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## “Was Jesus a Convicted Felon?”

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As we look at the current state of affairs in our country anyone who is honest would have to admit the divisiveness of our country is extremely high.

We have racial tensions, political tensions and an abundance of busybodies who feel they are right in their views, and everyone must submit to their ideology. We have become increasingly intolerant and hostile toward our fellow man.

Differing religious views have also become a source of contention. During the time of Christ there were examples of intolerance and self-righteousness.

Jesus, who was completely perfect and never did anything wrong, was not exempt to the attacks of others. Matthew 26:3-4 tells us, “Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.”

So the leaders did not like what Jesus was doing, so they were trying to figure a way to kill him. We see that the leaders were so wicked they were ok with using bribery to get what they wanted.

Matthew 26:14-16, “Then one of the twelve called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, what will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.”

So we see a prolonged and perpetual

attempt to find a way to rid themselves of someone they did not want.

Matthew 26:57-60, “And they that laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest’s palace, and went in, and sat with servants, to see the end. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,”

An organized effort even to the point bringing in false witnesses until you found something that could be twisted. This was a kangaroo court who had already convicted Jesus without any honest presentation of the facts.

Chapter 27 gives an account of the happenings with the conviction of Jesus. Included in this is the fact they chose a court who could deliver their desired outcome, the death penalty.

Throwing many accusations until you find one that you can make stick was not, and is not, justice. Jesus was sentenced to death before his case was even heard and the “evidence” was stacked against him.

Even the law he supposedly broke did

not carry a death penalty, but he was sentenced to execution! Changing laws and changing sentences to get your desired outcome. All this because Jesus was a challenge to their leadership.

Before anyone says anything, I want to make it clear that Donald Trump is not perfect and righteous like Jesus. I would not vote for Donald Trump to be my pastor or some other spiritual position.

I am also not going to say you should blindly vote for him. I do want to point out that kangaroo courts exist and that a good study of the facts surrounding his

case would surprise many.

I do ask you to look at the viable candidates and prayerfully consider who is the best choice.

Apply biblical principles and look at past experiences to gain insight. The most important thing anyone can do regarding any election, especially a presidential election,

is to seek the leadership of the Lord. You will see people make the claim a Christian can not vote for Trump.

Some will claim a Christian should not vote for Biden. I would say don’t vote for anyone you have not researched and prayerfully considered.

Another important consideration would be to study party platforms and see with whom and what a candidate aligns himself with. I do not think church people are perfect, but typically we have more in common.

Therefore, I wish to align myself with those who believe as I do. If one party is much more aligned to biblical principles, then I will give those candidates consideration.

For me, a candidate’s view on abortion is important. How will they interact with

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# "From the Pastor's Pen"

By Wearthly Shank

"Change your course"

As a ship approached the coast of New England, a heavy fog set in. The ship's radar detected what appeared to be another vessel in its path, so the captain sent the following message: "Change your course 10 degrees port."

Shortly, they received a reply: "Change your course 10 degrees starboard."

The captain became annoyed and said, "I am a Lt Commander of the U.S. Navy. Change your course

This was the response: "I am a seaman 3rd class. Change your course."

By now the captain was furious. His message read: "This is a battleship. Change your course."

Moments later a message came across the wire that said: "This is a lighthouse! Change your course!"

There are certain laws at work in the universe, and no amount of power, or money, or influence can change them. These laws are God's laws. He designed them to work for us, not against us. In order for this to happen, we sometimes

need to change our course. His laws don't change! We must change.

When we try to find happiness, fulfillment, and meaning in life through any method other than a personal relationship with God, we are setting ourselves up for failure.

But it doesn't have to be that way. We can change our course at any time. We can choose life or death; we can choose spiritual blessings or self-destruction.



God does not change His course to accommodate us, but if we are willing to change our course, to chart the path of lives in His direction, He will open His arms wide to receive us, and will shower us with blessings from heaven.

These are His words: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed shall live: Deuteronomy 30:19

Think about it!!

