

PROMOTER

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2018 MINISTERS RETREAT MARCH 5-7

*Registration information
on the back cover.*



New Year, New Opportunities

Through our **We Start Churches** initiative, we're partnering with two new church plants in 2018. Keep these churches in prayer as they begin:

Desert Rock Church in Florence, AZ – The Joey Bilibrey family

The launch of Desert Rock Church, in Florence, AZ, is right around the corner. Our team of over 100 people, are so excited to begin having services in January, with a grand opening on February 11, 2018!

Pastor Joey reports "Recently, as part of our community outreach, we gave away free Christmas photos to families in our community. In addition, all of the children were entered into a raffle to give away two \$50 gift cards. One of the families who won, shared with us how much it meant to them to receive this gift, because their son is currently battling leukemia. This has given us an opportunity to love on them even more and support them through this trying time of their life. Moments like these, make it so evident that God is already moving in our community, even before our launch! We can't wait to see what God has in store for 2018! 'We will ROCK our community with the love of Christ!'"

Tokorozawa, Japan – The Heath Hubbard family

Heath and Joni Hubbard along with their three kids Eli, Micah and Emma are returning to Japan on January 3, 2018 to begin the process of planting a new church in Tokorozawa, Japan right outside of Tokyo. The plan for 2018 is to start four small groups of people studying the Bible using the inductive bible study method. Then in January of 2019 to launch the new church with the existing group of people that have been studying the Bible.

Heath says "We are so excited about this opportunity and we are so grateful to partner with **We Start Churches** to make this church plant a success. We have been so encouraged by the advice, resources, and coaching we have received from **We Start Churches**. We are so grateful for your partnership and prayers as we begin this adventure."

The Hubbard family has also shared a few prayer requests for their transition back to Japan: "Pray for the two couples that will be raising support and coming to Japan to help us plant this church as they are currently raising support. Pray for our children as they transition back to Japan that the transition will go well and they will make lots of new friends. Pray that God would continue to draw people to himself. Through the relationships that we make that people will want to study the Bible one and one and in groups."

TSP Missionaries on Stateside Assignment in 2018

The Rusty and Brenda Carney family

From Rusty Carney: "Opportunities. Opportunities come our way every day. We can choose to take them or we can choose to let them pass by... We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support (prayer, financial, encouragement, etc.), which has given us an opportunity work for the Kingdom of God here in Eastern Hokkaido, Japan these past three years. A lot has happened this term. We had a new addition to our family (Katherine Joy), but also have seen many Japanese people take strides on their journey to becoming a member of the family of God! Whether it be through English classes, play groups, piano lessons, going to the doctor or dentist, etc. the Lord has connected us with people. Some seeking Him intentionally, others not so much, but still searching for something. Whatever the case may be, we have presented (and represented) our God and many are being drawn to Him! We finished our term and returned to the States for a year of Stateside Assignment on December 26, 2017. While we are saddened to have said goodbye to our friends and acquaintances in Japan, we look forward to the new opportunities we will have this year to share in your churches and homes, some of the stories of what the Lord is doing in Japan! We love you all and can't wait to reconnect with you. If you would like to have us come to your church, small group, Sunday School class, home, school, etc. just send us a Facebook message or email us at: rcarney@fwbgo.com. Until we get our Stateside cell phone numbers you may also reach us at 618-627-7791. We are looking forward to the opportunities! With much love..."

The Steve and Lori Torrison family

From the Torrison family: "We are planning to visit churches in the west (Arizona, New Mexico, Southern California) during February - April, come back through Oklahoma for the state meeting the first week of May, then head to visit churches in the east (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio) until the National Convention. Then we are excited to be able to serve at Randall University as Missionaries in Residence for the 2018-2019 school year! We will also be available to visit churches in Oklahoma and surrounding areas during that time. In the meanwhile, we are praying about new ways to reach the people of Uruguay with the Gospel when we return." 📍

Contact the Oklahoma FWB State Missions office at (405)912-9036 for more information or assistance in booking either of these families for services.

