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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. H. H. Strickland

The fall semester is well underway. The enrollment is virtually the same as it was in the spring. We all were hopeful that we would have seen an increase,

partly because of the number of inquiries that had been received over the summer. It is much like having people promising that they would be in service next Sunday; you never count them until you see them there. I am still thankful for every student that has chosen to be a part of and to receive their Biblical education at WFBI.

There have been some major changes in the VA program for most of our current students who are enrolled under voc-rehab through the VA. Due to the changes, it has been difficult to exchange information and get things on tract for three of the students. The change in case workers and location has presented a very difficult situation.

The progress on the new facility is going, but really moving slowly. It has been extremely frustrating to me because I am not accustomed to all the waiting. When we built the print shop, we had the building erected about three months into the process. It has been almost a year and we have not had one job done accept the surveys. Governmental regulations have made the process very difficult. Little things like making us put a sidewalk to the bus stop on a state road.

The fund-raising continue to also move slow. I appreciate every church and individual that has accepted the challenge to help in this project. Due to your faithfulness, all the engineering costs have been paid. We are currently waiting on approving the site work. The permits have been received and now we must get someone to come and do the work. The lowest bid that has been received is more than \$146,000.00 and this just about caused me to faint. You talk about sticker shock, did I have a real case. Then one other man told me his bid would be more than \$250,000.00. WOW. I am living in a different world concerning this matter. However, we are now waiting to receive the foundation plans so that we will be prepared when the site work is done. Due to the fact that I have so many classes to teach, the printing to do, along with other duties, we have asked a man, who

is qualified, to become the site engineer and he has agreed and is already working for us.

The new programs that were introduced last year are already proving to be a blessing. I have learned so much about these matters, things that I never even considered before. For years, it was just a matter of teaching classes, raising the necessary funds and keeping things going in the right direction. So much has changed.

I am proud to say the West Florida Baptist Institute is now "certified" through the Counsel of Private Colleges of America. The only difference in the matter is the terms "accredited" and "certified." If any school is to be recognized by the Department of Education, they must accept and administer "title-four" funds. This is something no Baptist school should ever do. Once you accept these funds, you will then be told how you can spend them and who can and cannot teach.

If the federal government pays, they will tell you how to play.

I thank you for all your prayers and support for this ministry. I have been limited to what I can do for the last two weeks due to another fall. I am not sure how long I will be slowed down but rest assured I am still on the job. Thank you so much and may the Lord continue to bless you all.

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From a
Woman's Point
 of View



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FALL HAS ARRIVED!

Finally our fall weather has arrived. It is odd how it quickly jumps from nightly lows of say 38-49 overnight to high 70's in the daytime. However it is nice sleeping weather.

My friends and family in the south have asked me why so low at night and yet we climb to such high's during the day. No real answer other than it's the desert.

Lately I have been reading about all the changes over the country and have decided most of the readings of the changes taking place have been discussed in the Bible.

Last report I read was about how the Red Sea now has fish it. Now if memory serves me right, it has been years since there was any life in this part of the waters.

I'm not sure when this discovery was made, as I may have over looked it. But I believe this is a really big sign we ought to take to heart. The Bible talks about it in the book of Revelation and how close we are to the Lord's coming.

If you aren't ready to meet your creator then I might make a suggestion you start getting ready now. All the signs in the Bible

are now being fulfilled and happening everyday.

So when you see all the changes taking place around the world these signs are pointing towards the coming of our Lord. All the fires and storms are just two examples of events mentioned in the Bible bring us towards the last days.

Read your Bible, learn about what will be happening sooner than you think, and be ready to go home with the Lord.