## The Purpose of Moral Action

By Dr. John Adams

Executive Director, Moral Action

The Old Testament prophet Joel declared that multitudes are in "the valley of Decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision". The United States is in that "Valley of Decision."

Christians recognize the desire by Satanic forces, progressives of our day, by the liberal press and media as they aim to silence the voice of Christians and His Church. There is an on-going effort to demean the name of Jesus Christ and to remove it from the lips of Americans.

But we that believe in that Holy Name of Jesus Christ, cannot sit idly by; our Christian voice must be heard. We know that we cannot be timid anymore, but our collective voices must be bold for the Kingdom's cause. Our wonderful churches still believe in this Christ, the Bible, the Church, morality, and the greatness of the work before us. We are in that valley of decisions, and God's people are making the RIGHT decisions! May we morally stand up and speak with distinction!

### The Battle that Christians are Fighting

Our main battle is for our children. It is true that whoever controls the children, controls our future. There is a war agenda today to guide the children in the United States away from God via television, movies, books, public school mandates, the internet, etc. such organizations as the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union) and the American Atheists are leading the battle in our courts to remove God, and especially the name of Jesus, from our children in schools and colleges.

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# "I Was Just Thinkin'"

By Narita Roady

## "Burned Biscuits"



Most little boys love their mama's cooking. One little boy liked it best when his mother would serve breakfast for dinner. It was a great treat.

One night she had worked long hours at her job and had a very difficult day, so she fixed a breakfast for their evening meal. The small lad's mouth watered as she placed eggs, sausage, and what was this!?

Burned biscuits!

He glanced over at his father to see his reaction. All his father did was reach for a biscuit as if nothing was wrong! He proceeded to spread butter and jelly on it.

He smiled and began to visit with family. He sat astonished as his father ate every bite and never said a word!

When the meal was finished and everyone was leaving the table, the child heard his mother apologize profusely for charcoaled biscuits. He was surprised when he heard his father say, "Honey, I love burned biscuits," and sweetly kissed her.

The boy was even more puzzled; he KNEW the biscuits were awful!

That night as he went to give his father a kiss before going to bed, he asked him, "Daddy do you REALLY like burned biscuits?"

His father smiled again, hugging him tightly and said, "Son, your mother worked very hard today and she is exhausted. Besides, burned biscuits never hurt anyone!"

Did you ever hear those words spoken by your parents?

"Hard work never hurt anyone. A little dirt never hurt anyone. Sharing never hurt anyone."

Some from your life time have probably already popped into your head. This

phrase is usually heard in response to one's displeasure in circumstances they felt should not have occurred.

A subtle reminder, that the situation did not warrant such a serious response.

We live in a world of drama kings and queens who spiral out of control and attitude when the least little thing deviates from their supposed ideal.

Life is stressful enough in the 21<sup>st</sup> century without adding to it the unrealistic idea that the world and all who are in it should not only know but also revolve around a person's whims and desires.

You see these temperamental ones in restaurants, churches, the workplace, and stores. Woe be it to the unknowing victim who didn't know their preferences and ignites their fiery indignation!

We all have come in contact with such people. Names and faces might be popping in your head right now, but the important thing isn't WHO they are.

What is important is that WE are not one of them. There are some key points we need to keep in mind.

First of all everyone does not have your "script" on how you want them to "act". In fact, YOU aren't writing the script at all, God is the author. His Word is our guideline and all He allows us to experience is His will and purpose.

People are not mind readers. The waitress serving you has no way of knowing you wanted your taco crispy or your lettuce on the side unless you told her.

Ask yourself, "Am I being realistic in my expectations of others. With our selfish sin nature warring within us, 99 % of the time the answer is "No".

There is only one solution, to give all of our expectations to God concerning how others treat us **"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."** Psalms 62:5

This frees us from feeling wronged and disappointed toward others, and puts our focus on the Lord. Each time you feel wronged immediately give that expectation to God in prayer. We can be assured whatever does or does not come our way is first approved by Him and is exactly what we need.

