

PROMOTER

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And God said.....

Genesis chapter 1 KJV

Oklahoma FWB State Mission Board

Your Oklahoma FWB State Mission Board encourages you to partner with us in 2017 in our effort to share the Good News of Jesus around the world. Recently, we mailed out posters to each of our churches that lists each of our current missionaries and church planting partners. Hopefully, your church will put these up and encourage you to pray regularly for these families who are carrying the Good News forward into a lost world. As you pray, please consider partnering with us to financially meet the needs of these ministries. We also have new TSP Plus pledge cards. We'd love to supply your church with enough of these cards to be distributed to your church family encouraging each one to consider making a commitment to support these works on a monthly basis. These monthly gifts are the backbone of the financial support necessary to allow them to serve where they are. These cards offer each person the opportunity to choose how they would like to give – supporting TSP as a whole or specifically supporting one or more of the families included in the program. TSP stands for the Total Support Program which offers you the opportunity to support global outreach on many fronts and help start church plants across America all with the same financial gift. TSP currently funds missionary efforts in France, Japan, and Uruguay – not to mention the efforts in more restricted countries. In addition, your regular monthly support of TSP is vital to sustaining and expanding our efforts to plant English speaking and Hispanic churches in Oklahoma and across North America.

Using the new pledge cards, you will also have the opportunity to support our We Start Churches fund that helps provide support for church plants. The card also gives your church the opportunity to participate in our Reaching the Unreached (RTU) program. This is a relatively new opportunity that allows your church to pay the monthly support for a local FWB church planter in the Ivory Coast for \$150 a month or in India for \$75 a month. Give us a call if you'd like more information on these options.

There's one other way you can financially make a huge difference in the lives of our international missionaries. You can do that by participating in the World Missions Offering (WMO). FWB

International Missions holds its annual WMO on Sunday, April 30, 2017. The goal is for that day to be set aside to encourage individuals and churches to participate in this effort to go above and beyond in supporting our global outreach cause. While you don't have to give on that designated day, take the time this spring to participate in this vital offering that fills in the funding gaps and helps extend our reach around the globe. This past year's WMO allowed IM to erase the financial deficits of every missionary family (include some supported by TSP) at the end of 2016. Praise the Lord! It's easy to see how supporting this offering directly benefits our missionaries. If you plan to participate, you can go to www.fwbgo.com/wmo to find resources that will help you promote the effort within your church. When you participate, you can send your gift through the Oklahoma state office and the gift will then be sent directly on to IM.

So this spring, we're encouraging our Oklahoma FWB churches to take up a one-time offering for the WMO, pass out the TSP Plus cards at that time, and promote the opportunity for individuals to make a faith-promise pledge and give monthly to TSP and/or We Start Churches through their local church. If your church is interested in supporting one of our international church planters through the RTU program, you can do that as well. If you need additional resources and more information on how you can participate, please contact us. You can visit our website at www.okfwbmissions.com or contact us by phone at the state office (405) 912-9400 or by talking to board member Gary Curry at (580) 320-1473. Gary can also help you book a missionary or a representative to come to your church. Thank you for choosing to partner with Oklahoma Free Will Baptists and taking the Good News around the world! ☐



TSP Plus allows you to provide financial support for our entire team of International Missionaries and/or Church Planters, or provide designated support to one or more of our team members.



NAME: _____
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I AM COMMITTING TO:

 <p>TSP Plus:</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> one-time
 <p>We Start Churches:</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> one-time
 <p>Reaching the Unreached:</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> monthly - India <input type="checkbox"/> monthly - Ivory Coast
<p>Church Planter:</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> one-time



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19TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Join us for our first auction as Randall University!



