

West FLORIDA BAPTIST News

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. H. H. Strickland
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I send you warm greetings in the Name of our loving Lord:
The spring semester is underway and by the time you receive this report, we will be nearing the middle of the semester.

The enrollment is up this semester and we are truly thankful for all who have chosen to be a part of West Florida Baptist Institute.

We have welcomed a new instructor to the staff and he is already in class and doing a great job. Dr. Shane Turner was with us for a while and then he moved to the Houston area. He is back in Pensacola and he is back with us. He has proven to be a tremendous asset to the school, the students and to me. We were having some problems with the catalogue regarding the new programs and he was able to identify and make the corrections. We are very hopeful that it will be met for approval.

I have recently returned from a CPCA meeting in Orlando. It was a great and informative meeting. The lectures and discussion mainly focused on the new presentation of "Certification." WFBI is now waiting for our acceptance into the new program. We had already achieved a level five under the old system but things are really different with the new certification. The new certification has the same requirements that accreditation has accepted, we do not receive nor dispense title-four funding. Once a school accepts this funding, the DOE can take over the school. We do not have any desire to go down that road. However, we do think that the new Certification will help our student and their degrees more acceptable.

The finances of the school are down this month. Churches chose to support many different projects and schools are one of them. However, when the support is dropped, the school has little reserve resources to absorb the loss. However, we serve a great God and the school is still operating. No programs have been cut nor have there been any salaries lost.

As churches continue to close and some are getting smaller, their resources are also affected. I ask you to remember all of us in your prayers. It is often easy to criticize what

someone else is doing but never willing to come to the aid and help. Everyone has heard the old saying that a lie or half true will go around the world before the truth even gets started. If anyone has a question regarding the operation of the school, I simply ask that you allow me the opportunity to come and meet with you.

Plans are being made for the annual "Founders Day Celebration." The goal is \$3,000.00. However, the date has not been set nor the speaker chosen. I would encourage everyone to log onto the website and see the post later this month. It will be there by the time *wfbi* news is delivered.

Plans are also being made for "Graduation 2020!" We have on schedule, a first for this ministry. Barring nothing unusual happening, we will have the first black student to write his dissertation for his Doctorate in Theology. This will be a special event for our students as well as the students.

This is the impact and the progress the school has made in our community. We praise the Lord for all that has been done.

May the Lord bless you all as we serve Him together.

**FOUNDERS DAY
CELEBRATION
GOAL: \$3000.00**

From a
Woman's Point
 of View



By: **Loretta Pritchett**
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Clearing Away The Clutter

Recently I decided to clean out my house with unwanted items. I never knew there was so many things to get rid of.

Decluttering one's house is a job which requires someone who can actually throw things away, give away or sell. I have a problem with doing that. So I started with the office to rid myself of unwanted books that someone else might enjoy reading.

The first book I picked up was the last gift that my husband had given me on Mother's Day 2012, one month before he passed away. I couldn't throw that out and never will. So I decided to stop and read my book instead of decluttering..

The book was entitled "Chicken Soup For The Soul" a book of Devotional Stories for Women. I opened it up to my book mark that marked my last reading and discovered the title for that reading was "Clearing Away The Clutter." Wow!

It was an article about a lady who's husband asked her why she had so many books and couldn't she throw them out, and her reply was "then why don't you clean out and throw away stuff in the garage?"

This of course led to her article telling us we should think about decluttering our own homes and not judge others over their clutter.

What caught my eye was the name of the article, and how I had made a decision to clean out my own house that day.

The Lord works His plans for us to happen when we least expect them. God knew I was struggling over going through the things in our home that reminded me of the time my husband and I spent together, 37 years.

Right now after June 28th, it will be 8 years since he passed away. I have been struggling on going through all the things I have collected over the years from parents, grandparents and of course with our time spent together.

It is a rough time for me as not only do I have the items I had with my precious Lee, I also have the things from my step-son who also passed in 2018 and left his belongings here with me.

I keep saying how can I do this, I need to hold on to things that are special for me and items from both of them.

However, I keep putting the Lord aside and not letting Him work out his plan for me. I need to just let go and not dwell on "things" and let Him handle everything.

The Scripture for this article was Exodus 20:4 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:"

This means to me don't let anything cloud your mind and take "things" to be more important than God. So my prayer for you is to take a lesson from me and the 4th commandment of God, don't hold on to "Things" that seem to cloud your mind and take yours eyes off God."

Don't make an idle of "Things" in your decluttering more important then letting The Lord control your life.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Philosophy of Religion

The Problem of Fundamentalism

"The term "Fundamentalism" in its Protestant context has been associated with the doctrinal views which constituted the essence of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century. Generally speaking, the term still designates a Christian position in

which the dominate theological emphases of that period are of major importance."

This is the manner in which the idea of Fundamentalism begins in the dissertation by Mr. Wells.

I am sure that those who are involved in the "Fundamentalist" movement of today would not agree with the above assessment. However, in the study of the origin of Fundamentalism it was often referred to in light of the Protestant Reformation.

It is recalled that in the introduction to the Study of Fundamentalism, the question was asked whether it was a matter of Fundamentalism or "Old Protestantism?" The answer would probably be much different depending upon who was asked or giving the answer.

In some churches, the matter of fundamentalism is associated only with the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures. It has come to identify a certain fellowship of churches. Many times, one can see the term "fundamental." on church signs,

Also, the question has been asked regarding this subject, "Did fundamental Baptist belief begin with the Protestant Reformation?" This is what most Catholic writings would have one to understand.

The next question would then be, "Did the doctrines that many fundamentalists hold to begin with the Protestant Reformation?" Again, it is going to determine which group of people are answering the question.

The term fundamentalism should not be an offensive term nor should it necessitate the wrong connotation or application. All Bible believing people should hold to the fundamental doctrines which are taught in the Scriptures. These doctrines should not be associated with the Protestant Reformation in any manner.

It must be observed that, a great number of the churches, or men, who actually produced the Protestant Reformation did not even believe in many of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. In fact, many of those who came out of the Catholic Church retained most of the perverted doctrines of the Catholic Church. Some were alter but the teaching was relatively the same.

We must know that there were many groups of people and churches who have never compromised the fundamental



David Gonnella, Th.

Pastors – Take Note!

We are happy to announce the return of Dr. Shane Turner to the faculty of our seminary. That by itself, is good news. However, there are two special ways that his return to us can benefit pastors.

Dr. Turner is in charge of developing and implementing our online seminary courses. He already has one course ready to take and will add more courses every semester until the full list of courses is available online. This adds a long-distance reach to our excellent residence program.

For pastors who have not been to seminary, because you are at a long distance from us, this affords the ability to pursue your Bachelor's Degree in Theology or Bible without leaving your ministry. You can take our courses at your own pace – as many or as few as your schedule allows.

Perhaps you have your Bachelor's Degree but desire to add to your education. However, distance from a good Bible-believing seminary has been a barrier to you. Now you can

earn other degrees in Theology and Bible, or Master of Divinity. Again, you can take it at your own pace. You are not locked into a class schedule that is not convenient for you.

