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## The United Nations of America and Governmental Control

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**BMAO Moral Action**

I strongly recommend that all people look up Agenda 21 on the website un.org.

Some of us have heard about the 2030, or the 3030. To most people it seems like some random set of numbers that has little relevance to us.

Truth be told governments worldwide are invoking plans to control all of humanity. In the United States there is a concerted movement to force people to live within 15 minutes of "smart cities".

Our government knows that electric vehicles will greatly diminish an individual's ability to move freely within the country. The 3030-land grab is designed with the intention of granting ownership of 30% of America's land to the federal government.

When we attempt to determine how governments will accomplish these goals, we have to interpret the facts we know and speculate on the ultimate conclusions of these facts. We must remain ever vigilant to the fact that government is not our friend.

In order to accomplish their goals, governments must remove our freedoms as well as take away our abilities to defend ourselves.

Presently, here in Oklahoma, we see cities and counties being introduced to "guides for growth". On the surface one may conclude that these are just benign and organized ways to effectively and efficiently have organized growth within our communities.

Upon closer examination we see that these "guides" come with very troubling conditions attached.

Some of you may know that I serve on the city council in Pryor Creek. We have been presented with one of these "guides" as a gift from the Mid America Industrial Park. They helped develop these for several communities within our county.

There is some very troubling verbiage within the document presented to Pryor. Words such as "actionable" indicate



that there could be forced compliance if we agree to such plans. They can become legally binding upon the adopting communities and outsiders can make changes that will become enforceable.

Rogers County has one of these plans being considered that changes the county into a socialist society. People who have farmed for years or raised livestock will now have to get permission to use water from streams that cross their property.

Pryor's proposed guide will tell us which land can be developed, which land is agricultural, and which land can be environmentally protected. The citizens of Pryor should be responsible for Pryor, and the citizens of Rogers County should be responsible for themselves.

Another great concern is the intention to tax people not for the value of the property as it is currently being used, but according to the value of the intended use.

This would financially force people to sell family land that was used for generations as agricultural that would be worth more developed. The adoption of these guides automatically puts restrictions on individual choices and liberties.

These guides are assisting the UN and the federal government in asserting more control over the people. I am not going to try to give a comprehensive overview, but just an introduction.

Below are some quotes regarding the Agenda 21 taken from the UN webpage. I will insert some comments to show why these quotes can be so alarming.

### Preamble

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that

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**“The UN wants us to have a one world society, and individuality is not conducive to their plans.”**

(“Governmental Control,” cont on pg 7)

# "From the Pastor's Pen"

By Wearthly Shank

"A New Life in Christ"

*"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.."*

Ephesians 4: 29

Beginning in verse 14 of chapter 4, Paul is giving an abundance of admonition to the saints in the Church at Ephesus concerning the new life in Christ.

And in the midst of this admonition, he spoke the instructions in our text [v.29]. In our modern western culture, it would speak thus; "let no foul speech come out of your mouth. Speak no bad, foul language, no evil talk be spoken."

I dare say, we must need be aware of this in our daily walk. And maybe more so in the social media networks on the internet. If you spend any amount of time in Facebook or other internet sites, you can read of some discussions that get carried away with emotions and folk say things they really wouldn't say orally.

But, back to the oral speaking which Paul speaks of in our text, if we determine to speak only that which would edify, our testimony for Christ would be much stronger.

To edify means to build up. Quite the contrary to tearing down with sarcasm and foul language.

When our words are edifying, we will be a tremendous blessing to those in

which we speak. To "minister grace" is to be encouraging with words of blessings and comfort. It is to say only things that are good and helpful to those to whom you are speaking.

In verses 31-32, Paul is telling us to stop being mean, bad tempered and angry.

Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in our lives. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one of another, just as God has forgiven you because of your relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Think about it!!

