

PROMOTER

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Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions Department is Seeking Church Planters



The Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions Department is seeking men who feel called by the Lord to plant churches in Oklahoma. The Mission Department has created a new model for planting churches in our state. We are attempting to create a "pipeline" filled with men we can identify as potential church planters in Oklahoma. We are ready to plant a new church in 2012 but we have not identified the planter or the place to plant. By creating a pipeline with potential church planters in it, we are hoping we can expedite the process and be ready to plant new churches as money is available through the Total Support Program (TSP). Under our new



model, we are focusing on identifying church planters, getting them assessed, trained and sent out to where they feel God is calling them. We are open to almost any area of the state as a potential plant. What we are looking for are men who have a passion for souls and a burden to plant growing, vibrant churches. If God has given you a burden for an area in Oklahoma and you think God may be calling you to plant a church, we invite you to contact our office. If you know of someone who is a self-starter, hard worker and soul winner, contact us. We are excited about the future of church planting in Oklahoma and know God is going to do great things. ✕

Two New Free Will Baptist Churches in Panama



Oklahoma has two missionary families serving in the country of Panama. Steve and Lori Torrison (and their two daughters) are serving their second term as career missionaries in Panama. They recently moved to Penonome, Panama to plant a church with a graduate of the FWB Seminary in Panama. The Torrison and their helper, Osvoldo, have targeted a community and are planting a church. Weekly services are currently being held and new faces are showing up all the time. We are excited for the work the Torrison are doing and the progress that is made to establish a new Panamanian FWB church.

Paul and Chrissy Collins (and their three kids) are serving their first term as career missionaries in Panama. After language school the Collins' moved to Santiago, Panama and partnered with a recent graduate from the Free Will Baptist Seminary in Panama to plant a church. After moving to Santiago, the

Collins and their Panamanian counterpart, Julio began holding Bible studies in homes as well as started a Bible club for children, which meets at the Collins' home. After many months of preparation and work, weekly Sunday gatherings began in March. The Free Will Baptist Church of Santiago officially launched with 27 in attendance! "Praise the Lord for what we have had the opportunity to witness and be a part of so far. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us both financially and prayerfully, enabling us to be here." said missionary Paul Collins. You can receive updates and more information about the Collins family and all our Free Will Baptist International Missionaries by visiting our website at www.okfwbmissions.com. ✕



Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions Website Gets a New Look

The Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions Department recently upgraded and refreshed the look and content of our website. We are working to provide up to date and accurate information that is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week via our website www.okfwbmissions.com. We hope you will take advantage of the information available and use the website as a point of promotion and encouragement to your church and people. Also, missionaries can



be contacted through our website as well as information regarding their ministries and churches. Information on State Missions, Home Missions, International Missions, missionaries, church planters and all our ministries can be found via our website. We have information regarding church revitalization, training, events and much more available. Visit us online today! ✕

Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists Celebrates 70 Years

The Cuban Free Will Baptist National Association celebrated their 70th Anniversary in February 2012. State Mission Director, Brad Ransom and several other national and state leaders were invited and attended the four-day event held at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Several hundred Cuban leaders, Pastors and church members gathered along with a hand full of American leaders



in an outside temporary tent for the more than 15 services held during the celebration. It was a great celebration commemorating the legacy and history of the Free Will Baptist work in Cuba dating back to 1942 when Mom and Pop Willey opened the country to Free Will Baptists. Over the past 70 years the work has grown although no missionaries have been in the country for more than 50 years. ✕

How to Reach Us

You can contact the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions Department in several ways. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 7527, Moore, OK 73153. Our physical address is 3615 S. I-35, Moore, OK. Our phone number is (405) 912-9036. Our Director is Brad Ransom and his email address is brad@okfwb.org. You can contact us via our website at www.okfwbmissions.com. You can also find us on Facebook by searching Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Missions. ✕

CHURCH REVITALIZATION PROGRAM RENAMED

To better serve our purpose, the Church Revitalization Program has been renamed. "Fresh Wind Resources" will include the original CRP program but will be expanded to include seminars, online and other training focused on helping the local church. For more information, check out our website at www.okfwbmissions.com. Watch for more information soon. ✕



Hillsdale Saints



Hillsdale Basketball had a great season which culminated in ACCA National Championships for our Men's and Women's Teams. Both teams also qualified for the NCCAA National Championship Tournaments with the ladies placing sixth and the men placing fifth. It has also been announced that Autumn Drake will be stepping down as the ladies head coach and will focus her attention on the responsibilities of Assistant Athletic Director. This year's assistant coach Hannah Owen has assumed head coaching responsibilities as preparations for the 2012-13 season have already begun.



2012 Mission Trips

Hillsdale students will again participate in short term mission trips at the end of the school year. A team of six students will be helping the Buffalo, New York planting team led by Brian and Emily Williams. Hillsdale students will participate in outreach events, worship services, and missionary assistance. They will be in Buffalo from June 15 through June 21.

The Haiti team is made up nine faculty and students as well as two additional adults from local churches. The team will be working in the village of Minotree which is located about 30 miles northwest of Port Au Prince. While in Minotree they will assist the Prosperity of God Ministry, which is led by several young Haitian preachers, in relief work; holding a Vacation Bible School; and leadership training. The team will serve in Haiti from May 30 through June 6.



