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GPBA PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Lone Oak Baptist Church
Prairie Hill Baptist Church
Retrop Baptist Church
Roosevelt First Baptist Church
Rhea Baptist Church
Elk City First Baptist
Strong City Baptist Church
Frederick First Baptist



Important Announcement for Oklahoma Baptist Events in early 2021

As we enter 2021, we have been actively monitoring public health information and the continued impact of COVID-19 in Oklahoma. **After careful consideration, we have made the decision to cancel all Oklahoma Baptists sponsored events of 50 people or more in the months of January and February of 2021.**

This was a difficult decision, as it means **the Advance Conference/State Evangelism Conference, previously scheduled for Jan. 25-26, will not take place**, among other events.

The Youth Evangelism Conference, meanwhile, will be an online/virtual event in January. Our convention staff is working to resource our churches with evangelism tools and opportunities, and we

anticipate partnering with SBC partners to help put on a "Who's Your One?" evangelism event in Oklahoma in early March.

A list of cancelled events will be posted on the Oklahoma Baptists' website at www.oklahomabaptists.org/events by December 15.

I also want you to be aware that we are continuing to suspend travel outside the United States throughout 2021. And for the first half of the year, convention staff will not travel outside of Oklahoma for business purposes, unless authorized by their supervisor.

While 2020 did not unfold like we expected, and while COVID continues to hinder our ability to hold events in early 2021, we truly believe the Gospel will continue to advance unhindered in Oklahoma and to the ends of the earth.

May the Lord bless you richly this Christmas season and always.

Your brother,

Dr. D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr.

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DISINFECTANT FOGGERS AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH USE!

One of the goals of our Association is to help meet the ever changing needs of the local church in reaching our communities for Christ. We have recently added a new service available to our churches in this unusual time of dealing with the Covid-19 Virus. We have purchased 2 foggers, 1 corded and 1 cordless, that can be used to disinfect your facility between weekly services. The disinfectant has been provided by FEMA. It is a formulation of electrified salt water. It leaves no residue to clean up and it is safe to use around food and electronics. If you are interested in fogging your facility, let our office know.

For our churches in the South, we now have a fogger available for you. Please contact Brent Logan at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Altus, if your church would like to use it.

ADOPT A CABIN (Or Project!) At Camp

Many of the cabins at Southwest Baptist Churches Assembly are in desperate need of a facelift! By adopting a cabin (or other project on the grounds), your church can help make sure campers have a safe and pleasant environment to hear God speak! You may want to:

- adopt a whole cabin and provide the materials and muscle to get it up to date
- choose a specific project in the cabin you adopt
- adopt a grounds project (like the wooden bridge)
- pour financial resources into repairs and partner with another church to do the heavy lifting

Cabin needs include:

Painting, Structural repairs ,
Plumbing improvements, Flooring Updates

Just call Clayton Carlisle at the camp.

He would love to help you choose the perfect cabin
for your group.

Camp Phone—580-846-5784 Clayton's Cell—580—481-8749



PART TIME WORSHIP LEADER POSITION

Part Time Worship Leader

Emmanuel Baptist Weatherford, OK is seeking a part time Worship Leader who can lead from an instrument. Send resume to clint@ebcweatherford.com



BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS WITH FBC MOORE

FBC Moore is looking to come assist churches in western Oklahoma in the 2021 summer with VBS Backyard Bible Clubs. If you are interested in bringing them to your church please click on the button below the Destination logo to fill out an online form so we can have your info to give to them. You can also call Don Jones directly with any questions at 405-534-1356.

