

**OKLAHOMA  
BAPTISTS**

**MISSIONARY**  
*Prayer*  
**GUIDE 2021**

*Your guide for weekly, ministry prayer requests*



**COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM**

# PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:



## IN YOUR CHURCH

- Worship Service
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- Sunday School/Small Groups
- Prayer Ministry
- Publish in newsletter/bulletins
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## IN YOUR HOME

- Family devotions
- Cut out missionary's picture and hang on fridge for the week



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- Email a missionary to let them know you're praying for them
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# WORKING TOGETHER IN PRAYER

At the end of Paul's letter to the church at Colossae, we find a fascinating sentence. *"Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God."* (Col. 4:12) Paul teaches us that we can labor in prayer. We can join someone in their hard work of following the Lord, pursuing and doing the will of God.

This Prayer Guide gives you the opportunity to join the work of many faithful servants by praying earnestly for them. Here are some suggestions as you pray for the specific weekly requests in this Prayer Guide.

Your Partner in the Work,

*D. Hance Dilbeck Jr.*

D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr.  
Executive Director-Treasurer  
Oklahoma Baptists

## *Pray for:*

- God's provision and protection for missionaries and their families

*(John 17:15)*

- A burden for the lost

*(Luke 19:10)*

- God's Word to bring conviction and salvation

*(John 16:8)*

- Hearts to be convicted of sin

*(John 16:8)*

- God to reveal Christ

*(Matthew 16:17) (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

- God to remove any barriers to their salvation

*(1 Corinthians 1:18)*

- True repentance

*(2 Corinthians 5:17) (Luke 13:3)*

- New believers to become witnesses and lead others to Christ

*(Matthew 28:18-20)*

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSION FUNDING

Throughout the 2021 Missionary Prayer Guide, there are references to the following mission funding methods that are used by Southern Baptists to fulfill our Lord's command in Acts 1:8 to carry the Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the uttermost parts of the world.

***The Cooperative Program*** is the financial foundation of our Southern Baptist missions and ministries around the world. Each church gives a percentage of its budget through the Cooperative Program as we partner together to touch the world for Christ. Additional information is available from the Leadership Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

***More Info:***

405-942-3000 ext. 4525  
[oklahomabaptists.org/cp](http://oklahomabaptists.org/cp)

***The Edna McMillan Oklahoma State Missions Offering*** is promoted during September of each year and supports mission and evangelism projects in Oklahoma. This offering is named after Edna McMillan, an Oklahoman who had a vision of reaching the state of Oklahoma with the Gospel. It provides additional funding beyond your church's Cooperative Program gifts. Additional information is available from the Missions and Women's Ministries Office of Oklahoma Baptists.

***More Info:***

405-942-3000 ext. 4318  
[oklahomabaptists.org/smo](http://oklahomabaptists.org/smo)

***The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*** is the annual offering promoted during March of each year. This offering provides additional funding beyond the church's Cooperative Program gifts for the work of the North American Mission Board in the United States and Canada. Additional information may be obtained from the North American Mission Board.

***More Info:***

800-634-2462  
[namb.net](http://namb.net)  
[oklahomabaptists.org/smo](http://oklahomabaptists.org/smo)

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***More Info:***

800-999-3113  
[imb.org/lottimoon](http://imb.org/lottimoon)

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## Meet Hance Dilbeck *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptist's Executive Director, Dr. Hance Dilbeck. He "serves all Oklahoma Baptists in our cooperative efforts to advance the Gospel." Married to Julie for 35 years, the couple have three grown children and seven (in February) grandchildren.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [hdilbeck@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:hdilbeck@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, Quail Springs Baptist Church

### KEY VERSE

*Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and on His Law he meditates day and night.*

*| Psalm 1:1-2 |*

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That God "keep me from the evil one."
- Power in my preaching so the word of God advances.
- Wisdom to be a good steward of resources and opportunities.



**Jan. 10, 2021**

## Meet Blake Farley *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Blake Farley, church planting pastor of Woodward, Ascent Community. His ministry includes developing a leadership team, getting involved in the community and leading in preaching and teaching. He and his wife Taylor have been married for two years.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [bkracing@gmail.com](mailto:bkracing@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Woodward, Ascent Church

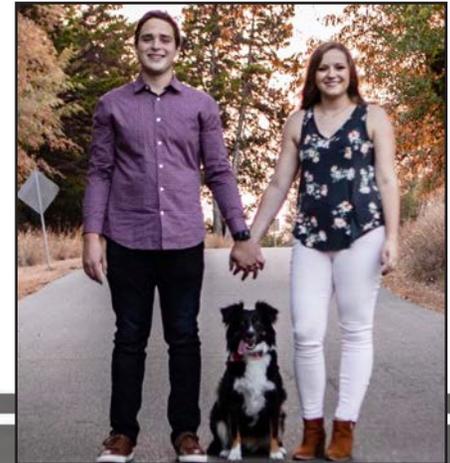
### HOW TO PRAY:

- Local financial supporters.
- Increasing surrendering to the work of the Gospel.
- Opportunities to proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel to those who feel far from the love of Christ.

