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Youth camps on the
horizon for June

SHARE IT!

Some things are just so
good you have to tell
somebody



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Annual Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC in July



PCC Recap – March 7-9, 2023

For the first time in 8 years we had our annual Pioneering Change Conference in Yuma, AZ. The Vertical Church was a great host this year and we are thankful to them for their hospitality. There were over 150 Pastors, Leaders and Missionaries gathered from over 14 states and 3 countries. We were encouraged and challenged by Pastor Chris Brown out of Vista, CA and it was a wonderful time of praise and worship. Many were able to connect and feel refreshed and

we are so grateful to all of you who attended. Every year PCC introduces us to new church planters and more churches who want to support church planting. This conference would not have been possible without those of you who give generously. We thank you so much and appreciate your support. We are

also encouraged by the churches who specifically gave towards the Pioneering Change Conference.

We love being able to put on a conference like this and would be grateful to have you join us. Be on the lookout for the location and dates of next year's Pioneering Change Conference.



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RANDALL UNIVERSITY

2023 Spring Campus Days Recap

Our Spring Campus Days event took place on March 30-31. In total, 47 high school students pervaded our campus for just under 24 hours! The schedule was jam-packed with a student led worship service, various activities, classes, and a degree program fair. To say they were tired by the time they left is an



understatement. While on campus, the students

were challenged to pursue God's plan for their lives. We believe that attending a Christian university can be a great step in the right direction for them.

It was uplifting to see several students from some of our churches who do not regularly attend these events. I appreciate the encouragement of their Pastors and Youth Pastors to come and take a look to see if Randall might be a good fit for them. It is a joy to partner with our churches to provide a quality and affordable Christian education to our young people.

With this being said, if you have someone in your church who should come to Randall, please let us know so that we can begin recruiting them! We desire to have as many students as possible come and tour our campus or attend a Campus Days event, and we desire to visit as many churches as possible to make our people aware of the great things that God is doing here on campus.

You can contact our Office of Recruitment at recruitment@ru.edu or 405-912-9011.

Together we can continue to make a difference for Christ!

For His Glory,
Mason Polk
Director of Institutional Advancement





July 23 - 27 2023 @KBA



Aaron Pontius
Encounter Week 2

We are so excited about camp this summer!! We believe God has big plans for you kids and teenagers.

This year we are increasing our registration early bird rate to \$155. Encounter 1 early bird deadline is May 15th; Encounter 2 is May 29th; & Encounter Kids is June 26th. After that the rate goes up to \$175.

If you have questions don't hesitate to reach out.

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Ryan Golightly
Encounter Kids



encountercamp

June 11 - 16 2023 @ KBA

June 25 - 30 2023 @KBA



Marc Neppi
Encounter Week 1



Adam Leichner

Early Bird Rate: \$155 before May 15th, May 29th, June 26th 2023

Regular Rate: \$175 after May 15th, May 29th, June 26th 2023

To register for camp you need to send in two things to the state office. 1. A church registration form from okstatece.org 2. A \$1000 deposit check

30 Days: Parents & Teens

Randall House



NEW APP

The 30 days app guides parents and teens through a 10-minute daily conversation and experience. Previously published in booklet and now available in an app, hundreds of thousands of parents and kids recaptured that closer connection with each other, often restoring strained relationships.

The app prompts you to share stories, answer questions, and open up in authentic ways teens most desire. Watch your relationship deepen as each of the 30 days passes. Both of you will look forward to this daily time!

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HONOR *to whom* HONOR

Rev. Havner Lile Reid Jr.

July 25, 1949 – September 2, 2022



Bro. Havner called by many J. R. was born in Okemah and was raised in the Weleetka area. He graduated from Weleetka High School in 1966. He would

then serve our country in the Viet Nam Conflict in the U.S. Army. He married long-time sweetheart, Anita Carol Redford. While still serving in the Army they made their home in Fort Riley, Kansas and spent 3 years in Germany. Following his discharge they returned to raise two daughters in Wewoka, Oklahoma. After 45 years of marriage, Anita preceded him in death. Bro. J. R. received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social work and worked for the Oklahoma

department of Human Services where he retired in 2015. He was a Free Will Baptist minister here in Oklahoma and for 24 years served as pastor for the Earlsboro Free Will Baptist Church until his death.