A New Tradition On the Horizon

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

Beginning in 1998, Randall University hosted a very successful annual auction. This campus-based fundraiser enabled us to partially fund a variety of scholarships. We appreciate the vision of President and Mrs. Cheshier, who founded the auction, and are deeply thankful for the leadership of Pat Miller, who coordinated the auction for the last ten years. Through these efforts over one million dollars has been raised to fund scholarships and help fulfill Randall's mission.

The auction was a great tradition in every sense of the word: it generated financial support and brought people (alumni and donors) together on campus. However, constituent interest in the auction has diminished recently. Therefore, we have decided to shift our focus to other avenues to build long-lasting relationships. We have decided to set a new "tradition" that focuses on our past and present institutional family—our *alumni*.

This new alumni focus is called **"RU Connected?"** We are launching it this spring, and we need you to make it happen, so **save this date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 10 AM to 5 PM.**

The **RU Connected? Randall Reunion** will bring former students, friends, and families together on campus. This event will include fun, food, and fellowship in a familiar setting. Activities will include family games and formation of alumni connections, culminating with a *President's Banquet*.

If you spent any time at Oklahoma Bible College, Hillsdale, or Randall, you know how important the school has been to you. You probably had great campus experiences learning in the classrooms, living in the dorms, finding direction for your life through interested mentors, growing in Christ, and building life-long friendships. This special day is a wonderful opportunity to return to the place that invested in you and will give you a chance to return the favor. This new tradition is just that—*new*—but one thing that is not new is our need to fund 25+ scholarships each year.

Let us know you are coming by emailing your name, your mobile phone number, and how many are coming with you to: ruconnected@ru.edu.

RU Connected?

President Timothy W. Eaton, Ph.D. 



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED:

- Associate in Arts
- Business Leadership
- Christian Ministry
- Multidisciplinary Studies
- Ministry and Business
- Public Administration

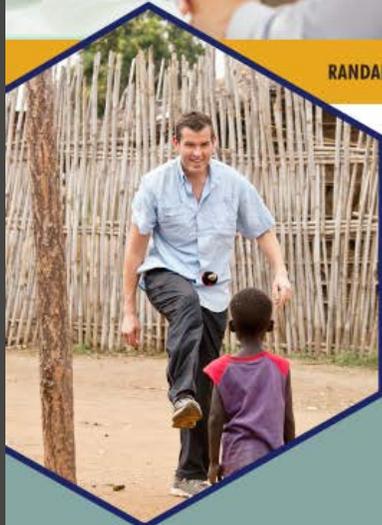
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Randall University maintains accreditation through the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). TRACS is recognized by both the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national accrediting body for Christian institutions, colleges, universities, and seminaries.

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HOW DO I APPLY?

- Fill out the Online Application for Professional Studies at www.ru.edu/apply
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit official high school transcript
- Submit official ACT or SAT scores
- Two Reference Letters
- Statement of Purpose