### KEY VERSE

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

*| Ephesians 2:10 |*



## Meet Kris & Shelley Riggs *Serving in Niger*

Pray for Kris and Shelley Riggs, Oklahomans who serve with the IMB in Niger. Kris leads the IMB teams in Niger and in the training of national partners; Shelley helps in community outreach. The Riggs, married 31 years, parent two teenagers.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- Pray for protection and boldness for Niger national partners in rural areas, who face persecution.
- For God to raise up more ministry partners and churches in Niger.
- That many young people and university students would turn to Jesus.

### KEY VERSE

*But if I say, "I will not remember Him, nor speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am tired of holding it in, and I cannot endure it.*

*| Jeremiah 20:9 |*



**Jan. 24, 2021**

## Meet Doug Melton *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Doug (wife Lana) Melton, Pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. As such, he is involved in preaching, teaching, praying, the overall vision and direction for the church, as well as supervision of ministry staff. He is also the director of the SEND Oklahoma Network that leads church planting efforts in Oklahoma.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [doug@myshbc.com](mailto:doug@myshbc.com)

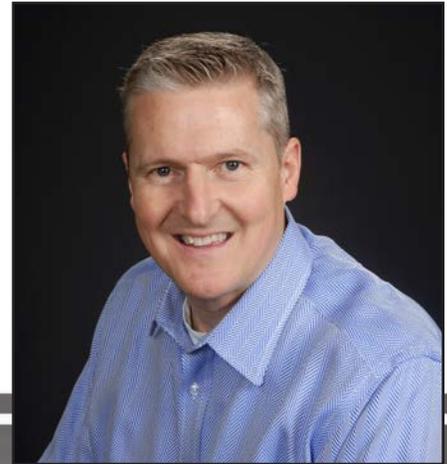
### HOW TO PRAY:

- For wisdom in navigating the waters through the pandemic.
- Strong marriages for our children and salvation of our grandchildren.
- Opportunities for our church to reach our city for Christ.
- New churches to be planted in Oklahoma.

### KEY VERSE

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

*| Mark 10:45 |*



Church Connection | OKC, Southern Hills Baptist Church

## Meet Gary Hawkins *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Gary Hawkins and wife Paula. Gary serves church planting pastor of Sapulpa, Native Stone, executive director of the Fellowship of Native American Christians, and self-funded NAMB church planting mobilizer for Native Americans. In addition to pastoral duties, Hawkins networks with ministry partners, as a resource to and for Native People sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### KEY VERSE

*But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, make your own judgment; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.*

*| Acts 4:19-20 |*

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For healthy new and existing Native churches.
- For young Natives to spread the Gospel nationwide.





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# Oklahoma Baptists

## *Serving in Europe*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout Europe. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

Through prayer, evangelism goals and open dialogue, IMB workers have seen national partners grow in their vision for evangelism and make active bold evangelism attempts.

Of the 741 million people living in 49 nations in Europe, at least 59,196 in 2019 heard a Gospel witness; 1,583 became believers; 682 were baptized; and 40 churches started.

### KEY VERSE

*Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.*

*| Galatians 6:9 |*



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**Feb. 14, 2021**

## Meet Bentley Hill

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Bentley Hill and his wife Susan. Hill is now serving as director of missions in LeFlore Association since January. Prior to this role, Hill was BCM director at Carl Albert; currently serving as interim director. Hill has a heart for discipleship, evangelism and missions.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [bhill@lefloreaassociation.org](mailto:bhill@lefloreaassociation.org)

Church Connection | Poteau, Southside Baptist Church

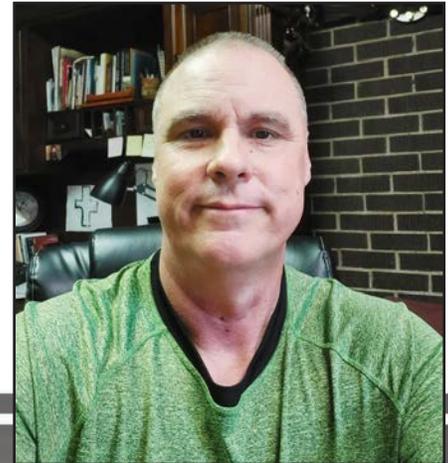
### HOW TO PRAY:

- Wisdom as he assimilates into his new ministry role.
- A servant's heart to serve pastors and churches in the association.
- As he serves as BCM interim, pray that God would call more students to fulltime service; and for revival on campus.

### KEY VERSES

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.*

*| Peter 4:10 |*



## Meet Victor Cope *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Victor Cope, pastor for 30 years of Moore, First Indian Baptist Church; teacher for 32 years at Tecumseh Middle School and local Title VI education program director; and executive director for more than 30 years of Indian Falls Creek Baptist Assembly. He and his wife of 39 years, Elizabeth, are the parents of two daughters and grandparents of five.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [ndhrev@aol.com](mailto:ndhrev@aol.com)

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For Oklahoma's American Indian churches.
- That they reach people.
- Develop leaders and grow.

