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## SENDING THEM OUT

Meet three new OKIM  
missionaries

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

Sequoyah State Park in Wagoner, OK,  
February 23 & 24

## CHANGES IN 2024

Welcome new State Director James Coffelt  
and Executive Assistant Misti Hudson





## SENDING THEM OUT

*Meet three new OKIM missionaries approved by the Oklahoma State Mission Board to receive OKIM funding in 2024*

We are asking that you not only pray for these missionaries, but Oklahoma will stand with them financially so that they can represent Jesus and Oklahoma FWB in the proclamation of the gospel leading to making disciples and planting churches. All three of these couples are available to come to your church to share their stories and enter into partnerships with your churches.

### **JONATHAN & MICHELLE CHEREAU - FRANCE**

We are currently serving at Saint Sebastien Church as leaders. First, I will be ordained in France as the first French free-will Baptist pastor.

We launched our ministry, Connexion Kidz. We organize every Wednesday afternoon for kids to learn English. We have 12 kids; many of them are not Christians, so it is a first approach to people and being able to invite them after to other events such as Christmas parties, Easter, the 4th of July, and Jpense events. We pray this ministry will expand and launch other events, like one for youth and college students and another for adults.

We will be helping with Jpense's service along with Joel and Lydie Teague.

Helping to plant new churches: right now, we have 4 FWB churches, but we would like to help plant new churches.

We also want to continue to grow as a denomination in France, helping translate books, training leaders, and helping with the project of a Bible institute in the future. Helping to develop our



Jonathan & Michelle Chereau

IM team in France, getting closer working as a team, and recruiting new members.

We are praying that God will show us more opportunities and ideas to expand in France. For our church to grow in number while also being a strong testimony around our city, we will continue to train leaders for the church.

Jonathan & Michelle are attending Randall University and plan to return to France this summer. Contact: [jchereau@iminc.org](mailto:jchereau@iminc.org)

### **TRISTEN & SIERRA WHITE - JAPAN**

Tristen and Sierra White, Free Will Baptist International Missionaries to Tokyo, Japan. Tristen was born and raised in Gastonia, North Carolina. He received a degree in Ministry and Intercultural Studies from Randall University in May 2023. Sierra grew up in Owasso, Oklahoma, and received a degree in elementary education. She is



Tristen & Sierra White

currently finishing her Master's in Special Education from Southern Nazarene University. We met while serving at Sierra's home church (Rejoice Church – Owasso, OK), and have been married for two years. We currently live in Bethany, Oklahoma where Tristen serves at Kingsview Free Will Baptist Church as the worship pastor and Sierra works at Southern Nazarene University serving college students.

The Lord has placed a passion in our hearts for Japan as the need for the gospel is so great. Less than 1% (0.37%) of the 127 million Japanese people have a relationship with Jesus making Japan the second largest unreached people group on the planet. In fact, most Japanese people will never meet a Christian, never read a Bible, and never even hear the name of Jesus. We look forward to serving alongside the Hope Alive Church team (An IM, Inc. FWB International Missions church planting effort in Tokyo)

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RANDALL UNIVERSITY

# A Celebration with *This Jesus*

On December 3, 2023 over 350 attendees filled the main auditorium for "This Jesus," a Christmas celebration featuring seven different area churches and Randall's Chapel Band. Special thanks to Mike Lewis and Tyler Dickey, both adjunct instructors and staff members at CrossPointe Church in Norman, for their hard work in coordinating this special event. Opportunities like these truly



give us a glimpse of what heaven will be like as we corporately worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year to you from the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Randall University! May God richly bless you this year.

**Ladies  
12 & up**

**What to expect:**

- Biblical speakers
- Worship
- Testimonies
- Giveaways
- Free lunch
- Photo booth, and more!



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# ENCOUNTER

# \* CAMP 2024

## Teen Camp Evening Speaker



**Adam Phillips**

## Teen Camp Morning Speaker



**Jason Myers**

## Kids Camp Speakers



**Steve Greenwood**

Steve has been involved in ministry to kids, students and families for over 30 years. He is passionate about teaching the Bible to kids and helping them understand how the Lord wants to use them to bring Him glory. Steve loves to use fun and zany ways to help connect people to the Good News.

Steve lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife Katie and has three daughters and two grandpups.

## Kids Worship Leader



**Abby Pritchett**

## Encounter Camp Dates

Encounter Camp 1  
June 9th - 14th

Encounter Camp 2  
June 23rd - 28th

Encounter Kids Camp  
July 14th - 18th

### Camper Rates

Encounter 1 early bird  
By May 15th - \$160 After \$180

Encounter 2 early bird  
By May 29th - \$160 After \$180

Encounter Kids early bird  
By June 24th - \$160 After \$180

### Sponsor Rates

All camps \$160

### Pre-Camper Rates

All camps \$100

Please reach out to a board member or Tyler Dezort with any questions about camps.