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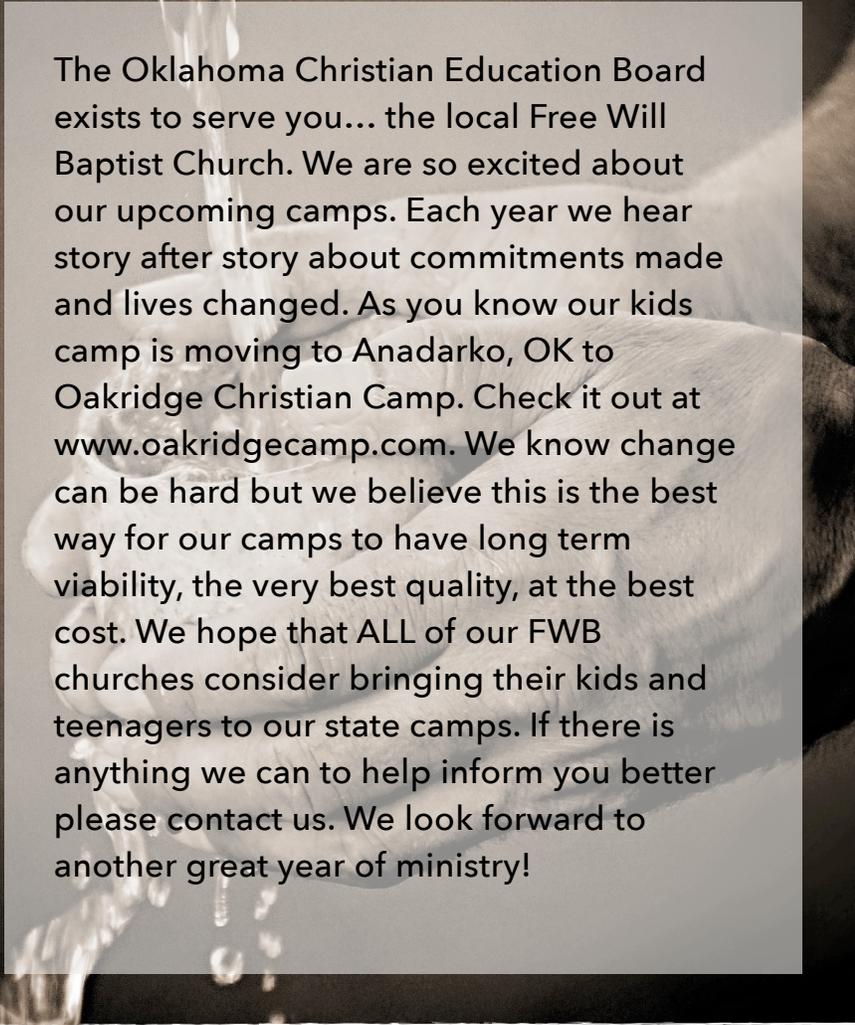
For info go to
okstatece.com



Upcoming Events

Senior Adult Retreat:
March 19-21

State Competition:
May 5th



The Oklahoma Christian Education Board exists to serve you... the local Free Will Baptist Church. We are so excited about our upcoming camps. Each year we hear story after story about commitments made and lives changed. As you know our kids camp is moving to Anadarko, OK to Oakridge Christian Camp. Check it out at www.oakridgecamp.com. We know change can be hard but we believe this is the best way for our camps to have long term viability, the very best quality, at the best cost. We hope that ALL of our FWB churches consider bringing their kids and teenagers to our state camps. If there is anything we can do to help inform you better please contact us. We look forward to another great year of ministry!

ENCOUNTER TEEN & OAKRIDGE KIDS CAMPS 2018

Encounter Teen Camp

June 10-15 & June 24-29

Cost: Early Bird \$130, Regular \$150, Sponsor \$130.

Oakridge Kids Camp

July 15-18 & July 18-21

Early Bird \$160, Regular \$170, Sponsor \$160

For any questions contact Daniel Sweet at daniel.sweet42@gmail.com or 405-655-9468

*Deadlines: Encounter1 by May14, Encounter2 by May 21, Oakridge1&2 by May 31

Men's Fellowship Conference

Tulakogee Conference Center • February 23rd and 24th, 2018
Sponsored by the Oklahoma Master's Men

FRIDAY EVENING:	6:00 - 7:00 Dinner	SATURDAY MORNING:	7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
	7:00 - 8:00 Session 1		8:30 - 9:30 Session 3
	8:00 - 8:15 Break		9:30 - 9:45 Break
	8:15 - 9:15 Session 2		9:45 - 10:45 Session 4
	9:15 - Fun, Fellowship, Refreshments		10:45 Dismissal

COST: Only \$70.00 per person and includes one nights lodging, the conference, and 2 meals.

SEND RESERVATIONS TO: OKLAHOMA MASTER'S MEN
C/O Kenny Oleson • 9924 Dawn Dee Road • Oklahoma City, OK 73150

REGISTRATION:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Church: _____

Roommate (If a preference) _____

Must have Reservation Fees by February 16th, 2018 to guaranty your room.



