

PROMOTER

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COMPLETING THE WORK

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 KJV

**Oklahoma FWB
State Meeting
April 30 – May 2**

(see page 6 for details)



WHAT IS "WMO"?

The World Missions Offering (WMO) is one means that we as Free Will Baptists use in funding New Church Plants Overseas.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Our MISSION STATEMENT as Free Will Baptist states, "We exist to labor with the Body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission." Our mission statement drives everything we do. It has been the focal point of our efforts from the first missionary sent out in 1935 to those sent today. This mission statement is not limited by location, ethnicity, race, language, or any other criteria. The gospel is for all people!

WHY IS WMO IMPORTANT TO ME AND MY CHURCH?

We believe God desires that we work together in the spirit of unity as team players, partnering together to embrace a larger vision and accomplish a greater task that is beyond the capacity of any of the individuals involved. It is called INTERDEPENDENCE! We can do more when we team up together!

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES?

Approximately two-thirds of the WMO offering is used to finance partnerships in countries that do not have American FWB Missionaries. Some of those countries include Russia, Central Asia, Panama, Cuba and Ivory Coast.

One great example is examining our partnership with the Free Will Baptists in Cuba and Ivory Coast. Neither country has American FWB missionaries but both continue to see a growing and expanding work. And we are witnessing the unique situation of having Cuban FWB missionaries ministering and



Cuban pastor Yosniel Yu assisting in baptism with Ivorian pastor Jean Daniel in Ivory Coast.

serving in Ivory Coast!

American FWB's have maintained partnerships with these two countries for many years supporting their seminaries monetarily and educationally. Now we are

witnessing the rewards of these two countries working together to expand the Great Commission! And we are also witnessing Ivory Coast missionaries sending out their own missionaries to Ghana and Burkina Faso! These two examples are but a small part of "the harvest" of supporting FWB partnerships in other countries!

WHEN CAN I HELP?

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has designated the last Sunday in April for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for International Missions. But the fact is you can help anytime! You don't have to wait until April. The important part is that we get involved in supporting The Great Commission TODAY! Will you join us? Contact our office at (405)912-9036 or board member Gary Curry at (580) 320-1473 for promotional resources, questions answered, or additional assistance.

WMO 2020
World Missions Offering

2020 OFFERING GOAL: \$650,000

UNFINISHED

- Church Planting
- Pastoral Training
- National Youth Camps
- National Missionaries
- Cross-Cultural Ministries
- Bible Training

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RANDALL UNIVERSITY

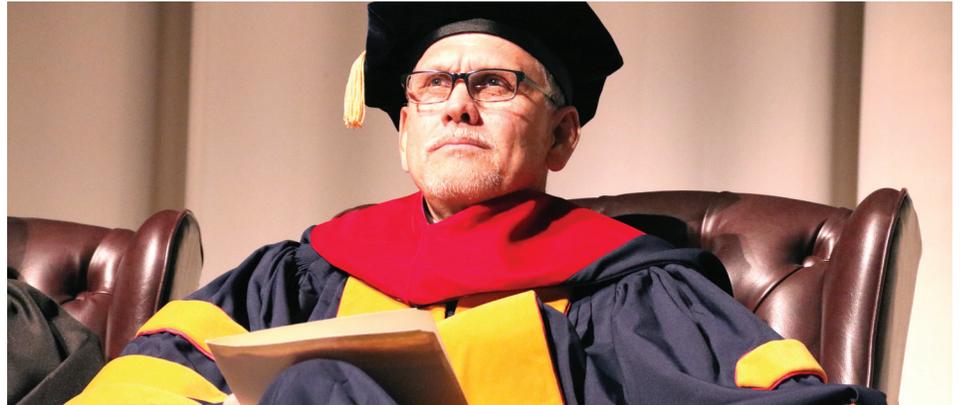
There's A New President In Town

On January 16, 2020, Reverend Robert "Bob" G. Thompson was inaugurated as the tenth president of Randall University. This day was full of excitement as the campus was filled with friends of Randall who came to witness history being made. It was a special ceremony involving two former presidents, Reverend Carl Cheshire and Dr. Timothy W. Eaton, as well as other presidents of private Christian colleges including Dr. Matthew J. Pinson from Welch College in Gallatin, TN.