Have a wonderful Fall and prepare for the Winter days ahead

Philosophy of Religion

In reading again some of the material that is presented in the text , God, Man, And the Thinker, I discovered the following quote given by Carl G. Jung, in opposing the idea concerning the value of religion for psychic health. "Whoever cannot see this aspect of the human psyche is blind, and whoever chooses to explain it away, or to 'enlighten' it away, has no sense of reality." Again he made this observation; "It is no reproach to the Freudian and Alderian theories that they are based upon the drives; the only trouble is that they are one-sided. The kind of psychology they present leaves out the psyche, and is suited to people who believe that they have no spiritual needs or aspiration."

In the new programs that have been introduced in the curriculum at WFBI, this very matter has come under discussion several times. Most of the modern day psychology and counseling, is based on the theories from several men such and Freud. In the early days in developing clinical counseling, it was mostly based upon those men who opposed any recognition of the spirit and its role in counseling that it might play.

It has been learned that people who depend upon nothing but clinical counseling, where the spirit is suppress, have very little success

in dealing with the total problem they face. The real problem with the Freudian approach is that it denies that man is composed of three elements. He has a mind, a body and a spirit. To attempt to treat only two of these areas, is to leave a counselee in peril of continuing in their problem. For one to be successful in proper counseling, all three, the mind, the body and the spirit must be incorporated in the process.

Jung continued to observe; "The very person who suffers the most for lack of a religion basis have the most cynical suspicion that the clergy are incompetent in all areas, and that to consult them for the answers to vital questions is preposterous."

In the early development of clinical counseling, most educators totally rejected the area of pastoral counseling. They failed to recognize that, before there was ever a clinical counselor, there were pastoral counselors. However, as more men turned to the profession of clinical counseling, the more they pressed to eliminate any recognition of pastoral counseling.

The position was soon taken that these pastors were neither educated sufficiently nor did they possess the qualifications to counseling of any kind. It did not take long before these who followed the Freudian ideas pushed hard to force pastoral counseling to either join their school of education or not be recognized by, or be licensed by the proper local or state authorities.

As a result, pastoral counseling was frowned upon and suppressed on ever side.

There have been far to many testimonies from people who have gone to clinical counseling only to be told that they have been "brain washed" through religion. It would be hoped that more of the pastors, especially Baptist ministers, would avail themselves to the opportunity to acquire the necessary educational tools so that they can minister to the congregations where they serve. It is never too late to prepare oneself for the tasks of expanding their ministry.

Jung is absolutely correct when he states that people are put at peril when they are not counseled concerning the role that the spirit plays in the overall well being.



David Gonnella, Th.

Attennn-TION! Pastor: Would you be interested in the possibility of furthering your seminary education, or providing seminary training for your staff, deacons, or Sunday School teachers? And would you be interested in having Uncle Sam pay for it?

Through a special arrangement with the Veteran's Administration, any military veteran who is as much as 20% disabled can receive VA benefits covering full tuition and fees and all books and related materials for a seminary education. Further, the veteran is paid to attend our seminary.

This is not a federally funded educational program. *WFBI* does not accept or administer federal funds in any form for any program. This includes Title IV funding.

This is an earned benefit for disabled veterans. In other words, due to their service and having suffered at least a 20% disability, the

Your Rich Uncle Will Pay For It!

veteran has earned the right to this funding. In essence, the money belongs to the veteran for educational purposes.

Any veteran qualifying can earn an Associate's Degree in Bible, a Bachelor's Degree in Bible or Theology, and a Master's Degree in Bible, Theology, Counseling or Divinity. This program can be used to help church members further their knowledge of the Bible, for those called into the ministry to train to fulfill their calling, and for those already in the ministry to gain further training and advanced degrees.

WFBI is certified to participate in this program through the Council of Private Colleges of America. We offer classes during the day and at night for the veteran's convenience.

Veterans who are interested in this program can call our office for information or apply for the "Voc-Rehab Program" at their local VA office. Join the veterans who are already taking advantage of this earned benefit to "be all that you can be" for the Lord Jesus Christ!

