

Chapel Crew decides chapel theme, schedule

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As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end at Oklahoma Baptist University, campus organizations have the responsibility of electing new leadership. One such organization is the university student chapel crew.

"Chapel crew is chosen by the current chapel crew co-chairs," said Kolby Yarbrough, junior chapel co-chair and OBU communications major.

"We receive names from different individuals and from other ministry leaders on our campus."

Chapel crew has the responsibility of planning all of the student-led chapels. Because of chapel crew's important role, faculty members recommend students to the chapel crew co-chairs.

"They give us names based on character, leadership and engagement in the community," Yarbrough said.

"The students must be a self-proclaimed Christian. We reach out to these recommended individuals, meet them, get to know them and ask if they are interested in being a part of Chapel Crew. We personally invite them on-board."

Yarbrough explained that it was quite an honor to be asked to be on chapel crew. He said that he was able to learn all about being chapel co-chair because his older brother was the co-chair directly before him.

"My current role is called chapel co-chair," Yarbrough said. "I am basically a co-captain or co-leader with another individual. My role is to help facilitate other chapel crew leaders into figuring out how we can better shepherd our campus."

Chapel crew currently contains 15 students. However, Yarbrough specified that the number of members vary each semester.

"Chapel crew has a major part of deciding the logistics for the student led



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Pictured left to right, Chapel Crew includes: Casey Howsden, Blake Randolph, Addison Elledge, Lutoria McDaniel, Jacob Mayfield, Tanner Roberts, Kolby Yarbrough, Graeson Griffin, Cherish Roberts, Deericka Givings, Davis Simmons

chapels," Yarbrough said. "We help to choose who speaks for Wednesday chapel roughly three years in advance."

Many students are aware of the role of chapel crew; however, most OBU students remain unaware of the specifics behind that role and how students are chosen to serve.

"Chapel crew is really behind the scenes and no one really knows how the crew is

chosen," said Mary Criner, an OBU junior marketing major. "Do they apply for the positions?"

Criner spoke on how chapel services were thematic; however, she said that theme may sometimes be forgotten as the year continues.

"Towards the beginning people understand that [chapel crew] are behind the scheduling of speakers and the theme top-

ics. However, towards the end [of the semester] people forget that there even is a theme for chapel." Yarbrough explained that chapel crew did, in fact, have a vision for chapel services.

"Chapel crews vision," said Yarbrough, "for OBU's chapel is to ultimately facilitate a place that allows for people to meet with God."

Investigating lying as act of perception or sin



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Many consider "white lies" to be neither absolute truth or falsehood, but a "gray area" in between.

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The first lie I remember telling was in first grade.

I was waiting in line behind my best friend Miranda at the water fountain.

I was thirsty. She was taking too long.

I pinched Miranda and made her cry.

Miranda blamed Demi. Demi told the teacher it was me.

I lied and said it wasn't. Demi got swats.

I got a drink of water.

I did feel bad when Demi took my punishment, but not for long.

Since the first grade, the lying has continued, but only white lies like "Yes, you do look great in that dress" and "I was just kidding."

However, here lately, the lying has picked up again, particularly with strangers.

Recently, a telemarketer called my phone offering a security system service.

The man on the line was clearly a non-native English speaker so I decided to have a little fun.

I told him I was thirty-seven years old and that I thought he was offering an ice-cream service.

I made up a story and later laughed about my dishonesty.

In short, I have had many life instances like this one.

Since college, I have learned how to understand and pinpoint exactly why certain people irritate me.

Here lately, I have grown accustomed to verbalizing, sarcastically, my distaste.

Of course, much of my willingness to be open to others has to do with my place in life: a senior in college about to leave most of these people behind.

Nevertheless, after I have spoken a vile question or comment to another person and I assess their hurt and shocked reaction, I immediately reply with a lie: "I was just kidding."

When I finally sat and thought thoroughly about my lying (or honest) behavior, the first question I asked myself was "Why do I lie?" and the second question I asked was "What happens when I lie?"

I lie to protect myself. At the core of lying is fear.

I fear how the truth will be perceived by others. If I have done something that might offend someone else, I lie so they don't have a chance to react.

If someone makes me angry, I may not tell them the truth about how I feel about them in fear that they will respond harshly and/or slander my name.

I lie because it is socially appropriate. It is not socially acceptable to be completely honest with people if it may hurt them and their reputation.

If my best friend asks me if she looks fat in a dress and she does look fat in the dress, I lie because I don't want to hurt her feelings.

I lie because life is boring. So sometimes I laugh to relieve boredom. Laughing is one of my top three favorite activities.

When a ten-year-old stranger asks me and my best friend if we are sisters, I will say yes.

I say yes because by the end of the conversation with my new ten-year-old friend, I will have a funny story to tell.

I lie to alter perceptions.

Perception altering is a slippery slope on which to be standing: a small lie that simply twists the truth about how others

think of me is deceptive.

If I, or anyone else for that matter, doesn't watch it, eventually these types of lies become reality.

Of course, if you go to an interview you aren't going to air out all of your dirty laundry.

The type of lies I am talking about are the ones you tell to protect your heart from being known.

We long to be accepted so we create in ourselves what we believe others will like and accept in us.

As a result, we don't allow ourselves to be 100 percent our true self.

In not being who we truly are, we are consistently dissatisfied with who we are and with our place in life.

Satan is referred to in the Bible as the great deceiver and as the father of lies.

Satan's ultimate goal on earth is to shift perceptions.

In this shifted perception about the world we aren't free to be our true selves because our true selves do not fit in Satan's version of life.

Comedian and author Kelly Oxford said that "everything is perfect when you are liar."

To an extent I agree. We as humans are disgusting sinners.

If we focus on this truth we are bound to be depressed.

The greatest matter concerning this whole lying business is that whether you lie to make people laugh or lie because you are afraid to be vulnerable, there is one Truth that trumps every lie.

As well, there is one Truth that trumps the truth of how flawed we are.

Our faulty selves have been justified through faith in Jesus Christ and we have been made righteous.

We can stand, without burden, in that truth.