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on what real freindship means.





# White family headed to Japan

Hello Oklahoma Free Will Baptists, financial partners, and prayer supporters! We are Tristen and Sierra White, and we wanted to update you on what we've been up to over the last few months, our fundraising journey, and the next steps for our ministry in Japan. We are excited to announce that we are officially 100% funded, and we could not have accomplished this apart from the Lord's provision through the generosity of His people. Thank you all so much for seeing the tremendous need for the Gospel in Japan and partnering with us to take the Gospel to the Japanese.



In addition to visiting churches on the weekends to raise financial support, we recently completed a



six-week training program at the Center for Intercultural Training in North Carolina. (CIT -where Steve and Lori Torrison, OKIM, train missionaries for global work)

This program was a crucial step in our preparation for ministry in Japan, equipping us with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the challenges of cross-cultural ministry, such as language learning and Gospel contextualization. We are confident that this training has significantly enhanced our ability to effectively share the Gospel in Japan.

Given that we have reached our financial support goal, completed intercultural training, and our pre-field meetings at the International Missions office, the only thing left for us before we can head to the field is acquiring our Visas. We are currently waiting for our Certificate of Eligibility to arrive in the mail, which will allow us to obtain our Visas to live in Japan for the next two years. Please join us in praying that our Certificate of Eligibility will arrive soon so we can book our plane tickets and get to the field as soon as possible.



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# RANDALL UNIVERSITY

## 2024 GRADUATION AT RANDALL UNIVERSITY



On May 11, 2024, a large crowd joined us in the Main Auditorium of the Barber Center for our annual commencement service. Degrees were awarded to 44 graduates - 5 with master's degrees, 38 with baccalaureate degrees, and 1 with an associate degree. Dr. W. Jackson Watts, Pastor of the Grace FWB Church in Missouri, was our commencement speaker. He reminded those in attendance to strive to finish the task that God has set before us.

We were honored to have Ms. Nancy Draper lead our invocation prayer in recognition of her retirement after 47 years of faithful service to our institution. We appreciate her long-term dedication and wish her the best in her retirement.

2024 Randall University Graduates	
Associate Graduates	1
Total Baccalaureate Graduates	38
Total Master's Graduates	5



Ms. Nancy Draper

If you or someone you know may be interested in earning a degree through Randall University visit [ru.edu/apply](http://ru.edu/apply) or call (405) 912-9011 for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

- October 14
- 4 man scramble
- Registration is open to the first 18 teams



# Christain Education Board

## Congratulations CTS competition winners who will represent OK at Nationals



The Oklahoma Free Will Baptist State CTS competition held at Randall University May 3rd & 4th was a great success! Over 160 entries competed with 102 moving on to the National Competition in Tampa. Full list of winners can be found on our Facebook page.

## Upcoming Events

Encounter 1 - June 9th - 14th  
Encounter 2 - June 23rd - 28th  
Encounter Kids- July 14th - 18th

## Prayer Request

Join us in prayer for all of our State & District church camps happening this summer. Camp is one of the most spiritually impactful times in a young persons life and your prayers will have an eternal impact on thousands of souls.



Thanks for everyone who came! We pray you were educated and encouraged!

## 2024 Youth Ministry Training Day



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You're not alone. Churches everywhere are facing these challenges. We understand the pressing need to enhance family-based discipleship.

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# NAFWB: WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

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I have hurting people and a hurting community.	First Aid Ready	<a href="http://nafwb.org/firstaid">nafwb.org/firstaid</a>
My church does not have a pastor.	Pastor Placement Program	<a href="http://nafwb.org/refresh">nafwb.org/refresh</a>
My church is plateaued or declining.	Refresh and Rekindle	<a href="http://nafwb.org/refresh">nafwb.org/refresh</a>
I feel disconnected.	Growing Together resources	<a href="http://nafwb.org/grow">nafwb.org/grow</a>
My pastor or his family is struggling.	Pastor Counseling Program	<a href="mailto:questions@nafwb.org">questions@nafwb.org</a>
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My church lacks social media content.	Facebook graphics	<a href="https://facebook.com/NAFWB">facebook.com/NAFWB</a>
I don't know how to reach international students.	Reaching College Students Task Force	<a href="mailto:curt@iminc.org">curt@iminc.org</a>
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# NAFWB



# Seeking new best friend, now taking applications



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

Let me explain why I am currently seeking a new best friend. You see my former best friend of the past 30 years, Kenny Myers, decided to abandon his post in a time of need.

This year was my first State Meeting as the Executive Director, a position which he emphatically encouraged me to take. Not only that, but I was asked to preach the first service, a daunting task anytime, much less with all of the new responsibilities of Director. What's more, it is tradition for the speaker's best friend to preside over the service and introduce the speaker.

Mr. Myers was informed in plenty of time and then proceeded to take a camping trip with his brothers and totally abandoned his best friend in one of the most stressful moments of his life. The final insult was that, when, former friend Myers, called last summer desperate for someone to fill in for him in the morning sessions of week one Encounter camp his best friend (that would be me) immediately said "yes." Then with no shame whatsoever proceeded to

ask me to fill in for him the Sunday after the state meeting because camping made him too tired. Thus the reason I am taking applications.

Now, obviously all of that is a joke but not far off from what many have abandoned long standing friendships over.

We often trivialize the important parts of friendship and emphasize the things that should be overlooked or forgiven. I believe this often stems from a false belief that we don't really need anyone else. The problem is that God has actually created in each of us a need for others. Jesus did not send the disciples out alone, but by two.

Professor of psychology at Stanford University, Philip Zimbardo, wrote an article in the magazine Psychology Today entitled "The Age of Indifference." He makes an alarming statement regarding isolation, "I know of no more potent killer than isolation there is no more destructive influence on physical and mental health than the isolation of you from me, and us from them," he continues, "It has been shown to be a central agent in the ideology of depression, paranoia, schizophrenia, rape, suicide, mass murder, and a wide variety of disease states." This is yet another proof that we were created with a need for others in our lives. From the very beginning it has been so, "Then the LORD God

said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'" (Genesis 2:18)

My sermon at the state meeting centered on this very point made in Ecclesiastes 4:12, "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken". The fact is we not only need relationships with each other but are at our strongest when those relationships are built around the creator of all things. The best way I can illustrate this is my feeble strand of string with your feeble strand wrapped around God's strand which is the biggest, strongest, hunk of steel cable you could ever even imagine.

Ecclesiastes 4 tells us that a good friend... Shares in our successes (verse 10), picks us up when we fall (verse 10), helps us survive the dangers of life (verse 11) and, helps defend against the enemies' attacks (verse 12). My hope and prayer is that each of you reading this has or will have that kind of friend in your life. The fact is, I have had many friends over the years that these verses would describe, but none as true and honest a friend to me as Kenny Myers. Turns out I'm not taking applications after all.

P.S. Someone tell Kenny it was a good sermon.

Friendship IS kingdom work.





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