Is counseling a weakness in your ministry? We can help. Earn your Master's of Divinity Degree in Counseling online.

Do you have a man called into the ministry at our church? Instead of sending him away he and his family can stay in your church and serve the Lord until he completes his seminary training.

Do you have a Christian school at your church? You certainly have Sunday School teachers. Both can profit from our Christian Education courses, and if they wish can earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degrees in Christian Education.

So you can see that our new online program expands our ability to serve you and your ability to access seminary training for yourself and the members of your church. It all begins by calling our seminary office.

CrossChurch - Baptist of Loveland

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CrossChurch - Baptist of Loveland is seeking to partner with a pastor and/or youth minister and his family to assist in a church replant. This is a progressive work in a booming metropolitan area of northern Colorado: Loveland, Fort Collins and Windsor. The church facility was created with a coffee house comfort that matches the Colorado culture. Please check out our website and social media for more information and photos. www.crosschurchloveland.com - Facebook: CrossChurch of Loveland

Instagram: @CrossChurch Loveland

If interested in applying for this position, please upload a cover letter and resume to Crosschurch@yahoo.com

*Salary covers housing and utilities

Kirk Parnell

First Missionary Baptist Church of Salem, Arkansas

Please remember the First Missionary Baptist Church of Salem, Arkansas (ABA) as she begins the search for the pastor, which God has prepared to lead her. She, said good bye to her pastor, Eld. Leon Graves, after his battle with cancer. He was her Missionary and then Pastor for a total of 42 years. Salem is located in North Central Arkansas, between Mountain Home and Hardy. Any comments or questions can be addressed to Jerry Crosby (Deacon), phone #870-368-7958.

doctrines of the Scriptures. Even the name "Baptist" can be traced for beyond the Protestant Reformation.

It should not be an issue as to the term "Fundamentalism" but rather what is meant by its use. If one is using the term to mean they

adhere to the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures, then that is fine. However, those who have no concept of these fundamental doctrines, then they certainly would have a far different use of the term.



“WHAT THE LIVING GOD DESIRES FOR HIS PEOPLE”

TEXT: Deut. 5:1-33

A. Describe the setting (Deut 5:1-6)

1 And Moses called all Israel , and said unto them, Hear, O Israel , the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the work of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

6 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt , from the house of bondage.”

B. Review the Ten Commandments (vs. 7-21)

I. The Living God Desires For His People - “A HUNGRY HEART”!

A. God’s children should have a heart to hear “ALL THAT THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL SAY” (v. 27a)

B. God’s children should have a heart ready to commit itself to “HEAR IT” and “DO IT”! (v. 27c).

II. The Living God Desires For His People - “A FEARFUL HEART”!

A. God’s rebellious children should fear for their lives “WHY SHOULD WE DIE”? (v. 25)

B. God’s rebellious children should be afraid to stand before God by themselves. We need a “Mediator”! “GO THOU NEAR AND HEAR ... SPEAK UNTO US ... (v. 27)

III. The Living God Desires For His People - “AN OBEDIENT HEART”!

A. God’s children should be committed to knowing the commandments: “We have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and He liveth”. (v. 24b)

B. God’s children should be persistent “AND KEEP ALL MY COMMANDMENTS ALWAYS.” (29c)

IV. The Living God Desires For His Children - A BLESSED HEART!

A. God’s obedient children deserve a blessing “THAT IT MIGHT BE WELL WITH THEM ALWAYS.” (v.29)

B. God’s children carry the blessings to the next generation: “... THEIR CHILDREN FOR EVER.” (v. 30)

V. The Living God Desires For His Children - AN APPRECIATIVE HEART.

A. God wants His people to assemble for instructions: “*And Moses called all Israel , and said unto them, ... “.* (Deut 5:1)

B. God impresses upon His ministers’ hearts to preach His commandments: “GO SAY TO THEM” again and again and again.

VI. FINAL THOUGHTS:

A. The Living God has spoken His commandments.

B. The Living God has given us reason to fear.

C. The Living God calls for repentance,

D. The Living God calls for faith.

E. The Living God calls for converts and commitments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenwood News

Ray Meigs, Director

Winter Jam 2020 was a great success. We hosted 179 young people and adults for a weekend of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

The theme this year was A Truth 4 All Generations. @ Bro. Jonathan Smith from Arlington, TX did an outstanding job presenting the Word. He emphasized that God's truth has never changed. He also challenged all who attended to pass that truth to the next generation.

Bro. Roger Taylor from Madison, MS was the director of Winter Jam and did an outstanding job of organizing and leading the group. Thank you Bro. Roger!

The most important thing that happened at Winter Jam was that three young people gave their lives to Christ at this event.

Winter Jam has become an annual event that is one of the highlights of the year. Make plans now to attend next year's Winter Jam. Keep looking at the *Glenwood News* or our website (www.gleneoodbyc.com).

Construction News: During the off season we concentrated on a number of building projects. Let me update you on some of them.

1. We are replacing the ceiling tile and light fixtures in the tabernacle. Also, plans have been made to upgrade our sound and video capability. This is an expensive project and will be done as funds and manpower are available. Projected costs: \$15,000 - \$20,000.

2. We need to install a fence around the sewer treatment plant and repair the fence around the pool area. Bids have already come in. Projected costs: \$3,800.

3. Mattress Mania and Bed project continues. All the boys' dorms have new wooden bunks and new mattresses. The girl's dorms have new wooden single beds for sponsors and about 15 bunks are being built as this report is being written. Bunks can be built for approximately \$100.00 each and mattresses are about \$75.00 each. Projected cost to complete the project: \$21,000.00.

Marsh Road Baptist Church

Woodbridge, VA

Billy Shepherd, Pastor

Marsh Road Baptist Church, 1514 Old Marsh Road, Woodbridge, VA 22191 is seeking a man of God to serve as Associate Pastor with Pastor Billy Shepherd, from within the fellowship of the American Baptist Association. If God leads you to consider this field, you may contact Pastor Billy Shepherd at 703.402.9305.

Missionary Baptist Church of San Antonio, TX

Brethren:

On 14 June 2019, the Lord called our pastor Steve Duffitt home. It was sudden and a loss to his wife, Mary, his family and the Church. We know God has our new pastor picked out and we just need to align our will with His will. To that end, Missionary Baptist Church of San Antonio would appreciate you placing a notice in the next edition of your publication.

Seeking our new Pastor: Missionary Baptist Church of San Antonio is in need of an under shepherd because our pastor of 19+ years, Steve Duffitt, was called home to be with the Lord. We seek the man God has already chosen for us. The church is small, with 24 members and not able to financially fully support a man, so the man of God would need to have another income to supplement what the church can afford at this time. This man of God would need believe the Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God, agree with the church doctrinal statement and church covenant. If you believe God is calling you to San Antonio, Texas please contact Rod Garrett @ 210.627.59.88 or igarrett42@satx.rr.com

Missionary Needed

The Tri-County Association, located in East Texas is seeking a missionary for an effort in establishing a new church in Lindale, TX . Sanderson Chicken Farms is building an operation in the area that will bring in 1,700 new jobs. University Baptist Church in Tyler, TX, Bro. Don Britton Pastor, is the sponsoring church. The Tri-County Association is made up of five churches and all of them are supporting this effort. Contacts: Phone: 1-903-566-4384; e-mail: donaldbritton75@yahoo.com.



