thursday, January 19th. At the time of her passing she was a member of the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Allen, OK where Brother Lonnie is serving as pastor. As a missionary, a pastor's wife and Registered Nurse, Sis. Palmer lived a life of faithful service to Christ.

Stratford Church Dedicates Family Life Center

Pastor Lewis Perry and the congregation of the Stratford First Free Will Baptist Church enjoyed a celebratory meal in their beautiful new multi-purpose building on November 13, 2011 as they dedicated the building to the Lord. Amazingly, they were also blessed at the service to burn the mortgage note as they have already paid off all indebtedness incurred in the building process. Congratulations, to Bro. Perry and the Stratford congregation and thank you for reminding all of us what God can accomplish when His people are willing to work hard and sacrifice. ☒



ACCESS GRANTED

Have you pondered lately just how amazing it is that we have been given direct access to the presence of Almighty God any hour of the day or night? As I think about it, I just cannot come up with the appropriate words to describe how amazing it is that the God who spoke a universe into existence would allow you and me to come before His presence at all much less anytime we desire. I have been a Christian now for so long that I am afraid that I take that privilege for granted far too often. How can we fail to pray when we realize that we frail and fallible human beings have the privilege of access to the Creator of all things? It is mindboggling to me that this omnipotent God wishes to have a personal relationship with each of us? In spite of the fact that in our own merit none of us deserve to have this access, in His great mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior we have it. Hebrews 4:16 says, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

The reason that we who are destitute and unworthy have this incredible access to the Almighty is because the God who made us also loved us and sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that we could be forgiven and have right standing with God.

I remember an incident that happened when I was approximately 11 years old. I was playing around the church building while my dad was in a meeting with several men who seemed to be involved in a very important and serious discussion. Something happened that caused me great distress, I cannot remember the details of my discomfort, but I remember that I wanted my dad and wanted him badly and right then. I headed through the vestibule area at the front of the church when a lady grabbed me by the arm and asked where I thought I was going. I told her that I needed my dad. I could see him at the front of the church with the other men. She told me that they were in a very important meeting and that I would just have to wait. I tried to argue, but she was very stern. That caused me even greater distress, but with a heavy heart I began to slowly turn away. My dad must have seen my agony because as I was leaving, I heard my dad's voice say, "Mike" come in here. Did you need to see me?" I turned on a dime and ran past the frowning woman pouring out my problem on the way to my dad. While I do not remember what the trouble was that caused me to want to see my dad, I do remember clearly that my

dad loved me enough to stop what he was doing to find out what was troubling me so deeply. Whenever I walked out, I would like to tell you that with great maturity I apologized to the lady (I'm sure she wasn't as mean as I remember), but knowing me like I do, I am guessing that my smiling expression probably conveyed more of a 'see there' attitude.

My Heavenly Father loves me and considers me His son. Many obstacles will try to keep us from His presence. Satan will try to convince us of our unworthiness, but remember that if you have accepted Christ's salvation that you have also received *the righteousness which is of God by faith* (see Phil.3:9). We can therefore come boldly before the throne of grace. Many distractions will reach out to prevent you from His presence, I encourage you to listen for God's call to your heart to come daily before Him. Perhaps some may think that God is too busy to listen to what you have to say, but remember that you are His child and that He is a loving Father who will always have time for His children.

Rom 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

If an earthly father can love enough to grant access to a troubled boy, how much more the perfect love of our Heavenly Father to His children. After you have overcome Satan's obstacles and spent time today with our Abba, Father, go ahead, smile as you leave. I will have no apology for bypassing Satan and his discouragements, in fact, my smile will be conveying to the deceiver a 'see there' attitude, for my Abba, Father has taken time to hear my concerns once again.

WOW!!! His love is AMAZING!!!! ☒



Bro. Mike

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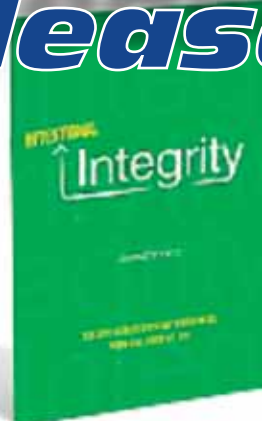
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