

# PROMOTER

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*God is faithful,  
by whom ye were  
called unto the  
fellowship of his Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9





## MESSAGES FROM OUR TSP MISSIONARIES

### Torrison's Return to Uruguay

Dear Friends,  
If you have not heard, we were finally granted financial approval to return to Uruguay on June 24th! We quickly packed our bags and arrived in Uruguay late on July 4th.

We cannot express how thankful we are for how our Oklahoma partners stepped up in the past months to make this a reality! There were days over the past year and a half that we were not sure if we would ever get the funding we needed to return, but as is always the case, God had it all under control. Currently we are working on moving into a house, getting furniture, and re-kindling relationships. Please pray especially for Melanie's friend, Angy, whose older sister/mother figure passed away suddenly just a few days before we returned. Thank you again for your continuing support!  
*Steve and Lori*



### Teagues are Raising Support

Bonjour,  
Currently we are in the US on stateside assignment. Since our last visit there has been some encouraging new developments in the ministry. One example is that a French couple has joined us in our Kingdom effort! In order to get

back to our ministry in France, we must find partners who are willing to help us add \$2,500 in monthly support. Our projected departure date is December 12, 2019 so there is much to accomplish in a short time! We welcome opportunities to share with your church, small groups or individuals. Please don't hesitate to contact us at (405) 617-6837 or [dennis.j.teague@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.j.teague@gmail.com).  
*A bientôt,  
Dennis and Carol*



# RANDALL UNIVERSITY

## It's Not Too Late to Give 60

The Give 60 campaign will continue through the remainder of the entire year. We have received several significant gifts from our friends and alumni. It has been encouraging to see the many who love and appreciate Randall University. Our founding fathers would be amazed at how much our university has grown throughout the years. We have added new majors and we are now seeing a renewed interest in our School of Christian Ministry.



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Your contributions to the Give 60 campaign are designated for the Dr. Thomas Marberry Scholarship which benefits the Christian Ministry students. We have grown from 20 students to over 60 students in our ministry department. If you have not yet given, go to [www.ru.edu/give60](http://www.ru.edu/give60) and help us to continue the ministry of Christian education that our founding fathers began. Your giving will make an eternal difference.

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The Instructors and Courses that will be offered during the 2019-2020 academic year are:

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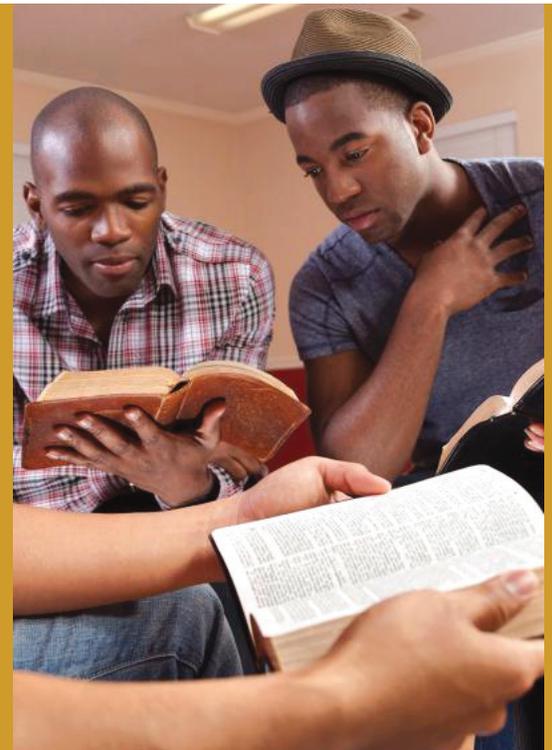
**Drs. Jeff Blair and Timothy Eaton, Hermeneutics**  
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**Dr. Ron Hunter, Intergenerational Discipleship**  
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There is a FREE three-hour (3) Online Orientation Course led by Dr. Eaton that is required for graduate students.

If you would like more information about the Master of Arts in Ministry call 405-912-9456 and Dr. Eaton will contact you. You can also email him at [teaton@ru.edu](mailto:teaton@ru.edu) for more information. There are special scholarships available for Free Will Baptist ministers, so this is a great time to start.



