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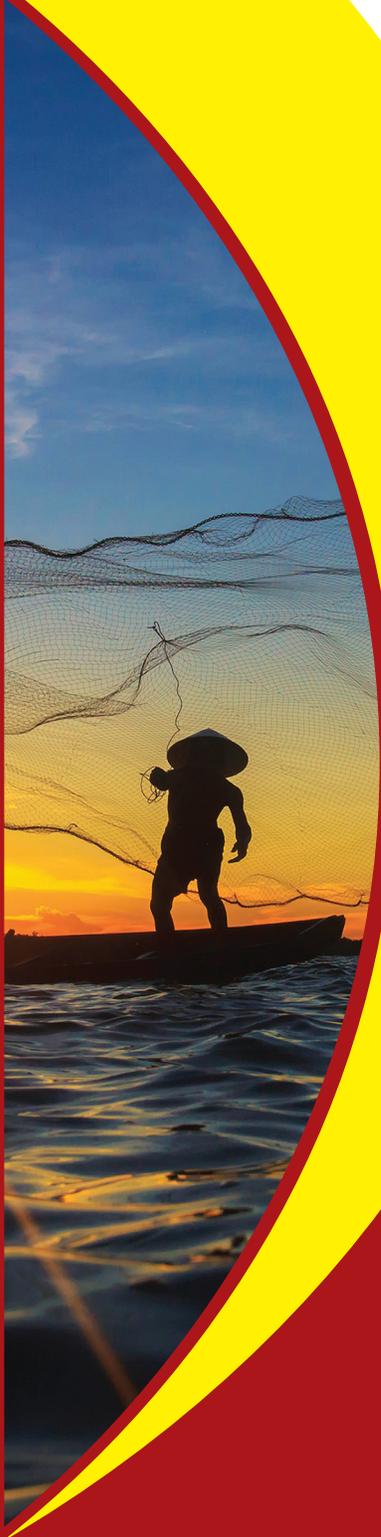
REGIONAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN BIXBY, ARDMORE

Oklahoma Indian Evangelism Conferences will be held in both Bixby and Ardmore. The first will be held on March 9-10 at Bixby, First which is located at 114 East Breckenridge. The second will be held on March 16-17 at Ardmore, Emmanuel located at 120 Veterans Blvd. The events will focus on Matthew 4:19 which says, "Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" The conference will feature plenary sessions and breakout sessions throughout the weekend.

The plenary sessions will encourage you in your evangelism efforts. The Bixby conference will feature Ernest Best, Steve Campbell, Jordan Kanuho and Ben Little. The Ardmore Conference will feature Jimmy Anderson, Dr. Anthony Jordan, Jay Mule, and Woody Wilson.

The breakout sessions will equip you in different ways to evangelize well. There will be a session at both conferences led by Mike Napier about the Evangelism Resources that are available. Both conferences will host a session on reaching young adults, youth, and children for Christ. In Bixby, De Brown will lead a session on Church Multiplication. In Ardmore, Emerson Falls will lead a session on the evangelism process.

Meals will be served throughout the weekend. For more information contact Hannah Sawyers at 405-942-3800 ext. 4326.



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FARMER PREACHERS - BY EMERSON FALLS

Throughout Southern Baptist history there has been a continuous line of farmer-preachers.

In the 1750s, under the leadership of Shubal Stearns, the Sandy Creek Baptist Association was formed.

The Sandy Creek tradition focused on evangelistic preaching. The requirements for appointment to leadership in the Sandy Creek tradition were often limited to an experience of salvation and a "call" to ministry. Education or training was not required.

As Christianity moved west, denominations that required education of a requirement for ordination began to diminish. Baptists, on the other hand, flourished. Because the farmer-preacher, many people were saved and new churches were planted. As a result, Southern Baptists became the largest denomination in the United States.

Today, Oklahoma has a large number of Native Americans who have not accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. How can we reach them? One way is to return to our tradition of bi-vocational pastors. For example, we had no work in Watonga, Oklahoma. Yet, this is an area where many Native people live.

Brother Emmitt McKenzie felt called to share the gospel to these people. He began commuting to Watonga where he held a gym activity on Saturday evenings, and a Bible study on Sunday afternoons. Many people came to the gym, and returned for the Bible study. He began in December 2017. One Sunday in January 2018, Emmitt baptized 14 people at First Baptist, Watonga.

We do not have enough Seminary trained leaders, but we have an army of lay people who love the Lord. The Lord is calling many of you to take the gospel to locations where there is not church. As a lay person, you can lead a Bible study and share the gospel. Imagine what could happen if we did this all over our state. We could possibly see a spiritual awakening among Native people. Bible studies can be held anywhere – in homes, in tribal facilities, or in other churches.

Let us enter into a prayer covenant. Let us pray that the Lord will raise up an army of lay people who will lead Bible studies and share the gospel in unchurched communities. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14.



NATIVE AMERICAN LINK

The Native Praise Choir has released its second CD. As the 20th Anniversary of The Native American LINK approaches, it was decided to produce a CD to celebrate this milestone.

This new CD is available for purchase: \$10 plus shipping & handling.

In addition, a 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held on March 23-24 at Central Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK. Reserve this date on your calendar. For additional information, go to NativeAmericanLINK@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S RETREAT


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2018 BGCO WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 20-21, 2018

FALLS CREEK



The 2018 BGCO Women's Retreat will be held on April 20-21, 2018 at Falls Creek Conference Center near Davis. Authors, Kay Arthur, Ruth Chou Simmons, and Katherine Wolf are slated to speak at the Retreat. Worship will be led by Eden Trentham. The focus will be on "home" and Jeremiah 29:7, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you."

The early registration deadline is March 22, and the cost is \$75 per person. A special price of \$50 is offered to teen girls ages 13-18 who come with an adult. The price will increase to \$85 for all ages on March 23. Registration will close on April 2, 2018. Register today at bgcowomen.org.

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LIVE TRUTH

REWIRED MEN'S CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-28 | 2018

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The Rewired Men's Conference will be held on April 27-28, 2018 at Falls Creek Conference Center near Davis. Keynote Speakers include, Andre Erwin, Tony Merida, Matt Roberson, Cliff Graham, Ted Dibiase and Bubba Burcham. Worship will be led by The Met Collective. The focus will be "Live Truth" and the key verse is 3 John 1:3, "For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth." There will be various break outs and Truth Tracks throughout the weekend.

The pre-registration deadline is April 9, and the cost is \$70 per person. A special price of \$60 is offered to youth ages 13-18. The price will increase to \$80 for adults and \$70 for youth at the gate and can be paid upon arrival on April 27. For more information and to register today visit menrewired.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Ministry Wives are invited to participate in a one day retreat for a time of fellowship, refreshing and renewal. This event will be at Ada, First Indian at 2521 Arlington Blvd on June 2.

Calendar of Events

- March 9-10, 2018 • Regional Evangelism Conference
Bixby, First
114 E Breckenridge Avenue
- March 16-17, 2018 • Regional Evangelism Conference
Ardmore, Emmanuel
120 Veterans Blvd.
- March 23-24, 2018 • Native American Link 20th Anniversary Celebration
OKC, Central
1755 N Meridian
- May 11-12, 2018 • Native American Leadership Team
Baptist Building
3800 N May Ave.
- June 2, 2018 • Ministry Wives Retreat
Ada, First Indian
2521 Arlington Blvd.
- July 29 – August 2 • Indian Falls Creek
Falls Creek Conference Center
Davis, OK

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