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Oklahoma Baptists to enjoy Hymn Sing, March 9 at Del City First, Southern

>> by Chris Doyle
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DEL CITY—The event is being heralded as a time when Oklahoma Baptists across the state gather to sing many great hymns and favorite songs of faith.

Del City, First Southern is hosting Hymn Sing on March 9 at 7 p.m. Described as “A Night of Celebration and Worship,” the event will be led by Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, Singing ChurchWomen of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist Symphony, Oklahoma Baptist Children’s Chorus and Oklahoma Student Worship Choir.

Randy Lind, Oklahoma Baptists worship and music ministry partner, said Hymn Sing has been “in the works” for a while. “The Hymn Sing has been on my mind for several years,” he said. “We were getting ready to plan it, and then COVID happened.”

What brought it back to Lind’s mind was a recent Christmas concert featuring both the Singing Churchmen and ChurchWomen.

“This was coming out of COVID, and the congregational singing of Christmas carols at the beginning was unbelievable,” he said. “I really enjoyed that part of the concert. That reminded me of the original plan of having the Hymn Sing. We went forward full steam ahead after that.”

Hymn Sing will be the first time all of the Oklahoma Baptists choral groups and orchestra will be performing together, but Lind said they will only be a part of what will make the event memorable.

“It’s going to be a combination of those groups leading occasionally, but mostly it will be congregationally driven,” he said.

The concert will be in segments, emphasizing Hymns of Celebration, Songs of the Cross and Songs of the Creek. Lind said Songs of the Creek will feature memorable songs over the years that were sung at Falls Creek. He said attendees can expect to sing “Victory in Jesus,” “My Tribute,” “Days of Elijah,” and Bill Green will lead everyone in singing “Saved, Saved.”

Anthony Jordan, retired executive director-treasurer of Oklahoma Baptists, will speak on the impact Falls Creek had on the lives of many people, not only in Oklahoma but around the world.

After a song of salvation, Todd Fisher, executive director-treasurer of Oklahoma Baptists will offer a time of spiritual decisions. The event will conclude with a brand-new arrangement of “Amazing Grace.”

“It’s going to be fantastic,” Lind said of the Amazing Grace arrangement, which will feature a pipe and drum corps. The well-known and beloved hymn will celebrate its 250th anniversary in 2024.



Hymn Sing will feature a video interview with Bill Gaither, and Lind said a singing of “Because He Lives” will be observed after the video.

“Our favorite songs carry a memory,” Lind said. “People remember when they sang certain songs. Not everyone will know every song, but most people will know the songs we will sing.”

“One of the things I’m excited about Hymn Sing is bringing our Oklahoma Baptist family together,” Lind continued. “But another great thing will involve the students and children. They are going to look back, I hope and pray, at the time when they sang with 450 singers, the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony and a roomful of people, and they sang ‘Amazing Grace’ and ‘Victory in Jesus.’ We hope we can build that memory for them.”

For more information on Hymn Sing, visit oklahomabaptists.org/worship. 



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Rite of passage: Generic man



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At the end of my yearly 15 minutes of reflecting, I have concluded that I, Walker Moore, have a blessed life. In fact, when people ask me, "How are you doing?" I usually answer back, "I am suffering from satisfaction!"

I am married to a gorgeous, smart and multi-talented wife. I have seen her cook a gourmet meal for a hundred missionaries using just a two-burner hotplate. I am blessed with two sons, two daughter-in-loves and three grandsons who are the joy of my life. I am blessed to have a wonderful ministry and a tremendous group of friends. And I am grateful to God that I have always been able to go... generic.

You see, most of my family does not use generic products. My wife uses expensive shampoo, brand name, sold only at the eye level shelf of Walmart. Next to her exotic brand sits mine—"Old Man, Big Blue, Dandruff Shampoo." She has specialized hairspray, and I have "Hair today, Dye tomorrow Hair Goo and Axel Grease" guaranteed to hold every strand in place during a Category Five hurricane.

My sons can only wear designer cologne. For Christmas, they want "Armani Acqua di Giò Eau de Toilette," but I am so blessed that they give me something called "Tester." The only jeans that fit their bodies are found at American Eagle or Old Navy. I am so blessed. My brand is sold especially at outlet malls: "Irregular."

Even in sickness, my family requires the big names like Sudafed or Benadryl. Not me! My medicine comes in a plain white box with large black letters reading, "Tiny Red Tablets for People with Big Noses" or

"Bottle of Cherry Flavored Liquid to Guzzle So You'll Feel Drowsy." Who needs Diet Coke? Instead, I choose the real man's drink, "Buy-Rite Diet Cola"—equally good, sometimes carbonated.