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Missions*
Roger Stewart

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

SELLERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$1,560,811.26
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$71,285.28
Foreign & National Salaries	\$65,779.80
Designated	\$39,267.04
Undesignated	\$15,359.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$191,691.76
BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE	\$1,752,503.02
DISBURSEMENTS	
Interstate Salaries	\$84,118.80
Foreign Salaries	\$22,690.60
National Salaries	\$24,339.20
Designated	\$37,631.04
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$11,956.19
General Office	\$1,986.56
Postage	\$553.90
Automobile Expense	\$77.11
Sec/Treasurer Exp	\$749.09
Total Office	\$17,273.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$182,604.31
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$1,569,898.71
Surplus for September	\$9,087.45)

2020 Missionary Recommendation Forms are now available via an email from the Missions' Office or on the website (abaptist.org) under MISSIONS and, then, REPORTS and from the American Baptist Association – Missions Page on Facebook.

All recommendation forms are **due in the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions' Office by April 24, 2020**. Hardcopies are available upon request.

News: What an honor and humbling

privilege it is for me to report on the 2019 Thanksgiving Mission Offering. While we may not reach the \$300,000 goal since the offerings have slowed, we have reached quite a milestone with \$250,507.20 received to date for this special offering. These funds will help ensure the recommended missionaries will be paid in full each month. Please allow me, on behalf of each of us here in the Missions' Office and all the missionaries, to extend to all 290 churches and/or individuals from the United States, Japan, Philippines, Mexico and Costa Rica a hearty "thank you" for your willingness and faithfulness to give!

Names: I want to especially thank Pastor Rogelio Pacheco of the Iglesia Bautista Misionera en Cuautitan, Mexico, and Pastors Ruben and Jorge Moreno – Seminary in La Quebrada, Mexico – (all of which is in the Mexico City metro area) for their kind invitations allowing me to speak at the Mexico City Seminary and the *Congress of the Shepherds* which convened at the church in Cuautitlan. Gena and I enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship with the brethren and their families.

Numbers: For the first month of 2020 the recommended missionaries reported **499 professions of faith** and **26 baptisms** which brings our totals since the ABA Meeting last June to **4335 professions of faith** and **325 baptisms**. *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His Holy name!*

Needs: At the **2020 Messenger Meeting of the Churches of the American Baptist Association** in Springfield, Missouri, we are asking ALL missionaries present to sign-in [for their region of the world] on Tuesday morning during the Missionary Committee (10:00 AM – 11:30 AM) for the Wednesday night *Missions Presentation*. Missionaries who plan to attend are asked to bring their country or state flag, if possible; otherwise flags will be provided.

Notes: In last month's report I listed an old landline telephone number for Pastor Dewey Owen at Landmark MBC in Pine Mountain,

GA. The correct number for reaching Bro. Owen, in the event your church might consider helping their missionary with medical expenses, is 706.566.5906.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Colombia Baptist News
James Gage, Missionary

WORKING TOGETHER IN THE LORD'S WORK: We want to share this vision with you, praying that you will participate in this ministry. The task is colossal, and we need your help. We seek your support, not only with your prayers and financial assistance, but we are especially praying that God will send laborers into this abundant harvest. May He lay this ministry upon your hearts to go with us and share in the work.

Today we stand upon the threshold of a Great and Challenging door of opportunity. In Revelation 3:8 where Jesus is speaking to the church of Philadelphia, he says, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it,"

Monterrey, Colombia, S.A.
Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary

We had good attendance with 1 profession of faith in Christ and many visitors in the Christmas services in Monterrey B.M.. We give glory to God for the spiritual results. Picture 3 is Quiroga MBC celebrating their 24th anniversary. We thank God for his work that is built on Christ. Pastor Placido is encouraging the church to not fear and be faithful in his service. Isaiah 41:10 and Colosians 3:16. I continue to do likewise with Fusa B.M. I preached to them Dec 29th and I visited Bro. Jaider who had surgery. I witnessed to his parents about Jesus and they made professions of faith in Christ. Glory to God! In April 2020, Pastor Ledford from Florida MBC and the secretary of the ABA will visit

the mission work in Colombia. While they are here, we are going to establish Fusa B.M. and Monterrey M.B. as churches. We invite Pastor H.H. Strickland or any of West Florida to be with us. Pastor H.H. Strickland has had a great important part in Colombian mission work. Glory to God for Pastor H.H. Strickland & family for all you do in Colombian mission work.

Colombian Missions

Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary

Thank God, my health is improving every day. I continue having medical controls and exams every month. I continue appreciate very much all your prayers in favor of my health and the Lord's work in Colombia.

PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION: Several members came back from vacation and several others still traveling, please pray for them.

I had the opportunity to preach three services same day, last week. In the morning, at Peniel, at the evening, 2:30PM, preached at the funeral home, one brother of Bro. Luis Joya passed away, please pray for Bro. Luis and his family, about 70 catholic people listened the Gospel of Jesus Christ and two people made profession of faith. Amen. And again at 5:00PM I preached the Mission Rally service at the Emanuel BC. It was a very exhausting, busy and blessed day. I thank God for giving me the strength to hold a full day of blessings.

COLOMBIA THEOLOGICAL BAPTIST INSTITUTE: Will start classes the second week in April, please help us to pray that this year will be the best ever.

Colombia has 50 million people, 80% Roman catholic. There are only 15 churches and missions from our fellowship in the hole country. Please pray for more men called to preach to get prepared to serve the Lord.

Tithes and offerings were over \$1,750,000 (USD \$670.00). The Mission is giving \$50.00 to the missionary, \$35.00 to Santa Marta BM, \$25 to Bosa BM and \$15.00 to the ABA.

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Darrell Roberton, Missionary

As many of you know, I've just returned from a six-month visit to the states. While there I informed the churches on the political condition in Bolivia and asked of you to pray

for the problems they face. In October, they had elections and that turned into twenty-one days of riots, many were killed but the leadership resigned because they could not get support from the military or the police. The travel ban was lifted and I returned December 6th as scheduled. A temporary Government has been formed until elections can take place. The new elections are scheduled to take place in March. Please pray they don't have a repeat of the last election. The bad that came out of it all was division that affects the church here. The attendance is high but closeness of the members is damaged, just not like they were when I left. I'm slowly trying to bring them back together. It will take time and prayer.

While in the states, I also had health issues attended too. The most urgent was my ears and another problem, I can't spell or pronounce it, so simply put it's called muscle wasting. Both have been greatly improved. The doctor has offered me a good discount if I return for more treatments. He believes this will help me to a full recovery. I also have some dental attention needed. Four to six weeks will complete these treatments. I hope and pray I will be able to do this late summer.

The time I got to spend with the churches was the cream of the visit to the states. All of you were gracious beyond the call of duty. I told many of you about being good to stray dog! He may never want to leave. That's just how I felt. I went to the national meeting, visited churches I've never been too before and some I haven't been to for years and you that know me well. Thank all of you for loving me and the Lord's work.