Dr. Milburn Wilson

May 18, 1937 – April 01, 2023



Bro. Milburn was born in Cedar Grove to Rev. Muril and Jewel (Lee) Wilson. He graduated as Valedictorian of his class from Francis High School. He

continued his education at East Central University, Oklahoma Bible College (now Randall University) Central State University, Moody Bible Institute, and Baptist Christian University. All told, he holds 3 Phds. He married

Leota Hudson on July 14, 1956 at Vamoosa Baptist Church. Bro. Milburn pastored in Oklahoma and California and held many leadership positions among Free Will Baptists. In his final years of ministry he worked as a psychologist in Texas eventually retiring to Oklahoma.

Rev. Carl Everett Cheshier

July 2, 1938 – February 13, 2023

Bro. Carl was born in Lindsey, Oklahoma. He graduated from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City in 1955. He married



Barbara Brimm on January 6, 1956. Bro. Carl began ministry in Richmond CA then moved to Star City, AR where he pastored for seven year. In 1967 he served as

pastor in Midland, TX for two years then moved to Fort Smith, AR where he served for 28 years at the Cavanaugh FWB Church. He then served as president of Hillsdale FWB College and later pastored the Community FWB Church in Pocola, OK and was serving as pastor to the Cornerstone FWB Church in Roland, OK at his death. Bro. Carl served for many years as the Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He accomplished much for the cause of Christ and for Free Will Baptists. He was known and loved by so many across the nation. He will be greatly missed.

Note: These faithful soldiers of the Cross will be greatly missed. Please pray for the families.



Don't wait until
it's empty!

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Some things are just so good you have to tell somebody



Mike Wade,
Executive Director
for Oklahoma
Free Will Baptists

Have you ever had something happen so good and so exciting that you just couldn't wait to tell somebody?

I remember the days before cell phones when something great would take place. Maybe it was an unexpected blessing or perhaps on a pastoral visit when someone accepted Christ. I couldn't wait to get home to tell my wife what had happened. Now I don't have to wait I call immediately.

Once I was told that a large financial gift would be given to the church I was pastoring but was asked not to tell anyone until it was given. I did as I was asked but thought that I would explode because it was such exciting news. I wanted to tell somebody.

I have always found it interesting that on several occasions when Jesus would perform a great miracle the recipient of the miracle was told to tell no one. But in most cases we are told that they went and told everyone.

In Mark 7:32-37 Jesus heals a man who couldn't hear or speak. Jesus opened his ears and healed his tongue. Jesus charged those gathered to tell no one. But the Scripture goes on to say, "but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it." Sometimes some things

are just so good that you have to tell somebody.

In Luke 5:12-16 Jesus heals a man with leprosy. Again this man was told to go show himself to the priest but was also commanded to tell no one. This passage also lets us know that the report of the miracle was spread abroad. Sometimes things are just so good that you have to tell somebody.

The raising of Jairus' daughter is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke with the most details in Luke chapter 8. In Luke we see that Jesus charged them to tell no one of the miracle. But Matthew lets us know in 9:26 that the report

went throughout the region. It was just so good that they had to tell somebody.

At the miracle of the demons being cast out of Legion in Luke chapter 8, Jesus finally tells that man, "Return to your house and shew how great things God has done to you". He did exactly that. He went and published throughout the whole city what God had done for him. What Jesus had done for him was so good that he just had to tell somebody.

Has God done anything great in your life? Have you accepted that Jesus death on the cross was for your sins?

Have you believed that He rose from the dead to declare that He is indeed the Son of God and believed that the power that raised Him from the dead is available to give you new life in Him?

Has He saved you from the punishment of Hell?

Has He prepared a place in Heaven for you?

Is He coming again to receive us just like He promised?

If you answer yes to these questions, wouldn't you agree that this is so good that we cannot be quiet about it.

The Gospel is so good that we just have to tell somebody. Actually, it is so good that we just have to tell EVERYBODY!

Jesus is ALIVE!
The door to SALVATION is wide open! He is coming SOON!

Find somebody and tell them today!



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July 16-19, 2023

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their website at www.nafwb.org

Martin Luther King, Jr.
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