

PROMOTER

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Spring Updates from our Church Planting Partners



Compassion Church in Gilbert, Arizona

Over 500 in attendance and 20 saved



Grace City in Irvine, California 218 in attendance including agnostics, Buddhist, Muslims, and Hindus. Lauren looked out front at one point and Jasper, who is still technically an agnostic, was holding a Chinese "Jesus is Alive" sign over his head waving it at people as they walked up. They also had a Hindu lady that asked if she could help with some of the hospitality setup. And after a service, a Muslim told our church planter Stephen Kimbrell that she is going to start coming to his small group. Pray for God to lead each of these seekers to faith in Christ!

Dessert Rock in Florence, Arizona 320 in attendance and 10 life change commitments



Restoration Church in Granite City, Illinois
504 in attendance and 21 saved



**Praise God for all He is doing among these works!
Thank you for your prayer and financial
support of these church planting efforts. ☽**



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**Steve
Greenwood**

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JULY 22-25, 2018
LITTLE ROCK, AR



TRAINING

ALL INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES AND STATE COMPETITION RESULTS must be sent to Randall House by **JUNE 1**. The CTS event schedule will be posted online by June 15.

SERVICE

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OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program has been the financial foundation for our state ministries since its adoption in 1954. Randall University is the biggest recipient of Cooperative funds receiving 33%. The National Free Will Baptist offices receive 24%. The Oklahoma State Office operates on 22% of the Cooperative receipts followed by the State Missions Department at 15%. The Christian Education Board which sponsors a variety of educational endeavors receives the remaining 6%.

There are many good reasons for a local church to participate in a cooperative plan of support. In church finance like individual finance we are to be rivers not reservoirs. There should be an inflow and an outflow. It allows a church to be a part of something bigger than itself and a ministry greater than itself. It benefits the local church in very significant ways. A church can teach its people by example the faith principle of trusting God by giving a percentage of their budget monthly. It also teaches by example the principle of generosity. Perhaps the greatest value to the local church is the ministry mentality that it fosters. When a church sees the work of the kingdom as extending to state, national and international ministries it conveys a vision for God's work that motivates and excites people to be even more involved in their local ministry. Many pastors have

said that when they led their churches to faithful cooperative giving that they witnessed a change in perception from an "us first" mentality to a "God's work first" mentality. Other pastors have testified that they led financially struggling churches to step out in faith and give to the cooperative plan, they then watched in amazement as God blessed their churches financially. Any church that would like to see their people become more generous, more excited and more involved in God's work should consider participating in the cooperative plan of support. In Oklahoma, the cooperative plan has been used by God to accomplish more for Christ's Kingdom than we could have otherwise. Great appreciation is held for those who had the insight to promote it among our churches and to the churches and associations that have embraced it as a way to further the Gospel. □



2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The annual Free Will Baptist National Convention will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 22-25, 2018.

For more information please go to their website at www.nafwb.org





SPRINGTIME OF THE SOUL

The trees that a few days ago appeared to be dead are now showing signs of life as the bare branches begin to leaf out. All across the yard green is starting to appear (I'm pretty sure it's all weeds). The birds are chirping. The squirrels are scampering. The days are warming. Winter's deathly slumber is giving way to the joyful awakening of Spring. It is interesting to me that here in America it is in the midst of all these changes we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord each year.

Just as Jesus died and rose again so we can walk in newness of life. We who were dead in our trespasses and sins have been made alive. We who knew only long wintery nights of darkness have through Christ entered into the glorious light of a living hope.

When I was young it seemed like winter lasted forever. I would go stir crazy having to stay indoors when the weather was bad. I remember the excitement of Springtime. As the days grew longer and warmer, friends would gather in the neighborhood and we would begin to play baseball in growing anticipation of the approaching Little League season. I even loved the rain and the stormy days because growing up in rural Missouri I knew from an early age how important the Spring rains were to the growth of gardens and crops.

Do you remember when you first believed in Jesus? All things were exciting and new. You looked with anticipation to this new adventure of following

Christ. It felt so good to leave behind the guilt and the shame of our sin and to feel the joy of forgiveness. The Lord took my brokenness and made me whole. He removed my sin and filled me with His Spirit. Truly God has brought us from death unto life.

The Spring season is a reminder that death must give way to life. No matter how bleak things may seem, there is the hope of a better day. To those struggling with addiction there is the very real possibility of freedom because of the power of the Resurrection. To those who are overwhelmed with stress and anxiety, there is the promise of a peace that passes all understanding. To those who are drowning in grief and sadness there is the possibility of joy unspeakable. To those paralyzed by fear, there is the practice of God's presence.

A better day is available. A better life is possible. God is the author of the seasons. It is He who changes the cold and blustery days of winter into the warm and life giving days of Spring. It is also He who transforms the cold and calloused heart of the unbeliever. Turn to Him in faith and experience a spiritual Springtime in your soul. □



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