



THIRST CONFERENCE

THIRST is a 4-day conference experience that our whole church can enjoy. From **Sunday morning May 2 through Wednesday night May 5**, the Life Action team will bring powerful preaching, refreshing worship, memorable testimonies, dynamic children's and youth programs, and passionate prayer right into our sanctuary.

Hello from Malawi! We have found ourselves asking this question a lot recently. "What now?"

When we first thought about being missionaries, especially to Africa, we envisioned being on the frontlines of evangelism taking the gospel to the unreached of Africa. We imagined what it would be like for our family of 7 to bounce around in a Land Rover through the African bush, so that we could have a church service with newly converted people under a giant Baobab tree. Maybe you think the same about missionary life.

Although there are many places around the world where missionary work is still very much frontline evangelism and church planting, we've learned that it's no longer that way in Malawi. As early as the 1800s, the Gospel message was brought to the region, which is now called Malawi, by many selfless missionaries, most notably David Livingston. Additionally, the Bible was translated into the national language of Malawi, Chichewa, in 1906 (New Testament only) and 1922 (Full Bible). Furthermore, the Southern Baptist Convention sent its first missionaries to Malawi in 1959, and they helped to establish the Baptist Convention of Malawi (BACOMA) in 1970. According to an internal census taken in 2020, BACOMA claims to have 2,000 churches with 300,000 members.

It is also estimated that by the year 2050, 38% of the world's Christians will live in Sub-Saharan Africa. So, what do we as IMB missionaries do now? Our job at this point is to stand in the background and do our best to encourage the Malawian Church. Our end vision for the IMB work taking place in this part of the world is: African churches sending African missionaries to the ends of the Earth. That is why we're still here. Please join us in praying for wisdom and opportunities to serve the Malawian Church well as they continue faithfully planting churches, training pastors, and eventually sending Malawian missionaries to the ends of the Earth.

As always, we love you and are so proud to be sent out by you, Grove's First Baptist Church. May God bless you, so that you may continue to be a blessing to the nations.

For God's glory,
Chris & Jamie Schilt



WOMEN'S VIRTUAL RETREAT

Saturday, April 17 from 9:30-4 here at our church. The cost is \$10 and lunch is provided. Sign up at the Women's Event table or on-line. Childcare provided—bring sack lunch and snack for kids. See Michelle Roberts or Virginia Grounds for more information.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS
Women's Retreat
2 Options: Falls Creek Live - \$65
APRIL 17, 2021 | 9:30 - 4:00 Virtual Here at Church - \$10

CHRISTAL EVANS HURST
KATHERINE WOLF
LINA ABUJAMRA
LAURA PERRY
EDEN TRENTHAM

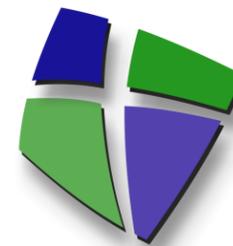
Keynote Speaker
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Testimony
Worship

REGISTER: www.grovesfbc.com/women
or at the event table. Deadline April 1st.

REWIRED MEN'S VIRTUAL RETREAT

Saturday, April 24 from 10-5 pm. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch and refreshments. Rewired is a movement taking place in the hearts of men committed to impacting their family, church, and community for Jesus Christ. Rewired is threefold: First, a love for Christ and desire to be men of God who influence their world; second, to find the right next step or direction for their relationship with God; and third, to find and build godly friendships with other men. Mark your calendars to join us! Sign up at the Event Table.

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20-21



Grove's First Baptist Church

APRIL 2021

Happy Birthday!

Mary Hardiman	1
Barbara Barbee	2
Brad Buckner	3
Dave Wednt	4
Ray Henry	4
David Rice	5
Caleb McAbee	7
Jesse Dautzenberg	7
Joy Rankin	7
Jack Bolton	8
Tobias Watters	9
Vickie Moore	12
Don Barbee	15
Howard Sitton	17
Angel Hill	18
Jared Carper	19
Marsha McCorkle	19
Ridge Middleton	19
Dian Ousley	20
Jamie Schilt	21
Bill LeBlanc	22
Lisa Hankins	23
Virginia Hendrickson	23
Max Wallace	24
Brody Schilt	25
Kaige Wilson	27
JoAnn Bucket	30

Budget YTD

Budget Needs -	\$171,884.40
Budget Given -	\$186,141.25
Budget Overage	\$14,256.85
Building Fund	\$40,780.16
Annie Armstrong	\$4,011.00

We have invited Life Action Ministries to come to our church for a "Thirst Conference." This event will be **Sunday, May 2nd through Wednesday, May 5th**. In case you are not familiar with Life Action Ministries, here is a quote from their website; "Life Action Ministries was founded in 1971 to spark spiritual change in families, churches, and nations. This is why we call people to authentic Christianity—so the gospel light can shine brightly out of lives transformed by the presence and power of God." The focus is on the local church. We as a local church here in Grove, Oklahoma have invested resources and time to prepare for this important event. I am asking for your help and cooperation in the next few weeks.

Our Revivalist for the week will be Bro. Gregg Simmons. Gregg grew up in Oklahoma and Texas. He has pastored churches for over thirty years and has served along with his wife, Patti, since 2007 in Life Action Ministries. The Team Director is Brent Paulus. He and his wife, Maggie, have four children and are committed to the family and spiritual renewal within the church. Both Gregg and Brent bring their team of eight single men and fourteen single ladies to help us during the "Thirst Conference." The team will take care of the preaching, worship, teaching and other activities to help us seek God in a fresh way.

This is a unique event in many ways. The church body is being asked to help with the overall preparation to make this "Thirst Conference" a success for the church and to see God work within our midst. **We need housing for eight single men and 14 single ladies. We need about ten loaner vehicles so the team can travel back and forth from their host homes to church facilities.** If you can help us, contact the church office or Bro. Jim.

The "Thirst Conference" will kick off on Sunday, May 2nd with a combined Sunday School Service in our auditorium for all adults and youth at 9:00 AM. We will break at 10:00 before having the Morning Worship Service at 10:30 AM. The Sunday Evening Service will be at 6:00 PM with the team leading in worship and preaching. The services Monday through Wednesday will start at 6:30 PM. There will be children and youth ministry going on during the Thirst Conference as well. Nursery Care newborn to 3 years old will be provided by the church. Children 4 years through 1st Grade will be in Happy Heart City. Children 2nd Grade through 6th will be in Base Camp. Youth 7th Grade through 12th will be in Life Action Students. This will be a total family event at each service. I hope you will commit to this important event!

This is the Life Action Team's goal in coming to Grove's First Baptist Church: "Prayerfully, we will seek God together. Truth and hope will be proclaimed. Lives will be transformed. The church will experience spiritual renewal. Families will be strengthened. The church's fire for the Great Commission will be stoked up."

Bro. Jim

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

We are in the beginning stages of planning for VBS. There will be an Associational meeting at our church **April 26 from 6-8 pm**. If you are interested in working in VBS, in any area, please contact the church office or Daniel Rasor.