Additional benefits are that those around us will not suffer our displeasure and we will be much happier and at ease. It takes a great deal of energy emotionally and physically to carry a chip on your shoulder.

That is not our only battle in our wanting to be treated like royalty. The ugly monster lurking within each of us and desiring to take over is *SELF*. A hideous fiend that is always shouting "ME ME ME, and MINE MINE MINE!"

Sounds like a tyrannical toddler doesn't it? Which is exactly what we act like when "self" is in control.

The only solution to this tug of war dilemma is to "die to self."

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." **Matthew 16:24**

This is crucial to our Christian maturity and overcoming our inner conflict over the rights we feel people owe us. Without burying self under the blood of Christ we will never be any good to Him or ourselves. Self's monarchy will leave us miserable and unhappy because

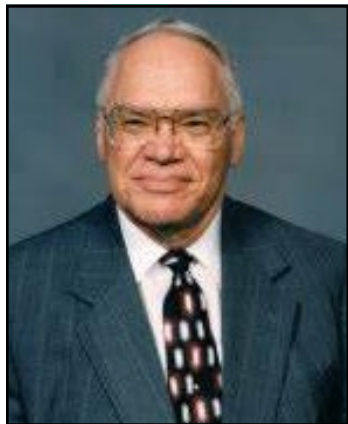
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# BMA of America Bids Farewell to Former Seminary President

Dr. Philip Ray Bryan, previously of Jacksonville, TX, passed away May 20, 2024, in Lebanon, OH, where he resided for the past five years.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 31 at Autry Funeral Home in Jacksonville with Dr. Jeffrey Bryan and Dr. David Hallum officiating.



Retiring from administration duties in 1999, he returned to the classroom as a professor of theological-historical studies until full retirement, teaching students in New Testament Greek, theology, church history, and biblical surveys.

Dr. Bryan was born November 9, 1935, in Marfa, TX, as the oldest son of Harry and Frances Bryan. While childhood brought him to live in numerous locations throughout the United States and Canada, he lived for more than 50 years as a resident of Jacksonville.

He married Ida Janice Finley at Martin's Prairie Baptist Church in Keith, TX, where he served as pastor while attending the North American Theological Seminary (name later changed to the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary).

They were married on June 9, 1961, and blessed with three sons, Jeffrey, Joel, and Jon. In Jacksonville they were active members of First Baptist Church for many years, joining Afton Grove Baptist Church after retirement.

Dr. Bryan was best known for his continuing relationship with the BMA Seminary where he endeavored to pass on his faith through gifts of teaching and administration.

At the seminary he completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1962 and began to serve as a part-time instructor before accepting full-time teaching responsibilities in 1963.

Twice he served as the seminary's dean-registrar (1967-75, 1979-83) and then as president beginning in 1983.

His academic accomplishments fully supported his service to the Lord having earned an Associate of Arts from Jacksonville Baptist College (1956); a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma (1958); a Bachelor of Divinity from the BMA Seminary (1962); and a Master of Arts (1966) and a Doctor of Philosophy (1973) from Baylor University.

His doctoral research concluded with a dissertation entitled "An Analysis of the Ecclesiology of Associational Baptists, 1900-1950."

Dr. Bryan was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1956 by the Missionary Baptist Church at Norman, OK, with pastorates in Oklahoma, New York, Texas, California, and Mississippi.

He also served as dean of the Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel,

MS, and was elected the vice president of the Council of Southwestern Theological Schools.

In addition, he traveled to preach and teach extensively throughout the southern United States and helped prepare ministers for service in Russia, Mexico, Eastern Europe, Belarus, and Myanmar (formerly Burma).

Dr. Bryan is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Ida Janice (Finley) Bryan who resides in Lebanon, OH; his brother, William Patrick Bryan; his children, Dr. Jeffrey Alan Bryan (1962) and wife Jacquelyn of Lebanon, OH; Dr. Joel Arthur Bryan (1963) and wife Shannon of Muncie, IN; and Jon Foster Bryan (1967) and wife Tami of Greenville, SC.