Special Thanks to our Alumni and Friends that helped make the Scholarship Auction a great success. Because of your ticket purchases, item donations, bids and financial gifts Hillsdale will be able to assist a number of students in the cost of their tuition for the 2012-13 school year.

You ARE Appreciated!!!!!!

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT (UPDATE)

117 Senior adults met at Western Hills Guest Lodge, March 26-28. The Calvarymen Quartet from Hartville, MO, provided beautiful worship music for each session. Missouri Pastor, Melvin Moon, blessed us with challenging and encouraging messages.

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



Kids Camp – 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)
 Special Guest: Painter, Eric Samuel Timm
 (www.nooneunderground.com) (KBA only)



Speaker –
 Chris Spradlin



Worship – AttaBoy



Special Guest – Painter,
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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



All Forms and Promotional Materials can be found at www.okstatece.com

Arms of Compassion



Several years ago Mark Cole and I visited the small town of Morelos, Mexico, with thoughts of extending the Compassion of Christ to His precious little ones there. It was there that we caught a glimpse of John Bivens dream of establishing a children's home to care for orphaned and abandoned children of Mexico. At that time his dream was focused on an empty lot of about five acres that didn't even have a bridge over the creek dividing it from the nearby community. Today there is a bridge to that lot and on that once empty lot stands 5 cottages, a dorm, a kitchen and dining area, and a director's house. At last report there were around 40 children being cared for at this home. Arms of Compassion helped fund the construction of this facility and continues to support its ministries to this day. When you support Arms of Compassion, you support this worthwhile ministry as well as other partner ministries like it around the world. Thank you for caring for the least of these... ✕



John Hewett

Director
Arms of Compassion
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Across the State

The Blue Bell Free Will Baptist Church in Sapulpa celebrated 80 years of ministry on March 25th. Several of the previous pastors attended and participated. The church was packed as current and former members enjoyed two wonderful services. Congratulations to Pastor Jason Hutsell and this fine congregation for a great celebration of their many years of service to the Lord and to the Blue Bell community. ✕



Southeastern Association announces Ordination:

Southeastern Association expresses their delight in the ordination of Wes Haddox. He is the pastor of the Hall FWB Church. Wes's father, Brother Bill Haddox is the pastor of the Center Point FWB Church. Brother Wes also works as a teacher in the Antlers Public School system. *(editor's note: We are always glad to hear of our young men who yield to God's call to the Gospel ministry)* ✕

2012 National Convention

The 2012 National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Memphis, Tennessee, July 15-18, 2012, in the Memphis Cook Convention Center. Services will begin Sunday morning, July 15, with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. CDT, followed by Morning Worship at 11:00. Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday night.

A link to the live feeds will be available at www.nafwb.org. Anyone wishing to watch the services online will be able to click on the link and see the streaming video.

We are thankful for the service to our country by all our American military personnel. Many Free Will Baptists are in that number. Three Oklahoma Free Will Baptist ministers have recently returned from deployment overseas. Jimmy Ticer, Jason Davis and Brad Hanna. We are very grateful for their safe return and for their service to God and country.



Sargent First Class
James Ticer



Brigade Chaplain Major
Brad Hanna



Captain
Jason Davis, Chaplain



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A Day of Great Joy

A few days ago I was privileged to attend one of the homecoming ceremonies for soldiers of the 45th infantry who were returning from combat duty in Afghanistan. I was there for one particular returning soldier, Brigade Chaplain Major Brad Hanna. Brad is a Free Will Baptist minister and is a full-time Chaplain in the Oklahoma National Guard. He is a dear friend and I was thrilled to see him come back safely from his recent deployment in that hostile and dangerous area of the world.

The ceremony was held in an airport hangar at the Air National Guard base. As the large bay doors were opened and the returning soldiers marched in, an enormous ovation erupted from those of us who had come to welcome them home. Even though I only knew one of the soldiers personally, I was filled with joy and pride that these American soldiers who had sacrificed so much were now being reunited with their loved ones. I was so proud to see Brad in the very front line. An army band played, Generals and political dignitaries gave speeches and finally the men were dismissed to their families and friends. I watched as Brad's youngest son, Avery, burst through the crowd and up into his dad's arms. Brad's wife, Sherri, and his older son, Landon were close behind and hugs, kisses, smiles and tears of joy abounded. Brad's parents from Georgia, Billy and Beverly Hanna were next in line and I watched as a mom embraced her son and a proud dad, wept tears of joy as he gave his son a bear hug. The rest of us who had come to welcome him got our chance as well and it was truly a time of great celebration.

As I have reflected on that joyous time, I cannot help but think of what it must be like as we who are believers in Christ, leave this hostile and dangerous world to enter into the eternal home that God has prepared for us. What a joyous reunion it must be, as family members who are already there welcome us home. Friends and church family who preceded us and have influenced our lives for Christ will greet us with smiles and embrace us and tell us how glad they are that we have arrived. Countless others who



may not have met us in this life will also be filled with gladness because another soldier of the cross has entered into rest.

Folks for each of us who have Christian loved ones that are no longer here on earth with us and our hearts long to see them again, may we remember the words of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians:

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thess. 4:13-18

As the old hymn reminds us, What A Day That Will Be!!!!!!!!!!!! ❖



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