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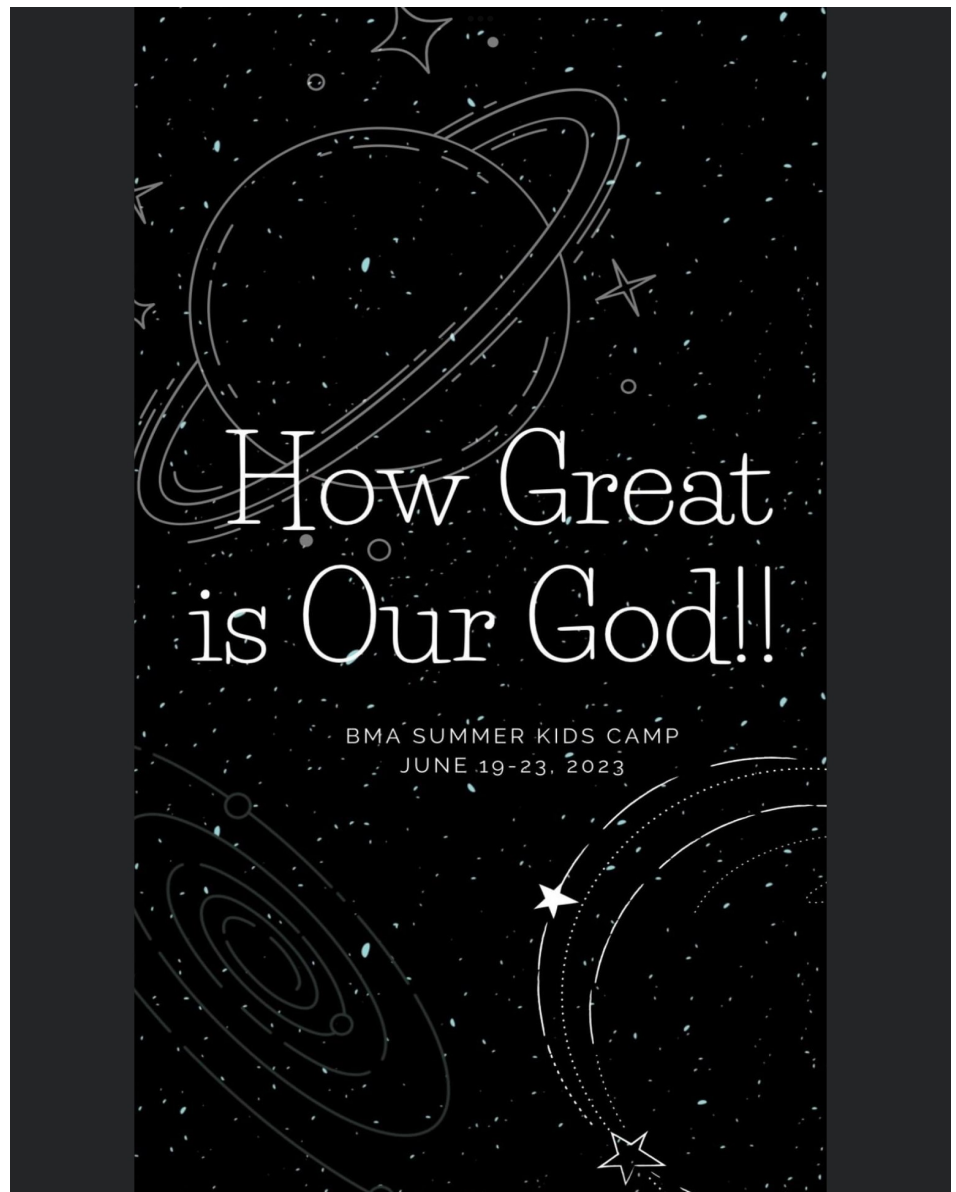
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# *"I Was Just Thinkin' "*

By Narita Roady

## ***"You Get What You Get And You Don't Throw a Fit"***

A woman one day rose from bed and groggily made her way to the bathroom. As she leaned over the sink and opened her bleary eyes to look in the mirror, lo and behold she saw had only three hairs on her head!

Instead, she regained her composure and said, "Hmmm, today I will definitely braid my hair."

Carefully she took the three strands of hair, braided them and went on her way to have a fantastic day.

Again the next morning she awoke, plodded to the bathroom and peered into the mirror. As if things couldn't get worse, she saw she now only had two hairs as her crown and glory!