Special Needs: All of your prayers to continue for the churches here and Bolivia's political condition.

Help retiring medical debt now at \$10,600.00. Thank all of you that have given to help.

I would like to get a lap top for the mission's needs only.

Help with the next trip for medical treatment.

South Pacific Missions

Walt Emry, Missionary

It is interesting how, when you go to a field, you think you'll be in one place and end up in another. In 2018, when we first went to the

field, we thought we would be working in the Solomon Islands, but the Lord led us to serve in the island nation of Vanuatu. We spent the last year working with the churches on the island of Efate (EE-Fot-Tay). The highlights were two Bible Conferences, and a Youth Conference that were held, as well as a prison ministry that was started and continues as I am in the states. We had the opportunity of seeing people saved, lives changed and I had the honor of baptizing a number of people.

We made and passed out at least a thousand tracts, gave out hundreds of books of John and Romans, learned to speak Bislama, had babies named after both of us, attended funerals, weddings, and house dedications and had one trip to the hospital while in the Solomon Islands, and was able to travel to two different islands to survey the need for teaching and church planting. We had our struggles and it has been amazing to see how God has taken care of us.

Maggie's Health: Thank you for your prayers for Maggie! She has dealt with a lot of pain in her neck and back, but after going multiple times to an acupuncturist and a Chiropractor Praise The Lord! she has found relief!

Sending Church: It has been a great blessing being with our sending church these last few months. Getting to know them better and seeing new members come and join with us has been wonderful to see.

Argentina

Scott Maness, Missionary

Fruit from the Plaza: As you labor in the field, you never know where the fruit will come from. You only know that God is faithful and good and that we should keep sowing seed, planting, and watering. At the beginning of the month the bread vendor, Hugo, told me that he wanted to draw near to the Lord and His word this year. We were able to schedule and have our first private Bible study by the end of the month in a coffee shop next to the plaza. He is interested in meeting with me each Tuesday evening for a one on one Bible study. Please pray for him as we cover Salvation and Biblical basics! We have been able to have several other conversations with people in and around the plaza as well.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the

coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. James 5.7

Birthdays - an Opportunity to Share the Gospel: Not only Joanna, but several others over at the Wednesday Bible study at Marcelo's house, had birthdays. We used this time to have a special time of fellowship after the Bible study. Pray for the people in that neighborhood that many come to Christ and begin following his word. We are very thankful to have some friends like Marcelo. He has a genuine, humble desire to share Jesus with everybody.

Preparing Hymns for Trumpet and French Horn: One of the side projects this month was to prepare a sheet music version of the hymnals that we put together last year. My goal was to make a version for nontransposing instruments as well as one for Trumpet/ Clarinet and one for French Horn.

Mission SE Asia

Rusty Teer, Missionary

livin' lovin'": The 2019-nCoV virus is scary, but our Father is using it as a gateway to talk about the fear of death. My students asked me if we would flee Asia because of fear for our health (I have wanted to do that because of dangerous PM 2.5 already). I shared that as believers we don't desire death but are prepared to die if it is His time, but even more than being ready to die, believers are always ready to live and help, especially in times of crisis. This could be our crisis. Two of them professed to be believers already, and we explained to them how important love is to Christ, so important that He willingly sacrificed His life to prove His love and resurrected to prove He is God and has power over death, hell and the grave! His victory gives us confidence to launch out and lay everything on the line in faith and show love even in crisis.

It's wonderful to have a sending church that is willing to send our pastor and a pastor who is willing to sacrifice, even in uncertain times, to travel here to encourage and see first hand what the Lord is doing. It's his third trip. I rejoice that he is willing to jump right into the work and show love so naturally and freely as he does in the US.

Everyone here enjoys his visits!

We're so thankful that you pray daily and give monthly or as God allows. We can do nothing without Him.

Thailand

Danny Jones, Missionary

The Udon Thani Baptist Church hosted the 6th annual Thai-Lao Baptist Men's Retreat last month with a great turnout from churches all over Thailand and Laos. There were eight preaching sessions focused on I Tim. 3:4-5. I preached on being a godly father, mentor, and pastor. The ladies also had classes during the retreat. The church is growing with 18 professions of faith in December! One of the new families who joined the church has donated 10 rai (4 acres) of land in a town about 1 hour east with the hope that a new work will be established there. Pray for this great opportunity!

There are several of the full-time seminary students in Udon Thani who are going through a four-year Bible program. There are many more who are wanting to join, but we need a dormitory to house the students. Many come from different provinces and across the border in Laos, and need a place to stay while studying the Bible.

The local Thai church takes care of all the students' needs while they are living there and is not asking for financial assistance for the students. However, I am looking to raise \$20,000 to build a two-story dormitory that will house 60 students. The dorm will allow us to expand the school and reach more people for Christ by training and sending out pastors to go to places where we cannot go. Please consider helping us with this important project. I hope to break ground this year.

Vanuatu

Danny White, Missionary

The start of a new year and a new decade is always an exciting time and we are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us as a family and for His work in Vanuatu. We are making plans to open the Christian school at Imanaka on Tanna and also we would love to be able to make a trip to the States for deputation, however, as always this is in the Lord's hands, as we are caring for Danny's elderly parents. Please pray with us about

these plans, that the Lord will bring them to fruition.

We were pleased about the attendance at the new discipleship classes we held in December. The materials were printed in Bislama (pidgin English) - the national language of Vanuatu. After so many years, Danny is fluent in Bislama and can explain God's truths as well as the language allows. Danny also understands some of the local West Tanna language which is the villagers' first language and is mainly spoken only (not read). Vanuatu has 103 local languages in total over the 83 islands.

There are a number of young men and women who have attended the classes and we ask for your earnest prayers that the Lord will touch their hearts and give them the desire to continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of Him. Traditionally, from the age of 12, the youngmen go to the nakamal (meeting place) to help prepare the kava that is consumed each afternoon by many of the Tannese men. The boys chew the kava root before it is mixed with water and strained. It is a constant struggle to get themen to turn away fromthe kava drinking practice but with God's strength we know they can do it! Danny has also been training these young men in building skills and they have been learning over time and helping him working on the new storage shed and amenities block.

Spain

Daniel Estrada, Missionary

Jesus saves Jesus saves!!! There is a great joy on heaven. Horacio Rebolledo received the Lord while he and his family were staying in our home. It is a long story but, I will keep it short. God turned bad things into good things. Horacio was broken down by the Lord to the point he repented and got saved. God used Eloisa and my family, while I was gone. They received Horacio's family for three nights, and in that time they saw God's love, and Horacio came to know Jesus as his Savior. Now Horacio is growing in the Lord. Adriana his wife is rejoicing in the Lord. They as a family are faithfully attending church services, every Thurs-day and Sunday. Also, they have begun to have a discipleship every week. What a blessing they are to us. His wife Adria-na is already

saved, but not baptized yet. We are planning to baptize them together in the near future. Pray for this event.