Three generations of "Thompson" preachers took part in the service. Bob's father, Bailey Thompson, was featured in a video singing "Master of Blue Galilee," a song that was requested of him many times as he traveled to churches sharing the Gospel. Bob's son, Cory Thompson, delivered the inaugural address preaching a sermon entitled "A Confessional Institution for the Church."

One of the most memorable parts of the inauguration occurred right after Reverend Dick Terry, Chairman of the Randall University Board of Trustees, gave the confirmation charge and Bob delivered the response from the president. In his speech, Bob referred back to historical documents that record that it was at the Oklahoma State Association Meeting in 1958 that Resolution Number 9 was accepted saying, "Be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education seek out a location and make plans to establish a Free Will Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma." The resolution committee was comprised of these men: Earnest Harrison Sr., A. L. McAffrey, W.V. Wood, Bill Ketchum, and Bailey Thompson.

Bob shared a Chinese proverb that says, "when you drink water,



remember the man who dug the well." He then went on to say, "We are enjoying the faithfulness and the generosity of those who have gone before us. We are remembering the cloud of witnesses that have given all to have this university." Moving into the future, Bob shared his heart by making four promises:

1. The Word of God will be our textbook in our classrooms
2. We will be a Great Commission

university

3. We will be faithful to our Free Will Baptist doctrine and history
4. And that he will live a life above reproach.

Join with us in praying for President Thompson and supporting his vision as he strives to lead our university and as he follows the Lord. There have been 60 great years of service, and with your help, we hope to see at least 60 more.



CAMPUS DAYS

YOU'RE INVITED

MARCH
26 - 28

Live the college life and experience what it's like to be a Randall University Saint!

- Student led worship service.
- Attend classes based on your interests.
- Competition style games and activities.
- Explore the dorms.
- Grab lunch at Cafe 59.

Please Register Online
ru.edu/campusdays





encountercamp



We are so excited about this years teen camp line up. Ryan Golightly (pronounced go-lite-lee) is a Kingdom minded communicator who will challenge your students to change the world for Jesus. Adam Leichner (pronounced lite-ner) is as talented as he is passionate about serving Jesus and leading people in worship. Your students are going to be equally challenged and blessed!

Encounter 1: June 7-12
Encounter 2: June 21-26

Cost: \$150 by May 15th
\$170 after May 15th

Remember each church must fill out a "church registration form" and a \$1,000 deposit. See details at okstatece.com
Or contact
Daniel Sweet: 405.655.9468
daniel.sweet42@gmail.com

Speaker///
Ryan Golightly

Family Ministries Pastor
Rejoice Church in Owasso
rejoicechurch.com

Worship///
Adam Leichner

Worship Pastor
West Church in Wichita
westefc.org



We are so excited to welcome Johnny Miller to our kids camps. Johnny brings a wealth of experience in children's ministry and has served as a camp director, kids evangelism crusades, and even oversees the kids production at the national convention. He will be leading worship, preaching, and entertaining the kiddos

Evangelist///
Johnny Miller

Children's Pastor
Cavanaugh Church in Fort Smith
cavanaughchurch.com

Encounter Kids1: July 12-15
Encounter Kids2: July 15-18

Cost: \$180 by June 15th
\$190 after June 15th

Remember each church must fill out a "church registration form" and a \$1000 deposit. See details at okstatece.com
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State Competition
May 1st & 2nd
Randall University

As you know nationals is in OKC so we are expecting a pretty big turnout. We are planning to have the Bible Competition on Friday Night. So that's a change from previous years but we believe it is the right decision as it will help make the weekend flow much better. **BE ADVISED YOUR CHURCH WILL NEED TO PLAN ON BEING AT RANDALL ON FRIDAY NIGHT FOR BIBLE COMPETITION!** Start getting your forms filled out and mailed into the state office now because we are excited for a great year of CTS.

See our website for forms and details.
okstatece.com
Don't forget about the national CTS site
verticalthree.com

Arms of Compassion Ministry

BY JIM BENEDICT, *Director of ACM*

On January 11th the Arms of Compassion Ministry hosted a project called Loving Ada. Three ministries and seven churches came together to love on the less fortunate and homeless of Ada, OK. They served over one hundred pulled pork sandwiches and lots of sides all provided by the churches. There was live music, lots of praying, so much love and tears of joy! It was absolutely an amazing day to serve our King Jesus!!