Saturday, April 8, 2017

Preview of Silent and Live Auction Items – *Friday, April 7 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

10:30 a.m.
Doors Open &
Silent Auction Begins

11:00 a.m.
Serving Line Opens for Ticket Holders

12:45 p.m.
Live Auction
Begins

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FOR MORE INFO OR TICKETS,
CALL 405-912-9453 OR EMAIL AUCTION@RU.EDU

Senior Adult Retreat

March 20-22 at
Western Hills Guest Ranch

Sequoyah State Park near Wagoner, OK

Cost: \$140 per person with roommate
\$190 per person staying alone
\$250 per couple sharing a room

**In the last issue of the Promoter we accidentally published the wrong rates. The CE Board sincerely apologizes.*

Speakers:

Lenny Pirtle -
Rejoice FWB Church

Mike King -
Crosspointe FWB Church

Music: Ada First FWB Church

For more information go to
www.okstatece.com



**May 6, 2017 at Randall University
Opening Assembly is at 8:30 am**

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

**Entry Fees: Individual Entry – \$25
Group Entries (2-4 members) \$45
Large Group Entries (5+ members) \$75**

**Mail registration forms with entry fees to:
OK State Office**

Attn: CE Board - P.O. Box 7527 - Moore, OK 73153

Deadline is: April 15th or there will be a \$20 penalty

2017 STATE CAMPS

2017 Camps	Early-Bird Rate & Date	Regular Rate & Date	Late Rate & Date	Sponsor Rate	Pre-Camper
Encounter Teen KBA 1 June 11-16	\$130 By May 15	\$150 After May 15	\$150 After May 15	\$130	\$70
Encounter Teen KBA 2 July 26-July 1	\$130 By May 22	\$150 After May 22	\$150 After May 22	\$130	\$70
Victory Kids Camp 1: July 12-15 2: July 16-19 3: July 23-26 4: July 26-29	\$160 pre-register by by May 31	\$170 register by after May 31	\$170 register by after May 31	\$160	All campers at Victory must be at least 7rs old

Registrations must be POSTMARKED by the given dates.

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International Missions Update

Last year at the National Convention in Kansas City, I made the following commitment to the denomination. "If the general fund needs are fully met, monies can be distributed as needed to missionary accounts."

We have closed the books for 2016 and Rob and I have looked at the numbers. The 'general fund needs' have been fully met. The board authorized Rob and me to strategically distribute the remaining funds to help accounts that are in the red or underfunded.

Therefore, the great news is:

1. IM ended 2016 in the 'black'. We are very grateful to the faithful supporters who have stepped up and gotten behind the IM missionaries and our ministries.
2. All deficits of missionary accounts have been erased. About 1/3 of our missionary accounts were in the 'red' at the end of the year. However,

we did keep our promise to use extra funds to cover missionary needs and praise the Lord that we were able to erase all red ink for missionary accounts.

3. An additional \$209,000 has been allocated to strategically address missionary account needs.

Rob and I have worked hard to strategically allocate these funds. We are rejoicing that these monies were available and we are able to bring some much needed relief to those who were looking at red ink.

Thank you again for your continued support and words of encouragement. May God direct us as we move forward together to help fulfill the Great Commission. ☐

Serving Him,

Free Will Baptist International Missions

Clint Morgan, General Director

Congratulations



The Bethany FWB Church of Broken Arrow, OK honored Rev. Randy Wilson and wife, Donell for 25 years of service to the church on February 5, 2017. Randy and Donell continue to have a very fruitful ministry at the Bethany Church. The church blessed them with a trip of their choosing as well

as a 25 day sabbatical. Randy has not only led the church during these years of service but has also given instrumental leadership in various denominational enterprises. Congratulations, Randy and Donell. ☐

DON'T FORGET!

Remember to use Randall House Publications for all your literature and church supply needs. Randall House will be taking orders for the Summer curriculum (June, July & August) starting the middle of April. They can also help with VBS material.

Go to www.randallhouse.com to also see the books that have recently been published. We appreciate our denomination's publishing house and are proud to partner with them. You can call them at **1-800-877-7030**. ☐

IN MEMORY...SOLDIERS GONE HOME



Rev. Leon Anthony Sparks Sr.

December 24, 1943 – January 1, 2017

Brother Sparks was born in Picher, Oklahoma . He grew up and attended schools in Haywood. Bro. Anthony was married to Jeanie Mitchell on October 11, 2008. A bi-vocational minister, Brother Anthony worked as a ranch foreman and a truck driver until his retirement. He preached at the Tannehill Free Will Baptist Church from 1991 until 2010. He was attending the Fellowship FWB Church in McAlester.