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# Oklahoma Christian Education Board

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**Congratulations to all of our Oklahoma winners who placed at Nationals in Cincinnati!!**

Competition Code	Entry Name	Church Name	Score	Place
Group Memorization - Kindergarten	God's Girls	West Tulsa	107.63	First Place
Bible Memorization - Grade 2	Jace Jamison	West Tulsa	99.94	First Place
Bible Memorization - Grade 3	Aiden Riggs	Bethany	99.8	First Place
Bible Memorization - Grade 4	Talin Harger	New Hope	99.97	Third Place
Bible Memorization - Grade 5	Steven Wilson	Foundation	99.69	First Place
Group Memorization - Grade 5	Scripture Sisters	Rejoice	108.24	First Place
Bible Memorization - Grade 8	Austin Riggs	Bethany	99.13	Third Place
Group Memorization - Grade 8	Clarksville 8th	Clarksville	82.21	Third Place
Competition Code	Age Code	Entry Name	Church Name	All First Place:
Vocal Solo (Age A-B)	A - Grades 1-3	Olivia Ransom	Rejoice	First
Vocal Solo (Age A-B)	B - Grades 4-6	Lauren Meadows	Clarksville	First
Duets	A - Grades 1-3	The Ransom Girls	Rejoice	First
Brass Solo	C - Grades 7-9	Keith Thompson	Kingsview	First
Plucked String Solo	B - Grades 4-6	Talin Harger	New Hope	First
Plucked String Solo	D - Grades 10-12	Jackson Keith	Mineral Springs	First
IE (2-4)	B - Grades 4-6	Colton & Savannah	Foundation	First
Individual Sign Language	A - Grades 1-3	Trustin Cushman	Heartland	First
Group Sign Language	B - Grades 4-6	Heartland Praise Hands	Heartland	First
Illustrated Storytelling	C - Grades 7-9	Allison Olmedo	Cornerstone	First
Human Video	B - Grades 4-6	Foundation Kids	Foundation	First
Human Video	C - Grades 7-9	Rejoice Human Video C	Rejoice	First
Human Video	D - Grades 10-12	Rejoice Human Video D	Rejoice	First
Individual Drama	A - Grades 1-3	Trustin Cushman	Heartland	First
Individual Drama	C - Grades 7-9	Chase Rowe	Rejoice	First
Dramatic Duo	B - Grades 4-6	Get the Message	Heartland	First
Recorded Puppetry	C - Grades 7-9	His Power Puppets	Locust Grove	First
Painting	B - Grades 4-6	Lauren Meadows	Clarksville	First
Sculpted Clay	A - Grades 1-3	Wyett Mendenhall	Clarksville	First
Personal Experience Essay	A - Grades 1-3	Amyra Wiggins	Rejoice	First
Personal Experience Essay	B - Grades 4-6	Charity Cushman	Heartland	First
Biography	C - Grades 7-9	Madison Petrait	Kingsview	First
Devotion	A - Grades 1-3	Ryker Golightly	Rejoice	First
Bible Lesson	C - Grades 7-9	Jack Leatherland	Rejoice	First
Bible Lesson Presentation	C - Grades 7-9	Camryn Powell	Rejoice	First

## OKLAHOMA

### *Pastor Appreciation is Upon Us*

Be sure to set a date to honor your pastor and his family. I am grateful for those who are serving Christ and His church. In every pastor's life and ministry there are times of discouragement and heartache. Many days he may even wonder if he is having any impact for Christ's Kingdom. Please encourage him and his family by setting a time to honor

the work that he does and to let him know that he is important to those he serves. I truly believe that God is pleased with His people when they honor the servants He has called into His service.

*Brother Mike*



## LAWTON

### *Crystal Hills 40th Anniversary Celebration*

The schedule of events are for October 19th and 20th. Saturday the 19th will start with a meal at 5:00 (cook out will depend on weather). A concert with the Grave's Family at 6:00 and founding Pastor Curtis Linton preaching after the concert. Sunday the 20th service will start at 10:00 with the Grave's Family in concert and the longest tenured pastor of the church, Brother Rodger Arter, preaching the message. We invite all who can to join with us in our celebration, especially former pastors and members.

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## Moody Elected Tenth Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

CINCINNATI, OHIO — On Tuesday, July 22, at 2:18 p.m., the National Association of Free Will Baptists unanimously elected Dr. Edward E. Moody, Jr. as the tenth executive secretary in the association’s 84-year history. The North Carolina native has been pastor of Tippet’s Chapel FWB Church in Clayton, North Carolina, since 2000. He leaves his role as professor of counselor education and associate dean of the School of Education at North Carolina Central University, where he has served since 1995.

A licensed professional counselor supervisor and health services provider, the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of North Carolina named Moody Counselor of the Year in 2016. He holds a Ph.D. in counselor education from North Carolina State University, an M.A. from Middle Tennessee State University in clinical psychology, and a B.A. from

Welch College in pastoral training.

