

PROMOTER

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1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:



It's our privilege to introduce you to our newest We Start Churches team members - Tom and Laurel Harkness. They are leading a church planting team in Media, Pennsylvania. We've asked Tom to share a little about their initial steps and how we can pray

While we were looking for the house, we began to immerse ourselves in and among the people; we have found them both warm and inviting. We have spent time connecting with people and engaging the lives of the community, eating our way through Philadelphia. We are joyously drinking more coffee than normal and participating in conversations with the locals.

The team that is with us is excited and willing to do the hard work of ministry. We already made contact with the ten universities and found little to nothing going on within these campuses in the way of collegiate ministries. We have found an open door for our desire to establish Christian ministries on their campuses.

You can pray for us as we introduce ourselves into the lives of new people; pray for an open door for us to establish relationships, preach the Gospel, and establish churches.

for them. Read his thoughts below and join us in supporting this work.

When our team arrived at the beginning of July, we began to look for a residence in the area that we could rent—a house that would accommodate the people we are reaching out to in order to have them over for a meal. The Lord was faithful to give us the exact house we wanted in order to cultivate the ministry we are developing.



Prayer for all aspects of this new church plant. We need prayer for Gospel power, and finances are always a continued prayer request.

Over the next few months it is our goal to establish discipleship groups in the area by having a weekly barbecue for our new friends and neighbors.

Within the next few months we will be recruiting, identifying and training leaders for the Sunday service launch. We are very excited with what we are finding - a harvest field that is ripe.

Please pray to the Lord of the Harvest that he would send more laborers into this harvest field. ■



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2018 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE RESULTS FOR OKLAHOMA

Name	Competition Code	Age Code	State	Place
Aubrey Graves	1.10 - Vocal Solo (Age A-B)	A	OK	1st
Mia McGee	3.30 - Bowed String Solo	A	OK	1st
Aubrey Graves	3.40 - Plucked String Solo	A	OK	1st
Moriah Dodge	3.50 - Pitched Percussion Solo	A	OK	1st
Joyful Noise	4.30 - Praise Band	A	OK	1st
Cornerstone Five	6.40 Human Video	A	OK	1st
Eli Parish	7.30 - Mixed Media	A	OK	1st
Trustin Cushman	7.80 - Conceptual Art	A	OK	1st
Olivia Ransom	8.11 - Short Article	A	OK	1st
Evan Derby	8.20 - Personal Experience Essay	A	OK	1st
Allelujah	2.60 - Choir (13+)	B	OK	1st
Bradley Thomas	3.50 - Pitched Percussion Solo	B	OK	1st
Heartland Praise Band	4.30 - Praise Band	B	OK	1st
John Mack Weaver	5.10 - Keyboard Solo	B	OK	1st
Charity Cushman	6.11 - Individual Sign Language	B	OK	1st
Charity Cushman	6.51 - Individual Drama	B	OK	1st
The Three Stooges	6.53 - Group Drama (3+)	B	OK	1st
Charity Cushman	8.20 - Personal Experience Essay	B	OK	2nd
Elli Neumann	8.80 - Bible Lesson	B	OK	3rd
Cornerstone	4.30 - Praise Band	C	OK	1st
God Is So Big	6.52 - Dramatic Duo	C	OK	1st
The Stool	6.53 - Group Drama (3+)	C	OK	1st
LG Puppet Team	6.62 Recorded Puppetry	C	OK	1st
Cornerstone Chorus	2.60 - Choir (13+)	D	OK	1st
The Remnant	6.40 Human Video	D	OK	1st
Our Coming Savior	6.53 - Group Drama (3+)	D	OK	1st
Justina Rhodes	7.61 - Banners	D	OK	1st
Wyatt Kirk	7.71 - Sculpted Clay	D	OK	1st

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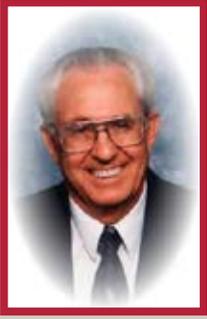
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Rev. Charles Arthur Bigger

July 15, 1934 – July 14, 2018

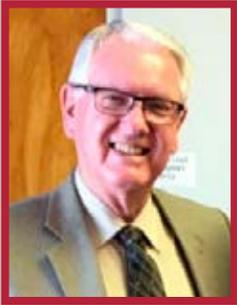
Brother Charles was born and grew up in Hoyt, OK. He married Dorothy Westbrook of Broken, OK in 1954. Brother Charles was called into the ministry in 1960. He faithfully fulfilled that calling for the next 58 years. 55 of those years he served as a pastor. He and Dorothy served the Hoyt FWB Church, a Broken Arrow FWB Church, Greenbriar FWB Church in Arkansas, Shellenbarger FWB Church in Bixby, McAlester First FWB Church, Eastside FWB in Muldrow, Stratford FWB Church, Enid FWB Church, Ardmore First FWB Church and the Pleasant Hill FWB Church in Norman.