After the shock wore of she said, "Well, I believe I will just part my hair down the middle today." Without a great deal of effort, she parted the two remaining hairs, and had a splendid day.

The third day, upon rising, she again headed for the bathroom, gazed into the mirror only to find things had taken yet another turn for the worse. Only one remaining hair clung to her scalp!

"Not a problem," she announced, "Today I will wear my hair (literally!) in a pony tail." So that she did and she had the most enjoyable day!

The next day she rolled out of bed, made her daily trek to the bath room and stared into the mirror. Not a hair remained upon her head, she was completely bald!!! Her response? "YIPPEE, PRAISE THE LORD! I don't have to fix my hair at all today!"

I dare say what most of us would have done; I KNOW what I would have done!! We have heard it over and over again, Attitude is everything. It is 10% of what happens to us and 90% how we choose to respond to it.

Our attitude is a giant neon sign flashing to others and ourselves, who is I control of our lives. Are our responses godly and scriptural or fleshly and sinful? "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ

Jesus:"  
Philippians 2.5

It is an "either" or "or" situation as with all things in our life. EITHER God is in the driver's seat OR us and Satan are at the wheel.

Contrary to what most of people profess to believe, NO ONE can MAKE us angry, contentious, resentful, or negative unless we GIVE them the power to. Only we can make that choice.

A bad attitude is never forced upon us, we make the final decision. So next time you hear yourself or someone else say, "He made me so mad! She really upset me! They ruined my day, trip, holiday, birthday, etc. ", he, she, they, aren't responsible for the misery. The person doing the talking is.

If we were honest with ourselves we would have to admit that most of the time we use our situation and others as an excuse to justify our bad behavior and feelings.

You see, to choose one thing means we must reject or another. Have you ever found yourself saying, "Yes, I choose to have a good attitude", but you can't seem to hold on to it very long.?

The problem is, at the same time, we do not let go of our negative thoughts and feelings. We have sabotaged our good intentions.

It is not within our power to change our past, nor do we have the control over the way others act or treat us. "Me, I and myself" are the other ones we have authority over. A fact we seem to easily forget.

An ungrateful spirit is another seed of poor attitudes. The "I deserve better than this," and "I don't deserve this." If you find your self thinking or saying either of these then you are getting or have already gotten a bad attitude.

Look at all God allowed His Son to go

through. Why then do we think we should be spared?

Nothing could have been more irritating than the 12 disciples, yet Christ kept a good attitude with them.

On a scale of 1-10, based on your attitude, especially in stressful circumstances, how much God is in control of your life? Without Him there is no way we can consistently do right and live a godly life, no matter how hard we try.

It is important to remember our attitude represents God's attitude to those around us and we may be their only ambassador for Him!

If we are putting God first in our lives, then our desires will be the same as His. Then when Ms. Critical, Mr. Gripey, or our perfect plans are disrupted by that thing called "life", we will be able to RESPOND in grace instead of REACT in irritation.

Satan of course has his dirty paws in the big middle of all of this. A consistent bad attitude leads to discouragement which this leads to hopelessness. This is why those with negative attitudes battle depression.

All he has to do is add a dash of 'self-pity' to set rotten attitude in concrete, making it a permanent part of their lives. It won't be long before those with a bad attitude also develop a "chip in their shoulder." All this is VERY heavy to carry around!

So what do you do if you have a rotten attitude? How do you change?

### **PRAYER**

Ask the Lord forgiveness for taking control of your life and adopting Satan's attitude rather than His. Pray for His help daily in making a moment by moment choice to choose to be like Christ in all situations.

Psalms 51:10 would be a great scripture to memorize and pray. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

### **TRUST GOD**

Trust Him not only to help you develop a sweet Christ-like attitude, but also to take care of the circumstances and aggravations that 'push your buttons'. That also means trusting Him to do what He says and follow

**("What You Get," cont on pg 7)**

# New Generation Actively Involved In The Lord's Incredible Plan

April, 2023 Newsletter

This is a report from Christ for this month

God is good! We're thankful for all that He does and we never want to fail to praise Him and give Him glory for what He does in and through our church!

Much of the ministry the Lord allows us to be a part of continues to be outside the four walls of our church.