HONOR *to whom* HONOR

REV. JOE RICHARD "DICK" SHADE

October 31, 1920 –
December 17, 2019



Rev. Dick Shade was born in Oologah, Oklahoma to Clyde and Katie May (Kearns) Shade. Dick served in the U.S. Army. He later worked as a plumber. In his

twenties he was saved and began serving the Lord with a passion. He was ordained and served as a Free Will Baptist minister for over seventy years. As a Home Missionary he helped to establish churches in Oklahoma, Kansas and in Arkansas. Brother Dick is survived by his wife, Lorine (Barnes) Shade. What a wonderful legacy of faithfulness he has left for all of us.

REV. CLARENCE JOHN HEARRON

January 17, 1923 –

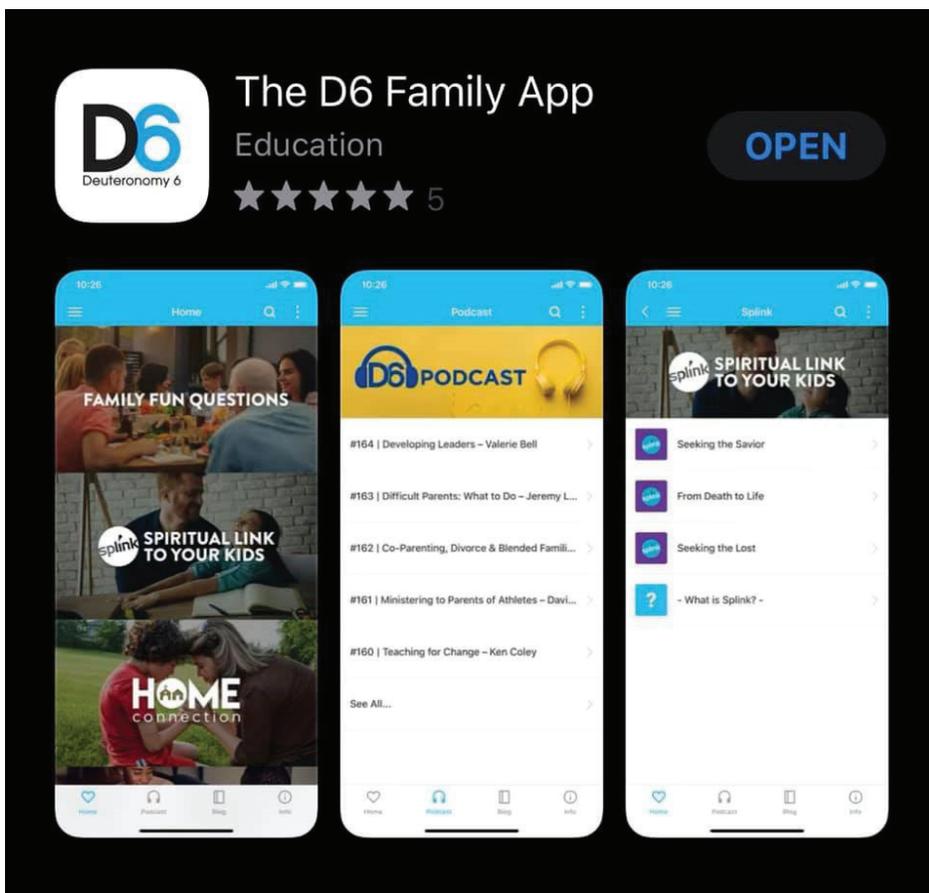


January 18, 2020
Rev. Clarence Hearron was born to Rev. William and Essie Hearron in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. After he graduated as valedictorian from

his high school in New Hope, Arkansas, he served our country in the U.S. Army. While in the Army he surrendered to the call to the gospel ministry and

preached his first sermon while stationed in Hawaii. His first pastorate was in Waco, TX at the First FWB Church. It was then that he met and married Juanita, his wife of 53 years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion at Baylor University and later his Master of Education degree from Texas Wesleyan. In 1966, Bro. Clarence became a teacher and Academic Dean at Oklahoma Bible College

(later named Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and now Randall University). He has also pastored churches throughout Texas and Oklahoma. After Juanita passed away in 2000, he found love again and married Artelle Cox in 2003. Rev. Clarence Hearron has left a major impact on so many lives through his years of service at our college and the churches he pastored. He will be greatly missed.