Faith FWB Church in Holdenville just completed and dedicated their new "Youth For Christ Center" on October 8, 2017. It houses a children's church chapel, five class rooms, four restrooms and a half gym with a kitchen. The Lord blessed with two lots for this project and has enabled it to be completed debt free. Their Ladies ministry added a children's park to the project as well. We rejoice with the Holdenville church for God's blessings and this wonderful new facility. ☺



Billy G. Kelton with the Lord

Rev. Kelton served Oklahoma Free Will Baptists by filling pulpits and also pastoring the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Muskogee, OK. He pastored in Newark, California for many years before his time in Oklahoma. His grandson, Rev. Paul Collins says that Brother Billy was never one who wanted to stand out or be noticed. He quietly and faithfully served his Lord as a bi-vocational minister. ☺

OKLAHOMA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST 2018 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - WHEN PLANS CHANGE

We're looking forward our 2018 Conference to be held on April 20 & 21. We'll be at the Crowne Plaza – Southern Hills located at 7902 S Lewis Avenue in Tulsa.

Our speakers, **Tammy Lancaster**, along with her husband, **Jaimie**, have served as a missionary in Montevideo, Uruguay for 19 years. As a child, she felt the call to missions while attending Connect Church in Russellville, Arkansas. She is the mother of two wonderful children, Jonathan (San Diego, California) and John William (Seoul, South Korea). She has worked in a wide range of ministries while in Uruguay and they are presently working with the Uruguayan Team to plant a church in the Carrasco neighborhood of Montevideo.

We will have our silent auction & craft sale as well as our second "Ministry Wives" special feature this year. This was a great success last year.

Registration Information

Please submit one form per church & include the contact person's name, phone number, mailing & email address (if available). List any special requests - handicap room, sharing room with another church, etc. All rooms will be booked with double beds unless specifically requested as king beds. Registration is non-refundable, but is transferable to another person.

PLEASE NOTE NEW REGISTRATION FEE

Room rate will be **\$100** maximum of 4 people per room. Registration is **\$60** per person & includes a buffet dinner on Friday night.

Missionaries: Registration fee of \$60 is waived, but you will need to reserve and pay for your room. All registrations must be postmarked by **March 18, 2018**. If postmarked after March 19, the fee will be \$70.

Please divide your group according to how many rooms you want with each group dividing the cost of the rooms among themselves. Submit names of **all** women attending including women not staying at the hotel, noted as "Day Attendee".

PLEASE NOTE STATE MEETING - 2018

Registration will begin at **12:00 PM** on Friday, April 20 for our **State Meeting** business that will begin at 1 PM. This was voted on during our October, 2017 business session. All women are encouraged to attend even if they are unable to attend the retreat.

The Friday afternoon retreat session begins at 2:30 PM. Evening session and dinner begins at 6:30 PM. Saturday morning session begins at 9:00 AM. Nametags must be worn to all services. Room check in is normally after 3 PM.

Send one check per church for the hotel and registration fees made payable to:

OWAC or Oklahoma Women Active For Christ

Mail registrations to:
Shelia Rooker

2512 SW "A" Avenue Lawton, OK 73505
Email: srooker@fidnet.com
Phone: 580-357-8755 or 580-585-0902 cell

REMINDER: OWAC Scholarship applications are due by April 15. We did not have any applications for 2017 and would love to receive some for 2018. Please contact the Randall financial office, Shelia Rooker (info above) or Tracy Payne (405-620-3162 or email at tracypayne3162@gmail.com for more info.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – APRIL 20 & 21, 2018 CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

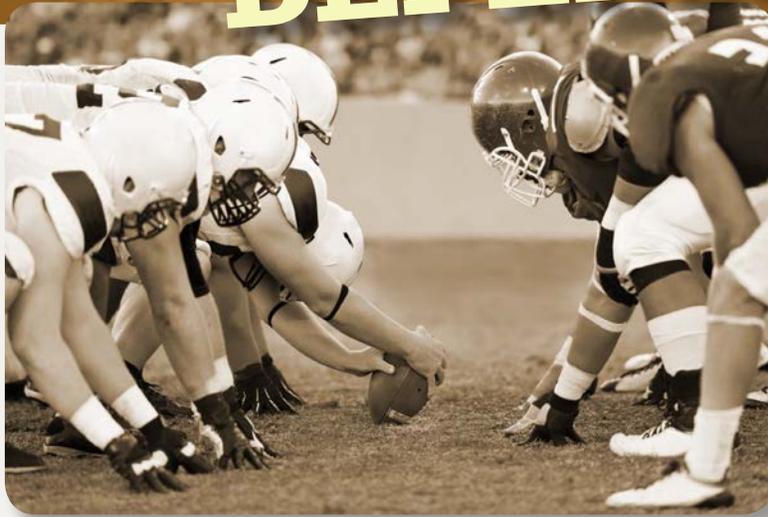
Church Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Email Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Special Request: _____

