

West FLORIDA BAPTIST News

6812 Lillian Highway * Pensacola, Florida 32506 * (850) 455-4417, Fax (850) 455-7474

| | |
|------------------|----|
| This Edition... | |
| From... | 1 |
| Woman Point... | 2 |
| Philosophy... | 2 |
| Gonnella... | 3 |
| Sermon..... | 4 |
| Announcements.. | 5 |
| Stewart... | 6 |
| Mission... | 6 |
| Financial... | 15 |
| Printing News... | 16 |

Volume XXX January/February 2022 Number4

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. H. H. Strickland

When the fall semester opened last year, I was really encouraged to see students back in class. Of course, the virtual classes would still be available and there were students that were enrolled in them. With the closing of the fall semester, there were a number of reports that the enrolment would increase for the Spring semester. However, that did not happen and we all were very disappointed. What has happened is that it is giving us time to be in a better situation with the virtual classes than before. The registrar is working very hard in putting these classes together so that the needs of the students can be met.

We were all extremely excited that we might see and end to the situation that has caused so many problems for us. I realize that we are not in this alone, but it

does appear that it has hit us extremely hard. Many of the churches in our area are still not back to hold regular services. A lot of things really go bad when people do not worship the Lord like they should. You can make the case for internet services, and if that is all there is maybe it is good, but what is very evident at this point is that people are losing their sense of togetherness and losing their connection to their local church. Why should I bother getting up and getting dressed to go to church when I can sit in my living room and do the same? It is not the same. To begin with, it is disobedience to the instructions of our Lord. The more people opt out of attending services the weaker the local congregation becomes. If and when it ceases to operate, these people simply tune into another broadcast and move on. This is really sad.

One of the avenues that we have been exploring for new classes through virtual classes is providing a way to reach out through the Spanish. The registrar is working on a program now that will allow for the translations and the current instructors can continue to do their work.

The cost of this new program has already been paid for and it is now just a matter of time as to when it will be on line. Having just returned from Colombia, I am excited about the possibility of this new endeavor.

We are working with and through others who are already using the program to help us, and to be able to provide a very comprehensive approach to the needs of teaching in Spanish. It will eliminate the need for a translator since the student will be able to read the instructions in Spanish.

I would ask that you pray for the fiancées of the school. The monthly offerings are not sufficient to needs much less all the other expenses. With the drop in tuition it has really hurt us financially. I have been with the school since 1984 and I have never seen a situation like this before. I do much appreciate those that have been so faithful over the years with you monthly support of the ministry. I have never taken very much from the school but I have given my all to insure that the classes continue. Please remember this work in your prayers.

COMING SOON

A NEW ONLINE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO REACH THE SPANISH STUDENTS

From a
Woman's Point
of View



By: Loretta Pritchett
lorettapritchett@yahoo.com

A friend posted this writing today and it struck me that someday EVERYONE will go thru this discarding of “things” that are the memories of one’s life. Sometimes it’s our own and more often it’s the life of someone we love.....?!

When my mom was cleaning out her house over 23 years ago to sell it, I wasn't very sympathetic over her attachments to things. I would go over on weekends to help her and we would go through things, things for a

yard sale, things to donate, things to throw away. I would usually get upset over how long it was taking her to decide. For instance, we were going through kitchen cabinets and she spent 20 minutes looking at an iron kettle with a lid. Finally I said,

“Mom, at this rate it is going to take us another 2 years.”

She told me that her mother used to make meals in that kettle and leave them at doorsteps of neighbors during the depression, mom would deliver them, and then they would reappear back to her with an apron, or a wood carving, something in return for the meal. I realized that everything that my mom was going through was really a reliving of her life.

If you are reading this and are under the age of 60, you wont get it. You haven't lived long enough. Most of you have not had to move your parents into a nursing home, or emptied their home. You haven't lived long enough to realize that the hours you spend picking out the right cabinets, or the perfect tile will not be what matters in the later years. It will be the handmade toothbrush holder, or a picture that you got on vacation.

So, if your parents are downsizing, and

moving to smaller places, or selling a home, give your mom and even your dad a break. Those things that you don't understand why they can't just pitch, and why you think you know what needs to be tossed or saved, give them a little time to make their decisions. They are saying goodbye to their past, and realizing that they are getting ready for their end of life, while you are beginning your life.

As I have been going through things, its amazing just how hard it is to get rid of objects. But, life goes on, and you realize they are just things, but sometimes things comfort us. So give your parents or grandparents a break. Listen to their stories, because in 40 years, when you are going through those boxes and the memories come back, it will be hard to get rid of those plastic champagne flutes that you and your late husband used at a New Years party 40 years ago. You will think nothing of the tile or the light fixtures that were so important then.

As happy as they are for you, and as much as they love you, you just don't have a clue until it happens to you and then you will remember how you rushed them, and it will make you sad, especially if they are already gone and you cant say I'm sorry, I didn't get it.

**Philosophy of
Religion**

(Religion and Science Continued)

Whatever data may be gathered or assumed from a platform of evidence, there is absolutely no way to go beyond facts that before there was nothing there was nothing but God. The idea that he scoffs at the notion of using metaphysics as a base of proof is totally nonsense and an area which no unbeliever has ever been able to disprove. The simple thought is this. Where there is evidence there must be something that causes that evidence. Regardless of where the unbeliever begins, or at what point life emerged, one has to go beyond that point. The Word of God is the only factual evidence that there was life before creation and that life was God. “In the beginning God...”

Relying upon “observational data” only strengthens the idea that there was an intelligent design in creation. It does not disprove the truth of the Word of God. It only proves that there is more that they can prove or more to the point, it proves more than they wish to believe.

The discussion on Religion and Science, needless to say, will never be settled between the two ideas until Jesus comes. Then will all know the perfect answer. However, for some, it will mean an eternity in hell and for others it will mean a consummation of the truth.

Mr. Wells introduces this segment in this manner. “Since it does not seem likely that religion will be able to reject science in any persuasive way, what alternative means does religion have of rising above the controversies?” One of the ways that has been suggested by which these two may coexist is to allow science to take care of the description of the kind of world in which we live, while religion has the task of prescribing an ultimate meaning

for this same world. In other words, science describes the kind of society in which we live, ethics, or religion, describes the kind of society in which we would like to live.

There are two proposals ascribed to this theory. The first is stated like this. “Let man’s moral ideals indicate what he prefers. Let social science show how such ideals can be made effective and real.”

To begin with, to believe that science has the answer to the moral problem in a sin-cursed world is sheer nonsense. It is realized that those who propose such a solution do not, nor will they ever, subscribe to the idea that men have and live in an intelligently designed world where there are moral absolutes. In order to successfully live in peace with each other, man must subscribe to these moral absolutes. There cannot be two sets of standards. Even those who propose such a state of affairs concede that it might be impossible to achieve.



David Gonnella, Th. D.

I Can Teach in Spanish!

Anyone who knows me knows also that my knowledge of the Spanish language extends only to a few words and phrases. It is a certainty that I have not the knowledge of Spanish words and grammar teach a seminary course in the Spanish language.

Yet, I stand by the claim of the title of this article. Moreover, I can prove it! How can this be?