He was also blessed with six grandchildren: David Bryan and wife Dalal of Puyallup, WA; Laura Hall and husband Rev. Jerry David of Swannanoa, NC; Wende Woolard and husband Aaron of Fort Riley, KS; Luke Bryan of Indianapolis, IN; Sydney Bryan of Muncie, IN; and Andrew Bryan of Tyler, TX.

His great-grandchildren include Stanley, Bennett, and Jocelyn Hall; Michael Bryan; and Wesley Woolard.

Dr. Bryan is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Frances (Foster) Bryan, and brother, Harry Lynn Bryan.

Honoring Dr. Bryan as pallbearers were David Bryan, Andrew Bryan, Luke Bryan, and David Hall.

## Oklahoma Students Make CBC Honor Roles

**PRESIDENT'S LIST – Landon Hitchcock, Broken Arrow, OK**  
To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours and have earned a grade point average of 4.000 out of a possible 4.000.

**DEAN'S LIST – Cayce Harper II, Oklahoma City, OK**  
To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours and have earned a grade point average of 3.500 or higher out of a possible 4.000.

# Master's Builders Return to Previous Works

On May 6, The Masters Builders began job #189 at Faith Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Flippin, AR. We returned to Flippin to help build classroom wings along each side of the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

The Builders helped Bro. Johnny Shew on this new church building in April of last year. The siding and the windows that were on each side of the sanctuary had to be removed, organized, stacked, and made ready to be used again on the outside classroom walls.

Once The Master's Builders completed that task, the framing could begin. The two side wings contain the kitchen, bathrooms, classrooms, storage space, and office space.

The Builders were able to reinstall all the outer windows on both wings and set several doors.

We had rain and storm warnings several times while working, but God blessed us in so many ways, and the work continued. So thankful that Brother Johnny, Darvin Barrett and several other men from Faith Chapel, worked alongside our men every day.

Also, we had our Haitian friend, Gesnick Metelia, come back to help on this job after working with us at Oak Ridge Baptist in Cassville, MO, in April. He is very tall, strong, and such a big help to the Master's Builders! He has such a sweet spirit and a willingness to work hard for the Lord!

Karen Shew, and the ladies from Faith Chapel, fed us wonderful meals each evening, and the men also helped one evening with a delicious fish fry. This is always a favorite with our group. Thank you to everyone in the Faith Chapel church family who were so kind and caring to us. The food AND the fellowship were wonderful!

We were blessed once again to work alongside the great folks from Goodall Construction as they set the trusses and roofed the two new wings.

We had the privilege of meeting them and working with them on the sanctuary/fellowship hall built last April. It's so good to work with people who also love the Lord and are committed to His Kingdom.

When I first started "reporting" on our jobs for The Master's Builders, I was told "keep the articles short or most people won't take the time to read them." But this is very difficult

because there is so much that goes on that you would like to know. That is why we encourage you to "FOLLOW" us on Facebook.

We now have a way to include everyone in each day's work by sharing our progress with photos on Facebook. Rose Bittner does an excellent job with our Facebook page.

So many pictures and so much more information are there for you to see and read. It's almost like you are there with us! Just type in "The Master's Builders" in the search bar, look for the arbor logo, and you'll be connected.

Last October, The Master's Builders went down to Brookeland, TX, to help with building inside a 5,000 sq ft. multipurpose building. The Builders returned again this month to continue helping this Mission Church with finishing this building.

The building is a beautiful metal building with rooms on one end and an open gym area on the other. The open end can be used for basketball, volleyball, and all kinds of community events.

The framing of the rooms on one end were done last fall, and The Master's Builders were needed this visit to install 16 ft. studs in the gym area and put up smart siding on all the walls. Smart siding was also installed in the restrooms, kitchen, youth room, Prophet's chamber, and a storage room.