Philippine Mission Development

Wayne Stringer, Director

It is always exciting to visit with churches and see their response as we share what God is doing through the Ministry of Philippine Mission Development. Few, outside of those who have witnessed our presentation, realize the impact this Ministry is having on the work of the Lord's Churches in the Philippines among those who are associating with The American Baptist Association. Those churches who have been helped are now visible and have become an established part of the community. Not only are they a benefit to their community, they are reaching a group of people who before were ignored or over looked. They are leading people to the Lord who can support the work. As a result they are sending out missionaries who are leading people to the Lord and establishing new churches. PMD helps with nice building, but this ministry is far more than buildings, it is about getting the Gospel Message to the lost, and leading them to the Lord for salvation of their soul.

I am actually getting this report out a little late, on the 8th of September I wired \$8,000.00 to Magalang Missionary Baptist Church to begin the twelfth project of P.M.D.. They are excited! "Praise God,

He is Good..... Pray fully, by the next report we will have pictures of the ground breaking and beginning of construction.

I am, also excited about project #13, it appears it will be above Clark Air Base on Luzon also. Clark is expected to be a thriving City in the future as industry moves in and the development managed. There will be housing developments, and many moving from Manila. It will be nice for Missionary Baptist to be out front, rather than playing catch up.

For the month we received \$ 3,284.36, for the project, this gives us a current total of \$37,710.76, leaving a balance needed to reach the projected amount of \$12,289.24. We also received \$1,962.72 for salary and \$1,085.00 for Philippine travel. To all the churches and individuals who are supporting this ministry and our salary, I cannot express with words, how grateful I am. It seems like a mere Thank You is so inadequate, but from the bottom of our heart we do thank you and pray for God's richest blessing upon you. We love each of you.

I am looking forward to visiting with many of the pastors of the churches supporting us at the up-coming local and State Associational Meetings. I pray God will open many doors for us to share with their churches this Great Ministry.



Glen Davenport, Th.D.

TEXT: John 4:19-24**INTRODUCTION:**

God is the Jehovah of the Scriptures. The Spirit is His life; yea, our life.

The Truth is the Word of God. We must worship Him according to His written Word.

Verse 23 tells us that God is on the look-out; watching for those who will worship Him in Spirit and truthfully. It is worth our time to think a while on this subject. This demand is not for somebody else. It is for me, and it's about you. How am I going to worship God? How are you going to worship God? The answer is clear. Each of us will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth or we will not worship Him at all. The reason being: we cannot worship Him any other way. He will not accept worship any other way.

A. Why did this subject come up?

The subject came up because the Samaritan Woman perceived that Jesus was a prophet (V19)

The word 'perceive' means; to view or to theorize. The woman view or theorized that He was a prophet.

B. What difference would it have made if He was a prophet?

Old Testament prophets believed that Jerusalem was the place to worship. It is odd how some people think worship is only done at church or some specific place.

Deut 12:5-6

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

I Kings 9:3 and Psalm 122:1-9

C. What was her attitude toward worship?

She worshipped as her fathers worshipped, where they worshipped, and she, or rather the Samaritans, missed the whole idea of worship.

Jesus said to her: V.22 *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*

Literally the verse says "You worship the unknown. We worship the known."

That is an awful situation. Think about the time Paul stood before the men on Mars Hill and spoke to them about their monument to the 'unknown God'. Is it possible to worship an unknown God?

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

To worship is to bow before, to show respect for, to maintain a deep abiding love for and appreciation for, and to express great admiration for the object or Person.

I. Let Us Worship God: the Father of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

A. To worship Him is to bow before Him is to bow low before Him; even prostrate at His feet. It is to be humbled in His presence, even as Ezekiel was when he said:

Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar : and I fell on my face. **Ezek 3:23**

B. To worship Him is to show respect for Him and to honor Him and to see Him high and lifted up.

C. To worship Him is to maintain a deep abiding love for Him. It is to Keep Him and always have a rich, deep-seated, ever-present passionate affection for Him.

