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MISSIONS

From Marlow to India,
God is moving!

2023 STATE MEETING

Annual meeting slated for
May 4-6 at Randall University

ENJOY TODAY

Be a ray of sunshine
instead of a rain cloud

CAMPUS DAYS

9th-12th Graders welcomed
to Randall University
for a weekend preview





Missions at Home and Abroad

The Harvest Church of Marlow

All of us pastors have stories of God moving in the most unexpected ways. This last May we purchased a building on US-81 which bisects the entire town of Marlow. At our new location up to 8,800 vehicles pass by on a daily basis. We were excited to be moved in and have the opportunity to be in a visible location in our town. A little paint, HVAC work and some new lighting and we were worshipping together in a new location, and renovating the rest. Right after Thanksgiving we received word we needed to vacate the building until a NEW certificate of occupancy was provided. It's been an ordeal of architectural plans, meeting with subcontractors, letters written, fees paid, plans rejected, and everything resubmitted.

But this is not a "woe is us" story. God has moved. When we returned to our original location (praise God it was still available) we had 2 new families visit that first Sunday back. They have since stayed and have committed to attending and serving at the Harvest. What we thought would be an awkward holiday season, will now be a sweet memory of our church when we pulled together and embraced this challenge. Many of our ministry leaders have never led in a church before now. They often share workers. Every Sunday from 9 AM to 10:25 is like the scurrying of ants, but they come together for some amazing worship, sharing, prayer and celebrating as we dive into God's word.

We are praying for THE harvest. The one Jesus talked about in Matthew 9:36-38. We believe God is preparing us for it. Sure, it'll be great to be back in our new building, but what we want the

most is to see the people of Marlow and Northern Stephens County who are far from God come to faith. And our continued hope is for individuals who have given up on God's people to have a change of heart and "Try Church Again".

Jesus Changes Everything

RTU India

In 2022 the church planters Oklahoma Free Will Baptists support through RTU-India:

- Pastored 93 churches
- Shared the Gospel for the first time with 2,189 people
- Experienced 547 salvations
- Started 54 new churches
- Baptized 58 new disciples of Jesus
- Cared for the souls of over 1,227 disciples of Jesus

Let's praise the Lord for the great work He is doing through our brothers in one of the most unreached nations on earth.

Our goal for 2023 is to be able to raise \$30,000 for RTU-India. This is a significant increase from 2022 but this would allow us to support 20 church planters, have \$4,000 for micro-business investments to help church planters become self-supporting, and have \$2,000 for emergencies that arise among our supported church planters. Please consider what you and your church can do to help us reach this goal.

According to the Joshua Project (<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/IN>) (<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/IN>), the population of India is 1,400,230,000. Among these 1.4 billion people are 2,373 unique and distinct people groups. Of the 1.4 billion people, 1,332,045,000 are considered unreached. This is approximately 95.1% of the total population. According to <https://>



Over 150 disciples of Jesus from different villages gather to pray to advance God's Kingdom in the region by planting churches.



Church planters and pastors gather for three day training in evangelism, discipleship, and the sanctity of human life.



RTU-India partner churches dug two wells for to provide clean drinking water for two villages.

www.thetravelingteam.org/stats (<https://www.thetravelingteam.org/stats>) less than 2% of all missions giving by disciples of Jesus goes to those seeking to reach the unreached* peoples of the world. The need is great and RTU-India is one of the best ways we as Oklahoma Free Will Baptists can help reach the unreached.



RANDALL UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS DAYS



MARCH 30-31



**Scan Here
TO REGISTER!**

RU.EDU/CAMPUS DAYS

COST: \$30 (includes room/meals)

9th - 12th Grade Students

For more information contact us at
(405) 912-9011 or recruitment@ru.edu.

2023 MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, April 15
11:00 am

- Free lunch
- Encouraging message from Bro. Charlie Murphy
- Worship
- Free gift
- Meet our ministry students



"... from generation to generation
we will recount your praise."
- Psalm 79:13

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July 23 - 27 2023 @KBA

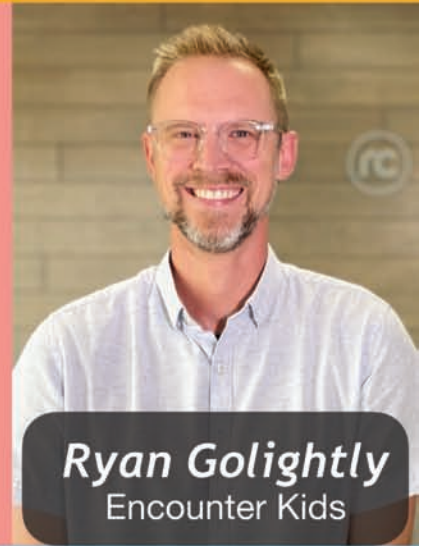


Aaron Pontius
Encounter Week 2

We are so excited about camp this summer!! We believe God has big plans for your 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.
daniel.sweet42@gmail.com
405.655.9468