It was such a pleasure to have the painters working alongside us painting the siding as we hung it! After the painters finished painting the siding, our men put up darker trim boards around the interior of the building.

It turned out beautifully! This building has been a work in progress for a few years, and a Brookeland Missionary Baptist vision for many, many years. Praise God for answered prayer!

There were seven RVs and one tent (even in the hot weather) at this job site, with eight men and five women in attendance. This is job #190 for our Master's Builders group.

Thank you Lord for these opportunities to serve YOU! Each job is special, and we are always thankful to make new friends along the way.

When we arrived in Brookeland, it was like a family reunion as we fellowshiped together and recalled our time together last fall. Friendships in Christ were strengthened, and some new friendships were made. Such sweet fellowship.

Thank you to so many people! Thank you to Pastor Jerry Gilbert and his wife Tammy, for all the work and love they are putting into this church family and this community. It's hard to keep up with them as they are always up and on the go.

The whole body of believers at Brookeland MBC, are so loving and giving. Thank you to each one who made our time there special. This is, once again, one of my favorite jobs!

Thank you to all (many whom I can't name), but you know who you are. Thank you to all the men from the church who came to work alongside our men, but a special thanks to Shane Donahoe, who took his precious vacation time to help with this work for a week. What a blessing he is to us.

Shane, and his wife Brianna, work hard to serve.

Thank you to Bro. Don and his wife, who made sure we had ice everyday for our waters and Gatorades. It was so hot and humid as we worked!

Thank you to Bro. Billy Ross Donahoe, and wife Bulah, for their love of this church family and community.

Thank you to ALL the ladies who provided our delicious meals for the past two weeks and the extra surprises they blessed us with along the way. It's hard to fully describe to others the blessings The Master's Builders receive at these jobs as we try to serve the Lord. All we can say is... God is SO GOOD!

Pray for this mission church and pray for workers to come and work with The Master's Builders so that this ministry will continue. The harvest is plentiful...

"Follow" us and "Like" us on Facebook at "The Master's Builders"(arbor logo). Many say they look forward to seeing where we are and what we're doing. Thank you for your prayers for us.

If you have questions or if your church has building needs, please contact:

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**David Axe at (903) 918-0729**

**Eddie Sikes at (479) 462-1675**

**Reporter- Nelda Malone**

# *"That Reminds Me"*

By Jesse Spurlock

## *"My Preacher Grandpa"*



My Grandpa Abney was an old fashioned Missionary Baptist preacher. He told them "how the cow ate the cabbage!" and preached, "Hell is so hot you could feel the heat and smell the brimstone." That is, if you believe some of my cousins.

Some of them who have heard me preach have said I preach just like him. I don't think that's entirely true.

Hopefully, none of my messages about Hell have had any odor to them or changed the room temperature. Bad breath and hot air would do those things! Certainly I believe Hell is literal, it is hot, and it is eternal.

And yet, though I have told people all this, so far I don't think I've succeeded in scaring it out of anyone yet. There have been many saved during my ministry, but I'm sure it was because they believed Jesus loved them, and not just because they believed Hell is real.

The devil himself knows Hell is real, that it is hot, and that it is eternal, and he's certainly not saved.

I count it an honor and a high compliment to be compared to my Grandpa Abney in his preaching. However, I'm not my Grandpa Abney and have never tried to imitate him.

Preachers who try to imitate another preacher usually only succeed in imitating his bad habits and characteristics.

One preacher in the seminary was very impressive in his delivery. However, he leaned on the pulpit so much he almost seemed to be lying on it. With him it looked as if he was very intent in his message.

However, several of the young preachers wanted to be like him, so they did the same thing. The only thing it did for them was to make it appear they were

very sloppy and lazy.

Another preacher wore glasses. During his sermon he constantly took them off, put them in his pocket, only to take them out and replace them on his face, then back in his pocket, back on his face, etc.

I really enjoyed his sermons, but that was very distracting to me.

