



## “BEAUTIFUL FEET FOR THE GOSPEL”

With Isaiah 52:7 as our emphasis, 165 Native women came from throughout northeast Oklahoma and beyond to attend the LINK Women’s Conference on April 2, 2022, held at Southeast Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Native American LINK Executive Board worked diligently to provide a well-organized, meaningful experience for all who attended. Board Member Priscilla Arneecher (Cherokee) served as coordinator of planning sessions and moderated the conference. Norma Lee (Choctaw), LINK Board Secretary, shared the theme interpretation. Whitney Reed (Seminole-Muscogee) Native Praise Choir Member led the praise and worship. Donna Drew (Seminole) and a registered nurse brought an enlightening session, titled, “Good Health for the Gospel,” promoting physical and spiritual readiness. Rev. Jay Mule (Choctaw), Director of Missions for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Baptist Association brought the message, “Going to the Harvest Field.” Augusta Smith (Muscogee-Seminole) Executive Director of Native American LINK, shared “Steps to Effective Spiritual Leadership” in an afternoon session. Our final speaker was Rich Schaus, Executive Director of the Gospel Rescue Mission in Muskogee brought the Missions Emphasis. As a ministry project, the conferees brought specified items of new clothing that was distributed to the Gospel Rescue Mission, enough to fill the back of a pickup truck! Offering was taken to assist in bringing a conference to Western Oklahoma in the near future. All in all, 50 Oklahoma Baptist Churches and 19 tribal nations were represented. The conference was well-received with great fellowship among all the attendees. Our prayer is that our women will be encouraged and equipped to share the Gospel message to Native communities with effectiveness.

*“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” “*  
Isaiah 52:7 CSB

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**In 2023, The Native American LINK, Inc. will celebrate 25 years of ministry!**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS RETURN TO CHURCHES & INDIAN CAMPS

Several native churches reported hosting VBS for the first time in two years. Also, Indian family camps held VBS during their camp weeks. LINK assisted with the Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Family Camp. Alabama Baptists conducted VBS at the Chickasaw-Choctaw Family Camp at Kiamichi Baptist Assembly. The Muscogee/Seminole and Wichita Baptist Assembly held VBS for their camp, also. Native Stone Baptist Church, Sapulpa held their very first VBS since being established as an organized church. The Cherokee Baptist Association hosted Family Camp, creating their own lessons and materials. We are glad to see our camps reconvening.

## Mr. & Miss Indian Falls Creek 2022 Named

Kaiden Harjo was named Mr. Indian Falls Creek. He is Chickasaw/Choctaw/Seminole/Muscogee Creek, and a member of Ada First Indian Baptist Church. Kaiden is oldest of three children, and a sophomore at Latta High School, where he is actively involved in the debate team with the Latta DECA program.

Rachel Scott of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Little Axe, was named Miss Indian Falls Creek. She is Chickasaw/Choctaw/Muscogee Creek/Seminole. A recent graduate of Little Axe High School, Rachel was involved in many school organizations. She is a cancer survivor, vocal soloist, artist, and is honored to serve as Miss Indian OKC. She will attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

Both are open to invitations from churches to share testimonies of their faith.



Meet Patricia Brown, our newest Native American LINK member of the Executive Board. Patricia has been actively involved in LINK activities for many years. She

is Absentee Shawnee/Sac and Fox,/Seminole, and is an asset to her church, Earlsboro Indian Baptist Church. In this picture, you see her teaching 6th grade students in VBS at the Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Family Camp 2022. A teacher by profession, we welcome Patricia!



## **NATIVE PRAISE CHOIR UPDATES:**

**08/27—Practice  
@Keener, Hulbert**

**09/10-Thessalonian  
Gospel Singing, Red  
Oak**

**09/17-OK Ind Evang  
Conference, Central,  
OKC**

**09/24-Practice  
@Steeley Springs,  
Tahlequah**

**10/11-Pott/Lincoln  
Association Meeting  
Trinity, Wellston**

**10/14-15 CHOIR RE-  
TREAT @KBA, Tali-  
hina**

**11/04-Celebration of  
the Bible, OKC**

**11/18-SW Christian  
Academy, Little  
Rock AR**

**December Christ-  
mas Concert?  
Maybe**

**Choir Christmas  
Party? DEFINITELY!**

## **From the Director:**

As we emerged from months of isolation, getting back together, then halting again from surges in the virus, we finally came to a place when we had to move forward, trusting God. Yes, Mike & I got a mild case of COVID in June, but we were fully vaccinated & boosted, so after receiving medication, felt great after three days. Our summer has been full, including three VBS sessions, Western OK camp, & preparation for the ministries we offer at Indian Falls Creek Baptist Assembly. Thank you, VBS workers! It was so wonderful to return to IFC, after a 2-yr hiatus, due to the pandemic. We maintained a registration for our Bible Study & Skill Sessions of 100! Thank you, Marisue Rowe for the excellent Bible Study! Thank you, Julie Busler, Rachel Scott, Tashina Wilson, & Emmitt Mckenzie for sharing your heart in testimonies. Participants came ready to take in all the blessings of IFC. My sister, Pinky, did an excellent job of presenting three days of crafts for ladies. Shirley Falls & her team once again went all out to give the Pastors' Wives the celebration they deserve. The Native Praise Choir came, 28 strong, ready to sing for the Lord! It takes a lot of work to make sure that we do our very best for the Lord. We exist on having many volunteers, willing to go the extra mile, to see that things run smoothly. I especially want to thank some of our LINK Executive Board members, who never left me stranded to do everything myself. Thank you, Priscilla Arneecher, Ruth Walker, Elsie Little, Suzanne Russell (& daughter, Cindy), Patricia Brown, & Mike Smith. Martha Johnson is always faithful to help in the missions office, & Christine Fleming handles IFC transportation duties. It's been a wonderful summer!

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- PRAY** for us to follow God’s heart for our LINK ministry
- PRAY** for our Executive Board as we make plans for a Western OK Women’s Conference and as we plan for a 25th Anniversary of LINK in 2023.
- PRAY** for the Native Praise Choir to be covered with God’s protective hand and that we will sing hymns with worship in our hearts.
- PRAY** for our Native churches. Pray for our pastorless churches.