D. To express great admiration for God is to wonder and to delight in Him. It is to admire His excellence for He is the awesome God in all matters of interest.

II. Let Us Worship God In Spirit.

A. To worship God in the Spirit is to forsake any and all preconceived ideas that He is in a certain house or a certain locality. He is omni-present at all times. David asked:

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. (Ps 139:7-11)

B. To worship God in Spirit is to have contact with Him as though He is the wind, always near and lively. Jesus illustrated His presence in the Holy Spirit and by the presence in the wind to Nicodemus on one occasion.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

(John 3:8)

III. Let Us Worship God In Spirit And In Truth.

A. To worship God in Spirit is to know Him.

1. Know Him through the Scriptures...

2. Know Him through the Holy Spirit.

3. Know Him through His abilities.

4. Know Him through His Sacrifice...

5. Know Him through His forgiveness.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Central Missionary Baptist Church

Brother and Sisters in Christ:

Central sponsors Dayspring Missionary Baptist Mission in Thoreau, New Mexico. We have been sponsors of this mission for several years. There was a missionary at the mission when we began sponsoring, but after a few years, he had to leave for health reasons. While he was active, the mission did well and gained several members. We have been without a missionary now for several years, and this is our great need at Dayspring. Without a pastor, attendance at the mission has dropped to only a few faithful families.

Our mission complex consists of several acres with buildings. We have a fairly new auditorium, and an older auditorium with classrooms and fellowship hall. We have a parsonage consisting of a house trailer with an added room, and there are also several other buildings on the property. All the acreage is under fence. There are also two working vans that belong to the mission. All buildings, land and vehicles are paid for and the mission is financially secure.

Our real need is for a missionary. We have had some good prospects, and we have had a seminary student that has come and spent several summers with the mission, but nothing permanent has happened. We are contacting seminaries and churches either by letter, e-mail, phone or in person to let them know of the need and the opportunity here. Thoreau is located near the Navajo Indian Reservation, and there are many who need the Lord. There is also a good number of non Navajo population in the area, and we see a real opportunity there at Dayspring.

As we stated, we are looking for a missionary at Dayspring, but would be agreeable to have someone who might want to go and preach for a few weeks, months, etc. Expenses would be paid to and from Thoreau, and we would attempt to pay a liveable salary while a preacher is there. This is a good opportunity for a seminary student who wanted to spend a summer preaching and working at a mission while earning some money for school in the fall.

If you think you might be interested, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Yours in Christ,

Central Missionary Baptist Church

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Glenwood News:

Ray Meigs, Director

During September we were privileged to host a visiting missionary family. The Hutcheson family, Missionaries to Romania, were in the area on deputation and stayed with us over the weekend. We count it a privilege to open our home and campground to visiting missionaries. Whenever they are in the area. If a missionary is in the south Louisiana area and needs a place to headquarter for a short time, we offer the use of our home and/or campground free of charge. We love missionaries and this is a way we can give back to the work of the Lord.

This past summer, South Crossett Missionary Baptist Church in Crossett, AR, designated their VBS offering to Camp Glenwood to be used to purchase new mattresses for the camp. With their offering, we were able to obtain 16 new mattresses from a company in Tennessee. Thank you South Crossett! If your church would like to designate your VBS offering or take up a special offering for this project, please mark it "Camp mattresses." Each mattress (with shipping) cost approximately \$75.00. Our goal is to replace all 325 beds with new mattresses.

World-Wide Literature and Missionary Supplies

Hamburg, AR 71646

Joel Meredith, Missionary Helper

The shipment for Glen Knight is now history and the supplies are on the way to Palau. A hydraulic hoist was loaded. It will be mounted on Rim Nativa to ease the loading and unloading of supplies that will be delivered to many hundreds of people. Brother Glen said of all the shipments we have helped him with this one was most special. I believe we have made about 38 shipments to him over the years.