### KEY VERSE

*Many plans are in a person's heart, but the advice of the LORD will stand.*

*| Proverbs 19:21 |*



**Feb. 28, 2021**

## Meet Brady Sharp *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Brady (wife Melissa) Sharp, church planting pastor of Credence Church in Lawton. He lists his duties as Gospel proclamation, leadership development and cultural engagement.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For people in Lawton, Fort Sill and the surrounding area to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus.
- Leadership development within Credence Church.
- For a deep sense of mission among the hearts of Credence and the disciples of Jesus in this area.

### KEY VERSE

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.*

*| Jeremiah 1:5 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [brady@credence.church](mailto:brady@credence.church)

Church Connection | Lawton, Credence Church

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**March 7, 2021**

## Meet Chris Schlit *Serving in Malawi*

Chris and Jamie Schilt, career missionaries with the IMB, serve in Malawi, south-central Africa. Chris teaches at Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi and partners for training sessions with pastors across Malawi. Jamie homeschooled the couple's five children, ministers with the seminary's female students, and helps at the Baptist guest house in Lilongwe.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For their family's walk with the Lord.
- Theological education in Malawi.
- Healthy Malawi churches.

### KEY VERSES

*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

*| Matthew 24:14 |*



## Meet Quintin Ratliff *Serving in Thailand*

Pray for Quintin and Kim Ratliff, strategy team leaders for the IMB in Thailand, who were on stateside assignment in Oklahoma in 2020 and unable to return because of COVID-19. The couple, married 26 years, have two grown children.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For their return to Thailand.
- For believers there to be strong as they endure persecution from their families.
- For the Ratliff family as they prepare to once again separate from one another.

### KEY VERSE

*And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.'*

*| Matthew 25:40 |*



**March 21, 2021**

## Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in North Africa*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout North Africa and the Middle East, often referred to as NAME. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

In the 19 nations and 578 million people of North Africa and the Middle East are 797 people groups. Last year, at least 31,460 heard a Gospel witness; 4,686 became believers; 1,394 were baptized; and 162 churches were planted.

### KEY VERSE

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

*| Matthew 28:19-20 |*

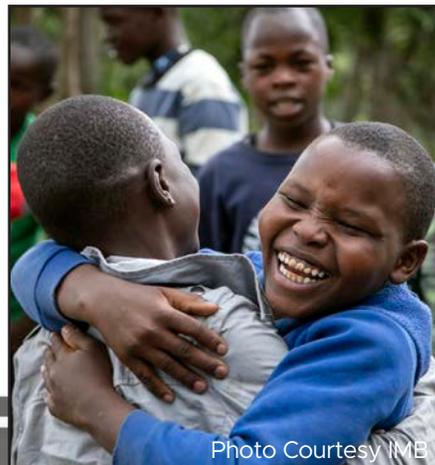


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## Meet Ray Strauss *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Ray Strauss, pastor of Edmond Community Church and NAMB Church Planting Catalyst for SEND Oklahoma. Married to Christina for 23 years, the family also includes three sons.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- Prayers for his family.
- For Edmond Community Church.
- That Acts 9:31 would be the experience of all Oklahoma Baptist churches.
- For new churches to be planted in Oklahoma.

### KEY VERSE

*And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*

*| Luke 10:2 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [ray@eastedmond.org](mailto:ray@eastedmond.org)

Church Connection | Edmond, Edmond Community Church



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## Meet Shane Kammerer *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Shane (wife Kathleen) Kammerer, BCM director at the University of Oklahoma, where he disciples and oversees students and staff, “as we mobilize and train quality disciples for evangelism, discipleship and missions.”

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For a deep healthy relationship with Jesus, for physical and mental endurance.
- Provision and protection for my family and the entire OU BCM staff and their families.
- Recruit more staff and student leaders, see more conversions and that repentance “would sweep OU.”

### KEY VERSE

*but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.*

*| Acts 1:8 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [skammerer@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:skammerer@oklahomabaptists.org)



Church Connection | Norman, Providence Road Baptist Church

**April 11, 2021**

## Meet Ben Mangrum *Serving in Ohio*

Pray for Ben (wife Brittany) Mangrum from Tahlequah, Crescent Valley, church planting pastor of Hamilton, Ohio, Inspiring Hope. His ministry includes preaching, teaching, leadership training and vision casting.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For God to continue to add people to our core team.
- To open people's heart in our community to receive the hope of the Gospel.
- To continue to provide churches and individuals to partner with us in planting Inspiring Hope Church.

### KEY VERSE

*For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE APPOINTED YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"*

*| Acts 13:47 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [bmangrum\\_10@yahoo.com](mailto:bmangrum_10@yahoo.com)

Church Connection | Hamilton, Ohio, Inspiring Hope Church

## Meet Ron Fleming *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Ron Fleming, director of missions in Choctaw/Chickasaw Association. His ministry includes “being the pastors’ pastor; filling in at churches without pastors; and giving help in starting new missions.” He and Mary Christine, married 52 years, have two grown daughters, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For a mission start in Atoka, and two pending starts in Hugo and in Poteau.
- For churches to be strengthened.
- For souls to be saved.