TRIP TO XABIA... : We were blessed to be able to visit brother Hector and the church he is pastoring in Xabia, Valencia. It was a joyful and very productive trip. We taught and preached the Word of God. We got there Friday afternoon and, everyday, morning and night presented the Word of God. Please, pray for this work that is growing and for the Duran Family who are ministering there. The Lord willing, we are planning to come back and teach the leaders of that church. God is using us there too. Praise the Lord for new opportunities to serve God. They need the taught and we are glad to be used by God.

MORE GOOD NEWS... God allowed Oseas and I to receive our citizenship letters from the Spanish government. We are officially getting our citizenship March 3rd. God is amazing! We are still waiting for Emmely and Eloisa paperwork. Praise be to God for all that He has done and will do. Victory in Jesus.

Japanese

Shin Komoda, Missionary

REACHING UNBELIEVERS AT CHRISTMAS: December is a busy month to reach unbelievers with the Gospel, at the same time, as Christians, we would like to focus our attention to celebrate and rejoice for the birth and life of our Savior Jesus Christ. We have spread message of Christ with 4000 church news letters in our city. We are thankful to the Lord and all prayer partners of this mission work.

My wife and I visited our friends to invite their children to Children's Christmas program. The children were playing in the courtyard of the apartment complex. We spoke with their neighbors and invited them, too. So, we enjoyed precious moments of worship, crafts and refreshments. We personally shared the Gospel with their parents. Mr. s. Oniwa, a mother of two children, showed interest in studying the Bible. Pray she may begin her Bible study.

Tanzania

Livingstone Lambert, Missionary

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God continues

to do great things in Tanzania, and I am so thankful for His great love and for your prayers for us. My family and I are doing well. Angellah continues to work with the ladies in the church. Miracle has returned to Uganda to complete her schooling. She will be home once again in April and will start to teach English in the seminary. Comfort remains in Spain on scholarship and will be working on her doctorate soon. Please continue to pray for all of us?

Power Missionary Baptist mission work in Munguwatosha, Tanzania : This mission work began mid last year, and the location is five kilometers from Manderu. The people are very happy to receive the gospel there. Bro Jackson and the men from Manderu have been teaching and preaching to them. They began meeting together on a mat and are now meeting in the tent that has been erected on two and one half acres that was purchased. Munguwatosha pronounced moon-gu-watoo-sha, have named their mission work Zion. The people in this village are very poor but are so happy someone has loved them enough to bring them the gospel of Jesus Christ. The attendance continues to grow. It is so good to see people who once had no hope to now have hope as the light of the gospel is preached. Until now, only witchcraft and Islam have been practiced. Now they have the word of God. As with our other mission works, this mission work needs so many things, and we are praying God will help us. Of course they will need water and a building, but the most urgent need now is the need of a toilet facility. This facility will be a stand alone facility and will have a ladies section and a mens section. And although they have no water yet, it will be constructed using concrete and with flushable units Water will be carried until such time water is acquired. The cost is estimated at \$3297.00

Thailand

David Leak, Missionary

I've just finished up the classes on Baptism on Sunday afternoons at Antioch BC, here in Chiang Mai; actually, I found a good "stopping point", because of the necessity to begin getting ready to leave on February 18th for deputation/furlough in the US. It has been a great experience for me, & I'm so excited that I got to teach the Bible in Thai! Brent & I were talking recently, & he told me that now the next step is to stop relying on my notes as much & to begin to elaborate

apart from them more so. I did that while I was teaching the SS Class last December 22nd; a bit that is, but it's another difficult hurdle to overcome as I progress in my Thai abilities. During one of the prayer times between SS School & Worship, I asked for prayer from the men that my Thai will begin to progress even more rapidly. Please keep this as a matter of prayer on my behalf; thank you!

As I make all the last minute arrangements to leave; I'd also like to let everyone know that some of my expenses will continue here. Because of all the belongings that I have, & the fact that there's not a storage facility on nearly every corner here in Thailand, I've determined it best to keep my room here at M&D Mansion; yes... I live in a Mansion^o, OK; just kidding. The room rent is very reasonable, the staff is very trustworthy, & the building is quite secure; which makes it ideal for me upon this return to the US to continue to rent the room. It will also make it easier upon my return to have a room already in place. I will also be paying the internet, because of a contract that they require each time I have to change the location of the service; which out of necessity I've done 3 times since returning to Chiang Mai from Ubon. I just want to let each of you know that the financial reports will reflect these fees on a continuing basis while I'm away from Thailand; thus another reason that I want to try & get back ASAP. I must be back @ the least by the middle of November this year in order to renew my Work Permit in December, & the Visa renewal in February of next year. I ask everyone to please pray that the Lord will provide the necessary appointments & increased support to enable me to do so without having to return to the US for further deputation after that.

Some good financial news is that I will be going through the Heart to Heart Foundation for my Visa & Work Permit later this year. The fee will be significantly lower; I'll report on more of that later, but it's such a blessing! The Church Secretary here @ Antioch BC; Khun Tim, will be taking the place of the company that I've been using since I first came to Thailand. I praise the Lord for this relief financially! Please continue to pray as well, because the exchange rate remains a major issue each time I access funds from the US. Thank you!

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs, Sr. Director

THE FIRST THING: January report is late due to me being in Erlanger Hospital for seven days. The result was they had to put in a pacemaker and defibrillator. I am restricted on doing any lifting and have to be very careful of lifting my arm due to the surgery.

THE SECOND THING: I want to Thank all the churches who gave special love offering for myself and my wife for Christmas. Thank you very much.

THE THIRD THING: Thanks to Hopewell Baptist in Cunningham, TN for the \$500.00 love gift for Bibles we were able to purchase 60 KJV Red Letter Edition.

THE FOURTH THING:

Detention Center-Miami, FL

Metro-West DC-Miami, FL

Turner-Guilford CC-Miami, FL

We were able to give out 3600 Bro. Dennis Dills booklets, 400 of Basic Fundamental for the Christian, 400 of The Bible Doctrine of Sin and the Sinner, 200 English Bibles and 144 Spanish Bibles. Long State Prison of Ludowici, GA

We shipped 40 KJV Bibles. Mayo Correctional Inst.- Mayo, FL

We shipped 196 KJV Bibles and 96 Spanish. Also shipped 100 English enrollment courses and 100 Spanish enrollment courses.

THE FIFTH THING:

STATISTICS

Studies Courses 243

Bibles 595

New students 25

Birthday Cards 1

Saved 2

Large Print Bibles 2

Bible Dictionaries 0

Study Bibles 1

Missionary Ambassador Ministries

Christopher Cartwright, Missionary Pastor

New Study Series Recorded and Book Translated: I humbly thank the Lord for the

progress being made on the Study Series being done. I am still overwhelmed at how the Lord is using the series, "Turning the World Upside Down," in different areas of the world. The Lord has certainly blessed this outreach in a mighty way.

We keep receiving testimonies from pastors and others about how the Lord is using the series, especially in East Africa. So far, the digital downloads of the 14 recorded messages I preached have been sent to people in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and even in Nigeria and Ghana.

So far, as of this writing, 1,299 people have been saved since 10/27, and that is 1,299 and counting because many more are hearing the Word in different parts of Kenya. We praise God for faithful pastors and workers sharing the life-changing message of the Gospel to hungry souls. Also, a few churches have been planted in Kenya because of the use of the Study Series.

