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ANNUAL MINISTER'S RETREAT

Sept. 25-27 at Sequoyah
State Park, Wagoner, OK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pioneering Change Conference 2024 will be
held in Nashville, TN on April 16-18.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Church planter being sent to
the Pentagon as Chief Chaplain



Missions Updates



Update from Siloam Springs, AR

Josh & Bre Lee are the church planters for Horizon Church in Siloam Springs, AR. They are averaging between 75 and 80 people on Sunday Mornings and see new families every gathering. Their community groups continue to be a very strong ministry for their Church. Their people are mostly those who were formerly disinterested in church and have since grown into mature believers and they have 2 known Salvations. Horizon has moved into a permanent space in February and will kick off mid week Next Gen services starting in the fall.

To keep following Josh and Bre and Horizon Church please follow their page on Facebook at Horizon Church and on Instagram @horizonsiloam.



PCC 2024
Nashville, TN
Host: The Donelson Fellowship

April 16-18

Pioneering Change Conference 2024

PCC IS Moving to Nashville!! We will be meeting at The Donelson Fellowship in Nashville, TN on April 16-18. We are excited about this move and hope this will be an encouraging conference for all who are able to attend. Please be on the lookout for registration details and please be in prayer for us as we plan this event!

Do you know someone who has a dream in their heart to pioneer change in their town or city? Who comes to your mind when you think of a new church being planted in Oklahoma? If you have a name for us to talk to contact us at admin@westartchurches.com. If you would like to hear more visit our website at www.westartchurches.com



2023 GRADUATION

A large crowd filled the Main Auditorium of the Barber Center on May 13, 2023 to take part in our annual commencement service. Degrees were awarded to 39 graduates. Rev. Kendall Ross, Pastor of the Ozark Free Will Baptist Church in Arkansas, was our commencement speaker. Bro. Kendall is an alumnus of Randall and a current member of the Board of Trustees.

One special graduate was Dawson Muck from the Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church. On April 22, 2022, Dawson became paralyzed from a serious injury he experienced during a baseball game on campus. Since that scary day, Dawson has responded to his life-altering situation by sharing his testimony at several churches and events. He is an overcomer and continues to shine a bright light for Christ. We are proud of his accomplishments!



JOB OPENING IN TEACHER EDUCATION

We are currently searching for a full-time professor in the Teacher Education Department. A full summary of the job and required qualifications can be found at ru.edu/jobs.

Questions can be addressed to Dr. Brent Sykes, Academic Dean, at bsykes@ru.edu or 405-912-9018.



NEW ONLINE GIVING PAGE

We have recently updated our giving page on our website. Visit ru.edu/give if you would like to learn more about how to support the work that God is doing at Randall!

Learn more about ways that you can get involved by connecting with Mason Polk, Director of Institutional Advancement, at mpolk@ru.edu or 405-912-9452.



2023

ENCOUNTER

**KIDS
CAMP**

July 23rd - 27th @ KBA



Speaker
Ryan Golightly



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The National Association will have live streaming of all services on their website www.nafwb.org. Please note that the service time will be 7:00pm (ET) eastern daylight time each evening. The Media Commission has created an online archive of previous convention services dating to 2009.



2023 National Convention Services to be Streamed Live July 16-19

D6 NEW RELEASE

A View From Joy's Window



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Neil Gilliland, Ph.D.

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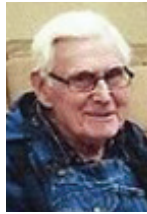
December 16, 1948 – May 27, 2023



Bro. Bob grew up in Swink, OK and was a graduate of Fort Towson High School class of 1967. He married Sarah Jones of Valliant, OK on May 31, 1968 at the Watermill FWB Church in Valliant. He was called to preach and he and sister Sarah served the Watermill FWB Church, Holly Creek FWB Church, Felker FWB Church, Garland FWB Church and the Santa Paula FWB Church. Bro. Bob at 26 was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. He would later have a kidney and pancreas transplant. Even though he had health issues, he faithfully served Christ and retired a few years ago after a long pastorate at the Watermill Church. He was an accomplished instrumentalist and especially loved playing bluegrass music. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Rev. Robert 'Bob' Hatcher