Rev. Bill Haddox

February 17, 1943 – April 30, 2018

Brother Bill was born in Antlers, OK. He married Wanda Dossey on July 11, 1961 in Wichita Falls, TX. Bill loved being with family and he enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. Brother Bill was ordained in the ministry in 1966 and spent the remainder of his days pastoring and serving God in every way he could. He touched countless lives and led many people to know the Lord.



Rev. Larry Montgomery

October 20, 1944 - July 4, 2018

Brother Larry was born in Holdenville, OK. He grew up in the Non area. He began preaching during his senior year of high school. Larry married Sammie Bond in September of 1964. Brother Larry pastored in Stillwater, OK while attending OSU. After graduating from Welch College in Nashville, Tenn. he pastored in Florida, Georgia and Illinois and then again here in Oklahoma at Ada First FWB and Checotah First FWB. We are grateful for he and Sis. Sammie's faithful service to the Lord and Free Will Baptists.



Please be sure to set aside a day this fall to honor your pastor. His responsibilities are many and his heart is sometimes overwhelmed. Appreciate that he loves the Lord, he loves His Word and he loves His people. Love him, pray for him, honor him, help him and support him. As you work with him for God's glory, may God's blessing rest upon your labors.

As you travel life's journey...

In Acts 8 beginning at verse 26 we find the story of the encounter between Phillip and the Ethiopian official who had traveled to Jerusalem to worship. From the reason for his travel as well as his reading material which was from the book of Isaiah we can conclude that he was accepting of or at least interested in Judaism. An Angel gave Phillip specific traveling instructions which took him into the proximity of the Ethiopian. The Holy Spirit spoke to Phillip and told him to go near and overtake the chariot in which the official was sitting and reading. Phillip runs to the chariot and hears him reading from Isaiah. He asks the official if he understands what he is reading. Phillip is then invited up into the chariot and starting with the Scripture the man was reading, he preached Jesus to him. The official becomes a believer and is baptized by Phillip before continuing his journey home.

Allow me to make a few short observations that each and every one of us could put into practice which can help us in our soul winning efforts.

1. Travel as God directs.

God may not send an angel to give you a specific road to travel as He did Phillip, but He has called all of us to live a life of obedience and to show that we are His by the way we love each other. Many other things could be said but simply travel as God directs.

2. Be attentive to people as you travel.

Phillip had no idea it seems as to who he would meet as he traveled but as he was walking in obedience to God he came across a fellow traveler who God was already preparing to hear about Jesus. As you go through life you too will encounter people. It may very well be that God is preparing a heart to receive the Good News that you will have opportunity to share. Be attentive as you travel.

3. Listen to the Spirit and obey when He speaks.

Phillip was told by the Spirit to go join himself to the chariot and he did as he was instructed. The Spirit still speaks to our hearts if we will listen. There have been many times that my heart

has been prompted to speak to total strangers. On many of those occasions, I have been able to share the Gospel. Pray each morning that you will be attentive to God's voice. Listen to the Spirit and obey when He speaks.

4. Bible knowledge is the best preparation for success.

Phillip was familiar with the book of Isaiah and used it to tell the official about Jesus. The best preparation for soul winning is to study the Word of God and be able to tell the story of who Jesus is and why He came. You will find that Bible knowledge is the best preparation to be a successful witness.

5. Start where you find them.

When Phillip heard him reading from Isaiah, he started at the place he found the official and directed the conversation to Jesus. As you engage a fellow traveler, find something that interests them and start there. You may be surprised how easily you can direct the conversation to Jesus.

In the passage we see that the Ethiopian official was accepting of the Gospel and was baptized.

I have no idea how effective the Ethiopian was as a soul winner himself when he returned to Ethiopia but it is very interesting to me that in Ethiopia's latest census 63% of the population identifies as Christian. That means that today there are nearly 68 million people in Ethiopia who are Christians. It is certainly possible that the first Christian witness to this country was none other than the official who met Phillip as he traveled.

Keep your eyes and your heart open tomorrow as you travel. Tonight God may be preparing a soul that you will encounter. ■



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