Ryan Golightly
Encounter Kids



encountercamp

June 11 - 16 2023 @ KBA

June 25 - 30 2023 @KBA

Marc Nepl
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

HONOR *to whom* HONOR

Rev Larry Haggard

July 29, 1955 – December 24, 2022



Brother Larry grew up in his hometown of McCurtain, OK. He and wife, Rose, ministered in churches in Oklahoma, Virginia, Mississippi and North

Carolina. Larry was a life long learner and received several degrees from various institutions including a PhD in Philosophy from Louisiana Baptist University. He had a great love for Christian Education throughout his ministry. Bro Larry served selflessly and always led with a servant's heart. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Rev. James B Crow

May 22, 1940 – January 31, 2023



James Crow was born in Sand Springs, OK. He attended Charles Page High School where he excelled as an athlete. Bro. James met his

wife at a fifth Sunday singing meeting and told a friend that night that he had met the woman he was going to marry. Her name was Francis Lecretia Pugh and they were married on September 1, 1959. James accepted the call to ministry and was ordained by the South Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists on August 16, 1968. He pastored several churches and held many revivals during his long ministry. Throughout his life he exhibited a fervent passion for the salvation of those he met. He was a wonderful example of the Christian life in word and in deed. He will be greatly missed.

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Spring 23 Scope & Sequence

WHAT'S COMING UP?

March	Called to Holiness Pursuing Holiness Tested in Suffering Return of Christ	1 Peter 1:1-25 1 Peter 2:1-17 1 Peter 4:1-19 Mark 13:1-27
April	Suffering of Christ Resurrection of Christ (EASTER) Courageous Faith Standing for What Is Right Standing Against Idolatry	Mark 14:32-65 Mark 15:16-16:8 Esther 3:1-4:17 Daniel 1:1-21 Daniel 3:1-30
May	Standing Against Opposition Principles of Prayer Growing in Grace Living in Hope	Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 7:7-11; Rom 8:26-27; John 14:13-14 2 Peter 1:1-21 2 Peter 3:1-18

www.D6Everyday.com

D6 Easter
RESOURCES

D6FAMILY.COM



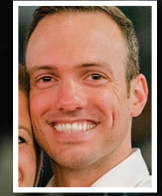
Brad Ransom



Greg Cleveland



Daniel Sweet



Aaron Pontious



Keith Burden

2023 Oklahoma State Meeting

MAY 4-6 | RANDALL UNIVERSITY | MOORE, OK

(Pre-registration information on back cover)

MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday

9:30 am General Board Meeting
12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 pm Ministers Conference
with Brad Ransom and Daniel Sweet
7:00 pm Evening Service with Keith Burden

Friday

9:00 - 11:00 am Business Session
Morning Worship with Greg Cleveland
12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 4:00 pm Business
7:00 pm Evening Service with Aaron Pontious

Saturday

9:00 am CTS Competition

HOTEL INFORMATION

LaQuinta (1/2 mile north)
2140 Riverwalk Dr., (405) 759-7700
I-35 & 19th St. Exit

Hampton Inn & Suites (3 miles north)
614 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 735-6821
I-35 & Exit #118 (12th St.)

Holiday Inn Express (3 miles north)
621 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 735-9400
I-35 & Exit #118 (12th St.)

Spring Hill Suites Marriott (3 miles north)
613 N.W. 8th Street, (405) 759-2600
I-35 & Exit #118 (12th St.)

Listed above are just a few of the hotels in Moore, but there are additional ones in the area.

Enjoy Today



Mike Wade,
Executive Director
for Oklahoma
Free Will Baptists

The Psalmist said, “This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it”. What a way to start a day and what a way to view living life.

It’s never very fun being around someone who is constantly negative about life. They find fault with everything. They don’t like what is taking place in nearly every aspect of life. They complain about the government. They complain about weather. They complain about their favorite team. They complain about family. They complain about their health. They even complain about church. It is difficult to find a subject that doesn’t turn into a rant about what they don’t like.

