

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY GROUP

Monday, February 1 and February 15 at 6 pm. All Young Adults are invited! Dinner, Volleyball or just hang out. Childcare provided.



SPRING JUBILEE 2021

Senior Adults, Jubilee 2021 will be April 19-21 in Branson featuring the Collinsworth Family, Gold City, Jason Crabb, Lefevre Quartet, Dennis Swanberg, Blackwood Brothers and Johnny Hunt and so much more. Space is limited. If you are interested in going see Mary Hardiman or sign up by February 15 at the Event Table on the East side of the Sanctuary. All Conference fees are non refundable.



Being Missional Where You Are

As we journey back to Malawi, we wanted to take a minute to both thank and challenge you as our church family.

We have enjoyed being able to worship and serve alongside you these last 9 months. We have felt love from you as you have prayed for us, given financially to support us, and of course fed us (and that’s no small task!). We are eternally grateful for the ways each of you have loved on us: for stocking our house, for friendships, for invites to birthday parties, for meals at your house, for Sunday School teachers and Team Kid workers who love on our kids each week, and on and on. Thank you for your generosity and passion for missions, which is evident by your incredible contributions made to Lottie Moon this year! We are so humbled to be sent out and supported by you! Please know we don’t take that lightly! Thank you, Grove’s First Baptist!

As we go, we want to also leave you with a challenge. We go on your behalf to the mission field in Malawi, Africa. A couple of thousand other missionaries with the International Mission Board (IMB) go out on your behalf to mission fields all over the world and are recipients of your financial support. And we are all grateful! But supporting missions is not just about giving money so that others may go. It’s also about living on mission where you are. While not everyone is called to be a cross-cultural missionary, everyone is called to act like a missionary in their home culture. We can call this attitude living missionally. How can you live missionally in Grove, Oklahoma? We, as Christ-followers, have *all* been given the Great Commission. As you go in and around Grove (or wherever the Lord takes you), how can *you* be making disciples among the lost around you?

Here are a few ways we encourage each member of Grove’s First Baptist to be on mission where you are.

Pray: Ask God to give you a heart like His toward the lost around you; that you would be slow to anger and show mercy and steadfast love, when you see lost people acting like lost people. Ask God to make you a bold and persistent witness for Him. Ask God to draw the lost around you to salvation and open their eyes to the Good News you are sharing. Pray for other believers living on mission where you are. Continue to pray for and support missionaries all over the world. One resource we use is www.operationworld.org, where you can learn about different countries and the needs there. You can also visit www.imb.org/pray to sign up to receive prayer request calendars, emails, and/or newsletters so that you may pray for IMB missionaries all over the world. You will be surprised how God can use your prayers for others to shape your heart to live on mission for Him.

Share: Be obedient to share the whole gospel with the lost around you. You don’t have to have a slick presentation, use “magic words,” or even use the same words every time. If you know Christ, then you can talk about your relationship with Christ! We are confident that if you want or need help in learning how to share the Gospel better, any of our pastors or deacons would love to help you!

Be in the Word: The more you read of the Good News in the Bible each day, the more you will be reminded of your own sinful condition and God’s call to your heart to repent. The more you daily take up your cross and follow Jesus, the more His Spirit will guide you as you share.

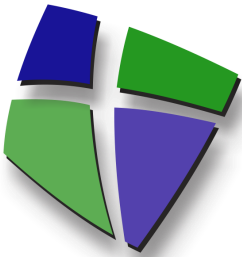
Follow-up: This is where persistence comes in. Don’t give up on the lost around you and don’t give up on God. Let’s be found faithfully doing the work of our Master when He returns for His bride.

Depend on Other Believers: Ask others in your home, small groups, Sunday school classes, etc. to pray for the specific lost people with whom you’re sharing. Ask for their help in loving and sharing with that lost person too.

Once again, church family, we are so grateful for you, your love, and your support for our family. We also praise the Lord for how He will use each of you to be on mission where you are too!

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Phil 1:3–6, ESV)

For God’s glory, Chris and Jamie Schilt, Your IMB Missionaries, Malawi, Africa



Grove's First Baptist Church

February 2021

This is my first Proclaimer article since the new year. The virus didn't stop affecting our lives when January 1, 2021 showed up. We are seeing some progress. People are beginning to be vaccinated and the number of active cases is beginning to subside a bit. Our church has certainly seen an uptick in people getting the virus since the holidays. Fortunately, we haven't seen too many hospitalizations of our loved ones. As Christians, we continue to press on serving the Lord in a fearful and misguided world.

