

RIPPLES

INDIGENOUS ARTIFACT CONTEST



The pandemic had an effect on the Indigenous Artifact Contest the past few years.

Making a comeback this year the contest has been an outlet for the creative and artistic of IFC campers.

Judges will look for use of materials:

Native or IFC inspired, authenticity.

All ages welcome to enter! The rules are: All entries will be judged in one category, materials used for art must be found in camp.

WRITERS STRIKE AT SPLASHES/ SPLASHES LIVE

Splashes staff, Ripple Moles, and Splashes Live have joined the picket lines as the actor's and writer's strike continues. Splash negotiations began two months ago without seeing any results even when the actors joined the line.

WARNING: If you see any videos or read any articles during the week at IFC, it may be AI generated. It was reported one individual was contemplating crossing the line to assist with Sunday's edition, "Scab! Scab!", was heard in the five person picket line. Negotiations continue.



THE CHALLENGE

All churches are encouraged to participate in as many special activities, events, and volunteer opportunities as possible. By participating, churches receive points and the Top 10 churches at the end of week will receive a prize. Tally sheets will be available starting Sunday evening.

LEADERS/SPONSOR MTG

Please have at least one church leader or sponsor stay for a brief meeting immediately following the Sunday evening service. Please gather in the front center section

MORNING DEVOTIONS

In your IFC Program, you will find a series of devotions. Please make use of them each morning, either personally or with your cabin group. They are meant to encourage us to seek God with our whole heart.

6:30pm PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

6:45pm WORSHIP
(Please have your church all sit together)
Evening worship
Children's church
Nursery

10:00pm DEVOTIONS
All campers in cabin

11:00pm LITES OUT

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A CAMP FULL OF VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Indian Falls Creek 2023! Your Board of Directors has been praying and planning throughout the last year in hope that your life will be impacted toward greater faith in the Lord.

The IFC Board Directors all volunteer their time throughout the year to program, organize and enact camp each year. Serving alongside one another provides opportunities for fellowship, friendship, and partnerships in other ministries. We need your help this week.

In our twenties, my twin sister and I decided we would try to participate in every area of camp we could think of. We were ushers, choir members, security, rec helpers and players, helped teach preschoolers, drove carts to pick up elders, . . . It was sometimes difficult, but we had fun. We met people of all ages, had new and fun experiences, and learned a lot.

As young adults, we were searching for a way to be part of IFC as we grew into adulthood. Our young adults today can also feel a bit out of place — no longer youth but not ready to be with the older adults. We both tend to be reserved so having something to do made this an ideal way to interact with others and have a great purpose.

I want to encourage and challenge each camper to find a place to volunteer. You have skills to hone and develop. It is a great opportunity for you to meet new people and experience camp in a innovative way. Also, you will help IFC be a blessed experience for others.

My own time of volunteerism led me to eventually serve on the IFC Board of Directors. The opportunities for using how God has gifted you, building ministry skills, learning to organize, and cultivating leadership servanthood are endless. It may not lead you there, but I do hope you will consider that as well.

**Dr. Jennifer Barnett, Chairperson,
IFC Board of Directors**

get
involved
unteer

IFC is proud to announce the list of new classes added to the 2023 line-up. Below are a list of classes and professors.

- LEARNING TO BRAID II: For Thinning or Thick Course Hair
Christine Fleming
- MOTIVATING THE UNMOTIVATED: Revamping the invitation
Marvin Delaware
- BEANS, FRYBREAD, LOINCLOTH: Parallel Evangelism of John the Baptist
Willie Fish
- WHO'S THE CHIEF? Building Leaders in Today's Native Churches
Randy Colbert
- MASTERING THE PLATTITUDE: Build a Repertoire of On-the-Spot Quips
Pat Petsemoie
- CHURCH JANITOR BURNOUT: Self-Care in the Midst of Decay
Dylan Mateo
- Hiding Your Spirit Animal in Today's NexGen World
Jordan Parnacher
- CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND: a Weighty Exegete
Vern Charette
- CREOLE CREEK: Understanding Today's Vernacular of Creek and Spanglish Street Slang
Jennifer Barnett

launching
NEW
CLASSES!

CLASSIFIEDS

Pastor Search

Central Baptist Church is a Native American Baptist church located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We are currently seeing a bi-vocational or full-time pastor due to the retirement of our current pastor. We are a Southern Baptist Church affiliated with the Oklahoma Baptists and Metro Baptist Network.

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THE TIME IS NOW!!

"You are a sleeping giant, the original American. You are now awakening. Just around the corner, you may become a spiritual superpower in this country that could change not only America but the world." -**Billy Graham, 1975, speaking to a group of Native American leaders in Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Billy Graham was a powerful man of God. He traveled the world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He encountered many different people groups and cultures.