July 17, 1933 – April 19, 2023



Bro. Bob attended Roff High School as well as taking classes at East Central University. He joined the Army during the Korean Conflict and was given an honorable medical discharge. He married Joyce Ellen Marie Summers on February 17, 1960. He was an ordained Free Will Baptist minister and served as an evangelist. He later became pastor of the Stonewall FWB Church and then later the Oakman FWB Church. He was a member of the Cedar Grove FWB.

Bro. Bob loved music and singing and loved playing the piano and guitar. He was a talented carpenter, baker and quilt maker. He loved helping people and giving them things that he had personally made for them.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Please pray for these families and give God thanks for the impact of the ministries noted above.*

MINISTER'S RETREAT

September 25-27

Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, OK



Pre-Register Online @ www.okfwb.org

Click on Calendar then Minister's Retreat & fill out the form

Pre-registration forms must be sent in by Sept. 15, 2023

For more information call the FWB State Office at (405) 912-9400

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MAIL TO:

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MONDAY SEPT. 25

3:00 pm Check in & Register

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Session #1

7:30 pm Session #2

TUESDAY SEPT. 26

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Session #3

10:30 am Session #4

Noon Lunch

Free Time

6:15 pm Dinner

7:15 pm Session #5

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Session #6

Check-in and registration will begin at **3:00pm** on Mon., Sept. 25th.

For Such a Time as This . . .



Mike Wade,
Executive Director
for Oklahoma
Free Will Baptists

It is clear when reading the book of Esther that God had placed Esther in her position as queen to King Ahasuerus at an important time in Jewish history which resulted in saving the lives of untold numbers of Jewish people. Her influence was instrumental in making an enormous difference in the time and place in which she lived.

Recently, I found out that one of our own has received a promotion that has great potential to make a huge impact for his realm of influence.

Many across our state know Brad and Sherri Hanna. Brad, the son of pastor Billy and Beverly Hanna, came from Georgia to attend Hillsdale (now Randall University) in 1990.

I was privileged to be his pastor while he was attending college. Brad was a talented young man and served the Lord and our church Calvary FWB in Norman as Youth Pastor during his college years. He fell in love and married Sherri Ellis and they began their ministry in Texas, then came to Edmond, OK and planted a church under the OK State Missions Board. The Oak Hills FWB Church is still a vibrant church today.

Influenced by Ernest Harrison Jr., the OK FWB Executive Director who was also an Oklahoma National Guard Chaplain, Brad joined the Oklahoma National Guard in 2001 and accepted a full-time position in 2005 after his first deployment to Afghanistan. He

would later be deployed once again to Afghanistan in 2011.

He served faithfully and began moving up in rank and recently has been promoted to Colonel. While all this is in itself praiseworthy for he has been faithful throughout his time of service to his ministry calling as a chaplain, he has recently accepted an assignment that is worthy of recognition among all of us who are Free Will Baptists.

He will be going to Arlington, VA soon to assume his duties as **Chief, Army National Guard Religious Affairs at the National Guard Bureau. Chaplain for the Director of the Army National Guard (a 3 star general), senior chaplain at the National Guard Bureau serving the chaplains in our 50 states and 4**

territories, and the sole National Guard representative to the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon.

All I can say is WOW! Knowing Brad throughout all of these years and on a couple of occasions being in attendance when he was promoted and witnessing him boldly present his faith in Christ to the military personnel, I am so very excited that God has placed Brad in this position at this critical time in American history. Could it be that God has placed him in this

influential position for such a time as this?

I tease Brad by telling him that I sure didn't see this potential in him when he came to college. The truth is that I absolutely did see that God had his hand upon him and felt in my heart even back then that God would use him in great ways. May God's riches blessings be upon Brad and Sherri as they continue to faithfully serve where God leads. Thank you for your service, Colonel Hanna!



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