### KEY VERSE

*They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”*

*| Acts 16:31 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [ronniechoctaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronniechoctaw@sbcglobal.net)



**April 25, 2021**

## Meet Don Williams *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Don Williams, Oklahoma Baptists' Disaster Relief/Chaplaincy director. He organizes, trains, equips and leads Oklahoma Baptists to advance the Gospel through disaster response and chaplaincy. He and Lori, married 37 years, have six grown children and eight grandchildren.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [dwilliams@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:dwilliams@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, FBC Nicoma Park

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For the Holy Spirit to go before Disaster Relief and Chaplaincy volunteers to prepare the hearts of those they serve.
- For more workers for the harvest.
- That Disaster Relief and Chaplaincy volunteers would be found faithful in our service to the Lord.

### KEY VERSE

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you*

*| Matthew 6:33 |*





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**May 2, 2021**

# Oklahoma Baptists

## *Serving in Sub Saharan Africa*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

About one billion people in 2,575 people groups live in the nations between Mali, Niger and Chad on the north, to South Africa at the bottom of the continent.

Last year, 95,253 Sub-Saharan Africans heard the Gospel; 20,775 believed what they heard about Jesus; 3,982 were baptized; and 111 churches were started.

### KEY VERSE

*But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS*

*| ROMANS 10:15 |*



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## Meet Joe Ligon *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Joe Ligon, senior associate executive director. He serves as chief of staff for Oklahoma Baptists, providing oversight for the day-to-day operations as well as the conference centers, overseeing the support services group, and much more. He and Gayla, his wife for 37 years, are the parents of two grown sons.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- Wisdom to know how to lead.
- Courage to lead.
- The opportunity and ability to help others in their journey.

### KEY VERSE

*Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

*| Romans 8:1 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [jligon@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:jligon@oklahomabaptists.org)



**May 16, 2021**

## Meet Tyler Barnes *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Tyler (wife Chotsie) Barnes, founding pastor of Oklahoma City, Thrive Community. His ministry focus is “preaching, coaching leaders and discipling Christians in the Way of Jesus.”

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [tyler@thriveokc.church](mailto:tyler@thriveokc.church)

Church Connection | OKC, Thrive Community Church

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For the people in the urban core of OKC, that their hearts would be receptive to the Gospel.
- For our leaders, that they would lead with courage, passion and humility.
- For our church, that we would experience a supernatural in-breaking of God’s presence in 2021.

### KEY VERSE

*He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.*

*| Mark 5:19 |*



## Meet Rusty Gunn *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Rusty Gunn, pastor of Sand Springs, Church that Matters, and a NAMB church planting catalyst. Married to Megan for 18 years, the Gunn family includes four children: Gatlin, Gage, Bristol and Colt. He has church connections to Sand Springs, Angus; Cushing, Oak Grove; Shawnee, Rock Creek; and Duncan, Fair.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [rusty@churchthatmatters.com](mailto:rusty@churchthatmatters.com)

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That his children continue to love and serve Jesus.
- That he lives worthy of (his) calling.
- For Church that Matters.
- For more churches to be planted in Oklahoma.

### KEY VERSE

*for "EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.*

*| Romans 10:13 |*



**May 30, 2021**

## Meet Brandon Brister *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Brandon (wife Paula) Brister, Baptist Collegiate Ministries director at the University of Tulsa and Tulsa Metro BCM Coordinator. His ministry focus is on engaging new students, sharing the Good News of Jesus, teaching students how to follow Jesus, developing leaders, mobilizing students on mission and working to maintain good relationships with University of Tulsa campus faculty and administration.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [bbrister@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:bbrister@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | Tulsa, South Tulsa Baptist Church

## KEY VERSE

*Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor,*

*| Romans 12:9-10 |*

## HOW TO PRAY:

- That students would find Jesus, live for Christ and become lifelong disciple-makers.





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**June 6, 2021**

## Meet Walter Wilson *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Walter (wife Velma) Wilson, African American church partner for Oklahoma Baptists, as well as pastor of Lawton, Friendship. His leadership responsibilities include his church, building and strengthening cooperation between the 61 or more Black churches in the state convention, and community involvement for the six National Baptist churches in the Greater New Hope District.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [w122853@gmail.com](mailto:w122853@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Lawton, Friendship Baptist Church

## KEY VERSE

*Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

*| Romans 12:1 |*

## HOW TO PRAY:

- For his work locally, statewide and nationally.
- His family.
- His health and strength.



# Oklahoma Baptists

## *Serving in Central Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout Central Asia. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

Central Asia includes the 550 people groups and almost 294 million people in 10 nations: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Latest statistics from Southern Baptists for Central Asia: 48,648 people heard a Gospel witness; 2,192 became believers; 1,265 were baptized; and 62 churches started.