For example, I had the opportunity to present the gospel at Church in the Park during the Good Friday service with three decisions for Christ! And they came to church on Sunday morning for Easter!

And just this Friday evening I presented the gospel again during the devotion before the ChiP service with another young man, Aaron that came forward during the invitation. Praise God!

Please pray for effective follow up and discipleship efforts, because we want to make disciples and not just converts!

The Noble cause has begun. Steve and I have been knocking doors here and so far we have knocked on 36 doors, made 23 contacts, shared the gospel once, and found six people that may be interested in a Bible study in Noble.

It's a start but there's much more work to be done!

An exciting opportunity is taking place on April 29. A "Fill the Stadium" evangelistic concert will take place at Oklahoma Memorial stadium where they expect the entire stadium to be filled with young people that will hear a presentation of the gospel! Praise God!

I'm signed up as a volunteer to follow up with decisions that have been made for Christ and to invite them to church!

Please pray that as a result of this event, God will fill up the bible believing churches in Norman, including ours! This

event truly is an answer to a prayer I have been praying for many years now, that God would fill up the stadium with worshipers of Jesus instead of just OU football fans and the answer to that prayer has finally come! Hallelujah!!

Lastly, we want to thank the Lord and praise Him for miraculously protecting Steve and Lynn and their property during the tornadoes that touched down in Cole, OK this past week, causing much destruction, and even lost lives sadly.

We have all seen pictures of these storms that have caused us to stand in awe of the wonder and power of God,

leading us to not only be thankful for His love and blessings, but also have a healthy respect and fear of Him, and give Him the worship He deserves as the Almighty Creator and Sustainer of the universe! Amen.

We appreciate your continued support in our ministry. Thanks!

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**Summer 2023**

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**DANIEL SPRINGS**

**June 5 - 8 Stand Firm Camp in West Texas\*\***

**June 14 - 17 GMA National Camp**

**June 18 - 21 Combo Student Camp**

**June 18 - 21 Combo PreTeen Camp**

**July 9 - 12 Pre-Teen Camp**

**July 16 - 19 Ark-La-Tex Camp**

**July 23 - 26 Student Camp**

**Camp prices for camps held at Daniel Springs in Gary have increased this year.**

**Regular registration is \$165 per attendee. Late registration is \$200 per attendee.**

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# CBC Hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala

Central Baptist College hosted its fourth annual Scholarship Gala on March 28. The black-tie optional event featured keynote speaker, Harry Miller, and was held at the Conway Expo Center.

The proceeds of the event benefit student scholarships, and Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow announced \$1,085,208 had been raised through event sponsorships and private donations.

The theme of the event was "Fearless Faith" and the program focused on the mission and ministry of Central Baptist College which is "the integration of Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment."

The emcee for the night was Yalanda Merrell, Director of Audience Engagement at Lifeword.

Following the opening prayer by Dr. Larry Henderson, Central Baptist College Chaplain and Therapist, guests were served a three-course meal by CBC

Dining Services, under the direction of Chef Billie Rodriguez.

The highlight of the evening was an interview with Harry Miller facilitated by Yalanda Merrell. Harry is an Ohio State student who announced last year that he was medically retiring from football due to declining mental health.

Harry shared his amazing testimony of living through times of deep depression and thoughts of suicide. When he medically retired from football, he said people would say, "What's wrong with Harry?"

He was at the height of his football career, NFL agents were recruiting him, and he was a 4.0 Mechanical Engineering major.

On the outside, he seemed to have it all together. On the inside, however, he was falling apart.

Miller talked about how God has worked in his life over the past year bringing him to the realization, "I have a

story that must be told." He was asked about what a "hero" looks like to him. His response, "Kids have all these posters of these athletes who are big and muscular and in these beautiful poses that make them look strong and powerful.

I'd like to see a poster of Michael Jordan sitting on the curb crying." He said, "That's the kind of hero I want." At the end of the interview, Harry received a standing ovation from the over 400 attendees of the Gala.

The Central Baptist College Fine Arts department provided the entertainment. The Central Baptist College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jim Turner sang Fearless Faith. Words were written by Christine Harris, wife of alumnus David Harris, and the musical score was written by Mr. Jim Turner, Assistant Professor of Music.