Across the United States he experienced the entire melting pot of people groups who make up our country. I believe it is safe to say that Billy Graham was used by the hand of God to

win countless souls. I believe it is also safe to say that he was able to discern the movement of God.

In 1975 he met with Native American leaders in Albuquerque, New Mexico and shared his vision for our people. He called us a "sleeping giant." He recognized that the Holy Spirit was stirring in Indian country. He sensed an awakening. So much so that he noted the potential for our people to become a "spiritual superpower."

He noted that we have the potential to not just change America, but the world. That was 48 years ago. Our country and the world still waits for this giant to awaken from its slumber.

I BELIEVE THE TIME IS NOW.

I believe Indian Falls Creek has the potential

to be the epicenter of this awakening. Throughout the week I will be writing about three spiritual elements that are necessary as we seek to stir the giant. Those three elements are:

1. **Personal Revival: Repentance-Word-Prayer-Obedience**
2. **Personal Engagement: Get in the Game**
3. **Personal Sacrifice: Die to Self**

By the end of the week we will have a decision to make. Will we talk about being a sleeping giant again at Indian Falls Creek 2024 or will we be celebrating the first steps of a stirred giant that has already begun to change our country and the world?

-Mike Keahbone

UPCOMING

SUNDAY NIGHT TRIBAL SINGING
PAWNEE, KIOWA, NAVAJO

MONDAY MORNING SPEAKER
MICHAEL COOPER



BLOOD DRIVE & HEALTH FAIR

**August 1st & 2nd
Tabernacle
North Lobby
8:30am - 3:30pm**



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- Prayer Walk Warriors
- Watermelon Eating
- Bible Drill/Kool-Aid
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Fishing Derby



01

- Prayer Walk Warriors
- Veterans Recognition
- Adult Cornhole/Selfie Scavenger
- Blood/Health Fair
- Golf/Volleyball/Girls Basketball
- Horseshoes/Kickball

02

- Pastor Reception
- Hot & Sweaty/Talent Show
- Frybread/Meat Pie Contest
- Mission Fair
- Gospel Singing
- Native Link Celebration
- Blood Drive/Health Fair
- Boys Basketball
- Pastor/Deacon Mushball
- Volleyball/Horseshoe Softball/Mushball

03

- Prayer Walk Warriors
- Backyard Olympics
- Mission Fair
- Annual Business Mtg
- Mr & Miss IFC
- Pastor/Deacons Mushball
- Baptism Services
- Softball/Mushball

NATIVE AMERICAN LINK CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Twenty-five years has gone by so fast! Many people think that our ministry is all Native Praise Choir because we are invited to sing in so many church and tribal events. Our ministry expands far beyond singing our tribal hymns.

LINK conducts VBS each summer, hosts retreats, provides Christian training events, assists women and men seminary students, and provide backpacks and school supplies to our Native school children, and donate clothing or needed items to men and women shelters, pregnancy centers, and MORE! Best of all is the camaraderie, sisterhood, and friendships created through Christian women working together.

Early in the LINK ministry, Willene Pierce, founding Executive Director/Treasurer, worked with Bill Barnett and began serving as the LINK representative on the Indian Falls Creek Board. From that point on, LINK has provided women's class sessions yearly at IFC to meet the needs of our Native women here at camp.

We continue to support Woman's Missionary Union as foundational in our ministry, while implementing the annual theme of IFC. Our Native Praise Choir is invited to sing annually in the Wednesday evening service. We also honor our Pastors' Wives yearly at IFC with a special celebration time during the week.

Join us in our LINK celebration to be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 2 at the Ada Lodge. We will share displays highlighting the history, pictures, and memorabilia of our ministry. We have a commemorative gift for the first 200 attendees, as well as refreshments. Special guests attending will be Dr. Todd Fisher, Executive Director/Treasurer of OK Baptists, Dr. Emerson Falls, OK Baptists Native American Partner, Chris Wall, OK Baptists President, Sandy Wisdom-Martin, National WMU Director, Amy Cordova, OK Women's Ministry/Missions Partner, and Julie Busler, OK WMU President.

**Augusta (Gus) Smith Executive Director
The Native American LINK**



NATIVE PRAISE CHOIR CDs AVAILABLE

The Native Praise Choir has their first and second CDs available in the IFC Office and at the Ada Lodge – \$10 each or both for \$15. Purchases provide funds for a summer choir tour and 3rd CD recording in 2024 (25th Anniversary). CDs make wonderful gifts and include Choctaw, Cherokee, and Muscogee tribal languages.

Camp Pastor Fun Facts

This year will be year 23 for me.

Lyndsey has only missed one year of IFC her whole life, that would have been 2021. This will be 36 years for her.

-Josh Leadingfox

SPLASHES SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit content for consideration, the deadline is 10 pm the previous evening. Submission does not guarantee use, and editorial privilege is exercised. Submissions can be left in the Splashes box in the IFC Program Office.