Here, at *WFBI*, we now have a computer program that allows me, or any other faculty member, to teach a course in English and have it immediately translated into Spanish. This includes both captions and voice.

Yes, that is right! For instance, While I teach in English the student hears the words in Spanish. In addition, there is Spanish captioning at the bottom of the screen.

This allows us to extend our seminary ministry into any Spanish speaking country in the world. Missionaries in Spanish speaking countries, who usually do not have the opportunity to earn advanced degrees, can now earn them in the language of their

ministry. National pastors will find this to be a great benefit. Those called to the ministry can train while serving in their church. They do not have come to America like some have done to receive seminary training.

Further, seminaries on the mission fields can augment their course offerings by allowing us to teach the courses they do not currently offer. We can partner with them to give a more complete seminary education to their students.

Another advantage closer to home is the offering of seminary training to people in the United States who are learning English but at this point are more comfortable in the Spanish language. They do not have to learn English to begin their seminary education.

If you believe that this new capability can be of benefit to yourself or someone you know, call our office today. We now can offer seminary courses in English and Spanish. We thank the Lord for increasing our ability to serve the churches.

Those who know the truth and dedicated their lives to teaching that truth understand that moral absolutes cannot be divorced from practical living. It is when one attempts to divert the truth of morals to some self desired observations or actions that the matter is polluted. One cannot have it both ways. There is a believe in either an intelligent design, which established these moral absolutes, or they are rejected and man is then left to himself to determine what is preferable and what is not. In the so-called "new-society" there are no absolutes. Every man is left to determine his own standards. In such a society, there

can be nothing but chaos and disorder. Lawlessness will prevail where there are not standards of control.

It has always been amazing to read or listen, to those who propose the new standard, so often called "values clarifications," seek to be protected by the laws of the land but then teach that man should be permitted to do as he desires. In others words, each one sets their own standards and laws. If man is to live in an orderly society, there must be standards which describe what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.



Glen Davenport, Th.D.

GOD MAY NOT BE THROUGH WITH YOU YET

INTRODUCTION:

While sitting in the audience and observing the excitement of young preachers, the thought crossed my mind: Does God get through with us or do we get through with God? What happens to us when we wear out or get tired of the ministry wherein the Lord has called us.

There comes a time when our thoughts change and our zeal is not as aggressive as it once was, and that may be true with all of us. Even Paul had this to say concerning himself:

(II Tim 4:6-7)

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

If you should see or feel this day approaching, then you will have to make a decision. Will you go on or will you sit down and wait for further instructions from Heaven?

I will not have a single text for this message but I will refer to certain people and occasions.

I. Moses May Have Had Enough at One Point. Ex 32:32-34

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: ...

II. Joshua May Have Had Enough at One Point. Josh 7:6-10

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

III. Elijah May Have Had Enough at One Point. 1 Kings 19:3-4; 7-8

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

IV. Jonah May Have Had Enough at One Point. Jonah 4:7-11

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, ...

V. What Are We Going To Do When We Have Had Enough?

A. Moses went on to lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: ...

B. Joshua got up, brushed the dust from his clothing and went on to serve God for many years.

C. Elijah arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

D. Jonah got a lecture from God concerning self-pity.

E. David set an example when he asked to be renewed. Ps 51:9-13

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Conclusion:

The day will come when we can no longer serve God as we did in our youth, but the day need not come when we say we have had enough.

Let's be careful to serve God as long as He gives us strength to do so. Let's let God determine the time and occasion to say He is finished with us. Don't quit. Be like Simon Peter: II Peter 1:13-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Sunday School Committee

Now Hiring at Bogard Press: Web Manager

Bogard Press is seeking to hire a Web Manager. The Web Manager is primarily responsible for the maintenance, design, development, content and marketing of the Bogard Press online presence. This oversight includes the Bogard Press website, social media accounts, digital and print advertising and digital products. The Web Manager develops and implements marketing strategies, goals and plans for the promotion of Bogard Press products and services. The Web Manager is expected to have meticulous attention to detail, problem-solving skills and the ability to multi-task. The Promotions Department reports to the Web Manager so good management skills are required. Candidates should have a degree in a related field, website management experience and proficiency in software related to website development.

If you are interested in the position of Web Manager, please contact us soon!

Mark Clements
(903) 793-5131

mark.clements@bogardstore.org
dean.grigsby@bogardstore.org

Dean Grigsby
(903) 793-5126

Shady Grove MBC seeking pastor: Shady Grove is prayerfully seeking the man God has chosen and prepared as our new pastor. We are a small, doctrinally sound church in rural Lincoln County, Arkansas. (near Star City) Looking for a KJV only pastor that believes and 100% supports the ABA Doctrinal Statement. Must fully meet requirements set forth in Timothy and Titus. If you are led to, please contact me for more information and to possibly come preach for us. Steven Stone (870)370-2474

Searching for a pastor: Greeley Missionary Baptist church in Greeley, CO is actively searching for a pastor. More details to follow.

Seeking a Pastor in Colt, Ar: New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Colt, Ar is currently seeking a pastor. For more info please contact Tommy @ 8702707060 for more info thanks and God bless!

Searching for pastor Old Glaise MBC, Jackson county Arkansas: Old Glaise MBC is searching for a full time pastor due to pastor recently resigning. We are interested in hearing multiple candidates and fill ins until pastor is chosen. Located in rural Jackson county north central arkansas, 8 miles north of city of Bradford, 15 miles south of city of Newport. contact Anthony Breeden 5015939946 email breedenanthony@gmail.com

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES

The 2022 Georgia State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches Messenger Meeting will be hosted by Heartland Baptist Mission. The meeting will be Saturday only, February 26 from 9am – 3:30pm, with lunch being served. Bro. Mark Thornton has secured the conference room at the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott for the meeting location, 221 Margie Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088. There are 10 rooms blocked at a rate of \$112.99 per night (5 king rooms, 5 double queen rooms) for overnight accommodations.

The associational church information letter is enclosed to complete prior to the meeting. However, there will be blank copies available at the meeting for those who need one. The 2021 minute books will be distributed at the meeting or mailed to churches not in attendance following the meeting.

We pray that you will attend this meeting despite the climate of our world over the last two years, and take precautions as needed. We welcome you with or without a mask and will be mindful of individuals who may prefer no contact (handshakes/hugs). Please RSVP your attendance by February 11th with Sis. Michelle Ray to help determine needs for lunch.

Moderator Thornton named the 2022 theme as “PREACHING IN PERILOUS TIMES” from 2 Timothy 4:2. The Officers and Speakers for the meeting are as follows:

Alabama State Missionary Baptist Association Landmark Baptist Church - Prattville, AL

Make plans now to join us for the Annual Alabama State Meeting at Landmark Baptist Church in Prattville, Alabama. The meeting is **March 4-5** at Landmark Baptist Church, Prattville Alabama.

The ladies and men’s meeting meetings will start at 3pm on Friday. The evening meal will be at 5pm with the preaching to follow at 6:30pm.

The Saturday session will begin at 9:30am.

The Host Hotel is the Quality Inn (797 Business Park Drive Prattville, AL 36067 (Ph: 334-365-6003 or 334-358-4008).

