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## Women's Retreat

APRIL 19-20, 2024 | FALLS CREEK CONFERENCE CENTER  
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# 2024 Women's Retreat Poised for Impact

>> by Amy Cordova  
*Missions & Women's Ministry  
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DAVIS--Spring has arrived, and women from all over Oklahoma and beyond are gearing up for the upcoming Oklahoma Women's Retreat on April 19-20, 2024, at Falls Creek. This two-day event will offer a mix of in-person and online experiences.

Attendees can join in person or virtually through a host church. They'll have the chance to worship, study the Bible, and connect with like-minded women. Registrants, both in person and online, will have access to the retreat's content digitally until the end of the year, allowing them to revisit and reinforce what they've learned. In-person attendees will receive an Oklahoma Baptist branded travel blanket designed to take on their next global mission trip.

Each session will be available in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language (ASL).

The event will feature keynote speakers such as Jen Wilkin, Whitney Capps, Tara Dew and Dee Humphrey, along with worship led by the husband-and-wife duo, Roberson, from Nashville, Tenn.

Attendees will enjoy a panel discussion hosted by Amy Cordova with panelists, Jamy Fisher and Amy Petersen. Two pre-session breakouts will be held on Friday afternoon by Shelley Urton and Humphrey.

The theme, "Remember," is inspired by 1 Samuel 7:12, encouraging participants to reflect on the ways the Lord has helped them. Through engaging teaching, insightful panel discussion and interactive breakout sessions, attendees will be encouraged to remember their life experiences, even the painful ones like rejection, loss, or abuse. Instead of burying these memories, they will be guided to confront them with faith, finding healing and growth alongside others who share their struggles.


By sharing their pasts, participants can draw strength from their vulnerabilities through their shared faith in Jesus. As emphasized in 2 Corinthians 1:4, this collective support helps comfort those going through similar challenges, echoing the comfort believers receive from God.

Attendees will also be encouraged to give an offering to support the rebuilding efforts at OBU.



Last year's April 19 tornado devastated OBU's campus, causing significant damage to more than 1.4 million square feet and 167 structures, including 50 main buildings. It was the worst natural disaster in OBU's 113-year history. Oklahoma Baptist Women will join OBU in their efforts to rebuild, renew and transform Bison Hill by generously giving to the offering.

Outside of the main teaching sessions, participants can enjoy the grounds at Falls Creek, visit the prayer garden, go down the zipline or take part in the 5K run.

To find out more information about the retreat, visit [oklahomabaptists.org/women/retreat](https://oklahomabaptists.org/women/retreat). 

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# 2024 Men's Retreat to Focus Men on the Gospel

>> by Bartholomew 'Prophet' Bailey  
Men's Ministry Partner, Oklahoma Baptists



DAVIS—Later this month, hundreds of men from all over the state will unite in brotherhood at the Oklahoma Baptist Men's Retreat.

Psalms 133:1 reminds us, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The Men's Retreat has served as an opportunity for men from different walks of life (tribes) to gather for fellowship, worship and discipleship.

Events like this create space for men to be transparent and authentic to get the help they need or to be challenged. This year our hope is to challenge men to be who God has called them to be in Christ.

The theme this year is "Custom Made" coming from Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

It is very easy for men to place their identity in places we shouldn't. The hope is that men leave understanding that their identity needs to be firmly found in Jesus Christ. This year's speakers will help us understand our uniqueness and role as men as well as help us realize our desperate need for the Savior.

Our general session speakers are two exceptional preachers—Pastor Brian Mills from Yukon, TogetherWe Church and Pastor Garry McNeill from Durant, First. Worship through music will be led by Grant Adams from Edmond, North Pointe.

Breakout sessions will feature Coach Tee, who serves as evangelism director for Oklahoma Baptists, and Pastor Tom Gragg of Little Axe, First will help us focus on reaching men. Lastly, we are excited about the scheduled activities.

We are bringing back some favorites like trout fishing, archery, skeet, Tannerite and the Dodgeball Tournament. We will also add some new activities like a basketball 3-Point Contest, Disaster Relief demonstration, Pickleball, as well as a Car Show. If you have a car that you would like to show, please email [bbailey@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:bbailey@oklahomabaptists.org).

Please pray that God would meet men where they are; for the lost to be saved; for those unenthused to find rejuvenation in their walk with God, and for those discouraged not to grow weary leading and reaching men.

To find out more information about the retreat, visit [oklahomabaptists.org/men](http://oklahomabaptists.org/men).