### KEY VERSE

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

*| Mark 16:15 |*



Photo Courtesy IMB

**June 20, 2021**

## Meet Sarah Wooten *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Sarah Wooten, Falls Creek program associate. She helps plan and facilitate the eight weeks of youth camp, and helps plan and facilitate events to equip youth ministry leaders and volunteers to reach students across the state.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For her to have “a vibrant and growing walk with the Lord.”
- For those who work with youth statewide.
- For teens in Oklahoma to acquire a spiritual foundation for a life of following Jesus.

### KEY VERSE

*Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or in dread of them, for the LORD your God is the One who is going with you. He will not desert you or abandon you.*

*| Deuteronomy 31:6 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [swooten@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:swooten@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, Quail Springs Baptist Church

# Meet Todd Sanders

## *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Todd Sanders, Falls Creek Youth Camp program director and part of Oklahoma Baptists' youth ministry team. In addition to directing youth camp programming, Todd serves Oklahoma Baptist churches through youth ministry education, small group and disciple-making resources. Todd and Angela Sanders, married 28 years, have two grown children, Hope and Hunter.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For opportunities to advance the Gospel and Kingdom of God.
- Boldness in fulfilling God's purposes.
- That he remains mindful of God's presence and continual activity.

### KEY VERSE

*I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*| John 13:34 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [tsanders@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:tsanders@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, Quail Springs Baptist Church

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## Meet Andy Harrison *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Andy Harrison, director of the Falls Creek and CrossTimbers Conference Centers. He is responsible for the properties in Davis and “for ensuring that all events hosted here are fully resourced to meet the needs and expectations of our guests and the convention of Oklahoma Baptists.” Married for 38 years in March to Kim, the couple has three grown children and one grandchild.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [aharrison@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:aharrison@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | Pauls Valley, Trinity Baptist Church

### KEY VERSE

*AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. 'The second is this: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these.*

*| Mark 12:30-31 |*

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For his continued faithfulness and steadfastness.
- For his family.



**July 11, 2021**

## Meet Hector Candelaria *Serving in Puerto Rico*

Pray for Hector Candelaria, church planting pastor of Iglesia Bautista Ciudad de Dios in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He leads in discipling, counseling and preaching. He connects with Oklahoma City churches Iglesia Bautista Central and Quail Springs. Married for eight years, he and his wife are the parents of a year-old daughter, Abigail.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [hcandelaria@ibcdpr.org](mailto:hcandelaria@ibcdpr.org)

Church Connection | San Juan, Puerto Rico, Iglesia Bautista Cuidad

## KEY VERSE

*But if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served, which were beyond the Euphrates River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

*| Joshua 24:15 |*

## HOW TO PRAY:

- For wisdom in raising our child.
- That I may be a better father and husband.
- Gratitude for my wife Denisse.



## Meet Charlie Gatton *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Charlie Gatton, children's ministry partner and CrossTimbers program director. He partners with churches to equip children's ministers throughout Oklahoma, and he plans and implements CrossTimbers Children's Mission Adventure Camp. He and his wife for 29 years, Ann, have two grown daughters.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For boys and girls to hear and understand the Gospel.
- For camp staff to grow spiritually during the summer.
- For children's ministries to grow by reaching unchurched children.

### KEY VERSE

*So you too, when you do all the things which were commanded you, say, "We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done."*

*| Luke 17:10 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [cgatton@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:cgatton@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, Southern Hills Baptist Church

**July 25, 2021**

## Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in South Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout South Asia. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

The 2,286 people groups in South Asia live in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Mal-dives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Last year, 103,328 South Asians heard the Gospel; 35,183 believed what they heard about Jesus; 29,286 were baptized and 9,911 churches were started. In addition, 73,110 people were involved in ongoing Bible studies.

### KEY VERSE

*And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted.*

*| Isaiah 12:4 |*

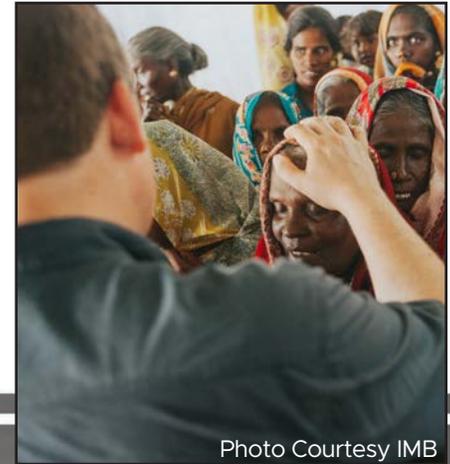


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**Aug. 1, 2021**

## Meet Bill Rowland *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Bill (wife Teresa) Rowland, director of missions in North Canadian Association. His ministry includes being pastor to pastors, resource to the churches, strategist for missions and liaison between the association and the rest of the SBC.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [billncba@gmail.com](mailto:billncba@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Okmulgee, Calvary Baptist Church

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For wisdom as he serves and leads in the association.
- For wisdom in knowing how best to minister to extended family.
- That God would be glorified in every facet of his life.