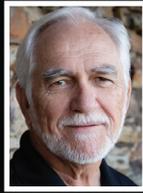
**Mike
Cousineau**



**David
Crowe**



**Eddie
Moody**



**Clint
Morgan**

2020 Oklahoma State Meeting

APRIL 30 - MAY 2 | RANDALL UNIVERSITY | MOORE, OK

(Pre-registration information on back cover)

MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday

9:30 am General Board Meeting
12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 pm Ministers Conference
with Clint Morgan

We Start Churches - Event
(More info. will be posted at www.westartchurches.com)

7:00 pm Evening Service with Dr. David Crowe

Friday

Clerk calls State Meeting into session
9:00 - 11:00 am Business Session
Morning Worship with Dr. Edward E. Moody
12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 4:00 pm Business
4:00 - 7:30 pm Bible Competition
8:00 pm Evening Service with Mike Cousineau

Saturday

9:00 am CTS Competition

HOTEL INFORMATION

LaQuinta (1/2 mile north)

2140 Riverwalk Dr., (405) 759-7700
I-35 & 19th St. Exit
Complimentary Breakfast

Holiday Inn Express (3 miles north)

621 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 735-9400
I-35 & Exit #18 (12th St.)
Complimentary Breakfast

Hampton Inn & Suites (3 miles north)

614 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 735-6821
I-35 & Exit #118 (12th St.)
Complimentary Breakfast

Spring Hill Suites Marriott (3 miles north)

613 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 759-2600
I-35 & Exit #118 (12th St.)
Complimentary Breakfast

*Listed above are just a few of the hotels in Moore,
but there are additional ones in the area.*

Be Prepared



Mike Wade,
Executive Director
for Oklahoma
Free Will Baptists

Have you ever noticed that it seems that preparations never end. It seems we are busy preparing for something continually. When Jeannene and I became engaged we began preparing for a wedding and for a life together. Later when we learned that we would become parents, we began to prepare for the arrival of our first little one. There was much to do: a nursery to furnish and make ready, classes on childbirth, buying diapers, bottles, onesies, the list seemed endless. Preparing for coming events is necessary but rarely easy.

Here in the state office we are currently preparing for our upcoming State Meeting. We are collecting reports and printing the programs and documents that will be needed. We are praying for those who will be preaching and for the youth that will be competing on Saturday, May 2nd.

Preparations are also underway as it is our privilege to host the National Association of Free Will Baptist in OKC on July 19-22. There is much to be done but we want to be ready. It is our desire to be good hosts. While I am not usually a 'worrywart', I can't help but be a little anxious about forgetting some important element of preparation.

As I write, I am being reminded of the overall importance of being prepared. Whether you are conscious of it or not, you are almost always preparing for something. It may be the next meal, the next event, the next doctor visit, the next work day, the next worship service, the next class. I think you get the idea.

During my Bible reading time this morning, I read Jesus' parable of the ten virgins. Five awaited the

bridegroom prepared and ready. The other five were unprepared and eventually were left out. It occurred to me that I have become lax in my expectation of the imminent return of our Lord. Oh don't misunderstand me, by God's grace I know I am prepared for His coming. It is just that I would like for the return of Jesus to be more on my mind every single day. It would certainly impact my interaction with people. I think that it would make me more fervent in witnessing to those I encounter who are not prepared. I think that it would impact every facet of my everyday life if I reflected that today could be the day that Jesus comes back.

Have you made preparation for His return? There is no preparation taking place that is more important. As a believer you know that the bridegroom is coming soon. Please make sure that all is ready. We do not know the day or the hour but we know it is coming. Be ready! Help others to get ready!

If you are reading this and you are not a follower of Christ, receive Him now, live for Him, watch for Him for He will surely come soon.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 25:10-13



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PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE

2020 Oklahoma State Meeting

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-registration must be sent by April 29, 2020.

If you have any questions, please call the FWB State office at (405) 912-9400

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Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email Address _____

Church _____

Please check one

- Minister
- Deacon
- Delegate
- Missionary
- Visitor

