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**“He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”**

**Luke 1:16–17**

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“What John the Baptist did for Israel, Advent can do for us. Don’t let Christmas find you unprepared. I mean spiritually unprepared. Its joy and impact will be so much greater if you are ready!

So, that you might be prepared . . .

First, meditate on the fact that we need a Savior. Christmas is an indictment before it becomes a delight. “Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). If you don’t need a Savior, you don’t need Christmas. Christmas will not have its intended effect until we feel desperately the need for a Savior. Let these short Advent meditations help awaken in you a bittersweet sense of need for the Savior.

Second, engage in sober self-examination. Advent is to Christmas what Lent is to Easter. “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23–24). Let every heart prepare his room . . . by cleaning house.

Third, build God-centered anticipation and expectancy into your home — especially for the children. If you are excited about Christ, they will be too. If you can only make Christmas exciting with material things, how will the children get a thirst for God? Bend the efforts of your imagination to make the wonder of the King’s arrival visible for the children.

Fourth, be much in the Scriptures, and memorize the great passages! “Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:29)! Gather ’round that fire this Advent season. It is warm. It is sparkling with colors of grace. It is healing for a thousand hurts. It is light for dark nights.” -John Piper

*Devotional excerpted from [“Prepare the Way of the Lord!”](#)*

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## 2024 Fundraiser

November 16th, we had our annual Forgotten Ministries Fundraiser. The all day, come-and-go event was held at the Forgotten Ministries Center in Enid, Oklahoma. We were prepared to give tours to all the attendees as well as give a presentation on the direction God is leading us and the testimonies of how He's been using us this past year. Specifically, we wanted to present our new grocery ministry area within the Forgotten facility.

We know that God brought the perfect group of people to the fundraiser. He has brought people who not only financially support what God is doing in our ministry, but who firmly believe in it too.

We want to thank all of our sponsors, not only those who attended the fundraiser, but those who give online and have given by mail as well. We hope that we can portray even a fraction of the impact that your sponsorship makes not just in the Enid community, but in communities across the United States. Your sponsorship keeps the lights on in our facility, helps us to create tools for other churches to use to reach their own communities, keep our mobile trucks and trailers going out into the local communities, feed hundreds of thousands of people each year, and so much more. Since we are not a government funded ministry, we wouldn't be able to do any of this without our generous sponsors. Thank you for what you do, we can't say it enough.

We are still working towards our financial goal to keep running our ministry in 2025, if you would like to help us reach our goal or become a monthly giver, you can give online through our website or mail a check to 1714 S 4th ST, Enid, OK 73701. Thank you all!



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## Divide & Conquer Conference

Forgotten Ministries had it's first annual Divide & Conquer Conference. This is not your typical missions conference, but one specific to people we have met over the years who have the same heart and mind for reaching the lost. We wanted to connect these people with each other so that we can come together and reach more people with the Gospel across the nation. 50 people came from 7 different states for 3 days of encouragement, connecting, brainstorming, and recharging. About 30 people stayed in our mission housing. We had three main sessions and two different breakout sessions. The attendees enjoyed the time with other like-minded individuals and felt that the conference was overall beneficial to them. We are already looking forward to our next conference in the future!



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# Bridging Hunger Partnership

Alongside Bridging Hunger in Tulsa, Oklahoma, we are able to package grocery bags and then bring some back to Enid, as well as other pallets of food, and give them out to people in our community. Whether it's at our park outreach at Don Haskins Park on Tuesday night, or in an apartment complex, or in a neighborhood, we are able to use the grocery bags as a bridge for the Gospel!

Info from Bridging Hunger:

## FACT SHEET WHO WE ARE

Bridging Hunger was founded in 2017 by Rod and Gloria Baker, who have over 30 years of experience ministering in low-income urban areas, children's ministry, and foreign missions.

## OUR MISSION

Bridging Hunger exists to WIN SOULS. There is only 1 requirement that Bridging Hunger has established and it is that The Gospel must be shared with every community or individual that receives food from our organization. People must be fed Spiritually before being fed physically. The Bible says we are to be "Fishers of Men" and the food we provide to people is just a tool we use to draw people in. The food and Hope we offer also serves as a "bridge" that meaningfully connects the local church to the hungry and hurting people in their communities who need Discipleship by being at the frontlines of making sure every child, parent, and grandparent has been introduced to Jesus and has food on their table.



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# Thanksgiving Outreach

Partnering with Your Family Church, we were able to serve a full Thanksgiving meal to the guests at Don Haskins Park. We advertised the special meal earlier that day and had a really great turnout of people, even in the bitter cold. Folks gathered together at tables and benches and an outdoor heater to enjoy their delicious meal. There was also a turkey raffle where they had the chance to take home a turkey for their families. They also had the opportunity to get free clothing from the Clothing truck! As many people go through loneliness and pain during the holidays, we are thankful to be able to spread the love of Jesus and also provide for their physical needs during these times. Sometimes, a simple conversation can turn someone's whole day, week, or life around!



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# Volunteer Opportunities

We would love to invite you to get involved! We welcome volunteers to almost anything that we do and we will continue to keep you updated on how you can help!

On Tuesdays December 10th and 17th at 6:00, we will be having our last park outreaches of the year. The 17th is our Christmas event where we will be handing out gifts to kids as well. It's at Don Haskins park by St Mary's hospital in Enid. We serve food, give out free clothing, preach a message, and pray and talk with people. You are welcome to come and help serve and minister to others!

On December 12th from 4pm-6pm at the Forgotten Ministries center, we will be having a gift-wrapping event. We have about 1,000 gifts to wrap for our upcoming Christmas outreaches. Come individually or with a group!

We're also accepting tape, wrapping paper, and gift label donations!

Please contact Autumn with any questions: 918-344-9638