LifeWay's

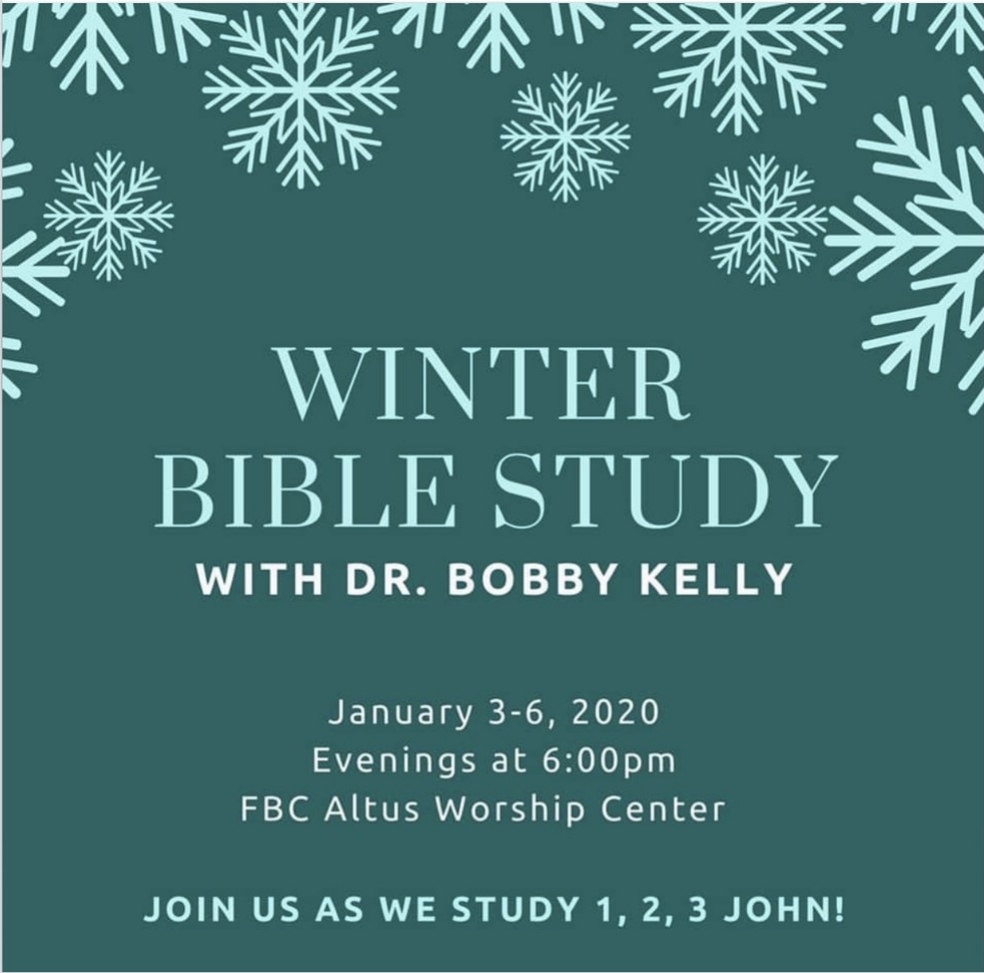
DESTINATION



UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13

**BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS WITH FBC MOORE
ONLINE FORM**

**WINTER BIBLE STUDY WITH DR. BOBBY KELLY @ FBC
ALTUS**



WINTER BIBLE STUDY

WITH DR. BOBBY KELLY

January 3-6, 2020
Evenings at 6:00pm
FBC Altus Worship Center

JOIN US AS WE STUDY 1, 2, 3 JOHN!



WOSC BCM UPDATE

Hello Association,

The Spring Semester is upon us. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas! I want to thank all our churches who served meals this past semester in the midst of a very uncertain time with the COVID virus. I was pleased that we only had to cancel one of our scheduled Noondays. As I'm writing this, things are still uncertain in the coming Semester, however, it is my goal to consistently serve the students and staff at Western through our noonday meals in the Spring Semester.

We are also going to start meeting weekly again for Bible Study. More details on that to come soon. I'm praying this Semester we see some students give their lives to Jesus and be changed forever. I also want to help students grow in their walk with Christ. It is another goal of mine to see students take on some ownership and responsibilities for the BCM, whether through, teaching or leading a small group, helping with worship, helping run our BCM Instagram account, or leading out in other areas of the ministry. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the BCM this Semester.

In Christ,
Seth Bevers

Noonday schedule for January and February:

Jan. 27 - FBC Granite

Feb. 3 - Martha Road Baptist Church

Feb. 10 - FBC Blair

Feb. 17 - Emmanuel Baptist Church Altus

Feb. 24 - FBC Tipton



SWOSU SAYRE BCM UPDATE

Hello Association,

Well, what a year it has been? I'm at a loss for words. So many things have and are going on around us. This has been one of the hardest articles to write. As I have worked on this for a few days, this is one thing that has come up several times.

"Courage, Courage, Courage"

Taking this from Joshua 1, as there was change going on for the first time in over 40 years. There is much change going on around us. May we have the courage to trust the Lord in these days just as Joseph and Mary did over 2000 years ago. May 2021 bring you the courage to "Trust and Obey, for there is no other way."

Merry Christmas to all and a courageous new year.

God Bless

Benny Lockler

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DOM



KEEP PRESSING ON

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the challenges of living for Christ? You're not alone. Even Paul felt that way. In II Corinthians 2:8 he honestly admitted that the troubles he and Timothy endured in Asia had taxed them beyond measure, and they feared for their lives. But Paul said they learned this lesson: "We should not trust in ourselves but in God".

In Philippians 3:12-14 Paul again wrote honestly about his Christian walk, admitting that he hadn't attained perfection: "I press toward the goal for the prize." He identified this lifelong pilgrimage as "the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Years ago, a group of Englishmen tried to conquer Mt. Everest. They pressed on against cold, wind, blizzards, and avalanches. When they came within 2,000 feet of the peak, they set up camp. Two men, Mallory and Irvine, eagerly pressed on, expecting to return in about 16 hours. They never came back. The official record said simply: "When last seen, they were heading toward the summit."

Whatever the obstacles, let's keep pressing on in the upward call of God, trusting in Him and not ourselves. At life's end, may it be said of us, "When last seen, they were heading toward the summit!" — Joanie Yoder

I don't ever want to come back to 2020! I'm looking forward to 2021. We have a great challenge ahead of us in 2021. Let's...

1. Adapt to reach more people for Christ in 2021.
2. Admit we need the Holy Spirit to lead us more than ever before to reach a lost and literally dying world.
3. Adjust our attitude towards others. Let's pray for our enemies, pray for those who have different views, let's pray for our leaders in our country.
4. Admire those faithful believers around us and encourage them to look forward.
5. Approve new ideas and plans for discipleship and the advancement of the gospel.

2021 needs to be a year that evangelism is on the frontline of all our churches. We need to move the narrative from how bad things are, to how great is our Savior and let me share about Him. Now more than ever people need hope! They need a look forward! They need Jesus! Let's make 2021 the most evangelistic year we've ever had in our association.

On a personal note. My family is so grateful for all the love and support you've given during the time of my Dad going to be with the Lord. Thank you!

Love you,
Brother Danny



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

from the Greats Plains Baptist association Staff