It is so fulfilling to see the Lord's blessings that go along with every shipment we make. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came and helped load the container. Thank you to every church and individual who helped by supplying items that were badly needed. Thank you Brother W. A. Dillard for the thousands of Bibles, New Testaments and John Romans. We could not do it without your help and we give God all of the glory.

The most pressing need right now for WWLMS is to raise funds for Joel Campbell's salary. The month ended with his salary fund being about \$1,853.00 in the red.

B. To worship God in Truth is to be open and honest with Him. It is to remove all pretentious thoughts and ideas about Him. Let the Scriptures tell you Who He is.

C. To worship Him properly, we should allow His Spirit to shape our lives as we heed His instructions.

D. To Worship God properly is to forsake ALL other gods.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Failure to worship God in Spirit and in Truth is to perish with the god you serve.



*Secretary/
Treasurer
Missions*
Bryan Sellers

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

SELLERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$1,350,036.00
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$47,763.17
Foreign & National Salaries	\$43,168.02
Designated	\$30,979.89
Undesignated	\$15,334.01
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$137,245.09
BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE	
	\$1,487,281.09
DISBURSEMENTS	
Interstate Salaries	\$63,224.80
Foreign Salaries	\$22,846.20
National Salaries	\$27,759.20
Designated	\$30,979.89
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$12,223.98
General Office	\$3,519.96
Postage	989.25
Automobile Expense	\$922.86
Total Office	\$18,362.33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$163,172.42
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	
	\$1,324,108.42
Deficit for September	(\$25,927.33)

The month of September was an extremely busy month of travel. I was privileged to preach and present ABA Missions in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky and Texas. I would like to thank each church for the invitation to come and present ABA Missions and for each prayer for traveling grace for me and my family. In I Thessalonians 5:25, missionary Paul uses 4 simple but powerful words to share his heart with the

churches; "Brethren, pray for us." Please continue to lift up the missionaries and their families in prayer each day.

For September, the missionaries reported 1,024 professions of faith and 37 baptisms. Since June, the total number of salvations is 3859 and 129 baptisms. What a tremendous declaration of the power of the gospel and the faithfulness of God's men.

Please remember the upcoming November Thanksgiving Mission Offering. Our goal this year is \$250,000.00. This offering is needed to help eliminate the deficit months throughout the year. If you would like to have a copy of the Thanksgiving DVD, please contact the missions office. This DVD should be ready to mail by the second week in October.

May the remainder of this month be a time of spiritual renewal for the Lords' Churches as we strive to reach the world with the gospel of Christ.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Colombian Baptist News
Jim Gage, Missionary



This is a picture of the graduating class of our Jungle Bible Institute in Puerto Inirida, Colombia! We had a wonderful closing ceremony with 38 students receiving certificates! To God be the glory!

Jungle Bible School's teaching faculty
"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and con-

firning the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16:20

Bro and Sis Marcos Rodriguez, Fredy Rodriguez and Bro Guardin returned with me to Villavicencio to begin plans for establishing a church in Inirida. We made an in-depth study of the "Lord's Church." They will start meeting together for Bible studies and worship. We plan to establish the church next year in February officially. We ask your prayers and support for this new outreach.

"INITIATING A DIFFERENT APPROACH"

LAMB's Pre-recorded classes to be used at Jungle Bible School During the past six years, Westwood MBC and her teaching staff have been traveling quarterly to Inirida to teach the students at the Jungle Bible School. Several students have been with us from the beginning. However, many want to begin studies. LAMB offers prerecorded classes on the internet at <http://lamb-seminary.com/moodle>.

These are video classes that can also be viewed by using a computer and a TV. So, when the brethren returned to Inirida, I sent a computer, TV, and equipment with them to begin classes. Then when Dr. Douglas Wiersema and I teach our periodic seminars, we will also provide updates and answer any questions that the new students might have.