There is only one problem in being a generic man. When I wear a designer brand, it looks... generic. You can give me a \$500 suit, but once it hits my body, it will look as though it came from Woolworth's. People say that clothes make the man, but I must disagree. I make the clothes... look cheap.

I am so glad that when God decided to save the world, He did not send a generic savior. He sent us the very best: His Son, Jesus Christ—the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords, the Alpha and Omega, the Creator of the universe.



When I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior, He did not make my life generic and ordinary. Instead, He says I am a Designer original, a person that He knew before the foundation of the world. He has called me to be His child—the child of a King. He allows me access to His throne and clothes me, not in generic brands, but in His righteousness. I am truly blessed.

If you want your child to live a blessed life, teach him or her to be satisfied with generic things and find total fulfillment in... a designer Savior. [m](#)

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**Students, youth groups and
others are invited.**

The conference is a one-day event, featuring keynote speakers, breakout sessions and worship, designed to equip students to know their faith more deeply and to be prepared to effectively defend the faith.



Coming events

FEB 19. Skiatook, First will be hosting a Tulsa Together Unity Service, according to W.R. Casey. Small group discussions begin at 5 p.m., with a worship service at 6 p.m. Pastor Dale Rolland will be preaching. For more information call 918/902-1374. [m](#)

MARCH 19-22. Oklahoma City, Quail Springs is hosting Oklahoma Glory Revival. Evangelist Phil Waldrep from Alabama will be preaching all services. Sunday services will be 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 10:30 a.m. with final service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Worship pastor will be Gary Mathena, and special music guests will be Greater Vision and Charles Billingsley. Visit qsb.org/gloryrevival for more information. [m](#)



APRIL 3-4. The Advance Conference, previously set for Jan. 30-31, has been rescheduled to April 3-4, 2023 at OKC, Quail Springs. Visit oklahomabaptists.org/advance for more information. [m](#)

VOLUNTEER MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

OKLAHOMA

On-going opportunities for volunteers:

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, OKC and Community Food Bank of Eastern OK, Tulsa—both locations, call 405/972-1111 (Not a Baptist ministry, but many Oklahoma Baptist churches receive food from them for local food pantries.)

Arms Around Broken Arrow—food pantry, clothes closet, 918/258-7714 or bryan@armsaroundba.org

Lake Texoma Baptist Resort Ministry—Monty & Tammy Wood, Directors, 580/916-2181 2034 Max Rd, Mead 73449 email: thelhelm2034@gmail.com

Cherokee Baptist Assembly, Cherokee—918/506-5482 email: cba_tahlequah@yahoo.com

DISASTER RELIEF

Training:

Feb. 11—Disaster Relief Orientation & Credentialing—8:30 a.m. – 12 noon, McAlester, Frink, 1830 S. George Nigh Expwy

March 16-18—Chaplain Manual & Operational Stress First Aid—\$60, Baptist Building, 3800 N. May Ave., Oklahoma City, to register, please email pjones@oklahomabaptists.org

March 25—Disaster Relief Orientation & Credentialing—8:30 a.m. – 12 noon, Pryor, First, 601 E. Graham Ave.

April 1—First Aid/CPR Class—9 a.m.-3 p.m.—\$20 DR Team Center, 7180 NW Expressway, Okarche, to register, email Darrell Knapp, dknapp711@gmail.com

Weatherford churches host original KJV Bible exhibit, Feb. 10-11

WEATHERFORD—An original, first printing of the King James Bible will be featured at Weatherford, Emmanuel, 719 N. Kansas Street, in partnership with Weatherford, Trinity, on Feb. 10-11. The presentation is part of a museum exhibit, showing the history of the Bible.

Called “The Great He Bible,” it is a true first edition of the best-selling book of all time. Numerous other ancient and rare authentic biblical artifacts will be shown in the exhibit, titled, “The enduring Word Museum.” As part of the museum exhibit there will be a printing demonstration on a



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The Great He Bible and other biblical artifacts will be on display at Weatherford, Emmanuel Feb. 10-11.

full-size working replica of the Gutenberg press. Visitors will have the opportunity to operate the press and produce their own copy of a Gutenberg page to take home as a reminder of their visit.

The complete display will be open to the public. John and Angel Sliffe, the exhibit curators, will be available to answer questions on Friday, Feb. 10 from 1-8 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1-6 p.m. They will give a presentation about the artifacts and documents on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend this free, once in a lifetime opportunity!

For further information, contact Skylar Spradlin 580/660-0631 or John Sliffe 817/771-3942. [m](#)