### KEY VERSE

*The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time and forever.*

*| Psalm 121:8 |*



## Meet Dean Johnson *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Dean (wife Sheila) Johnson, church planting co-pastor of Tulsa, Hope Fellowship. While co-pastor Luke (wife Ashley) Emert leads worship, Johnson preaches and also is responsible for community engagement, and both men are responsible for pastoral care.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That God would continue to provide opportunities for us to serve and minister to our community.
- That our Alpha Courses would see continued fruit.
- For relational and financial success for our recently launched coffee shop.

### KEY VERSE

*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*| Philippians 3:14 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [hopefellowshiphfc@gmail.com](mailto:hopefellowshiphfc@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Tulsa, Hope Fellowship Church

**Aug. 15, 2021**

## Meet Pauline Boren *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Pauline Boren, Baptist Collegiate Ministry director at Oklahoma City Community College. Her ministry strategy includes student evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, missions and recruitment, plus developing and maintaining supportive on- and off-campus connections.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [pboren@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:pboren@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | OKC, Exchange Avenue Baptist Church

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That BCM finds favor with students, faculty and administration on campus.
- That God will bring workers to reach the campus for Christ.
- That we would be faithful to share the Gospel and that people will be receptive to the Gospel.

### KEY VERSE

*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

*| John 15:16 |*



## Meet Terry Rials *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Terry (wife Kay) Rials, director of missions in Western Oklahoma (formerly Concord-Kiowa) Association in Weatherford. As such, he keeps busy planting, strengthening and revitalizing churches, as well as being a pastor to the pastors.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [terry@concordkiowa.com](mailto:terry@concordkiowa.com)

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For pastor-less churches; for church planters, replanters, revitalizers and pastors to serve Western Oklahoma churches.
- For the association's pastors to stay strong in a difficult time and not lose heart.

### KEY VERSE

*God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*| 1 Corinthians 1:9 |*



**Aug. 29, 2021**

## Meet Tim Russell *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Tim (wife Glenette) Russell, director of missions in Grady Association, As such, he is a pastor's encourager, church supporter, missions proponent, supply preacher and local connection to the state convention.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [revrussell@live.com](mailto:revrussell@live.com)

Church Connection | Chickasha, FBC

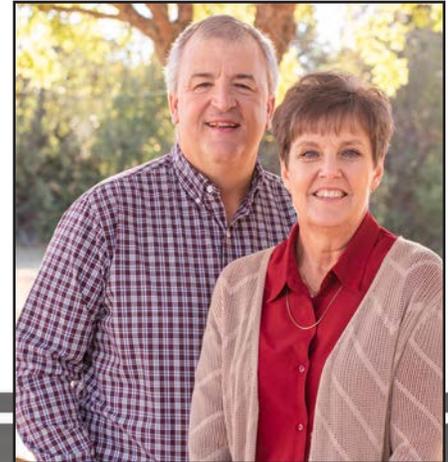
### HOW TO PRAY:

- For the pastors and churches in Grady Association and throughout Oklahoma, that each would renew their passion for reaching the lost.
- For all Oklahoma Baptists to seek first the presence and power of God, passionate for the blessing of the Lord.

### KEY VERSE

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling;*

*| Ephesians 4:4 |*





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**Sept. 5, 2021**

## Meet John Niyondiko *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for John Niyondiko, church planting pastor of Unbound Church in Metro Oklahoma City, where he preaches, teaches, mentors and counsels as needed. Married 14 years to Daphrose, the family includes three children: Vaillant, Queen, and Hallel.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [jniyondiko@gmail.com](mailto:jniyondiko@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Edmond, Unbound Church

## KEY VERSE

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing;*

*| Genesis 12:1-2 |*

## HOW TO PRAY:

- For God to raise more workers among the African Diaspora.
- For unity among those who minister among the African Diaspora.
- For our goal of sharing the Gospel with and making at least 1,000 disciples in 2021.



## Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in East Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout East Asia. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

Their ministry includes the six components of the missionary task: entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership development and exit to partnership.

In a part of the world with 650 people groups, at least 92,281 people heard a Gospel witness; 14,548 became believers; 5,021 were baptized; and 426 churches were planted.

### KEY VERSE

*"I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I,' To a nation which did not call on My name.*

*| Isaiah 65:1 |*



**Sept. 19, 2021**

## Meet Ronnie Pain *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Ronnie (wife Marian) Payne, collegiate ministries director at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. His ministry involves student evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, missions, recruitment, and more.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [rpayne@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:rpayne@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | Alva, FBC

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For God to inspire creative ways to reach the NWSU campus.
- A powerful move of the Holy Spirit touching the campus of next generation leaders who will impact the world.
- A hunger for the Gospel as the absolute truth in a world of uncertainty.

### KEY VERSE

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.*

*| 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 |*



## Meet Troy Taylor *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Troy (wife LaRae) Taylor, director of missions in Comanche Cotton Association. His ministry includes encouraging and assisting the association's 57 churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For God's wisdom and strength to carry out what He has called him to do.
- For people to respond to the Gospel and lives to be transformed.
- That he and his family would continue to grow in Christ and to serve Him faithfully.