In his announcement of the \$1,085,208 total that had been raised through this event for student scholarships, President Kimbrow acknowledged 57 event sponsors, and many additional individuals and businesses who made contributions towards the total.

"I am beyond grateful for the generosity of so many," said President Kimbrow. "The Central Baptist College Board of Trustees, businesses, not only in Conway, but across the state of Arkansas, and other individuals who are such faithful supporters of Central Baptist College all came together to make this an unforgettable night for the support of Christian Higher Education."

Contributions are still being accepted. To contribute visit [cbc.edu/gala](http://cbc.edu/gala) and complete the online giving form. Checks may be mailed to

**Central Baptist College**  
1501 College Avenue  
Conway, AR 72034

with "2023 Scholarship Gala" on the memo line of the check.

For more information contact Amy Reed, Director of Development at [areed@cbc.edu](mailto:areed@cbc.edu) or 501-205-8934.



# "That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"I Shoulda Been..."

Lately, I find myself wondering more and more about more and more things. I recently was privileged to listen to a country western radio station.

The song being played was, "I Shoulda Been a Cowboy," or whatever the official name is.

As I listened to it I found myself wondering, "Who in the world would want to be a cowboy?" At least a cowboy in the truest sense.

When I was growing up I was raised on a farm. Although it wasn't a ranch we had cows and a couple of horses. Usually we walked to the back part of the pasture to drive the cows to the barn.

When they were scattered and we were able to catch the horses, we might ride out to "round up the cows." But usually it was just easier to go get the cows and leave the horses to do what they did best, to eat and sleep.

I helped our neighbor once in roping, branding and doing things that made steers out of bulls. I don't recall it being very glamorous.

As I thought about movie cowboys and the lifestyle depicted in those, I wondered where the screen writers and movie producers got their ideas of what a cowboy actually did.

My cousin was a true cowboy. He worked on a large ranch, and from what he told me, it was much the same as what we did, only a lot more of it. They fixed a lot of fences, dug a lot of post holes, chopped a lot of wood, dug a lot of ditches, pulled steers and cattle out of mud holes, and delivered a lot of calves.

Even though I never broke a horse as he did, it didn't sound all that exciting or desirable for me.

On the ranch where he worked they even had pigs that need tending and

eggs to be gathered. (Where do the movie producers think the cowboys got their bacon and eggs?)

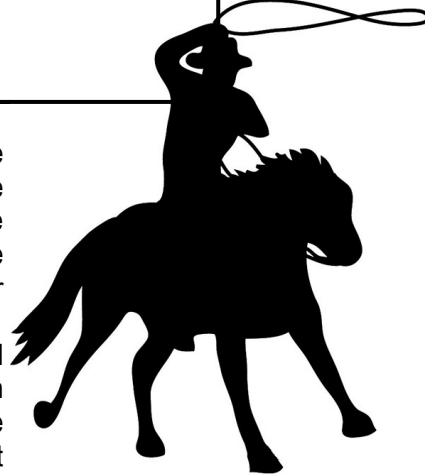
My cousin carried a rifle with him on his horse, but he only used it to shoot snakes, coyotes and varmints. When he went to town it was to buy ranch supplies and he would have been fired had he gone into the saloon to wash the dust out of his gizzard.

Most of the cowboys didn't have any more money than we did and if they wanted to eat, they wouldn't waste their money in a saloon.

If the one singing, "I Shoulda Been a Cowboy," really wanted to be a cowboy of the old west, he probably should go sign on at a modern day ranch. He would probably find it was a lot of hard work with very little glamour, just as it

was in the old west.

He would probably change his tune to "I shoulda been anything BUT a cowboy."



With the modern day headlines we've all probably wanted to sing, "I shoulda been born a hundred years ago." However, I doubt I would be any happier in an any other era than this one, because they had problems we certainly don't have to contend with.

I remember paying a nickel for a very large Baby Ruth candy bar when I was a boy. I would sure like to be able to do that again. But I also remember I got paid a penny a bale for hauling hay. So I had to haul five 50 to 80 pound bales for that candy bar.