Book your hotel reservations by February 18th to receive the discounted rate of \$99 + tax.



*Secretary/
Treasurer
Missions*
Roger Stewart

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

STEWART REPORT

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$2,546,805.93 |
| RECEIPTS: | |
| Interstate Salaries | \$64,248.31 |
| Foreign & National Salaries | \$62,002.86 |
| Designated | \$41,675.58 |
| Undesignated | \$9,868.67 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$177,795.42 |
| BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE | |
| | \$2,724,601.35 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Interstate Salaries | \$73,802.00 |
| Foreign Salaries | \$26,566.11 |
| National Salaries | \$25,271.60 |
| Designated | \$47,175.58 |
| Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office | |
| Office Salaries | \$12,593.11 |
| General Office | \$1,885.81 |
| Automobile Expense | \$71.45 |
| Sec/Treasurer Exp | \$28.82 |
| Total Office | \$14,579.18 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$187,394.48 |
| BALANCE FORWARD | \$2,537,206.87 |
| DEFICIT FOR JANUARY | \$(9,599.06) |

January was busy month but such a blessing! Gena and I found ourselves at Sharon MBC, Benton, AR; Bethel MBC, Paris, AR; Belleview MBC, Ethel, AR; Liberty Hill MBC, Delight, AR; and Olive Branch MBC, Pine Bluff, AR. Additionally, I was privileged to be the revival evangelist for Magnolia Baptist Church in Covington, LA, a recently organized church in our work. I want to thank each of these churches and their pastors for faithfully supporting ABA missionaries around the world.

Unfortunately, with the blessings of last month came other news. Our list of recom-

mended missionaries continues to shrink. We are now down to a total of 156.

Brother Wesley Veazey resigned as an Interstate Missionary to New Mexico during January and is going back into pastoral ministry and Sister Holly Couch-Naimushina, a Missionary Helper in Russia, is taking a temporary leave of absence.

In other missionary news, however, the recommended missionaries reported to my office for January: Professions of Faith: 541 To Date: 3561 Baptisms: 63 To Date: 441 Additionally, the Pre-Association Standing Missionary Committee Meeting, will be May 16th and 17th, beginning at 1:00 PM on Monday at Northern Hills Baptist Church (6000 Sammy Lane), Texarkana, AR. Everyone is welcome and churches recommending missionaries to the 2022 ABA Messenger Body (Orlando) for endorsement are encouraged to be represented by either their pastor, their missionary, or both.

As a final note, please allow me to extend my heart-felt appreciation for the 11 families and individuals as well as the 286 churches from the USA, Japan, Mexico and Philippines who so generously gave toward the 2021 Thanksgiving Mission Offering. That offering totaled \$323,952.69. This is the second highest Thanksgiving Mission Offering ever received in the Missions' Office. [In 2010 the TMO was \$373,774.81.] To date, we have received an incredible \$5,700,621.44 through the Thanksgiving Mission Offerings since its inception.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Colombia
Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary

We thank God. Pastor Robert Ledford, from the co-sponsor Landmark BC Church in Madison FL., preached to us on Zoom on January 20. 19 families joined the service. My

daughter Johanna translated into Spanish for us. Glory to God we are all working together for the cause of Christ.

In Ibague, our new mission, we continue faithfully to work witnessing and proclaiming the Gospel of God to the lost.

Our pastor Alberto Gelvez and his wife Sis. Gladiz visited us in the mission and we went out to visit and deliver tracts together with my wife and brother, Cesar Montoya, a member of the mission, we delivered more than 600 tracts, door to door. Glory to God for them and their love for missionary work.

The Bible Seminary started classes in February on Tuesdays and Fridays on-line. We request prayers for the students.

The Radio Ministry is doing well. Some listeners call and thank us for the daily teaching of God's Word. They ask for prayers for their daily needs and for the people who have Covid.

We continue to pray to God for a temple for the new work in IBAGUE MB. We have \$6,022.50 as of January 31/22. We need \$80,977.50. Thank you for your love offerings and your prayers.

ABA Colombian Missions
Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary

We praise God for his blessings and protection. I was tested positive for Covid three weeks ago. Thank God for his mercy and love, for the two doses of vaccines I received last year, and despite my high blood pressure and other health problems, I was able to overcome this terrible disease, I still have some cough, joint pain and a little hoarse. Please continue praying for me. My wife and two of our children, also tested positive for Covid. They overcame it, easier than me.

PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION

Because several of our people tested positive for covid, including me, we had virtual services the first four Sundays and presential services, with very low attendance the last two Sundays.

Also, for the Last few months I've been

praying for the opportunity to start our 5th work. Renting in Bogotá, a city of 12 million people, is very expensive, specially, if you are going to use the building for services. Normally, in Bogotá we buy the property first, and then start the work.

I have looked out several properties, but prices are too expensive. Finally, I have found a three-story house, five blocks from my home, and near to 10 people interested to attend.

Because pandemic we had to celebrate the annual meeting of our association, virtually, last January the 15th. Our churches continued supporting three men: fred Mojica, in Villavicencio, Hernándo Cubillos in Santa Marta, David Mercado in Bogotá and the Colombia Theological Baptist Institute.

We had a great meeting with missions and churches reports, and other business. Next meeting is scheduled for the third week in January 2023.

COLOMBIA THEOLOGICAL BAPTIST INSTITUTE: Will start its 30th. opening conferences the third week in February. Please pray for support for the teachers, great school year and for new students. Because pandemic we continue having virtual classes.

SANTAMARTA BAPTIST MISSION: Is doing fine, Bro. Hernando Cubillos and mission members are praying and looking out for a better place to rent for the mission, the living room of the house of brother Cubillos is too small to hold services and grow. About \$500.00 per month is needed.

Romania

Mike Rogers: Missionary

January has been a busy month here in Brasov. The weather has finally turned cold and we have some snow and with this has brought an increase in Covid cases but thankfully not many new restrictions. We have enjoyed having people back after the holidays and several new visitors in services. Juli and I had a wonderful visit although way too short, with the Berca family in Targu Jiu. I am very happy to see the work continuing to grow and prosper there. We continue to reach out with online advertising and trying to be as active in the community as we can be. God continues to open doors for us to

serve. We were blessed to be able to help some people from Afghanistan with food and clothing as they were quarantining here in Brasov and Juli has been doing a wonderful job with the clothing exchange and her ladies FAITH (Friends Aiding and Inspiring Towards Health) Fitness program. People have been so generous in their donations enabling hundreds of articles of clothing to be given away.

South Pacific Missions

Walt Emry, Missionary

Oregon Quarterly Fellowship: I was invited to go to the January state quarterly fellowship in Roseburg, Oregon. Brother Tom Dever called and asked if I would be willing to come and share the work in Vanuatu and then preach the Saturday morning message. I gladly accepted the invite. I was a little concerned about driving so far in January because the weather is so unpredictable. It turned out that the weather was beautiful. We even went to the Oregon coast for a day, and we walked the beach with-out a coat...in January!

Coquille, Oregon: The Sunday after the quarterly fellowship we went to First Landmark MBC in Coquille. Brother Mike Chandler is the pastor, who has been there for ten years. I went to that church back in '94 to preach in view of a call to become the missionary to Tumwater, WA. The Lord had other plans for me and I went to Sandpoint, ID instead. There were still some members there that remembered me coming, that was 28 years ago....28! Where has the time gone?

