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## Relationship Remarks by Bob Thomas

It is impossible to excuse my sin by saying, "It's not as bad as that sin in that other person's life". By the same token Christians cannot accurately say, "all sins are the same". Take this quick test - Had you rather somebody steal a candy bar or shoot the clerk? If all sins are the same – what difference does it make? Steal the candy bar, shoot the clerk – you pick - all sins are the same. In our gut, we know some sins are worse.

In the OT some sins did and some sins did not get the death penalty. Why? In Scripture, God singles out some sins and calls them perverse and unnatural. There is no such thing as a good sin. However, by God's own judgement, we know some sins are worse.

**1 John 5:16–17** *If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.* Whether or not we understand everything about this passage, we can say with certainty, "Some Sins Are Worse".

Sin is sin is sin. Christians shouldn't ever say "this sin is better". However, we might accurately say, "This Sin Is Worse". This understanding should be a persistent influence in our decision-making process. When and how does/should this concept influence our choices?

*God Bless You! BTM*



## New Salem FWBC, Decatur, TX

This church is ripe for revitalization. Pastor Willard & Christine Kiper drive four hours every Sunday. He often travels down mid-week for pastoral work. I invited pianist Royce Laverman to join me for this Thursday – Sunday AM revival emphasis. I praise God for this opportunity to encourage this congregation & minister to the Kipers. They are great people. They love God. They love this church. They want God to send a revitalization team to this church & city. Decatur is the county seat for one of the fastest growing counties in TX. It is well worth the effort. Please pray that we will rise up & seize this opportunity!



A registered historical site



Bob, Royce, Christine & Willard



Royce & Willard - a big chat

## “New Very Best Friend” - Mike Seiler, Calvary Church, Norman, OK

Not long ago at our home church I met what Rhonda would call a “new very best friend”. Sometimes when I come back home from a ministry trip she will ask – “did you meet a new, very best friend”. Then we giggle a bit & I give the “new, very best friend” update. Mike is a “new very best friend”. He has a passion for God. He is a Calvary Church deacon. His wife Amanda is a home-run hitter in her own right. He teaches a Wed PM class. He needed a bit of a break. He asked me to fill in for him. I did. The whole thing was super. The class made my job so easy. They jumped in head first. They shared prayer requests & pieces of their personal bible reading schedule. They allowed me to give them a slice of my own bible study impressions. What a wonderful time. Thanks Mike.

**Much love to you & Ms. Amanda!  
Proud...proud...proud of you guys!**



Cole & Lollie

## Cole & Lollie Stanley

I have known “ColeyBear” all his life. His parents Chad & Pauletta Stanely & grandparents David & Annette Stanley are dear friends & long time BTM partners. A few years ago, I accompanied a painfully shy, quite, head down “LollyPop” to explore the possibilities of attending Randall University. During the initial meeting, I watched her go from painfully timid to smiling, laughing, engaging & anticipating her move to Moore, OK. This month, this bright, young lady graduated from Randall University with honors. She & Cole are youth directors in their home church. They are making a difference in young people & God’s Kingdom. I thank God for the extra nice part He allowed me to play in her success story. Next December, Cole will graduate from RU. Another great story for another day! Praise God Almighty!

## OK FWB Leadership Moving Forward For God’s Glory

OK Free Will Baptist had a first of many comprehensive Leadership meetings. Every board as well as Randall University was represented. The goal is to build a cohesive strategy to share a collective vision for the future of OK FWBs. We started with prayer. Each board discussed concerns & positive projections. We slowed down. We took the time to have important conversations. By God’s grace, the OK FWB potential for God’s Kingdom in OK is strong.



Good men working together to do God’s work - Anthony Williams, Matt Hanshaw, Bob Thompson, Preacher Bob Thomas, Cory Thompson, James Coffelt & Tyler Dezort.



## Autum Hudson

Autum is a 2026 Randall University Graduate with a Bachelors in Worship Leadership Studies. She had the highest GPA in her major. She sang for the RU commencement ceremonies. She was RU’s student worship leader for weekly chapel services. She has been traveling to Ardmore, OK every Sunday for over a year to assist in the Beacon Church revitalization initiative. Autum & the OK FWB Mission Board are exploring the possibility of her becoming a long term Ardmore ministry team member. Between now & then, she will keep driving & ministering there. She has a huge heart for that work & those people. Please keep this great young lady in your prayers!



Autum

## Praise

Salvation

Ongoing forgiveness & sanctification

Enjoyable ministry moments in May!

The estate issues are progressing

God keeps me safe on the road

## Prayer

Grace for the Stan Meyer Family  
He graduated to glory  
We miss him here

To be more like Jesus!

Continued focus on The Word & Prayer

Faithfulness & effectiveness in God’s Work

OKFWB church revitalizations & plants

Travel safety as I do my God Jobs

## May/June Road Trips

May 31st Harvest Church, Marlow, OK

June

3 - 8 - Hannah Thomas Graduation  
Visit Ben & Family, MN

10 - 11 - OK FWB State Youth Camp, Talihina, OK

23 - 24 - OK FWB State Youth Camp, Talihina, OK

More...more...more as the month progresses