- (580) 618-8667
- tylerdezort.tgc@gmail.com
- okstatece.org

# Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Women's Ministry

## 2024 Retreat Registration

Date

**April 19-20, 2024**

April 19 @ 7 pm

April 20 @ 8:30 am

Registration Information

**\$65/person by March 15th**

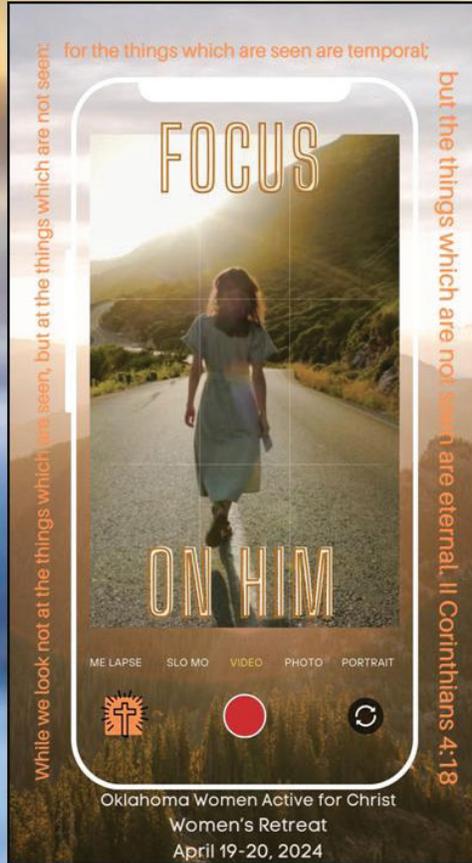
Late registration: \$75/person due by April 5th

Registration includes coffee, refreshments, and a buffet lunch on Saturday.

These fees help cover the honorariums of our speakers and retreat expenses.

Registration is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.

Registration fees are waived for active and retired FWB missionaries. Please mark status on the form.



Location

**CrossPointe Church**

2601 24th Ave SE

Norman, OK 73071

Registration Information

Please submit one form per church and include the contact person's name, phone number, mailing and email address (if available).

Send one check for registration fees made payable to:

**OWAC or Oklahoma Women Active for Christ**

mail to:

Shelia Rooker, 2512 SW "A" Avenue, Lawton, OK 73505

Email: srooker@fidnet.com

Phone: (580)357-8755 or (580)585-0902

**Register online at [www.okfwbwm.org](http://www.okfwbwm.org) (processing fee will apply)**

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

| Attendee | Age   | Attendee | Age   | Attendee | Age   |
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**Total Registered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65/person (late + \$10) = \_\_\_\_\_**

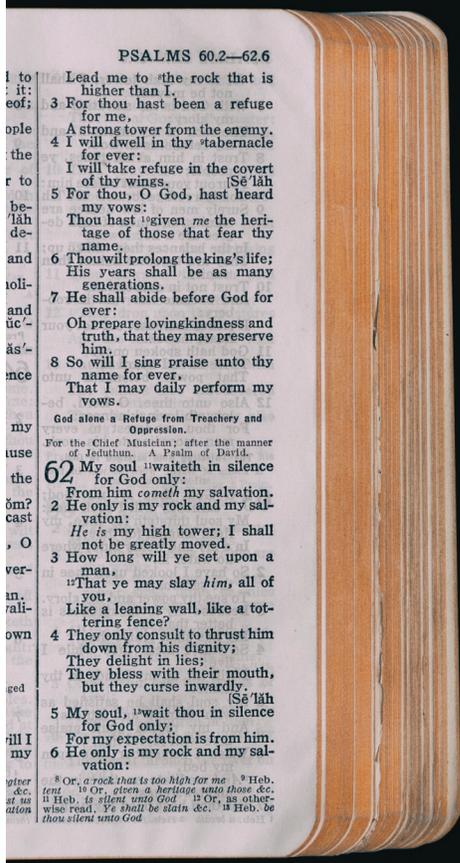
**Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Missionary Total \_\_\_\_\_ (please mark by name)**

**Everyone will be responsible for booking their own hotels.**

# Men's Fellowship Conference

Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner, OK  
February 23rd & 24th, 2024

SPONSOR: OKLAHOMA MASTER'S MEN | SPEAKER: ROBERT POSNER



## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 - 8:00 Session 1  
8:00 - 8:15 Break  
8:15 - 9:15 Session 2  
9:15 Fun, Fellowship & Refreshments

### SATURDAY MORNING

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast  
8:30 - 9:30 Session 3  
9:30 - 9:45 Break  
9:45 - 10:45 Session 4  
10:45 Dismissal

**COST:** Only \$90 per person and includes one nights lodging, the conference, and 2 meals.

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:**  
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## REGISTRATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

MUST HAVE RESERVATION FEES BY FEBRUARY 16TH, 2024 TO GUARANTY YOUR ROOM.

### NEW MISSIONARIES *from page 3*

by leading and participating in worship ministry, student and children's ministry, outreach & evangelism, group Bible study, one on-one discipleship, and planting additional churches in Japan. We cannot do this on our own. As we continue our support raising journey, we would like to invite you to join the Tristen & Sierra White team through prayer and financial support. We are asking churches, individuals and families to prayerfully consider partnering

with us on this journey. You can learn more about our ministry in Japan on the International Missions website and/or email us at [tristen@hopealive.jp](mailto:tristen@hopealive.jp) or [sierra@hopealive.jp](mailto:sierra@hopealive.jp).

### YOUNESS & ANNA BOZIANE - MOROCCO

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And I am with you even to the end of the Earth."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

My goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Morocco. Specifically, the Lord has burdened my heart for my ancestral home village and province in the southern part of the country which is in the province of Taroudant.

As you probably know, Morocco is a Muslim country. While Morocco is not a radical Muslim nation, sharing Christ and doing ministry is illegal.

I believe in Peter & John's words in Acts 4:19. While I know God has

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# We're OK Together: I'm Not From Arkansas



Rev. James Coffelt,  
*Executive Director  
for Oklahoma  
Free Will Baptists*

As I sit in my office and look forward to this new phase of our lives and ministry, I can't help but look back a little to consider where we have been over the last 30 years. So although I am not from Arkansas, I was born and raised in Branson MO, I am also not "from" Oklahoma. Although I was not raised in Oklahoma, I have lived more of my life in Oklahoma than in any other place. It has become my home and I owe a great debt to OK and the FWB in this great state

for how they have "raised" me up as both a pastor and leader.

I was raised by them to... always do the right thing and to take a chance on a young guy (Keith Burden), to always be more generous than anyone could imagine (Frank Wiley), to validate someone less experienced and make them believe they could do it (Jack Richey), to always share a good laugh with a big smile (Jerry Banks), to know the value of always getting more education (Tim Eaton), to take the time give someone a quick call just to make sure they are doing okay (Bob Thompson), to carry on a family legacy through multiple generations (Ernest Harrison), how to keep going when you get it wrong until you get it right (Thomas Marberry), the value of being the

most steady and stable human being around when the whole world crashes (Mike Wade), to love and defend the faith that has been handed down to us by every one of these men and so many more. I carry these lessons and too many more to list here in the very DNA that has made me, quite literally, into the man I am today.

And last but not least, from my dear wife who was raised a lifelong Oklahoma Free Will Baptist at Wilson Free Will Baptist Church in Ada OK, and her wonder family, who are almost all Oklahoma Free Will Baptist, I have learned two indispensable lessons to cherish and serve this wonderful group that I am proud to call my family Oklahoma Free Will Baptist.

## State Office Staff Changes For The New Year

### Sheri Jenson Retiring

Sheri Jenson has served the State Office as executive assistant for the past sixteen years. Throughout those years, many comments have been shared about how pleasant and helpful she has been at every call. Sheri has competently taken care of a multitude of tasks on a weekly basis and has meticulously and accurately kept the financial records during all her tenure here. I trust the state joins in this sentiment as we wish her well in the future and offer a huge THANK YOU for her years of service to Christ and Oklahoma Free Will Baptists. Thank you, Sheri for a job well done.



### Welcome Misti Hudson

Misti Hudson has come on board as the new executive assistant. Misti is very capable and qualified to make a smooth and successful transition. She is very familiar with the state work having served as administrative assistant for the state mission board for several years. She is a lifelong Free Will Baptist as she grew up in the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in OKC and has been an active member for the past 13 years at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. Misti brings years of expertise in the necessary talents to carry out the demands of her new role. WELCOME, Misti.



Youness & Anna Boziane

### NEW MISSIONARIES *from page 6*

established human governments for our benefit, I must be obedient to share Jesus with my people. I'm convinced that when seeking to do ministry in a dangerous place like Morocco, I must do it in a way that is as innocent as a dove and as wise as a serpent. (Matthew 10:16)

Youness & Anna are members of Calvary FWB Church in Norman, OK. Youness is the first Moroccan to be ordained as a FWB minister of the gospel.

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