Vanuatu: The churches in Port Vila continue to do well. The pastors have relayed to me that they continue to fellowship together. The borders remain closed. I have heard they might open the border by April. That is still under discussion in Parliament

Thailand

David Leak, Missionary

Visa issued on January 14th! Hallelujah! After submitting the application for my Thai Visa to the Thai Embassy; in Washington, DC earlier in January, I waited patiently for news. After around a week, or so, I received an email requesting additional documents. I

then contacted Dtawm Rosendal, & she worked lightning fast with the email reply, & the additional requested documents attached. I then was extremely hopeful to hear back the next day or so that my Visa had been issued. Well...there was another email with an additional document request. Dtawm then provided those as well. I again waited for the Visa to be issued; surely, I thought, it will be imminent. Again...another email request for a specific additional document. Dtawm; again, provided that one as well. Her reply back to me was that, "this one is the one that they're looking for". I was very confident at that point; rightfully so! The next day I received my Visa via email! Thank the Lord & each of you for your prayers! I have been issued a 90 day Visa; which means as soon as I arrive, the 1 year Visa application process must begin. The process/application for a new Work Permit must begin as well. The Visa will cost me around \$800.00, unless the fee has changed. I will report on the entire process & cost. The Work Permit is around \$150.00-200.00; also, unless that fee has changed. My support has decreased because of specific reasons that I won't go into in this report. If anyone ever has any questions; as always, I am completely available & transparent. I always have maintained integrity, honesty, & accountability in my reports from day 1. Please contact me if needed. With that said; I could use financial assistance with these fees to be able to remain in country from year to year. It will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

***The "Test & Go" has been cancelled due to the Omicron variant; which means I will have to quarantine for 7-8 days in Bangkok, unless it changes. Please pray! This is an additional \$820.00 added expense.**

*As soon as possible after arrival into Chiang Mai, I will rent a small bike for transportation. I would very much like to purchase one, until the time comes that I'm able to purchase a vehicle. A Honda Forza is around \$6000.00. It is a more comfortable bike than the smaller ones that I usually rent. It would be much more beneficial & easier on me to ride it into the mountains. As a reminder; Brent Rosendal has asked me if I would consider travelling to the mountains a few

times per month to train a man that lives there. To rent one of these is quite expensive per month; @ last check, around \$200.00-250.00 per month-better to purchase!

*I covet your prayers for the future of Thailand For Christ; that He, our Lord, will give me; us, Thailand For Christ! Pray that He will begin a mighty move of the Holy Spirit through the teaching, preaching, & witnessing of His people in Thailand! "That the Holy Spirit will begin to move in Thailand in a mighty way to place the Thai people/population on positive volition..."

Argentina

Scott Maness, Missionary

During the month of January we have taken kids to have their eyes checked, their teeth cleaned and one of them to the toe doctor. Stacie and I had our check-ups and the doctor declared sugar off limits for me and laid out what we should be eating and what should be avoided. Pray for us as we adapt to new dietary needs.

Preparing for our return to Argentina Our return to Argentina is right around the corner. We will be flying out on the 15th of February. Please pray that the Lord would prepare the way before us in order to have a smooth, uneventful trip returning to our field of labor. We have enjoyed all of our time and visits to churches, family and friends, but look forward to being back in the country and sharing the message of Salvation with the people of Argentina.

Please remember these special requests in your prayers:

1. That the Lord would touch the hearts of three or four families that they would not only desire to have a Bible study in their homes, but also seriously begin following the Lord.

2. That the Lord would provide us a place where we can have an office and a fixed meeting place. The city where we live has a million and a half people. There are many places in the city with no gospel witness.

3. Also please pray for the surrounding cities as there are many places without churches. One of the things that we would like to do in addition to what we are already doing is to regularly visit some of these towns

and villages where the Lord might open a door to share the gospel and possibly plant a church there one day!

Spain

Daniel Estrada, Missionary

ALHAURINDE LA TORRE WORK... We are in the last part of the sixth wave of the Covid pan-demic in Spain, and we are still struggling. Many people do not want to come to services, but God is always opening new doors for us in many other ways. Eloisa is making contacts through the people that she is meeting in the hospital and other public places.

Please, keep us in your prayers so we can make more contacts and people will come to know the Lord.

January has been a time of sick-ness for our family. Oseas had covid, Eloisa was diagnosed with scoliosis and Emmely had a throat infection. But, praise the Lord they are doing better today.

In the middle of all this God is still in control and the good news is that God always gives opportunities to share the Gospel even in a pandemic.

We had time together in our home with the Indian family, and a lady from Ireland. We enjoyed showing the love of Christ and gave testimony of the power of the living God. We pray for their Salvation.

We hope to have some new visitors soon. We have been inviting them for a long time and they have promised to come next month.

SWEDEN WORK... We are still unable to visit our brethren in Sweden because of the pandemic, but we hope and trust in the Lord that we will be able to visit soon.

Romanian Missions

Joshua Mackrill, Missionary

As we look back on this past month we reflect on all the blessings that the Lord has given us. We are truly thankful for the time that we have been given to spend with our families here in the States. We have already made special memories since we have been back and look forward to those we will continue to make.

Last month we enjoyed spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with our families. We cherish this time that we have been able to enjoy with our families and we

pray that you all enjoyed special times with each of your families as well!

Faith Baptist Church Zärne.ti This past month at Zärne.ti the work continued well. We are so grateful to the Lord for the Morgan family who is filling in for us in Zärne.ti while we have been in the States.

We are pleased that services are continuing and things are doing well. We look forward to our return in February to continue the work God has called us to start a church in Zärne.ti.

Humanitarian Report Last month we were able to once again be a blessing to the families which the humanitarian ministry supports in the community and church in Feldioara. Because of your faithful generosity the children which attend church with their families received Christmas gifts.

We want to say thank you to all who give so faithfully to this ministry.

Holidays with family: We were able to make a short trip to Kentucky last month as well and enjoyed time with family before the holidays. Our girls enjoyed some fun times with their cousins and Amy was able to spend some time with her sisters as well. Each time we are in Kentucky we take special time to be with our sending church,

Langdon Street Baptist Church. We are so glad to be able to visit with everyone there and strengthen our relationship with our sending church family.

Japan

Shin Kamado, Missionary

New Year's greetings in Christ!

1. All the members of this mission and I continue to work, praying that the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ will spread further and that more people will be saved and join His Kingdom.

2. In December, we prepared for and publicized Christmas services, and distributed the OBP Bibles. We delivered the Bibles to the dormitory of college students and distributed them in front of the station and on the streets of the shopping district. In response to the prayers, four Christmas services were successfully held in God's grace. First, we held a Sunday School Children's Christmas service. The students attended with a friend (Ren Ishida), learned that Christmas was an event

to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and worshiped. We watched the video of His birth and had fun. In addition to the believers, the Christmas special worship was attended by seekers (Emiko Kinpara). There was also a special praise and testimony presented by members. We were delighted to celebrate the birth of the Lord and thank God. The Youth Christmas service was held with a limited number of people to prevent Covid-19 infection. The young people who usually gather and the people invited in advance offered worship services and enjoyed watching a movie, having refreshment, and fellowship. A high school student (Saki Kawabata) who had previously professed her faith attended the Christmas Eve service and asked about baptism, so I taught her what it meant. Pray for her decision. Friends who needed to be saved at this service (Noriaki Yoshihara, Minori Yoshihara, Iori Kasagi) listened to the Gospel, worshiped, and had a question and answer session. Please pray for their salvation.

