

Proclaimer

August 2025

August Birthday's

3 Jill McAbee
4 Billye Spencer
7 Gail Miller
7 Paula Garrigan
11 Joyce Buckner
14 Mike Sheppard
14 Mike Bass
14 Uriah Archer
15 Debra Miller
16 Karen Holley
17 Cody Blalock
18 Crissy Nelson
18 Gynna Thompson
20 John Bettes
20 Leesa Scott
21 Dia Everts
22 Bennett Eveland
22 Paula Miller
23 Chloe Kinkel
24 Joretta Duncan
24 Melody Weeks
25 Angela Kurth
26 Doc Lee Pierce
26 Terri Hillis
27 Danica Wormington

You have heard the old phrase, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Well, the people in Oklahoma that think we need to legalize recreational marijuana have submitted a proposed initiative to legalize recreational marijuana for adults. If approved, State Question 837 would be voted on sometime in 2026. If approved by the voting citizens of Oklahoma, SQ 837 would amend the state constitution to legalize cannabis for all adults aged 21 and older. Oklahomans have already rejected one state question on recreational marijuana, and it appears we may have to do it again.

We have already experienced the consequences of "medical" marijuana in this state since 2018. It was supposed to stop our medical woes and money woes in this state. But we have illegal grow farms that are being operated by organized crime. People are addicted to smoking this supposedly "medical" marijuana and it is affecting our state. It was sold as a medical treatment, but the state question never said what the "medical" marijuana was good for. As your pastor, I want to jump ahead of this and encourage you to not sign any petitions to get State Question 837 on the ballot. They must have 172,993 signatures from Oklahomans to get it on the ballot sometime in 2026. Please say NO when you are asked to sign one.

If anyone wants to know the impact of recreational marijuana, all you have to do is go to Colorado and see the horrible impact. Traffic deaths are up 138% since legalization, exposure to marijuana increased 185% since legalization of recreational marijuana. Colorado is 3rd in the nation of marijuana use in adults, and college students. The state is 7th in marijuana use for youth 12-17. Also, marijuana tax benefits to the state coffers are on 0.98% of the budget in Colorado.

We have already seen a chilling impact here in Oklahoma on marijuana use, addiction and crime. We have more dispensaries than any other state in the Union. Just now we are beginning to read reports of how marijuana affects long-term memory loss and birth defects of pregnant women. Anyone who claims they have a medical problem can get a doctor somewhere to give them a "medical" marijuana license in this state. Our youth are vaping and smoking more marijuana since SQ was passed in 2018. Innocent people have been poisoned by marijuana being slipped into food or snacks. Please pray and be informed about this very important situation in our state. We need to come together as believers and say "NO" one more time to recreational marijuana. Stay tuned for more information in the days ahead!

Bro. Jim

Thank
you

After 2 months of shots and medication for my son, Eddie's prostate cancer is now undetectable. Eddie has a choice for radiation and removal of his prostate or for the doctor to watch and monitor his prostate by PSA counts and MRI and CT scans. He has chosen to be monitored by the doctor. He feels God is in control! He feels your prayers! We want to thank you all for your prayers, and asking for prayers that the cancer does not return. Marilee Short

I want to say thank you for all of the prayers, call, visits while I was in the hospital and rehab last fall. I do apologize for no longer being able to send out birthday cards each month. It brought me so much joy, but it's just not something I'm able to do anymore. I love you all and thank you again.

Billye Housman

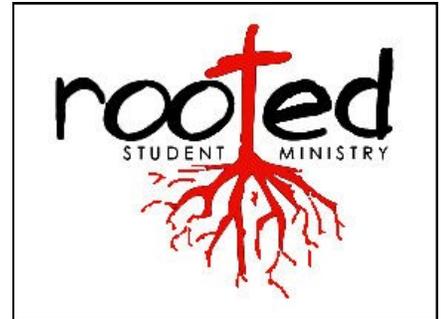


This Summer has been amazing time with kids. First, we had 5 go to Kids Camp. They had a blast learning about Jesus and playing. Then, we had 10 kids go to Children's Camp where the theme was "My Hero, My Savior." Lastly, was VBS where we had a high attendance of 62 kids and 6 salvations. On Wednesday nights we have had fun with our theme nights from the Amazing Race to Paint and Praise night to a water night to a glow night. I am looking forward to starting a new curriculum on Wednesday nights. We are also starting a new class for 2 year olds on Wednesday nights. Amanda Wilson

I want to share a final thank you to each and every person who prayed, donated, or participated in any of our camps this Summer. As we are back home from Falls Creek I am reminded that we have a church that loves students and gives greatly so that our students can see the Gospel work in and through their lives. Without you our student ministry is not possible, as you have heard me say before, the key to student ministry is Adults! Our Student Ministry has available quiet time guides that last for three weeks for those who are interested in getting one please see me!

In addition we look ahead to our Fall Semester. Today, we have completed our Gatorade drive where you have helped us accomplish giving Gatorade to every student so far. We will be distributing to the football team and Cross-country team in the coming weeks!

Coming up soon on our calendar is that we are taking Teen leaders within our student ministry to go to a one-day conference called "Synergy" which is through the youth evangelism conference. This will take place on Saturday August 16th. We will go to South Tulsa Baptist church and be there all day! We will leave the church at 7 AM! Be praying for leadership opportunities for our students. The cost for that event is \$10. We currently plan to host a 5th quarter worship rally for our students after a football game on September 19th. We will have a live band, and the Gospel will be presented to students. Please be in prayer for this time. We will also have a fall calendar for August – November for important and upcoming dates regarding our student ministry out for each parent in the coming days. With all this coming I am reminded of an encouragement as we do this together and it is simply this...LETS GO CHURCH -Brooks Stotts, Student Pastor



Thrift Store Workday
Friday, August 15, 10 to 3 pm

Prayer Walk for School Districts
Wednesday, August 13 @ 6 pm



August 20 "A Closer Look at God's Word" led by Kristen McCorkle.
August 27 "Ouch, I think there's a log in my eye" led by Teresa Wormington

Global Hunger Day - Women on Mission
Bean and Cornbread Lunch Sunday,
August 31 following the morning
worship service.



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 6-8PM
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!
STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT