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Relationship Remarks by Bob Thomas

GOD IS HOLY. What a profound statement! God is totally “other”. He is set apart from all His creation. He is distinctly different because He is sinless. He has never done anything against His own perfect moral standard.

The Bible also says God is merciful, faithful, true, able, spirit, good, light, gracious, wise and mighty. All these words describe God.

GOD IS LOVE. The Bible says this twice, in 1 John 4:8 & 16. **GOD IS LOVE** is a bit harder to understand. So, what does it mean? How can we understand it.

Think about love as a noun. What is it? **Think about love as a verb.** What does it do? This phrase is a bit difficult to handle in the English language. **GOD IS LOVE** teaches us about God’s basic disposition and His primary attitude toward us. We exist because **GOD IS LOVE**. His intentions are for us to live in a right, rewarding, redeemed **Love Relationship** with Him, ourselves and others, because **GOD IS LOVE**.

GOD IS LOVE. He gives us the ability to receive and give love out of our own free will. God never forces love. In fact we know “forced love” doesn’t exist. We determine whether or not to receive God’s love and love God with all our being. We decide whether or not to love others just as we love ourselves. The choice is ours. Choose well!



God Bless You! BTM

Families United for a Church Plant in Newalla, OK

Spencer Road FWB Church closed & sold their property several years ago. They invested & managed the proceeds. The remaining couples from the Spencer Road Church & The Mission Board are exploring a church plant in the Newalla, OK area. Newalla is on a growing SE edge of the OKC metro. New houses are going up all the time. Ask God to guide our path. By God's will, wisdom, power & provision we want to see a new church plant in this area! BTM will be a part of this conversation.



Jon & Shelly Paulk, Atha & Marcie Brooks are delightful, godly people who have a passion to plant a church in Newalla. Rachel Mitine is Jon & Shelly Paulk's daughter. She is a realtor. She came Sunday a.m. & showed us potential church plant sites in the Newalla area.

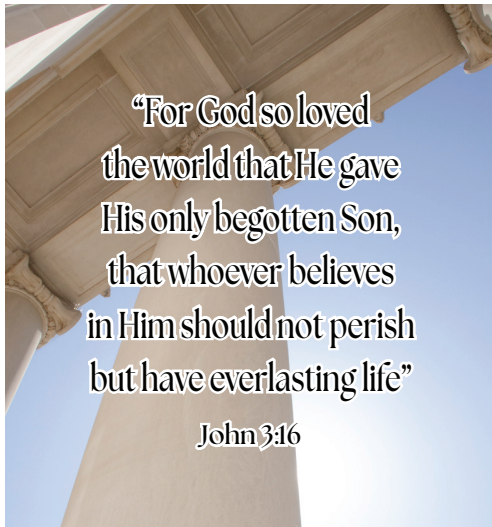
Rhonda Jo & Me Enjoyed the Recent "Snow Pause"

Sunday snow shut down almost every church service in the OKC metro. We had house church. We talked about fresh impressions from our individual Bible Reading Series. Rhonda is reading through "The Canon Connected" by Gowdy Cannon - recommended by our pastor Daniel Sweet & put together by Gowdy.

I am reading through the 1st five books of the Old Testament & the Gospels in three months. God feeds the birds. We got to help! For us, this "snow pause" was another expression of The Goodness of God!

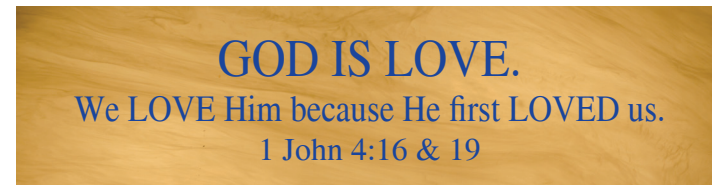
Gowdy's Bible Study link:

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OK State Mission Board to Revitalize Duncan 1st FWBC

The Duncan Free Will Baptist Church & The Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Mission Board voted to cooperate in a full revitalization initiative. The church will become Mission Status. The Board will give direction & establish a Duncan ministry team to lead this effort under the supervision of the Mission Board. BTM is delighted to be part of this process.



Praise

God has been ridiculously good to Rhonda Jo, me & BTM

For ongoing ministry assignments

For another good month

Prayer

Our daughter in law, Holly Thomas & the whole family need God's help. Her MS just keeps chipping away at her life.

Craig Bodenschatz - Elder in a MO Church, BTM partner - health concerns.

Robert Gulden & Stuart Oller - dear BTM partners big health challenges.

Duncan Revitalization Initiative God to give the Leadership/Ministry team.

Newalla, OK Potential Church Plant

BTM effectiveness for ministry appointments.

Rhonda Jo & me - family caretaker responsibilities.

Traveling Mercy!

Road Trips

- FEBRUARY -

10 - Randall University help plan student led Mission Conference

11 - Randall University Chapel Service engaging students

21 - Center Free Will Baptist Association liaison for Mission Board

22 - 25 - Neosho MO, FWB Church Revival

27 - 28 - OK Men's Retreat Preach four services