5. The Japan Baptist Association Youth Fellowship was held at the Izumi Missionary Baptist Church, and four people from this mission participated. We worshiped with many young people, enjoyed talking with them, and had a good time. Please pray for the salvation and revival of the youth at the upcoming Youth Bible Camp hosted by our mission at the end of March.

6. On 19th December, I received information concerning the current balance of needed amount for updating electronic devices. So far \$772.34 has been received. Total needed is estimated at \$1540. About 50.15% is provided.

Kenya/Uganda

Chuck Fernandez, Missionary

The Churches we partner with in East Africa continue to demonstrate their love for Christ and a great burden for their lost kinsmen. They clearly understand their responsibility in the Great Commission given by our Lord and Savior. It does our hearts good to see the early Churches we help establish continue to send out Evangelists to reach neighboring villages, tribes and countries. The numbers bear witness of an amazing work the Lord is doing through these young Churches that closely resemble what we see

by the Lord's disciples in the book of Acts.

Sis. Terry and I help establish 16 New Testament Churches while full time residents of Kenya and now those Churches have multiplied to over sixty. The three primary regions of Kenya and Uganda we work in is the Mt. Elgon region, the Kerio Valley and Lake Victoria. To God be the glory great things He hath done! Over the course of 2021 their weekly evangelism efforts have led 7,238 souls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. They were able to baptize 2,384 of their new converts and unite them with the Local New Testament Church. Praise the Lord! Please Note the details at the close of this report and please continue to pray for these young Churches as they obey the commands of Christ by sending out evangelists two by two in 2022.

New Villages Reached: The villages are located in the Mt. Elgon region and are as follows: Kapkerwa, Nakoba and Moding which is located in an area known as Teso Land. The LBC Evangelist's will continue to teach these new converts and baptize them in the near future. Please pray for these dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and consider their needs of God called Pastors, Bibles, Tents to meet under and eventually a permanent Sanctuary. If you are interested in partnering with us in 2022 to help encourage these new believers and eventual Churches, please contact me at: missionaryfernandez@gmail.com

Romanian Missions

Mike Rogers, Missionary

Bra'ov: January has been a busy month here in Brasov. The weather has finally turned cold and we have some snow and with this has brought an increase in Covid cases but thankfully not many new restrictions. We have enjoyed having people back after the holidays and several new visitors in services. Juli and I had a wonderful visit although way too short, with the Berca family in Targu Jiu. I am very happy to see the work continuing to grow and prosper there. We continue to reach out with online advertising and trying to be as active in the community as we can be. God continues to open doors for us to serve. We were blessed to be able to help some people from Afghanistan with food and clothing as they were quarantining here in

Brasov and Juli has been doing a wonderful job with the clothing exchange and her ladies FAITH (Friends Aiding and Inspiring Towards Health) Fitness program. People have been so generous in their donations enabling hundreds of articles of clothing to be given away.

Missionary Ambassador Ministries

Christopher Cartwright, Missionary

Ministry reaching people through out the world. Not only has the series of "Turning the World Upside Down" made quite an impact in the world in the past two years, but also people have been saved from other teachings that the Lord has led me to preach and teach. As of this writing, the pastors and preachers have reported to me that 58,682 people have been saved in 20 countries.

I praise the Lord for the leading a resident at the nursing home where I work. I preached on Matthew 15:29-31; entitled "Be Opened," and asked the residents if they were sure about going to heaven, and this lady immediately said she wasn't sure, but wanted to, and so with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I was able to lead her to the Lord, and she knows for sure she is going to heaven.

New churches planted in Kenya: Thanks be to God for the new Churches that were planted in Homa Bay and Susia Counties in Kenya. They are growing and going, and we thank God for what He is doing. Just this week, plans are being finalized to plant a new church in the village of Aego and minister to Aego FC, which is the third football team to receive the Lord. Right now, the videos and teachings are being used to help start this new church. This is where pastor Jacob Elkana lives, and he will help plant the church there in his village. We ask for your prayers for a good church planting here in his local village.

Progress started in Bible Outreach Initiative: We thank the Lord for the amount of Luo Bibles given to our churches in Kenya. These are in the Luo language and they are instrumental in the spiritual growth of the members in our 28 churches. Our goal is to get 2,000 Bibles, and so far, through generous love offerings, Pastor Otieno Kich has bought and given out 223 Bibles towards our goal.

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs Sr. Director

Will it happen, yes I got Covid Virus. I was not feeling good and went to my doctor. After doing the swab they stated I had the virus. I spent seven hours in the hospital while they were doing different procedures. After that they released me. I got up Saturday morning and I felt dizzy. Before I knew it I fell and hit my head. Yes back to the hospital to have some x-rays done because I am on eloquis. After four hours they said I was o.k and sent me home. I had a doctor appointment on 24th and my wife went with me, they tested her and she has the Covid Virus.

THE SECOND THING HELP NEEDED

We have been asking for a missionary or missionaries to work with us in this ministry. This the most rewarding ministry I have ever been in. You have to believe that the KING JAMES BIBLE is the PRESERVED WORD OF GOD. You must believe in the FUNDAMENTAL Belief of God's WORD. You can contact us at cribbstoby@yahoo.com. Look us up on the web site tobycribbs.com.

THIRD THING TESTIMONY FROM EX-INMATE: The other day I met an ex-inmate from Polk County Jail, Benton, Tennessee. He stated that what I and the other ministers had help them a lot in getting their life back on tract. He also said that many had gotten saved because we were there. No matter where I go I meet those that were in Jail or Prison.

FOURTH THING HEARTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MARK THORTON PERRY GEORGIA: We were with them this month. Brother Thornton with the Lord's help is doing a great job. They had a great service and the people were very friendly.

We gave them—Six Books—by Mark Cahill—One Bible Eight Ages—One Bible Analysis—Ten Trail of Blood—170 Brother Dills booklets—200 Gospel Tracts—20 Day of

Praise booklets—and 20 Doctrine of Sin booklets.

Heritage Baptist Mission

Allen Barton, Missionary

Happy new Year! The con-sensus seems to be, "I hope it's not more of the same!" The idea is that most people have just about had enough of Covid-19 and just want things to get back to normal, whatever that might have been. The last two years have brought major change and challenges to the Lord's churches. The mandates and the social climate in our community has caused us to have to rethink our ministry strategies. Door to door visitation has just about become a thing of the past. It is actually frowned upon to intrude in someone's home today and risk exposing them to sickness you may or may not have. For this reason, the old way of doing things just doesn't work as well as it used to.

At Heritage, we are approaching the new year with renewed expectations. We are planning some different approaches to ministry and evangelism that we hope will bring great results in this new and challenging social climate that we are all navigating.

As always, our desire is to grow both spiritually and numerically here at Heritage. We covet your prayers as we try new and different approaches to spreading the gospel of Christ that never changes.

Antioch Baptist Church

Dexter, ME

George Deven Missionary, Pastor

December in Maine brings colder weather, sleet, freezing rain, and snow. In all the time I have been in Maine I do not think I will ever get used to the winter weather. But, after all these years in Maine, I think I am getting acclimated to the weather. Winter brings beautiful scenery, snowmobilers, and all the winter sports a person can handle.

We were blessed with being able to have our Christmas service where we sang traditional songs, had Scripture readings, a skit, and a Christmas party afterwards filled with fellowship and a fun time. We had a Christmas Eve candlelight service that was truly a blessing and spiritually uplifting. On New Year's eve, we had a time of fellowship

with football, games, food, and a little bit of ribbing.

I thank you for your support and prayers. I and the work appreciate all that you do to help us. I do have a matter of prayer I would like for you to consider. We have been praying for someone to come and lead the youth. There is a great opportunity to reach these young people for Christ's church today as well as for the future. Please pray with us concerning this need.

Hope Missions

Scott Bourland, Missionary

The adjoining space to our storefront location has become available. We have decided to go ahead and lease it.

This will allow us to have three good size class rooms, an additional bathroom, a small fellowship space that will also work for a class room, a kitchenette, and some additional storage. The additional monthly expense is \$1535.00, which the local group in Hope will be able to pay.

My initial estimate for the renovation and furnishing the space is \$15,000. If anyone would like to help with these expenses, offerings can be sent to Calvary.

To this point we have had no children's ministries at all and have held back on normal events that would be designed to draw young families. This will open the door for all those opportunities.

Of course, this is not our long-term goal. We are still praying and looking for land that we could build on or an existing building, but this is a good intermediate step.

New Outreach: With winter being upon us our door-to-door ministry is on hold, however; we have employed a new method.

Our people are writing hand written letters and inviting people to our services as well as encouraging them to read the gospel tract that is placed in each letter.

I look forward to seeing what fruit this brings along with our continued witness in our daily lives. We are also making plans for our Easter outreach at this time and putting together some ideas for summer outreach events.

Benchmark Baptist Fellowship

Allen Schoeff, Missionary

Zoom for the win! During the month of

January, our in person attendance was all over the board. One week we had a huge snow storm. We got more snow in one day than we had had in the past five winters - COMBINED! Then of course the Omicron variant decided to sweep across the region and that caused us to have substantially lower attendance. And then, can you believe it!? We had folks who actually had the FLU. If we had not had technology to aid us, our attendance would have looked even more meager than it was. Fortunately, we were able to continue to "meet" even though a couple times it was via ZOOM and not in person.

We also used Zoom successfully in another manner! We were able to hear field reports from four different missionaries during January. Each week we had one different guest missionary (and their families). Each missionary gave us a short update (10-15 minutes), they then answered questions, and finally we were able to pray with them. This was really a blessing for our folks, and my goal is that it helps us to be reminded to be in vigilant prayers for all of our missionaries. If anyone would like to be one of our featured Guest Zoom Missionary please call me at (812) 371-0469 and we will make that happen!

I was blessed in January to return to the Paramount Senior Living Center on the 8th of January. This marks our third month of ministry at this facility. Our December outreach here yielded at least one particularly grateful resident who hand wrote a two page letter expressing how much it meant for us to come and sing and preach. And while we were able to perform our Christmas program for them in December, we were hindered a bit in January. Do to an outbreak of Covid at the center, our singers opted not to go and perform. But, I have already had the virus and I have been vaccinated so I went to preach! And preach I did, there was a slightly lesser gathering than usual because many folks were under quarantine. However, God still showed His power in a might way. While I was waiting for the residents to arrive I had the chance to visit with "Q". She is a very intelligent young college woman who works the front receptionist desk on the weekends. She also happens to be Muslim. She was listening INTENTLY to the sermon and she heard the Gospel message very clearly. Please

join me in prayer that when we return in February, I will be able to share more of the love of Jesus with this lost young woman.

Topeka, KS

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

This month has seen its challenges. Covid and sickness has created the usual challenges. Our group has almost all been sick and of course, at different times. In fact, as I write this, I am battling a little cold. Due to the fact of sickness running rampant, our attendance took a hit. We had one week that our numbers were significantly low, and another week, we were not able to have in person services at all. Saying all that, our people were faithful to log in online and watch our preaching services.

On a different note, I have been praying over and looking for an opportunity to get more connected with the community of Topeka. I am excited for the opportunity the Lord has opened for me. I am now a volunteer chaplain with the Topeka Police Department. I am excited and nervous about all the opportunities this may bring, but also realize some of the challenges. I deeply covet your prayers in this endeavor.

Thank You!!! I continue to be amazed with what the Lord is doing and how He provides. Last month I shared the need to beautify and update our current meeting space. The Lord sent offerings to help with this project. This month we have been working almost consistently to this end. We have replaced the curtains that separated my office from our meeting space, with a very nice set of french doors. We have finished hanging sheetrock in my office and on the outside wall. We have begun the painting process.

This month we plan to continue working on our meeting space. We will be painting the ceiling and walls. We plan to build a nice accent wall as the centerpiece of our meeting room. We will also, eventually, be painting the floors with a nice epoxy paint.

Misión Bautista Emanuel

Gabriel Sanchez, Missionary

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: On Sunday, December 19 we held our Christmas Service followed by our regular Christian Fellowship. Several our members had

prepared themselves to present special Christmas songs. We had a great celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the service we had our Christian Fellowship. I have learned to love these after church events. Almost every time we have many first-time visitors, and that gives me the opportunity to present them with the message of the gospel, when they leave, they leave with the seed that could provide them eternal life. *{I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6}*.

NEW YEARS EVE: For at least two years we did not hold new year's eve service. This time I had several of the members tell me that they wanted to end/start the year in the Lord's house. We decided to hold a service from 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM. Twenty people showed up. We had a very special time singing and giving testimonies about what our Lord had done for us in 2021 and praying for a 2022 full of opportunities to serve Him.

HBI: At Heritage Baptist Institute we completed another semester. I am very thankful for the people of Emanuel and their desire to prepare themselves for His service. I concluded the semester with 10 students, all of them taking my two classes. Please pray for these students.

Twin Lakes Baptist Mission

Jerry Baker, Missionary

Greetings from the Navajo Nation as we enter the New Year and reflect back on December 2021. At times we may feel not much was accomplished for the Lord's work at Twin Lakes, but we recognize that He keeps the record and perhaps the years to come will reveal how we may have touched a few lives without even knowing it. Yes, at times we become a little disheartened with low attendance and not much "going on" as far as we can tell. But, we are thankful for the victories seen and the blessings our Lord continues to pour out upon us.