### KEY VERSE

*It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*| 2 Thessalonians 2:14 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [ttaylor4christ@hotmail.com](mailto:ttaylor4christ@hotmail.com)

Church Connection | Lawton, FBC East

An aerial photograph of a traditional paper mill. The facility consists of several large, circular stone vats arranged in a row, connected by narrow channels. The vats contain a thick, brownish liquid, likely paper pulp. Two workers are visible: one in the foreground wearing a red shirt and a straw hat, and another in the middle ground wearing a grey shirt and dark shorts. The workers are engaged in manual tasks, possibly filtering or mixing the pulp. The overall scene is set in a rural, outdoor environment with earthy tones.

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## Meet Eric Ramsey *Serving in West Virginia*

Pray for Eric Ramsey. Both he and his wife Gaye are PKs from Tulsa. In February 2020, Eric was named executive director-treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. As such, he oversees the cooperative work of Southern Baptists in West Virginia.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [eric@wvcsb.org](mailto:eric@wvcsb.org)

### KEY VERSE

*who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was granted to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*

*| 2 Timothy 1:9 |*

### HOW TO PRAY:

- Building relationships with pastors and churches.
- As he learns about West Virginia, its pastors and churches.
- For him and his wife as they live 1,000 miles from family.



**Oct. 10, 2021**

## Meet Lendell Nolan *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Lendell Nolan, pastor at Bixby Church where he serves the community of Bixby with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He and Patty, married 30 years, are the parents of three grown children.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For God's favor in leading people to Jesus.
- For the leadership of the Holy Spirit as the church seeks to launch weekly services and home-based small groups.
- That we might be a church consistently committed to planting new churches.

### KEY VERSE

*For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps,*

*| 1 Peter 2:21 |*



Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [pastor@lendellnolan.com](mailto:pastor@lendellnolan.com)

Church Connection | Bixby, Bixby Church

## Meet Scott Hume *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Scott (wife LeaAnne) Hume, Baptist Collegiate Ministry director at the Weatherford campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He oversees all BCM ministries; teaches a freshman orientation class; and is chaplain for campus as well as city police.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For wisdom, discernment, and favor on campus.
- That my students would daily live out their faith in such a way that they point people lovingly to the cross.
- For continued blessing on the ministries here.

### KEY VERSE

*Sing to the LORD, all the earth;  
proclaim good news of His sal-  
vation from day to day.*

*| 1 Chronicles 16:23 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [shume@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:shume@oklahomabaptists.org)



Church Connection | Weatherford, Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Oct. 24, 2021**

## Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Southeast Asia*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout Southeast Asia. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons.

The 2,702 people groups in Southeast Asia live in Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Last year, 67,767 Southeast Asians through IMB workers and national partners heard the Gospel; 7,955 believed what they heard about Jesus; 5,581 were baptized; and 1,615 churches started.

### KEY VERSE

*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.*

*| 1 Chronicles 16:24 |*



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## Meet Scott Morie

### *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Scott (wife Sharon) Morie, director of missions in Cimarron Association. He ministers among the pastors and other ministry leaders in the association's 53 churches "to encourage and equip our members to advance the gospel."

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For the association's pastors to be healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally.
- For opportunities to start new churches and revitalize older ones.
- For churches to work together to support one another and to be on mission in their communities.

### KEY VERSE

*So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*

*| John 20:21 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [scottmorie@cimarronbaptist.org](mailto:scottmorie@cimarronbaptist.org)





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## Meet Michael Wilson *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Michael Wilson, pastor of Oklahoma City, Oikos. He shepherds the families involved with the mission of Oikos Church which, he says, is “to see the Gospel back in the home.” He and his wife Laura have four children.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [michaelawilson@oikoschurchokc.com](mailto:michaelawilson@oikoschurchokc.com)

Church Connection | OKC, Oikes Church

## KEY VERSE

*How delightful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”*

*| Isaiah 52:7 |*

## HOW TO PRAY:

- For spiritual protection for myself and my family.
- For the Lord to bring and raise workers to join us in our mission.
- For guidance as we search for a place for corporate worship.



**Nov. 14, 2021**

## Meet Danny Toombs *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Danny (wife Jancy) Toombs, Baptist Collegiate Ministries director at Cameron University in Lawton. His ministry involves leading students in their relationship with Christ, including discipleship, leadership skills, missions, ministry and evangelism.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [dtoombs@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:dtoombs@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | Lawton, FBC West

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That my relationship with Christ continues to be my priority.
- That the students I minister to grasp the truths of God and have a true hunger for His Word.
- That God would send revival to His people.

### KEY VERSE

*The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.*

| 2 Timothy 2:2 |



## Meet Drake Bendabout *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Drake (wife Katie) Bendabout, Baptist Collegiate Ministries director at Murray State College in Tishomingo. As such, he helps students grow and mature in their faith. He also provides opportunities to develop strong relationships, and to disciple students to live on mission for God.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [dbendabout@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:dbendabout@oklahomabaptists.org)

Church Connection | Wainwright, FBC

### HOW TO PRAY:

- That we are consistently seeking the Lord in our ministry and making His Word known.
- For growth and leadership in our ministry.
- To know Him and make Him known!

### KEY VERSE

*I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*| John 13:34 |*



**Nov. 28, 2021**

## Meet Kevin Russell *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Kevin (wife Cherie) Russell, director of missions in East Central Association. His ministry includes assisting the local church in fulfilling the Great Commission by planning, conducting and evaluating all areas of the association's ministry.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [kevindrpastor@gmail.com](mailto:kevindrpastor@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Cookson, Cookson Baptist Church

### HOW TO PRAY:

- To see area Christians come under conviction for their apathy.
- For the physical and mental health of the association's pastors and staff.
- That each of our 48 churches would have an increase in salvations and baptisms.

### KEY VERSE

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

*| Isaiah 6:8 |*





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**Dec. 5, 2021**

## Oklahoma Baptists *Serving in Americas*

Pray for Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB throughout Central and South America. Their names and even the number of them are withheld for security reasons on the part of some of them.

Their ministry includes the six components of the missionary task: entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership development and exit to partnership.

In this region last year, 28,286 people heard a Gospel witness; 2,195 became believers; 578 were baptized; and 23 churches started.

### KEY VERSE

*Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon His name; make  
His deeds known among the  
peoples.*

*| Psalm 105:1 |*



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## Meet Jon Wilhite *Serving in Colorado*

Pray for Jon Willhite, NAMB-appointed church-planting pastor of Wellington, Colorado, StoneBridge. Married to Tiffany for 18 years, the couple have four children.

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For our church to be bold with the Gospel in our community; to see a harvest of new believers.
- A deepening relationship with Jesus Christ among our leaders and church members.
- That we would multiply in our small groups and through more church plants to have greater Kingdom impact.

### KEY VERSE

*Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.*

*| 1 Samuel 12:24 |*

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [revjonw@gmail.com](mailto:revjonw@gmail.com)



Church Connection | Wellington, Colorado, Stonebridge Church

**Dec. 19, 2021**

## Meet Judi Page *Serving in Oklahoma*

Pray for Judi Page, an evangelism strategist at International Encounters of Ponca City, a ministry she started after church planting. Her ministry involves teaching English to and sharing the Gospel with international students. She and Van, married 54 years, have three sons and nine grandchildren.

Send a prayer or word of encouragement to: [jkpage1946@gmail.com](mailto:jkpage1946@gmail.com)

Church Connection | Ponca City, FBC

### HOW TO PRAY:

- For salvation for her students.
- The ability to communicate clearly God's plan for them.
- Health "for my husband and myself. He is disabled, and I am his only caregiver."

### KEY VERSE

*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

*| Matthew 24:14 |*



# Oklahoma Baptists

## *Serving the Deaf*

Most of the approximately 70 million Deaf people around the world have never seen Jesus' name signed in their language. Often ignored and oppressed, the Deaf are some of the least evangelized people on earth.

However, Oklahoma Baptists serving with the IMB gave a Gospel witness in 2019 to 8,356 of the global Deaf people group; 193 became believers; 138 were baptized and 15 churches were planted. Though names are withheld for security reasons, please pray for these Oklahoma Baptists and their work with the Deaf.

### KEY VERSE

*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.*

*| Psalm 96:3 |*



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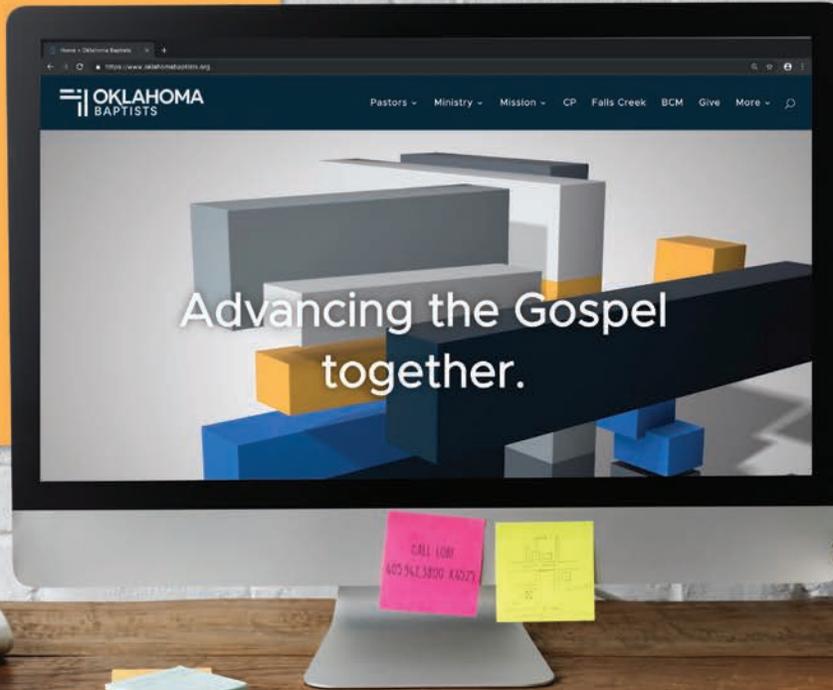
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