2021 has come in with a jolt. We witnessed a protest that turned into a mob of people attacking the U.S. Capitol. People were killed and many have been arrested. It was very disturbing to see these events unfold before our eyes. Former President Trump has been impeached for a second time and will be tried in the U.S. Senate even though he is out of office. We have a new President, Joseph R. Biden.

From Our Pastor ...

Mr. Biden in his inaugural speech, has challenged the American people to unify as a nation. That is a challenging task. The only things we can agree on right now is our divisions. We have been told by the media and others that we are a racist country. The elites in this country have even suggested that about 75 million people need to be deprogramed to get this country back on track. It sounds like they are more interested in uniformity and not unity. Agree with what we say, and everything will be okay. One of the first acts of President Biden's administration is force all institutions receiving federal funds to allow transgendered boys and girls in public schools to use the bathrooms of their choice and to compete in sports with other females. Does that sound unifying to you as a Christian? It is more of an in-your-face dictate that will only divide families and communities in this country. Transgenderism is not a subject that will lead to unity in this country.

As the Senior Pastor of this church, I cannot sit back and be silent when our leaders lead us down a path to destruction and further conflict. In the words of the late Adrian Rogers:

It is better to be divided by truth than to be united in error. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals, than falsehood that comforts and then kills. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie. It is better to stand alone with the truth, than to be wrong with a multitude. It is better to ultimately succeed with the truth than to temporarily succeed with a lie. There is only one Gospel.

I am praying that our new President will seek the counsel of Almighty God rather than the counsel of sinful men.

Bro. Jim

WOMEN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF

Saturday, February 20 from 12 pm to 3 pm is a women's ministry event in the MPR. Lunch, Devotionals and information about the Grove FBC Women's Ministry for 2021. See Michelle Roberts for more information.

WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, beginning **February 25**, Virginia Grounds will lead this virtual Bible Study “Called By Grace” from the book of Galatians. For more information see Virginia Grounds or Michelle Roberts.

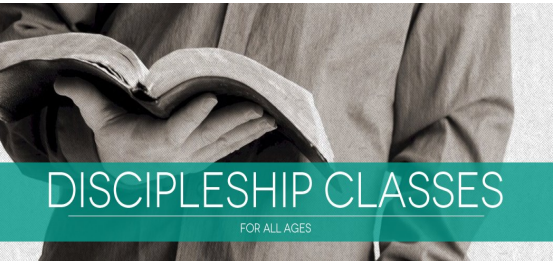


Happy Birthday!

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| Kimberly Heubel | 1 |
| Marcia Hartgrove | 1 |
| Jerry Henshaw | 2 |
| Scott Wyatt | 2 |
| Silas Jackson | 2 |
| Vernon Scott | 2 |
| Bowen Roberts | 3 |
| Kaitlyn Sparks | 3 |
| Emily Mitchell | 4 |
| Jimmie Johnston | 4 |
| Don Ward | 5 |
| Conner Brown | 6 |
| Don Hill | 7 |
| Geneva Gazoway | 8 |
| Jeff Bliesath | 8 |
| Emily Rice | 9 |
| Blaine Smyth | 13 |
| Kristi Kerns | 13 |
| Carolyn Clinesmith | 14 |
| Rosa King | 14 |
| Beverly Doubledde | 15 |
| Larry Moore | 16 |
| Jan Hynum | 17 |
| June Heitzmann | 17 |
| Konnie Wentworth | 17 |
| Ruby Henry | 17 |
| Jarentt Breuil | 20 |
| Steve Henry | 20 |
| Thomas Rowe | 20 |
| Karen Kemper | 21 |
| Jess Clark | 22 |
| Kathryn Morgan | 23 |
| Mike Spicer | 24 |
| Delany Everts | 25 |
| Amy Heard | 26 |
| Betty Thompson | 26 |
| London Miller | 27 |
| Maxine Clark | 27 |
| Shirley Lash | 28 |

Budget YTD

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| Budget Needs - | \$57,294.80 |
| Budget Given - | \$53,605.88 |
| Budget Shortage - | \$3,688.92 |



DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING FEBRUARY 21 @ 6pm

Creation Class led by Neil Noland. Motherhood study led by Marsha McCorkle. Christianity and American History led by Bro. Jim. Theology 101 led by Daniel Rasor. Junior Theology class for Children 1st grade through 6th grade. Sign up at the Event table if interested in one of these classes. Childcare provided birth through Kindergarten.