



PREACHING - SINGING - PRAYING - SHARING



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Relationship Remarks by Bob Thomas



Gen 47:9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." He lived in Egypt seventeen years, close to his whole family.

Jacob's life was indeed marked by major difficulties. He caused some of his own grief by scheming with his mom to deceive his dad for the blessing. From that point on, Jacob's life was marked by messes that kept getting worse and worse and worse. His messes didn't get cleaned up until he was around 130 years old. His years were not exactly "few", but they were full of tension and trouble.

This February 27th I turned 72. Doesn't that play right into my slight dyslexia. I giggled when I typed it out. Thank you for all the kind birthday wishes. I thought about my life against the backdrop of Jacob's report to Pharaoh. I have walked some rough roads. Some of them, just like Jacob, have been of my own making. Some of them have been circumstantial. Some of my rough patches were created by ordinary folks who, just like me, made poor decisions with consequences that reached beyond themselves.

I am not in any way denigrating Jacob. However, I would be so dishonest if I said my days have been full of evil. By God's great grace and mercy, my life has been, is, and I believe will continue to be good. Not without difficulty, stress, pain or tears, but, absolutely good by the goodness of God and the kindness of people. So, I give Him praise. I give Him glory. I say thank you to great people who are part of my life and ministry. I pray that I will live out my life in a way that demonstrates true gratitude toward God and people. Thank you for the years, the blessings and the support. Thank you for the precious memories. My heart is full. My mouth is smiling. My eyes are a bit leaky but in a very good way for very good reasons! By God's Grace, there's more to come.

God Bless You! 

OK FWB Center Association Meeting

This was an OK Mission Board stop for me. The attendees vigorously participated in & listened to my report. They applauded the Mission Board's commitment to revitalization & church planting in Oklahoma. It was wonderful to see these dear people & share the Boards' passion. I anticipate OK FWBs becoming more Great Commission Effective right here in Oklahoma.



New Hope FWB Church, Lone Grove, OK hosted this meeting.



Center Association enjoyed loving fellowship.



Dean Stone did a fine job moderating.



Center Association Pastors Jarrod Presley & Steve Shotzman are good buddies!



The Lone Grove music ministry team did a good job directing music for this event.

Neosho, MO FWB Church Revival Emphasis

These services were excellent. The congregation prepared by praying. About 70% of the Sun. AM congregation attended all of the evening services. They invited friends. We had fantastic fellowship after the services. I believe this church will see new people attending because of their good work. I am quite proud of this church. I am grateful to God & to these people for allowing me to be the preacher for this initiative.



A good hug before I preached



These folks were so kind!



The Wormingtons & Ashes are my kin folks & godly people. They came for the Monday PM Service.



All ages were represented & engaged. We sang together & prayed together. Amen! I hope we get to do this again!

Randall University Mission Conference

The OK FWB Mission Board & BTM are working together to support this conference. The "student lead" conference is a new model, established by President Bob Thompson. The Mission Board & BTM are funding the Tuesday Mission Luncheon. We are planning to feed about 70 students & staff. Sarah Ross & Hannah Morrison are part of the mission conference leadership team. I took them to lunch. We had a great conversation. May God use this conference to move people to God & God's Work in OK, America & around the world.



Hannah Morrison, Bob & Sarah Ross

Productive BTM Board Meeting



The BTM Board Meeting was productive. The board consists of (left to right): Corey Thompson, Bob Thomas, Mike Wade, Daniel Sweet, Dick Terry & Earl Hood. These men are dear friends & godly leaders. They believe in & support BTM. They gave good advice. In fact at one point they told me "NO, you shouldn't do that". I immediately appreciated their wisdom & agreed to follow their direction. What a blessing! It was super encouraging to me! I am grateful to have these men in my life & on the BTM Board.

Praise

For an enjoyable, ministry intensive February & busy March ministry

I 100% enjoy men's retreats/conferences

Ongoing interaction with the Randall University Students & Staff

BTM & OK FWB Mission Board collaboration

The Mission Board's deep desire to revitalize & plant churches in OK & around the world

My health is cooperating with my schedule

God's protection when I am driving

Prayer

Holy heart, mind & life

Clear focus that gets things done in our home & ministry

God ordained effectiveness in every arena of my life

Health & energy for Rhonda Jo & I to get my uncle's estate wrapped up

Traveling Mercy

March Road Trips

1 - 4 wrap up NL a big deal every month

9 - 13 Randall University Mission Conference

10 Mission Board Meeting

14 Preach at Poteau River Valley Assoc.

19 - 22 Home Church - Van Buren, AR Men's Retreat & Sunday Services

Tuesdays & Thursdays - Randall University & FWB State Offices as schedule permits