If I am honest, when I allow myself to dwell on all the growing spiritual darkness that surrounds us and how our society is turning from God’s truth and embracing and even celebrating sin or dwell on the growing hostility against anyone who dares to hold to the teachings of Scripture, it can drag me down into negativity and even discouragement. I have to ask for God to help me not to see only the bad things around me but to concentrate on

being a light in the darkness.

I do not want to turn into a negative Nelly. I’m not sure who Nelly is but she sure has a bad reputation. Whenever I would whine and moan about things that I didn’t like my mom would always say, Don’t be such a negative Nelly. My desire is to remember that admonition and try to daily be a ray of sunshine rather than a storm cloud in my dealings with those I come into contact.

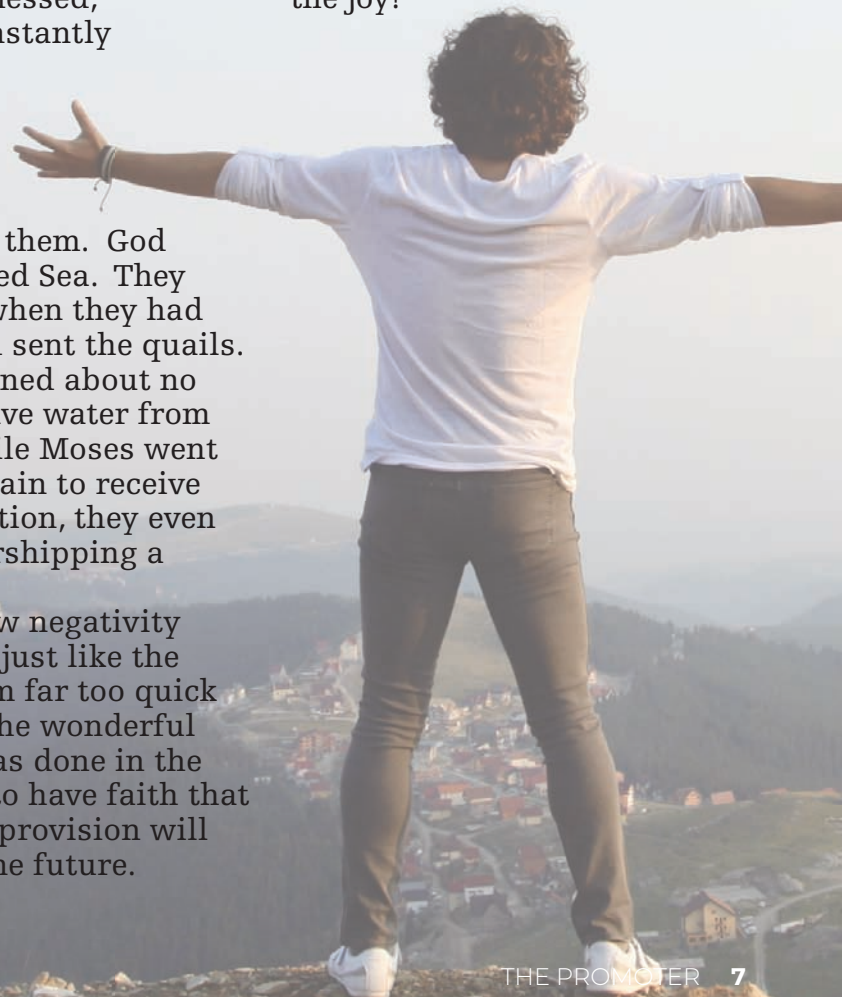
I am too often like the Children of Israel as God delivered them from the slavery of Egypt. After all the great miracles they had witnessed, they were constantly complaining.

They fretted about Pharaoh chasing after them. God opened the Red Sea. They complained when they had no meat. God sent the quails. They complained about no water. God gave water from the rock. While Moses went up the mountain to receive God’s instruction, they even turned to worshipping a Golden Calf.

When I allow negativity to engulf me, just like the Israelites I am far too quick to forget all the wonderful things God has done in the past. I need to have faith that His help and provision will continue in the future.

The Apostle Paul gave us the following instruction: Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on these things Philippians 4:8

If we will follow this instruction, it will change our attitude. It will change our countenance. It will change our day. We can rise each morning and declare: This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Then head out and share the joy!



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PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE

2023 Oklahoma State Meeting

If you would like to pre-register for the State Meeting, go to www.okfwb.org.
Click on Calendar and under Oklahoma State Meeting you will see a *register here* box.
If you don't have access to a computer, please fill out the form below and mail it in.

Pre-registration must be sent by May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please call the FWB State office at (405) 912-9400

OKLAHOMA FREE WILL BAPTIST REGISTRATION CARD

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Church _____

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Deacon

Delegate

Missionary

Visitor