While teaching the adult class one Sunday morning, Garrett Lee really encouraged us with the following statement. "Although I was raised in a "Christian" home, I was never taught about the church and biblical living until Bro. Jerry came to Twin Lakes." That comment caused Connie and I both to reflect back to our arrival on the Navajo Nation in 2002. We vividly recall the Sunday morning

the Lee family first walked through the gymnasium doors at the local school where we first began church services...a husband and wife along with their 3 year old son, Chris. It wasn't long afterward that Garrett came to the realization he had never been saved, trusting Christ and following in baptism. His wife, Billie Jo, had been saved earlier in life. Since that time the Lord has added two other children to their home. Chris is now 22, Heaven is 14 and Grant is 11 and all three have been saved and baptized through the teachings not only of our church, but also through the dedicated teaching and example in their home. Looking back, it's easy to see how the Lord worked in the life of the Lee family and continues to do so, a visible testimony of the work of Twin Lakes Baptist.

There are other "success" stories of the ministry here among the Navajo people. Perhaps one of the most important for Connie and I is the realization that while we may not always recognize the growth and "success" visibly at first, when we look back it can be seen. The numbers in attendance do not always reflect the growth of the overall membership nor the faithfulness of most, but success stories are recorded in the Lord's book of remembrances. He is the keeper of that record, and along the way He is faithful to remind us of the growth of some of the people.

December brought joy to our hearts as well as grave concern for the health of some of our people. One of our younger ladies was hospitalized twice for major kidney problems. On one occasion she was even flown to a hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho, the closes facility with an "available bed" AND a kidney specialist. Thankfully, she is now back at home and recovering from some significant concerns. Another lady, actually a member since 2002, is suffering from glioblastoma, brain cancer that is incurable as far as the medical doctors can determine.

Although she is still able to attend worship services on Sunday mornings, it is evident that her health is declining. Please lift this godly lady and our dear friend up to the Lord in prayer. In order to protect the privacy of each of the ladies, we obviously are not sharing their names in this newsletter. We rejoice to have personal knowledge of their salvation testimonies, both being saved at an earlier age in life.

Bloomington Missions

Kevin Pruitt, Missionary

December is always a busy month but that did not keep people from showing up and following thru with their next steps in discipleship. We had 3 baptisms this month. Mother and Son; Kara and Merik, and Sierra. It is always exciting to see people making choices for Christ. It fuels the fire of evangelism and discipleship among the people.

We had a great opportunity to serve our community this month as a strong thunderstorm, which is a rarity in Indiana this time of year, knocked down several trees in the community and at some of our friends' houses. I am thankful for a church that jumps right in with chainsaws in hand or muscles to help stack and haul wood. The owner of this home has been visiting off and on for months and just kept shaking his head in surprise, saying he could not believe how these people who barely knew him came to help. They made quick work of a job that could have taken him a whole day.

We were also able to buy lunch for the police department to encourage them this month. Please pray for our police department as their job is very difficult with the presence of drugs and homelessness. Moral is very low and they are short staffed as is the case with many departments nation wide.

Starting the week of Christmas the entire county got Covid it seemed. We had survived 2 years without an outbreak but it hit us hard. 90% of our people have been sick and or tested positive in the past 2 weeks. This is part of one on one discipleship when we are actually meeting with people day to day, in their homes, and in the community. Thankfully no one has been seriously affected and many have banded together to make grocery deliveries on porches and meet needs from a distance.

We took many opportunities to gather and celebrate our Savior this month with a viewing of "The Chosen Christmas, hosted at the church and Christmas Candlelight services. It is such a blessing that our people love to be together and invite friends to events.

Continue to pray as we start 2022. It is organization year! We are just 6 months away from our official organization date in June 2022.

Logos Baptist Church

Bruce Betts, Pastor

I'm excited to share the progress and the need for the work here in Hattiesburg. The Lord's church building is coming together beautifully. It's been eleven and a half years and I do believe with the help of our sister churches we can occupy the building on or near Resurrection Sunday! My God that sounds and feel good to say. The church is excited and as I am ready to get into downtown Hattiesburg to continue the work that our Lord has laid to our hands. All of us have been dealing with covid and we've all been affected in some way but through it all God has been faithful. So I'm not going to dwell on the issues of the disease just give God praise that His work has and will continue. That being said in order for us to occupy the building as we have prayed to God for His provision. There are still some significant financial needs we have. Seating has become an issue because the company we were buying our chairs from almost doubled the price for them. They started out at 28,000 before "covid" now they are 52,000. We can't afford that especially with the other needs we have. We were donated about 375 chairs that are good and we plan to use those and have asked a local furniture dealer to help locate more of the same chairs. We need about 400. If he is successful with finding these chairs he said they would be between \$15- \$20 each. Prayerfully that works for us.

The heating and air units should be completed in February. This has been put off several times because of scheduling issues due to a variety of things but I believe it happens when God is ready for it to happen. Pray with us that February will be good for the installers to come and finish powering and charging the units. This is one of the determining factors for us to occupy the building by Resurrection Sunday. Carpeting is throughout the building except for the sanctuary, base boards have been installed and painted. God blessed us to find a young man and his family to install the carpet and base boards for \$5,000 for over 10,000 sq. ft. If anyone know about pricing of installing carpet you know it is on the low end starting at 2.75 per sq. ft. not including cutting, painting and installing base boards. All I can say about that is God is faithful.



Dean Grigsby

Business Manager Report

I was blessed to give the Baptist Sunday School Committee an annual report for 2021 at our last video conference. God has truly demonstrated Himself faithful. Bogard Press saw an increase in sales of 3% in 2021 versus 2020. In addition, our ministry is in a good cash position as we move forward after two years of the pandemic.

As I reviewed 2021's performance and thought about 2022, I remembered a time God went to Haggai with a simple challenge: ... *Consider your ways.* Haggai 1:5,7 While our finances are good, the pandemic has demonstrated that we need to consider our ways. As we considered our operations, we realize there are some fundamental changes we need to make if we are to remain viable to share the truths of God's Word for decades to come.

We have committed specifically to the Baptist Sunday School Committee to improve our work processes in the areas of product development and promotions. The effects of the pandemic made it clear new work processes and technology must be embraced and followed. The Baptist Sunday School Committee approved the hiring of a full-time Web Manager in place of a Promotions Director to oversee technology and promotions improvements we need and to ensure additional technical support is in place to support those changes. Please be in prayer for the person God has for this new position, and we would appreciate hearing of any good candidates among our churches who want to step out in faith into a ministry position to make a difference in the lives of others.

There is no more important purpose than the good news of the gospel message of Jesus Christ. The Bible is the manual God has given us to share Jesus and to establish the work of His Great Commission. There are many study aids available to assist churches, but few are genuinely true to the Word of God. At Bogard Press we commit to provide materials in which your teachers can have confidence as they lead Bible studies each week that lead to true life change.



Mark Clements
Editor in Chief

“Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy,” (Leviticus 19:2).

Our Spring 2022 Through the Bible curriculum will take Bible students through Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The aim will be for the student to “learn of God’s standards of righteousness, his inability to live up to those standards and accept that grace is found through Jesus.”

As we study through these last three books of the Pentateuch, we will observe God’s people attempt to enact His Law and ultimately fall short of accomplishing His desires. Yet, as with the rest of Scripture, we will also see how Jesus Christ shines brilliantly above the chaos of human shortcomings because of sin.