Several young preachers who wore glasses were soon doing the same thing with their glasses.

If I imitated my Grandpa Abney's style I would be a lot louder and never need a microphone. Some of our elderly members might think that was great.

However, I would also preach one and a half to two hour sermons, instead

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and respond to Israel is another big one for me.

I am part of they church I attend because we maintain similar beliefs. I carry this reasoning to other groups that I align myself with. As we approach the upcoming elections, we must understand that politics and political parties will not save us.

2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and

of my 25 to 30 minute ones. I don't think anyone in our church would think that was so great.

In 1 Corinthians 15:10 Paul wrote, "...by the grace of God I am what I am." Many places in the Bible God called men to serve Him.

Moses said (in effect) "Here I am, but send Aaron."

When He called Gideon, he thought God ought to call someone else.

Even Paul declared himself "the least of the apostles, that I am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." 1 Corinthians 15:9

Regardless of who is involved God called the one He wanted, with all the faults, strengths and weaknesses. He's still doing that today.

In 1 Peter 4:11, Peter gave us our rule and reason for preaching. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

will heal their land." I have heard it spoken often that people wish we had a better choice to choose from.

My answer would be what about you? What have you personally done to make our country and our world a better place?

We need to preach and teach others the value of salvation. We also must help create, to the best of our abilities, a place where the gospel can be shared, and Christianity can flourish.

Sometimes we need to stand in the gap, and sometimes we need to lead the charge.

Ask God what he wants you to do to make the world a better place

# “Burned Biscuits,” cont from pg 3

Christ and Self cannot sit on the throne of our heart at the same time.

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”*  
**John 12:24-25**

By doing so, we are committing to do things God’s way not ours, no matter how many screaming hissy fits *Self* throws or rights it argues we have that have been violated.

God’s way is putting other’s first; that is what He did with us. Can we not do any less for those around us?

It is obvious that a person caught in the web of “it’s all about me” has a wrong focus but it involves much more than failing to make Christ the center of their attention.

This also entails keeping three very important spiritual priorities in order while viewing our treatment at the hands of others.

Imagine a little train. The engine is Fact, followed by the fuel car Faith, and last of all the caboose, Feelings. The facts are God’s Word.

The Bible is always right; there is never a chance of error if it is our foundation for all we do and believe. Faith is our belief and trust in the Scriptures and our Lord who gave them to us. Last of all comes Feelings.

Feelings cannot be trusted because they are easily swayed by outside influences such as the weather, our physical condition, stress, fatigue, the attitude of those around us, and even Satan himself.

So as you can see they are very unreliable. If Fact should ever look back

to Faith, there is nothing to rest on. While Faith moves our Christian walk forward, it must have Facts to go in the right direction.

If Faith looks back to Feelings, then it cannot move forward the guidelines will always be changing.

This makes for a very unstable, unpredictable course. Therefore, these must always travel in this order for our lives to move in the right direction and have balance.

As a rule, those who think the world revolves around them rely solely on their feelings.

Otherwise they would know the Fact from **Philippians 2:3-4**. *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”*

They would have Faith knowing that no matter how others treat us, “. . . all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28**

Their Faith would abound in their knowledge that God knows our heart’s desires and emotional needs and will care for them.

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*  
**Matthew 6:33**

Lastly, they would not place any confidence in their Feelings because, “. . . we walk by faith, not by sight.”  
**2 Corinthians 5:7**

So next time someone “burns your biscuits”, doesn’t do what you want fast enough or the way you want, maybe the problem isn’t them.

If your little world is all out of kilter and others aren’t treating you as you think they should, check and see who the center of your “universe” is.

It shouldn’t be YOU, it should be HIM.

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# Central Baptist College Promotes Latest News

## CBC Alumni Association "Join in June" Promotion

It's back! The CBC Alumni Association is excited to announce that the Join in June promotion has returned for a limited time. During the month of June, alumni who join the CBC Alumni Association will be eligible to receive an exclusive gift as part of the promotion.