On December 12, 2019, I started putting the Study Series into print and it was completed on January 3, 2020 as a book under the same name as the study series of recordings. Right now, I am looking for someone to publish the book. However, it is available for digital download in MS Word format. Some of the pastors had been wanting to have notes on the messages, so I sent them the book by digital download through email and Facebook chat. The response has been overwhelming. With in the past two weeks, a few of the pastors have offered to translate the book in some of the languages of Kenya in order that more people will be saved. Pastor John Nyabuto Matera of the Moticho Baptist Worship Center in Kisii County has gotten together up to 18 brethren to translate the book into Swahili (or Kiswahili) nas Ekegusii (also known as Kisii), and they have started on January 21, and will be done by the end of February. Pastor Jacob Akhonya of the Kapleachkoro Bible Baptist Church in Kapenguria is translating the book with other Baptist pastors and brethren in the area into the Pokot language.

Pastor Jacob has also told me that he will distribute the book and he and the other pastors will teach classes first, and then after classes are done, then they will meet to translate the book into Pokot language.

Also, Pastor Stephen Kawa of Africa Inland Church of Eldoret in Turkana County has started a group on January 26 translating the book into the Turkana language., and I found out as I am writing this report that Pastor Jared Okoth is going to translate the book into the Luo language from Redemptive Blood Church in Muhuru Bay in Migori County. With these translations being done, some of the pastors have also offered to have the book published there in Kenya to potentially reach and impact millions with the Gospel. What an opportunity to give out the Gospel in East Africa. We praise God for this opportunity and please pray for the pastors and their groups that all translating will be done right and that many souls will be saved.

Church Plant

Chuck Fernandez, Missionary

The early New Testament Churches were powerful Churches for many good reasons. They were going, growing, sending and always on the move. We have purposed in our hearts and have asked God to help us be like His early Churches. We pray He will give us strength to keep going when many are falling by the wayside and will not go. We also pray he will give the increase and we will grow for His honor and glory. So we continue to pray and continue to go by faith believing that God will give the increase in His time. In order to facilitate future growth we stepped out by faith this last year and purchased a used Modular to free up more room in our small sanctuary and to facilitate continued growth in our youth program. We want to be good stewards with what God has blessed us with and this temporary building is the final step to maximize the use of our current location. As you can see from the (above and below) pics, the new building is already a blessing to the Church plant. In addition to providing a large room for Jr. Church and Youth activities, the new modular also serves as a fellowship hall. We dedicated the modular at our annual Fall Festival Outreach program.

God is working in the lives of many men from many different countries behind the barbed wire fences at Cross City Correctional Institution. Not only are some getting saved but some are being trained to preach the

gospel to their own Nation upon their release. For example, we have seen men from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Ecuador and Columbia released after years of teaching and training to become ambassadors for Christ in their home land.

We are also still in the process of training one of these men to return to the prison as a Missionary. These captive audiences are some of the greatest opportunities to preach the gospel to a receptive crowd and some will believe. While the Prison Ministry involves leaving your comfort zone there are great blessings to be found.

The Prison Ministry is not the only area of our ministry which is bearing much fruit. The end of 2019 brought in a renewed spirit for soul winning through Saturday visitation. You will find Terry and I out in the highways and hedges each and every Saturday trying to reach the lost and encourage the saved to be faithful to the Lord. During the last month of 2019, our Saturday visitation team grew to seven. Its not easy work, but it is a blessed work that is driven by our love and obedience to Christ and a burden for the lost.

Please pray for us as we need another van to start another route in 2020. If your Church has one sitting and wants to get rid of it, email me at missionaryfernandez@gmail.com.

Youth Camp 2019 (BELOW) was our first as a new Church plant. We took twenty five campers to Florida Baptist Encampment and had a great week with our youth. Due to our mission work in Kenya/Uganda, Terry and I had not been to camp in almost fifteen years but it brought back great memories of the past to see our kids getting saved and making commitments to the Lord.

We have seen twenty two professions of faith over the course of 2019 through various ministries and outreaches. Ten of them have followed Christ in scriptural baptism and we are continuing the discipleship process of many. 119 was our record high in attendance for a special promotional outreach. In addition to the Church plant activities, I'm still a Missionary on designated funds which necessitates Terry and I traveling on deputation appointments, ABA Meetings as well as preaching appointments for revivals and missions conferences. Add in our regularly scheduled trips to Kenya and Uganda and we have a busy busy life burning

for Christ. We might burn out some day but at least we won't rust out from sitting still. We could not do all that we are doing without a group of faithful servants who come alongside Terry and I to fulfill the Great Commission. God's grace has been great upon us and we thank Him for our ministry partners who are faithfully holding the rope. Thank you for allowing us to share what God has done in 2019. We pray you have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

TWO GREY HILLS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rusty Denny: Missionary Pastor

The Lord has been working at Two Grey Hills this month! As you can see in the above pictures on the left and right, we are cleaning the floors getting ready for the concrete to be sanded and sealed. (The middle picture is a couple of our young ladies, Riley and Linda singing a special!) We are also working upstairs cleaning the floors getting ready for the carpet and vinyl plank to be installed. We are blessed to have Texas Mission Builders to build our cabinets and vanities. We have some that are willing to install the kitchen cabinets also. We are still waiting on the electric to be hooked up but expect to see the crew drive up any day now! Once we get electric we can finish installing the thermostats and get the AC and heat going which will allow us to turn on the water. Hopefully by the time you see me at the ABA meeting in June I will be able to tell you we are in the building!

Our attendance is picking up some. We have 2 ladies that have started coming with their children and one man that lives near here is coming also. This is what it is all about! We are excited to see the building coming along but it is only a tool to use in sharing the Gospel. It is a great tool that will do more than house our Sunday and Wednesday services. It will allow us to invite meetings to come and see what the Lord is doing in this area. It will give us a place to have churches come share the Gospel and have a place to stay without travelling 60 miles to a motel! The Lord expects great things to take place in Two Grey Hills!

RV FUND: The Lord is providing for this

need in a great way! I have found a fifth wheeler in Farmington that will serve our purpose. Although it is not a new one, it has been well maintained and is in excellent condition. It is on consignment at the dealership where I bought mine and the dealer is willing to take mine on in trade which helps tremendously! I have made a down payment and have until the First of March to pay the balance. I only need \$3,000.00 to finish paying for it and am confident that the Lord will provide. **In Luke 6:38 it states, "shall men give into your bosom"**. Whatever you can help with would be much appreciated. Should I receive any over the amount needed to pay the balance I plan to use what is left to change some things in the RV to make it more accessible for Sis Nora. I have found out that purchasing a RV is like a woman purchasing a pair of shoes. Once she gets the shoes she needs a new purse and then a new dress. Hope you get the picture!! PLEASE SEND ALL OFFERINGS FOR THE RV FUND TO: RUSTY DENNY, PO BOX 8046, NEWCOMB, N. M. 87455 and designate to RV FUND. Thank you and God bless for all you do!