God’s command for Israel to be holy as He is holy, which was also reiterated in the New Testament and applied to Christians (1 Peter 1:16), still applies today. God has not lowered His standard of righteousness just because man cannot meet it. From the beginning, Jesus has always been God’s plan to provide the way for sinful man to meet God’s standard of righteousness, and we see Him pictured throughout the Old Testament.

Our prayer for students as they study through Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, is that the wisdom of God and the love of Christ would shine radiantly above the failures of man. We all fall short of God’s expectations, but by the grace of God we find forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to God and restoration to renewed living by the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, because of Jesus, we have been declared righteous and have begun to live holy lives. We are praying for you and your church this Spring as you study and apply Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
November/December 2021**

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | | \$5,637.30 | EXPENSES: | | |
| INCOME: | | | Utilities | \$ 1,116.38 | |
| ALABAMA | | | Misc. | 3,336.13 | |
| Magnolia Springs -Theodore, AL | 440.00 | | Office | 191.19 | |
| Schillingers Rd. BC -Mobile, AL | 300.00 | | Instruction | 2,950.00 | |
| Victory BC -Moblie, AL | 314.00 | | TOTAL EXPENSE | \$7,643.70 | \$7,643.70 |
| GEORGIA | | | NEW BALANCE | | \$ (1,649.49) |
| Northside, BC -Vienna, GA | 200.00 | | BOOKSTORE FUND | | |
| Traders Hill -Folkston, GA | 200.00 | | BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | | \$ 4,334.88 |
| FLORIDA | | | Income: | | |
| Okeechobee BC -Okeechobee, FL | 170.21 | | Bookstore Sales | \$ -0- | |
| Oleno BC -HighSprings, FL | 200.00 | | Press Sales | \$ -0- | |
| Calvary BC -Panama City, FL | 100.00 | | Contributions: | | |
| Sunlight BC -Pensacola, FL | 100.00 | | Landmark, Madison, FL | \$ 200.00 | |
| Mics: | | | Total Income | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,024.21 | | TOTAL AVAILABLE | | \$4,544.88 |
| DESIGNATED FUNDS: H.H.Strickland | | | Expenses: | | |
| Magnolia Spring BC -Theodore, AL | 800.00 | | Utilities | \$698.28 | |
| Frankfort BC -Russellville,AL | 200.00 | | Postage | \$1,066.92 | |
| Newark BC -Elkton,MD | 200.00 | | Print Shop | \$2,459.28 | |
| Cumberland Cove BC -Monterey,TN | 50.00 | | Supplies | \$105.28 | |
| First Baptist BC -White City, FL | 200.00 | | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$4,329.76 | \$4,329.76 |
| TOTAL | \$ 1,450.00 | | NEW BALANCE | | \$215.12 |
| COMMITTEE OF 100 | | | BUILDING FUND | | |
| Terry Alexander - Pensacola,FL | 20.00 | | Calvary BC -Panama City,FL | \$500.00 | |
| Kitchen Sales -Pensacola, FL | -0- | | TOTAL INCOME | \$500.00 | |
| TUITION/REGISTRATION | | | EXPENSES: | | |
| Registration | \$ -0- | | Regions Bank | \$562.70 | |
| Tuition | \$ -0- | | Building Fund | \$28,297.80 | |
| Transfer | \$2,500.00 | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$5,994.21 | \$5,994.21 | | | |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE | | \$11,631.51 | | | |

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church is in search of a pastor. We are a small church but are interested in growing and serving the Lord in our community and surrounding area. We are located 6 miles east of Ola, Arkansas.

Please contact Kenneth McCoy at 479-747-3760/email kenneth@arkwest.com or Don McCoy at 479-747-3403 for more information and to set up and appointment.

Greeley Missionary Baptist Church is a small congregation seeking a spirit lead man of God that teaches the entire Bible (KJV). We are a small congregation of 30-35 members seeking the will of our Lord. Our search includes by-vocational or full time.

Greeley is located an hour north of Denver. We are members of the local Rocky Mountain Missionary Baptist Association. Please see our website and go to the searching for a pastor page. greeleymbc.org

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. If they prefer they may call 985.351.8980 or 985.069.0028.

PRINTING NEWS

Printing News:

There are a number of events that have taken pace over the course of the last two months which effects the printing of materials. It is very disappointing when you rely on equipment to do the work that needs to be done, and it doesn't work properly. I understand that, in our case, where you must depend on older units, it should be expected that they are going to break down. It reminds me of the add on TV regarding auto. repair. One promoter says, "If you have a car it will break down." So have been the case with three of small presses in the shop.

The Heidelberg press was really working well and then during a run, it simply stopped printing. Until recently, I have not been able to get anyone to come and see what happened.

A couple of weeks ago, I was able to have a man from Mobile to come and try and get it back on line. He really worked hard for more than four hours, but I am not sure if what he

did is going to work. I have not had the opportunity to get back to printing on it.

The small press that I use to print envelopes on also went down. I worked for several hours on it but, again I am not sure what I did corrected the problem. When I could not get the project done on it I moved to my Ryobi and it was really doing well until. It also decided to stop working right. I have not been able to get anyone to work on it. For the most part, virtually all of the old tech's who worked on these small presses is no longer doing repairs. If anyone reading, this note knows of anyone who can work on it, I would really like to hear from you.

New Digital Unit:

One of the oldest commercial printers that I had finally broke beyond repair. Literally pieces began to break on the inside and it stopped working. That told me that it was time to replace it. I was able to contact our representative for the color units I have and he found us a tremendous buy on a black and white unit. with a very low run count. It is now installed and working really well. I have not used it yet, except to proof tests, but with the production of the new letter, I

will be able to tell if it is going to do the job.

New Production:

The goal that started us on this journey, the printing of Spanish material, continues to progress. Once we moved from the text book side of the issue and introduced the Spanish literature, it has been the goal to produce a ten-year cycle in Spanish quarterlies. That goal is still before us and we are moving forward to accomplish the task. In the last few months three quarterlies in Spanish have been produced. Two of these were the quarterlies of Luke. The other is from the Old Testament. I am also waiting on the translation for one more quarterly from the New Testament, which will just about complete the New Testament cycle.

I have also been working on re-working on some of the older quarterlies and bringing them up to date. This would include new covers and different layouts for the text.

Thanks:

I can never forget to thank every church and individual that have been so faithful to this phase of our ministry. The work that is being done right now is proof that the Lord is still blessing the efforts of all.

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Publication</p> <p>wfbi News is published by-month except July by the West Florida Baptist Institute and is owned solely by the West Florida Baptist Institute.</p> <p>Subscription is free and a copy may be obtained by writing, e-mailing or calling the</p> | <p>office of WFBI. To be placed on the mailing list, simply call, write or email: 1-850-455-4417 or 1-850-455-7474 (fax). E-Mail at wfbi2@yahoo.com or sign up online at www.wfbi.net.</p> | <p>Articles should be in the office no later than the 10th of the month so that they might be included in that months edition. Mission reports are alternated so that all may have the opportunity to be published.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H.H. Strickland; editor</p> |
|---|--|---|

CURRENT RESIDENT OR:

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PENSACOLA, FL
PERMIT NO. 329

West Florida Baptist Institute
6812 Lillian Highway
Pensacola, FL 32506-3954