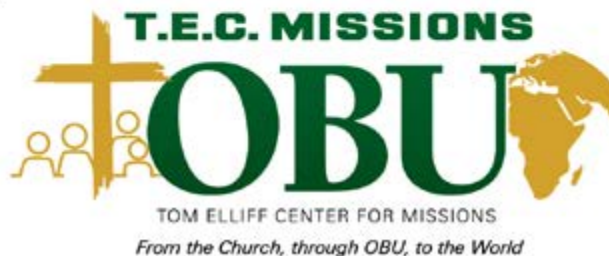
## TOM ELLIFF CENTER FOR MISSIONS

### Final Mission Forum for the '23-'24 school year!

#### Glenn and Rhonda Stewart

- Eight years IMB missionaries to South Asia, where they served as Cluster Leaders of five IMB teams working in five Indian states with over 173 million people.
- Discipled local believers to use a micro SD card in their mobile phone as a strategic tool for evangelism, discipleship, church formation and leadership development.
- In 2022 the IMB conducted a formal assessment of this work. The assessment determined 80% of local believers were engaged in generational disciple-making.
- To date, the tracking of this movement has confirmed more than 97,000 new house churches and more than 350,000 new baptized believers.
- Stewart partners with state conventions, associations and local churches to share about effective strategies for reaching foreign-born peoples residing in their communities.

**May 2**  
**3:30 - 5 p.m.**  
Bailey Business Center  
TENT RECEPTION FOLLOWING



# Coming Events

**APRIL 20.** A Celebration Service for Purcell, Cornerstone Indian. Pastor Bryce Scott of Little Axe, Cornerstone Indian is inviting the community to attend a special celebration service on Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. The service will have special music, speakers, testimonies and more, followed by a traditional Native food dinner served after the service. According to Scott, churches are coming together to establish a Native church in the Purcell area. This is a joint effort from Purcell, Johnson Road and Little Axe Cornerstone. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information email [bwsscott1@hotmail.com](mailto:bwsscott1@hotmail.com). 




**APRIL 27-28.** Edmond, Henderson Hills will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Rejoicing in "60 Years of God's Faithfulness in Edmond," Edmond, Henderson Hills announced "its diamond jubilee celebration, commemorating 60 years of unwavering commitment to the Edmond community. Since its inception in 1964, Henderson Hills has been a presence in the community desiring to point people to Jesus by providing a safe and loving environment where people from all walks of life can feel at home." To honor this milestone, Henderson Hills invites the Edmond community to join in a weekend of celebration:

- Night of Worship: April 27, at 7 pm, "we invite you to join us for a special Night of Worship. This evening will be a time of reflection, praise and thanksgiving as we look back on the faithfulness of God over the past 60 years." A dessert reception will follow, allowing time to visit with old friends.

- Celebratory Services: April 28, "we will host celebratory services at 9 am and 10:30 am. These services will be a joyous occasion to remember all that God has done through Henderson Hills, express gratitude for the blessings received, and look forward to the future with renewed faith and enthusiasm."

Attendees can expect inspiring video messages, uplifting music, and fellowship with former pastors, worship pastors, and staff. We extend a warm invitation to all, whether you have been a part of Henderson Hills for decades or are joining us for the first time.

"As we celebrate 60 years of ministry in Edmond, we are filled with gratitude for the countless lives touched and transformed by God's grace through Henderson Hills," said Pastor John Wohlgemuth. "We invite everyone to join us for this special weekend as we reflect on our past, celebrate the present, and eagerly anticipate the future."

For more information, visit [hhbc.com/our-story](http://hhbc.com/our-story). 

## VOLUNTEER MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

### OKLAHOMA

On-going opportunities for volunteers:

**Tulakogee Conference Center**, Wagoner—918/462-3212 or [info@tulakogee.com](mailto:info@tulakogee.com)

**The Spring**, a faith-based shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence or human sexual trafficking and their children, Sand Springs—Mychaela Burris, 918/947-4679

**Hospitality House of Tulsa** provides family centered lodging, emotional and spiritual support for family members of patients traveling to Tulsa for medical care. 918/794-0088 or [hhtulsa.org](http://hhtulsa.org)

**Hospitality House of Oklahoma** provides for the physical, spiritual needs of families with loved ones incarcerated in McAlester. Lodging available. 918/429-0142

**OK Jail & Prison Ministry** needs volunteers to go into the jails and share the Gospel each week. For more information call 405/917-2242 or email [ojpm@ojpm.org](mailto:ojpm@ojpm.org)

### DISASTER RELIEF

Training:

**April 11-12**—Assisting Individuals in Crisis - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
- \$50\*\* Baptist Building, 3800 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK  
To register, please email [pjones@oklahomabaptists.org](mailto:pjones@oklahomabaptists.org)  
\*\* For endorsed chaplains only

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