Colorado Church Planting

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

January has been a good month of ministry. We are rejoicing over one soul saved this month and one first time visitor to our services. These may seem small, but they are victories that we are rejoicing over. This month, we have begun to see significant progress made with some of the individuals that we have been building relationships with. One man opened up about his hesitation to come to church. He still is not open to coming yet, but walls are beginning to come down. Another man opened up about his home life and the challenges that he is facing at home. As people open up, they are allowing walls to come down. As the walls come down, it gives us more opportunities to share God's love with them.

Our Lord is amazing. He continues to meet our needs in some of the most unlikely ways. This month we received news that one of our supporting churches would be redirecting their support. We are so thankful for all this church did for us, but it is never good news that your support is going to be reduced. In

spite of this, our Lord sent an unexpected offering from a sister church in New York. If I have learned anything on this field, it is that our Lord can always meet our needs. I may not know where the support is coming from, but I know that our Lord will not fail us. We are still in need of a little more monthly support for our housing needs. We are not far from the needed regularly monthly support. Join us in prayer for this. Any churches that would like to hear more are encouraged to contact us.

Twin Lakes Baptist Mission

Jerry Baker, Missionary

Living in a land of drought, we always welcome the moisture and have certainly had our share of it this month with approximate total snowfall thus far at 20" on the hillside where the church and parsonage are located.

Although the first couple of snowfalls are always beautiful to us, after shoveling several days in a row we become a bit tired of the chore! And, the end of winter on the Rez is still 3+ months away. It is not uncommon for us to have snow even in May! We do hope such will not be the case this year for there is much outdoor work needing to be accomplished on the building, around our home, and some needed improvements to the road. With most of our road being dirt, a major problem each winter is when the snows do begin to melt we experience extreme muddy conditions, oftentimes making the road impassable. The church drive and parking area even takes a beating. However, even with the snow and the mud we have only had to postpone Sunday services one week so far due to our road conditions.

The majority of our members do not have 4-wheel drive vehicles. Connie and I are thankful that in 2011 we purchased a 4-wheel drive truck which enables us to get to church, drive into town when needful, etc. You'll note in the photo below that we still have the tractor and you may wonder why we haven't cleared the road with it. Since it had not been used in over two years I was having difficulty getting it started. I finally checked the two batteries, both of which were dead, and purchased new ones.

When the next snow arrives I won't be shoveling the drive AND will also be able to clear the snow from the road!

Heritage Baptist Missions

Haleyville, AL

Allen Brerton, Missionary

It is always a blessing to receive a helping hand. In mission work, you learn early on not to refuse help when it is offered. Recently, we were offered just such a helping hand.

Magnolia Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Theodore, AL offered to send us a mailing list each month that listed new move-ins to our area. This is a tremendous blessing as it helps us to target our outreach in a more focused way.

We designed a postcard to send out to these new move-ins welcoming them to the neighborhood and inviting them to come be with us at Heritage. I have attached images of the front and back of this postcard for you to see. We are very excited to have this resource at our disposal and we hope that this helps us to reach a people group that we were previously unaware of.

We have many other outreach projects and ideas that we are excited about. You will be hearing of these in the coming months.

516missions

Ashley Johnston, Director

December began with a road trip to Sheridan, Indiana. I had the privilege of speaking at First Baptist Church about the mission trip opportunities for 2020. It was a sweet time of fellowship, and I appreciate the invite and the warm welcome. I was also invited to speak in Arkadelphia at the MBSF's Ascend service and share the opportunity of UMission:Flagstaff.

This mission experience for college students will be in June, and hopefully we'll get some students who want to serve in Arizona.

Speaking of Arizona, I spent a week with Shawn and Taylor Welchman to make the final preparations for our mission trip in June. We met with Northern Arizona University where the students will be housed as well as different volunteer organizations to set up ways to get into the community. I even got to be a part of the very first service of Flagstaff Family Church.

Please pray that God will open doors through UMission and our time spent in Flagstaff. I also love being plugged in at Pauline. They let me drive a bus for both the

college trip to Passion Conference and the Youth Beach Retreat in Gulf Shores. This is why 516Missions partners with local churches for our mission trips. It's about the church families growing and launching their members into the world to be the light of Christ.

Sterlington Mission

Sterlington, LA

Trey Emory, Missionary

The month of January has been a great start to this new year. Some of the visitors that came after our move have continued to attend services, and our people are excited to see what God is doing.

Fellowship: As we closed the month of December we had a unique opportunity to fellowship with our sending Church. We had a group from Promise Land come down for a chili supper and a time of singing. We had more than 60 people in our new location. It was not only a joy to have the fellowship, but also so encouraging for the members of Faith to see first hand the support we have from Promise Land. Also, this month I was able to attend the Bartholomew Association Meeting and day two of Lecture Week at Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary.

Thank You: In the midst of all the moving last month and getting everything accounted for I forgot to mention a thank you to Living Faith MBC in Fort Smith, Arkansas for helping us with some sound equipment for our new sanctuary. When it comes to our supporting churches, I can not begin to express how blessed we are. We are truly grateful for the ways God has used you all in the work here!

Pray: This month Faith met together on a Sunday night and set out some goals for the next six months. We would ask that you pray with us over these goals.

1. Pray for lost to be saved
2. Pray for individuals/families to join in our fellowship
3. Pray for a pianist or someone musically talented to join us (in order to lead worship)

EDITOR NOTE: I appreciate every mission report that is sent to be published in WFBI News, especially the interstate reports.

Thanks



Dean Grigsby

Business Manager Report

Have you ever thought about the difference between a question mark and an exclamation mark? They are very similar in construction, yet a little curve at the top makes the question mark a symbol of doubt rather than a sign of certainty that comes with an exclamation mark. When it comes to living for Christ, there seem to be many more people skilled in the use of the question mark than the exclamation mark.

There are no doubt times when we should be a questioning people. Our enemy is busy sowing seeds of lies and doubt. We must discern between truth and lies. In these last days, perilous times have come, God's Word is not popular, and many have fallen away, ashamed of the gospel message of Jesus. It is a time of chaos and confusion.

Yet, within all the chaos and confusion, the need for people of faith to be convicted and convinced of the truth has never been greater. We need to replace questioning reluctance with sincere and dedicated Christian love and service. Until our family, friends and neighbors accept the fundamental truths of God's Word, they are in for miserable and often tragic days. They need to see that we ... ***know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*** Acts 2:36

God has called us to be a people of faith, who have studied and experienced the truths of His Word. Only the truth of God's Word can straighten out the questions of a chaotic and confusing life and turn them into exclamation points of genuine compassion, deep conviction and accomplished service. When we fully submit to Jesus, we can express the confidence of a faithful Christian walk, which is not rooted in our own abilities, but in the Person and power of Jesus Christ. ... ***I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*** II Timothy 1:12



Kyle Elkins
Editor in Chief

Obedience to the Lord should be immediate and complete. Jesus gave the perfect example of how we should obey our Heavenly Father. Jesus was never late in obeying His Father's will. A story about a father and his son may help understand how we should obey our Heavenly Father.

A father fussed at his son because of the son's stubbornness and procrastination. His son never did anything on time. What the son did do was covered with reluctance and resistance. This relationship between the father and the son continued this way for most of the son's teen years.

