

PROMOTER

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**The Gospel is for
EVERYONE EVERYWHERE**

**pg. 6 – Oklahoma FWB State Meeting May 2-4
(see inside for details)**

The annual World Missions Offering (WMO) for Free Will Baptist International Missions (IM) is set to be held Sunday, April 28, 2019. This offering is vital to our international mission work being done around the globe. The 2018 WMO was successful in allowing a surplus year for IM which in turn led to the erasing of all deficit accounts at the end of 2018. For those of you who participated in this offering, thank you for making it so incredibly successful for the good of the Kingdom of God!

We're encouraging our churches to participate this year by promoting the opportunity for individuals in our churches to give a one time gift to this offering and to make a pledge of monthly financial support for International Missions. The program we use to support IM missionaries with Oklahoma connections is called the Total Support Program (TSP). A monthly gift to TSP helps provide the primary monthly support for all of our Oklahoma IM missionaries, our restricted access workers, and Alfredo Botello at the Hispanic Bible Institute in Bartlesville. To be clear, every dollar given to TSP goes directly to the missionary accounts with none of the money being used for the administrative expenses of the state mission office. If preferred, individuals can choose



Rusty & Brenda Carney



Steve & Lori Torrison



Dennis & Carol Teague

to direct their support to one or more of these individual missionary families. Rest assured that your financial support goes exactly where you direct it. In the end, our goal is simply to make sure the necessary financial support is provided to allow these missionaries to share the Good News around the globe. Through your financial gifts and your prayers, you are partnering with them in sharing the Good News.

In particular, consider prayerfully supporting the Carneys as they plan to return to Japan and the Torrison as they plan to return to Uruguay. Dennis and Carol Teague also need extra support as they have remained in France an extra year helping stabilize a church there before returning for stateside assignment.

If your church or district of churches needs some promotional materials to distribute and help spread the word, please contact Misti in the state mission office at (405)912-9036.

If you are not currently supporting TSP and/or these individual missionaries, I prayerfully encourage you to partner with them today. If you are already a partner, I thank you for allowing God to use you to impact lives through your financial gifts and prayers! Your partnership is changing lives – keep up the good work! ■

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COMING FALL 2019... WORSHIP STUDIES

Oklahoma State Christian Education Board

2019 State Camps

2019 CAMPS	Early-bird Rate & Date	Regular Rate & Date	Late Rate & Date	Sponsor Rate
ENCOUNTER1 June 9-14	2019: \$150 By May 13th	2019: \$170 After May 13th	2019: \$170 After May 13th	2019: \$150
ENCOUNTER 2 June 23-28	2019: \$150 By May 21st	2019: \$170 After May 21st	2019: \$170 After May 21st	2019: \$150
Oakridge 1 July 7-10	2019: \$180 By May 31	2019: \$190 By May 31	2019: \$190 By May 31	2019: \$160
Oakridge 2 July 10-13	2019: \$180 By May 31	2019: \$190 By May 31	2019: \$190 By May 31	2019: \$180

1. We are requiring every church to pay a \$1000 non-refundable deposit to secure your church's spot at any camp.
2. Please mail in your registration with a Church Registration Form. All of your forms are on the website www.okstatece.com and you can mail in your payment and form to the State Office at Oklahoma FWB Association, P.O. Box 7527, Moore, OK 73153

2019 Senior Adult Retreat

On Thursday May 2nd (3pm-6pm) The CE Board will be hosting a dinner, fellowship, and time of worship for all of our Senior Adults. We are bringing in Bob Thomas & Dick Terry to lead us. Bob is an evangelist with Bob Thomas Ministries and Dick is the pastor at Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church. To register your church for this event simply call Daniel Sweet @ 405.655.9468 with the number of people you think will be attending.