Room # 1	Names	Room # 3	Names
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3	_____	3	_____
4	_____	4	_____
Room # 2	Names	Room # 4	Names
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2	_____	2	_____
3	_____	3	_____
4	_____	4	_____

Total # of rooms requested	_____	@ \$100.00		
Total # of people registered	_____	each	\$	_____
Total # of late fees	_____	@ 60.00 each	\$	_____
Check # _____		@ 10.00 each	\$	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK			\$	_____

OFFENSE OR DEFENSE?

I have heard it said that it is good defense that wins championships. I understand the reasoning behind such a statement but would argue that victory can only be achieved with offense. In sporting events as well as war you need an offensive strategy to achieve victory. In baseball, soccer or football you can hold your opponent to zero points but unless your team can score at least one point you will not be victorious.



its stronghold on so many lives. Look again, it is not the gates of the church but the gates of hell that will not prevail.

In that day, when an enemy would invade a city, they would devise a strategy to break through the protective gates

In war, it takes a strong offensive strategy to win. Simply trying to endure the attacks of the enemy may prolong the battle but rarely wins the war.

I often hear that today's church is under attack. I believe that is true. Satan and his forces wish to diminish the influence of the church in the world and to destroy the lives and testimonies of those who follow Jesus. To some, it may seem to be the best strategy to simply hunker down and withstand the attacks until Christ returns and sets things right. I would contend that such a strategy is not only detrimental but contrary to our marching orders.

In Matthew 16:16-18, Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus blesses Peter then goes on to declare that upon that very truth He would build his church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. I grew up thinking of this passage in the sense that Hell and its forces could not and would not overthrow the church of Jesus Christ. But as I examine this passage more carefully, I can see that Jesus is not speaking here of the church being able to withstand the attacks of hell but rather it is hell that will not be able to withstand the attacks of the church upon

or overcome the walls of the city. A common approach was to take a battering ram and break through the gates thus allowing the conquering army access to the stronghold.

Today the evil forces of hell and Satan hold fast to a multitude of souls that walk in darkness. Just as Jesus stated that he came to earth to set the captives free so must we understand as soldiers of Christ that we are to be about the business of breaking down the gates of the strongholds that bind so many around us. In other words, we must develop successful strategies to continually storm the gates of hell knowing that they cannot prevail. We must not simply get behind our church doors and wait for Christ to come. Rather let us reveal the truth of who Jesus is everywhere we go. Each and every time we tell the story of Jesus to someone we are truly storming the gates of hell that hold them captive. I can think of no better time to change from a defensive to an offensive strategy than right now. May we start this new year with a new determination to tell someone about our Lord for He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. 



Bro. Mike

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2018 Oklahoma Ministers Retreat

If you would like to pre-register online for the Ministers Retreat, go to www.okfwb.org.

Click on Calendar and then Ministers Retreat. Here you will find a registration form to fill out.

Please mail your payment to the address listed in the box below.

Pre-registration must be sent in by February 16, 2018.

If you have any questions, please call the FWB State Office at **405-912-9400**.

SPEAKERS:



Dr. Joe Arthur



Jim McComas

Monday March 5

3:00 p.m. Check In & Register
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Session #1
7:30 p.m. Session #2

Tuesday March 6

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Session # 3
10:30 a.m. Session #4
12:00 Noon Lunch

Golf Tournament/Free Time

6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Session #5

Pre-Register Online for the 2018 Ministers Retreat

Western Hills Guest Lodge - Lake Ft. Gibson - Wagoner, Oklahoma

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

With roommate (\$200) _____ Staying alone (\$300) _____

I Prefer to room with: _____

Attending the Conference (without lodging) (\$100) _____

Pre-registration by February 16, 2018 includes:

Registration, two nights lodging and five meals.
Mail to: P.O. Box 7527 - Moore, Oklahoma 73153
Make check payable to: Oklahoma State Association
(Thanks for your continued support)

Wednesday March 7

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Session #6