Rev. Lonnie Eugene McAlister

September 24, 1927 – January 4, 2017

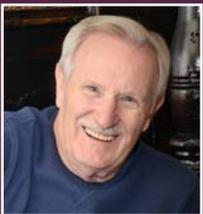
Brother Lonnie pastored many churches in both California and Oklahoma. He enjoyed listening to and singing gospel music. He had a wonderful tenor voice. He enjoyed gardening and cooking. He was especially known by the many he entertained for his Mexican cuisine. He and his wife Mary Fern (Rolen) McAlister were married for 69 years. Brother Lonnie and Sister Fern have for many years been faithful members of the Southern Oaks FWB Church in OKC.



Rev. Joel Cullen Greeson

November 30, 1956 – January 5, 2017

Brother Joel graduated from Randall University (formerly Hillsdale) in 1983. He served as pastor in Butler, OK, Stillwater, OK, Broken Arrow, OK, Bixby, OK and Lexington, OK. He was attending Heartland FWB Church at the time of his passing.



Rev. James Kemper Combs

January 13, 1938 – February 7, 2017

Brother Jim was born in Crab Orchard, WV, one of 15 children. He served in the U.S. Navy and then graduated from Welch College (FWBBC) in Nashville, Tenn. While in college he met and later married Shirley Roberts. They left in 1964 to serve as missionaries in the field of Brazil. All together they served in Brazil for over 40 years. Brother Jim was an avid sports enthusiast and utilized that love to assist his evangelistic efforts. He was full of humor and tremendous faith even after his stage four cancer diagnosis. What an amazing testimony of facing death with confidence and joy he was to all who knew him.

We also want to recognize three wonderful pastor's wives who have recently left us for their eternal home. Godly and faithful wives are such a tremendous blessing to ministers.



Becky Maynor



Pat Dobbs



Clara Staggs

Becky Maynor, wife of Rev. Brian Maynor, **Pat Dobbs**, wife of Rev. Troy Dobbs and **Clara Staggs**, wife of Rev. John Staggs. Please pray for Brother Brian, Brother John and Brother Troy as they face the days ahead. ☐

Evidence.....

While still attending college back in the 70's, my wife and I were enjoying an evening with our very good friends. We had finished eating and returned to the living room of our small home. All of a sudden and out of nowhere my wife screamed. I did not see what she screamed about but her scream scared the dickens out of me and our guests. She was staring into the kitchen and I immediately looked but saw nothing. When I could breathe again, I asked her what was wrong. She simply replied, "Mouse". I was greatly relieved that we were not being attacked by Freddy Krueger.

Being the brave and noble souls that we were, my friend Craig and I decided that this fiendish intruder must be dealt with. We armed ourselves with a broom and a tennis racquet and began our hunt. We looked in the cabinets, we looked behind the stove, we pulled out the refrigerator and sure enough that is where he had hidden. The mouse darted from its hiding place and flew across the floor and down the hallway causing more screaming from the ladies and I'm pretty sure from Craig as well. Not to be outmaneuvered, we headed down the short hall and into my daughters room. We jerked the mattress off the bed. No mouse. We pulled a little bookcase loaded with children's books away from the wall and he darted off again. His sudden movement caused Craig and I to jerk and the books flew everywhere. With our wives screaming and laughing we had no choice but to continue this very dangerous adventure. Into the master bedroom we went, again moving mattresses and chest of drawers. Finally, we cornered the little guy in the closet and captured him under the tennis racquet. Considering what to do next, and with the wives still laughing and begging us to show mercy, we somehow ushered him out of the house and let him go into a ditch beside our house. It clearly had been quite a bit of excitement



for him as well for he wasted no time getting away. (that little rascal was fast). Jeannene, Linda and Craig's screaming must have frightened him pretty bad too because I never saw him again.

When we went back into the house, we began to survey the damage. It looked like a small tornado had been wreaking havoc in there. Overturned chairs, furniture askew, and books and clothes were everywhere. We had a visitor and the evidence was clear- there had been a mouse in the house.

I have smiled about that adventure many times through the years. I have also been amazed that such a small and harmless creature could leave behind such humongous evidence of its presence. Doesn't it follow that the presence of something great and powerful would also most certainly be clearly seen.

We who claim the name of Christ should live in a manner that reveals clear evidence of the fact that God's Spirit lives within us.

1 Corinthians 3:16 says *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

When we invite Jesus to be our Savior and Lord we receive the Spirit of the Living God into our lives. I trust that you will agree with me that the awesome presence of the Almighty should be clearly evidenced by everyone as they observe how we live. ☺



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