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2019 OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE MAY 2-4 RANDALL UNIVERSITY – MOORE, OK

(Pre-registration information on back cover)

Thursday

General Board Meeting – 9:30 am

Lunch 12:00 – 1:30

Ministers Conference – 1:30 -3:30 pm

Speaker – Dr. Derwin Gray

Senior Adult Retreat – Dinner – 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Speakers – Bob Thomas & Dick Terry

Hosted at Heartland FWB Church

Oklahoma Mission Dept. Dinner

*(More information will be posted at
www.okfwbmissions.com)*

Evening Service – 7:00 pm

Speaker – Dr. Derwin Gray

Friday

Clerk calls State Meeting into session

Business Session 9:00 – 11:00 am

Morning Worship – Bob Thornburgh

Lunch 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Business 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Evening Service – 7:30 pm

Presiding – Phil Scowden

Saturday

Close of Business – 9:00 am

CTS Competition – 9:00 am



Dr. Derwin Gray



Phil Scowden



Bob Thornburgh

HOTEL INFORMATION

LaQuinta (1/2 mile north)

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THE BATTLE IS RAGING... ENLIST NOW!!!!

With battles raging in Europe and Asia in the late 1930's and 40's the United States remained outside the fray. That is until Sunday, December 7, 1941 which is the day when our Naval ships at Pearl Harbor were bombed by Japan and the U.S. could then no longer stay on the sidelines. War was declared and in the following months individuals lined up in cities all over the country to enlist to defend our freedoms. A clear call was made for able bodied individuals to join America's forces in an effort to defeat her enemies and millions responded to the call.

I do not doubt that if America was attacked by an enemy nation today that once again multitudes would answer the call. As I write this article no nation is attacking us militarily, however, America is under attack. The very soul of a nation is at stake. In the U.S. perversion is now celebrated and applauded. Gender identity has become open to choice. The killing of our most innocent is not only being sanctioned inside the womb but now discussion has begun to consider infanticide if the baby is born with something amiss. Anyone who dares to stand with Scriptural teaching is reviled and called intolerant. Prayer in the name of Jesus is banned in many public arenas. When I entered the ministry over 40 years ago I would never have believed that we as a nation would travel downward so far and so fast. I am ashamed that it has been under my generation's watch that such spiritual decline has occurred. Even within the American church many pulpits proclaim only love and grace but fail to ever mention justice and judgement. People are too often invited to enter faith without life change or repentance.

As I witness a growing interest in socialist ideology and an increasing hostility toward those who hold to the Word of God, I can become fearful for the country that I will leave to my grandchildren. When I see the most vocal proponents of immorality and the televised adversaries of Christianity spewing their hatred toward Biblical teaching, it is too easy to see those individuals as 'the enemy'. I

am reminding myself today of Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus wherein he told them *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

We are at war. I need to remember that the enemy is not the very visible and very vocal individual who is speaking what is contrary to truth. Our true enemy is the one who has deceived him. The one who seeks to destroy the lives of humans everywhere, the one who would destroy marriages, families, and yes would destroy our great country. Our warfare is a spiritual warfare. Who will enlist to fight against the very forces of hell?

It is my earnest prayer that those who are followers of Christ will see that the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ is under attack and that thousands will enlist in the Lord's army to fight for our faith, for our marriages, for our children, for our country but most of all for our Savior. Our armament consists of Truth, Righteousness, and the Gospel of peace. We are protected by a shield of faith and our helmet of Salvation. We march forward through prayer and supplication. And we battle the evil around us with the Word of God which is our powerful sword.

Soldiers are needed. You don't have to be strong for He is strong. You don't have to be able-bodied for this is not a physical war. You just have to enlist and report for duty.

When you pray I would ask you to pray for me that as Christ's soldier I might be bold in this generation and not lose heart. ☐



Bro. Mike

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If you would like to pre-register for the State Meeting, go to www.okfwb.org.
Click on Calendar and under Oklahoma State Meeting you will see a register here box.

If you don't have access to a computer, please fill out the form below and mail it in.

Pre-registrations must be sent in by May 1, 2019. If you have any questions,
please call the FWB State Office at 405-912-9400.

OKLAHOMA FREE WILL BAPTIST REGISTRATION CARD

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