When the son turned eighteen, he came home and told his dad he joined the United States Marine Corps. He would be leaving home soon to go to boot camp. After a few months, he would return home only for a few weeks before moving on to where he would be stationed.

After the son returned home, he had a totally different attitude toward his father and life. His new attitude was so noticeable that the father asked his son: what made the difference?

The son answered that he was different, and he had a clearer direction of what he wanted in life. However, the son told his dad that the biggest change was due to his learning the meaning of now. The son finally came to appreciate the benefit of doing things when asked or told to do them. The son realized the satisfaction that comes from prompt obedience.

We assign significance to the person or thing we choose to obey. Disobedience to God and delayed obedience to His known will reveals a heart full of self and pride. God is so gracious that He loves us even when we fail to obey. How much better our fellowship with God and testimony to others will be when we choose to obey Him.

FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
November/December 2019

GENERAL FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$2,404.93	EXPENSES:		
			Utilities	\$ 1,838.24	
INCOME:			Misc.	5,333.23	
ALABAMA			Office	415.85	
Baptist Chapel BC -Grand Bay, AL	200.00		Instruction	5,330.00	
Magnolia Springs -Theodore, AL	400.00		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$12,917.32	\$12,864.56
Schillingers Rd. BC -Mobile, AL	150.00		NEW BALANCE		\$1,864.56
GEORGIA			BOOKSTORE FUND		
Northside, BC -Vienna, GA	200.00		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ 2,856.86
Traders Hill -Folkston, GA	140.00		Income:		
			Bookstore Sales	\$ 20.00	
FLORIDA			Press Sales	\$ 534.69	
Okeechobee BC -Okeechobee, FL	159.95		Contributions		
Calvary BC -Panama City, FL	200.00		Landmark BC Pensacola	40.00	
Oleno BC -HighSprings, FL	200.00		Oleno BC Highsprings	200.00	
Sunklight BC -Pensacola, FL	100.00		Total Income	\$794.69	\$794.69
			TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$3,651.55
MISSISSIPPI					
Central BC -Gulfport, MS	60.00		Expenses:		
Mics:			Utilities	\$908.54	
TOTAL	\$1,809.95		Postage	\$203.27	
			Print Shop	\$573.22	
DESIGNATED FUNDS: H.H.Strickland			Supplies	97.90	
Baptist Chapel -Grand Bay,AL	700.00		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,782.93	\$1,782.93
Frankfort BC -Russellville,AL	200.00		NEW BALANCE		\$ 1,868.62
Newark BC -Elkton,MD	200.00				
Cumberland Cove BC -Monterey,TN	50.00		BUILDING FUND		
First Baptist BC -White City, FL	200.00		Baptist Chapel-Grand Bay,AL	400.00	
TOTAL	\$ 1,350.00		Calvary BC -Panama City,FL	500.00	
COMMITTEE OF 100			Traders Hill BC -Folkston, GA	100.00	
Terry Alexander - Pensacola,FL	20.00		Harold Ennis	100.00	
			TOTAL INCOME	\$1,100.00	
Kitchen Sales -Pensacola, FL	149.00		EXPENSES:		
			Regions Bank	\$1,700.00	
TUITION/REGISTRATION			Tansfer	\$1,000.00	
Registration	\$ 00.00		Building Fund	\$17,624.77I	
Tuition	\$ 9,048.00				
TOTAL INCOME	12,376.95	\$12,376.95			
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$14,781.88			

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

The Baptist Chapel of Grand Bay, AL is seeking a full-time pastor. The Baptist Chapel is a strong mission minded church. It sponsors two schools and supports a number of missionaries. The church is debt free. They are seeking a man that is called of God to come and minister in a growing and prosperous community. If you are interested please contact Chris Adams at 251.490.8741, for more information.

Northside Missionary Baptist Church of Ocala, Florida is currently seeking a full-time pastor. Applicant must believe that the Holy Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God, meet all the qualification of 1Tim. And Titus, preach and teach only from the King James Version, be a part of and in good fellowship with the American Baptist Association, be in complete conviction/agreement with the ABA Doctrinal Statement. Applicant is asked to submit a resume that includes educational background, previous positions, and reference contact information via email to Paul Merritt at secretarynmbc@gmail.com
Christi Merritt, Secretary

South Louisiana Church Seeks Pastor: College Town Baptist Church of Hammond, LA is an old line Missionary Baptist church that is seeking a like-minded pastor. It presently has an interim pastor who wishes to retire due to age and health issues.

We are looking for a pastor with shepherd qualities. Preferably one with some Bible training, able to feed the sheep, willing to seek out the wanders and lost sheep, user of the King James version and one who loves to meet and fellowship with people.

Hammond is about 65 miles of New Orleans and the church has three acres of park-like property, a small but beautiful sanctuary, no indebtedness and an unstained reputation. It once had a nice size congregation, but attendance is drastically lowered. Therefore, a pastor would need to be bivocational. Pastoral support would increase as circumstances improve.

Interested men of God may contact Bro. Patrick Henagan at 52022 Fontana Lane, Independence, LA 70443 or Bro. Elester Raines at 48987 Galafora Rd. Tickfaw, LA 70466. If they prefer they may call 985.351.8980 or 985.069.0028.

PRINTING NEWS

News: The printing aspect of this ministry continues to produce good sound literature and materials. With the introduction of the two new color machines, we are able to quickly produce short runs of full color. This has proven really good for the school material such as school catalogues and book catalogues. Both of these units are out and we can reprint them as they are needed.

Efforts are still being made to complete the ten-year cycle in the adult literature in Spanish. The New Testament is almost done and efforts will then be turned to the Old testament. My goal, when I first became involved in the phase of this ministry was to have all the adult series completed. Also, I wanted to provide a two-year cycle for the Tiny-Tot material. This

has been accomplished. Not only have the quarterlies been printed but, for most of them, there is the flannel graft material provided. These units have proven to be a tremendous asset to many of the Spanish-speaking churches.

New Equipment: Sometimes it appears that the more you try get newer and better equipment, the harder it is to accomplish. One of the new printers really worked well for a short time but then we had to have it worked on. It has now been down for more than six weeks and we are still waiting to have it back on line. The thing about this is, it had the least amount of run as does the other unit but it has been the least productive. We are hopeful that it can be fixed and back on line very soon.

Production: One of the best unit that we have been able to produce is the "Trail of Blood" in the large print. WFBI Press was the first to produce this unit in this size in both English and Spanish. The cover is our design, which I just happened

to stumble on, and it has been the trade mark of our production. It is amazing, as I travel, how many more different units I see which have the same design as does ours. This is especially true among the Spanish productions, but I am not complaining. I am thrilled that the material is getting out to so many people. I would have liked for wfbi Press to have been given the credit for what we did but that will probably never happen. So, what do we do? Just keep doing what we have been doing since 1989.

Special Thanks: I thank every church and individual for the support for this ministry. Whether it is your prayers or financial, it is a blessing to us.

We are still asking the Lord to send someone that will have a heart for this ministry. The wife and I are slowing down somewhat as we really could use the help. Will you join us in praying about this matter?

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