Moody has authored *Surviving Culture*, *First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times*, and the *First Aid for Your Emotional Hurts* training series, along with numerous professional journal and magazine articles.

When asked to share thoughts regarding his new role, Moody said, “Free Will Baptists have so much to offer. Together, we can send more missionaries throughout the United States and the world. Together, we can more effectively educate and disciple our youth, more effectively meet the needs of those who minister, and equip men and women to survive and influence the culture. We are better together.”

He will replace Rev. Keith Burden who has faithfully served our denomination as Executive Secretary for 17 years.

# God Is Faithful

One morning many years ago as I sat in my office preparing a sermon I received a phone call. The man who called did not identify himself but asked if I was a minister.

When I responded yes he said, "I just want you to know that if there really is a god, he is going to have to answer to me". I could hear the anger in his voice and knew that this was not going to be a pleasant phone call. I could have tried to explain that God does not and will not have to answer to the human beings He created but I was well aware that this angry man did not call me looking for answers but rather to get something off his chest. Sure enough, he went into a tirade against the injustice of any god that would refuse to heal his son and that the God of heaven would have to answer to him for allowing his son to die. He was not a Christian and had no connection to any church he simply had called churches until a live person answered. I guess it was just my lucky day. Because of his use of profanity, I had considered just hanging up but decided he needed to get some of this deep hurt out of him so I listened.

As a pastor I had dealt with enough grieving folks to understand that the anger was a stage of the process and that he would have to live through it. I did my best to help him understand that the very God he was so enraged at also knows the pain of watching a son die. I encouraged him to work through the sorrow and to not allow the bitterness and anger to keep him away from the only one that can bring healing to a broken heart. He hung up still angry but it is my prayer that

he eventually came to a better understanding of just how much God loved him and desired to comfort him.

The above incident came to my mind while doing a study this week on God's faithfulness. I believe that there are many who only see God's faithfulness through the lens of their circumstance. When many folks struggle financially or go through a broken relationship or suffer illness or lose a family member in death or have anything bad happen in their lives they too often accuse God of being unfaithful.

For a moment consider with me a lesson on this subject from the writings and the experiences of the Apostle Paul. In his second letter to the Corinthian church while defending himself against false teachers he wrote that during his ministry he had worked harder, been in prison more, been flogged more severely and had been exposed to death over and over. He told them that five times he had received 39 lashes. Three times he was beaten with rods, once he was stoned, three times he was shipwrecked and had spent a night and day in the open sea. He said that he had been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from his fellow Jews and in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea, and in danger from false brothers. Finally he admitted to them that he had labored and worked and went without sleep, that he had known hunger, thirst and had often gone without food. He said he had also experienced cold and lack of clothing.

Clearly Paul knew plenty about

living through bad times. We can be assured that at least most of these terrible experiences had taken place before he writes the following in his second letter to the Thessalonians: But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. The Apostle Paul did not judge God's faithfulness by a standard that included life's temporary discomforts. Even now we should see the basis our Lord's faithfulness in the light of our eternal salvation. God is faithful because He has given His only Son for our sins. God is faithful because He establishes us to endure the difficulties of life. God is faithful because He gives His power for us to overcome temptation and He is faithful because Satan and Hell have no dominion over us. PRAISE GOD!!!

*Whatever  
your present  
circumstance:  
OUR GOD IS  
FAITHFUL!*



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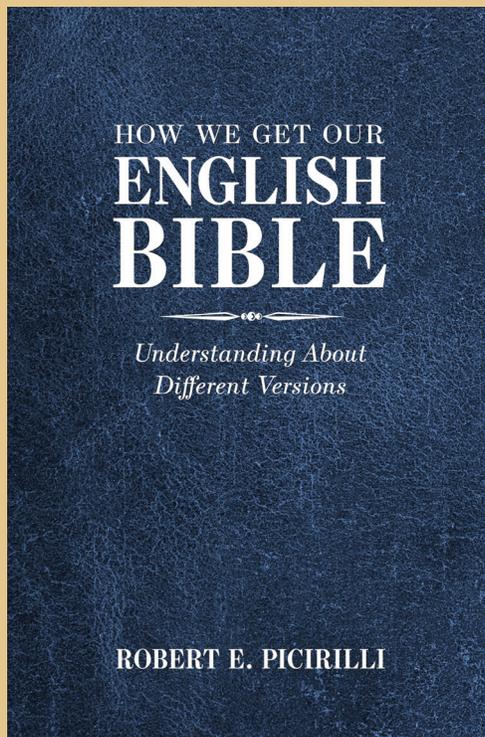
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