Join or renew your membership today and receive a free alumni cup. Memberships are \$35 per year for an individual and \$50 for a couple. Visit [www.cbc.edu/alumniassociation](http://www.cbc.edu/alumniassociation) to join today!

If you're already a member, no worries. You can purchase an alumni cup for only \$10. Contact Mallory Guyton at [mguyton@cbc.edu](mailto:mguyton@cbc.edu) for more information.

## Mustangs in the Making

You are invited to enroll your children or grandchildren in our Mustangs in the Making program. Mustangs in the Making is a free program for children from birth through their senior year of high school. It allows the CBC Advancement office to pay special attention to our "Future Mustangs" and help them build a love for CBC early on.

Each birthday your child/grandchild will receive a birthday card as well as a gift on certain milestone years.

To enroll visit [www.cbc.edu/makingmustangs](http://www.cbc.edu/makingmustangs) or contact Mallory Guyton at [mguyton@cbc.edu](mailto:mguyton@cbc.edu) or 501.205.8875.

## Legacy Leaders

Legacy Leaders is another giving program that was created to help alumni and friends of CBC give back. The purpose is to recognize individuals that believe in the mission and future of Central Baptist College.

Your contribution, whatever the amount, will have a big impact on the future of the college and in the lives of our students.

To join legacy leaders, visit [www.cbc.edu/legacyleaders](http://www.cbc.edu/legacyleaders).

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## Homecoming 2025

CBC will host its annual Homecoming activities beginning Monday, January 27 and continuing through Saturday, February 1.

Several Events will take place during the week as we gear up for our main events on Friday and Saturday. Be sure and save these dates for Homecoming 2025.

## M.U.D. Week 2024

Central Baptist College strives to create a campus environment that makes all our students feel at home, so we are excited as we look forward to M.U.D. Week for the fall of 2024.

M.U.D. Week (Mustangs Under Development) is CBC's welcome week. It is an integral part of integrating new students into the culture of CBC.

This year, M.U.D. Week will take place starting on August 17 and will conclude on August 22. New students living in Dickson Hall and commuters alike are invited to participate in all the week's activities.

One of our key goals of this week is to introduce students to the "Christ-centered environment" that is advertised in the Central Baptist College Mission Statement. During M.U.D. Week, students will get the opportunity to meet with local ministers and will attend a meeting specifically designed to introduce the core values of CBC.

On Sunday, August 18, there will be a worship night on-campus as well. This will be one of the first opportunities for many of these new students to join our student body in a time of worship.

Each new student will be assigned to one of four teams (Green, Orange, Red, or Yellow), and they will go through various activities throughout the week alongside their team members. At the end of the week, points from various events will be tallied up, and one team will be named as the 2024 M.U.D. Week Champion.

The Student Orientation Staff (S.O.S.) will be responsible for planning and

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Kids Camp**  
July 15-19  
Camp Cedar Hills  
Binger, OK

**CBC Day**  
September 8, 2024

executing many of the events that are to take place during M.U.D. Week.

Senior Team Leaders Abby Wilson and Grace Vandergriff will take on the responsibility of overseeing this week. Grace and Abby have experience as S.O.S. Team members, and they are both very excited for the week.

"I'm most looking forward to Capture the Flag!" Abby said, "It's always the most exciting and has one of the highest turnouts. It's a lot of fun!"

Grace is also looking forward to the events with Karaoke Night being her most anticipated.

"This has always been one of my favorite events because the competition drops and everyone just cheers on everyone," Grace said, "Also, it's super fun and sometimes really funny!"

In addition to these, M.U.D. Week will also have events such as the President's Cookout, Game Nights, the Mud Run, the Blue Party, and many more. There are opportunities for every new student to shine and be involved.

A full schedule of the M.U.D. Week events will be sent out to all incoming students in the upcoming summer mail-out. We look forward to seeing all our new mustangs at M.U.D. Week 2024, and we are excited to see what God does on campus throughout the upcoming year!