I think most of us need to learn the lesson the Apostle Paul wrote about in Philippians 4:11.

"I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content."

Maybe the singer "shoulda been a cowboy," but he's not, he's a singer. He and the rest of us need to serve God whatever our occupation.



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eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan. We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet.

We are determined to take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind. “

(Notice that all countries will be involved. This will be forced compliance. Also, this will be collective, which is another way of saying this will be socialism.)

## Peace

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.”

(The Bible teaches us that there will be no peace outside of the Lord Jesus

Christ. Sustainable development and government can never substitute for what Jesus does for us.)

We resolve, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources.

We resolve also to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.”

(There is a movement to weaken prosperity and marginalize success. The Bible tells us in Matthew 26:11, “For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.” We will never be able to completely eliminate poverty until the Lord returns.)

## Our world today

We are meeting at a time of immense challenges to sustainable development. Billions of our citizens continue to live in

poverty and are denied a life of dignity.

There are rising inequalities within and among countries. There are enormous disparities of opportunity, wealth and power.” (America must give up its prosperity.)

“Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time and its adverse impacts undermine the ability of all countries to achieve sustainable development.”

(They are using the guise of climate change to justify the taking of our rights. They must create a reason to justify their actions, and the false narrative of man-made climate change does just that.)

We recognize the positive contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development. We also recognize that international migration is a multi-dimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which requires coherent and comprehensive responses.

We will cooperate internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants regardless of migration status, of refugees and of displaced persons.

(The UN wants us to have a one world society, and individuality is not conducive to their plans.)

When we search the scriptures, we see the unfolding of biblical prophecies. Current events were foretold thousands of years ago, and we will not change biblical prophecies.

We must remember that God is in control, and we must never relinquish to others what belongs to God alone. Government is not God, and we must strive to keep government in its place, so that God can be in his.

I serve only one Lord and Savior, and it is not the government. God has given to us certain unalienable rights and we must remain good stewards of these rights.

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His ways in spite of what is happening around you. He will take care of you. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

## GRATITUDE

Instead of looking at what’s wrong, choose to look for all the things that are right. You may even need to write them down and keep a gratitude journal. Look at the what you do have, not what you don’t. Each day decide. “I am going to have an attitude of gratitude no matter what happens or others choose to do. I will thank and praise the Lord!”

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:17

## MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

I don’t mean totally alienate yourselves from others (although your bad attitude may have already accomplished this!). Continue to care and pray for them.

If you find you’re being critical turn it inward and examine yourself. Are they doing wrong? Pray for them! Do they part their hair on the opposite side you

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do? Let it go! Do they let their kids eat too much junk food? Take care of your own kid’s diet! Churches would have a lot fewer problems if members would stick to “fixing” themselves and concentrate on encouraging and praising others.

“And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;”  
1 Thessalonians 4:11

## WATCH WHAT YOU THINK

This is where an attitude problem starts. We don’t bring our thoughts into captivity to see “WHO” they are coming from. Then we latch onto one, dwell on it, run it over and over through our mind and before you know it we’re all in a tizzy. Be careful who’s directing your thinking!

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 2:5

If we are alert we will KNOW who’s guiding our thoughts. Philippians 4:8 is forever the golden standard for our thought lives.

## SHUT YOUR MOUTH

Don’t be like a babbling brook and pour out whatever comes up! If your thoughts have run away and then you open your mouth and speak them, your attitude is going to take a dive for the worse and so will the ones of those around you.

If you’re working on changing your attitude, Psalms 39:1a, is a great memory verse/prayer.

“Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, . . .”

An out of control mouth fuels a bad attitude. Shut the mouth, tame the attitude!

Now to maintain your good attitude keep James 3:17 as a checklist to use.

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”

I like what Jerry always tells the kids, “You get what you get and you don’t throw a fit!”

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## State Youth Camp

June 5-9, 2023  
Binger, OK

## Summer Kids Camp

June 19-23, 2023

Binger, OK

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## re:Charge Leader's Oasis

October 4-6, 2023

Oklahoma City

## BMAO Annual Meeting

October 2023

New Heights, OKC

(Dates will be announced soon)



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