Mission: SE Asia *Rusty Teer, Missionary* CEREMONIES

Retirement is mandatory at age 60. This year we will lose a superintendent that we've worked with at 2 schools over the past 8 years, 5 of those at JD. He invited us to come work with him at JD and has considered us part of his "staff". This has been a blessing for us as we have been allowed to teach and share respectfully whatever we wish with the students. I asked him if I should "retire" as well and he told me teachers have already approached him asking if he could help us be able to stay under the new superintendent.

God has heard your prayers and given us favor! It's one thing to work where you are

needed; it's quite another to work where you are welcomed! I'm sure you notice all the religious activities that go on around us. Most activities start with a ceremony to placate the "local spirits". The MC, if a shaman, will usually wear white, while Buddhist monks will wear orange. These retirement ceremonies are mostly done by the shaman asking the local spirits to bless the teachers with good health and finances for the rest of their lives.

There are actually 3 beliefs that most adhere to in daily life: Animism, Hinduism and Buddhism. They bleed over into the others. You can see that we need your prayers as so many do not know that our Father is seeking His creation for a deep and meaningful relationship. 99.4% of the people here are simply going through the motions of their culture trying to be a good citizen. He has brought us here to serve and share the Way, the Truth and the Life. He has told us to go to ALL the world, and He has brought you to help support us. Thank you for doing that so well!

Peruvian Missions

Juan Angulo, Missionary

It is a great blessing to work for the Lord with the people here in Peru. The preaching and teaching of the gospel transforms the person giving him values, morals, dignity to be useful in his home and in his community.

Fellowship: Last weekend we organized a spiritual retreat with a group of brothers from the church of El Bosque, Trujillo in a recreational park 1 hour from the city, where we shared the word of God, it was a moment of meditation and prayer to strengthen our encouragement to work for the Lord, then families participate in sports: volleyball, basketball, soccer and we share a lunch in the afternoon. It was a great day. In order to continue strengthening the missions we will soon visit with a group of brothers from Trujillo, the mission in Chao, since the congregation there is eager to spend a moment together.

Blessing: God has blessed us greatly through Rose Lawn MBC in Tulsa, OK and his Pastor Rick McVeigh by sending 20 Bibles and 3 Bibles of study, I am grateful for this great ministry and all the churches that

sponsor and support brother Rick. Many people who have not had the opportunity to have a KN Bible or even have none, can now study and know the plan of salvation. At the moment 4 brothers from El Bosque, who needed, each one has received their new bible and are very grateful. Now with the blessing of God, I have this material to be able to reach little by little so that more people can have a Bible in their homes. Keep this ministry in your prayers.

Deputation 2019: For these days I have been doing the procedures to obtain my visa and be able to travel next year to the United States, the next weeks I have to travel again to Lima, which is where the embassy is located. Each trip is expensive and takes time. Pray for me, God willing, everything goes well and I can travel early next year.

I ask for your prayers for me and for the missionary work here in Peru. Thank you once again for the support that allows me to continue working day by day in the extension of the gospel. I pray that God bless each one of you.

Colombian Missions

Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary

PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION: Thank God, for His many blessings, and visible results in our services. On Saturday the 8th. We had good fellowship of pastors and leaders, we studied about the scriptural baptism, according to our Declaration of Faith. We had good fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

Next day at Peniel, Andrea (35 years old) and Marleny (50 years old) received Christ as personal savior. Amen.

At the evening, we had excellent mission rally service at the Emanuel MBC. During the invitation, Mrs. Ligia (55 years old) received Christ as personal savior. Amen.

Last Thursday, I visited Alex Lopez, (27 years old), the only son of Carmen and José. He had terminal cancer of the colon. He, his parents and Laura (9 years old) received Christ as personal savior. Amen. He died last Tuesday. Please pray for the comfort of the family.

My son David is doing well at the TBI & Seminary, he preached in two churches near the school. Please pray and help to support his college studies.

THE COLOMBIA THEOLOGICAL BAPTIST INSTITUTE. Will have its 26th closing exercises on November the 18nd. Bro. Robert Ledford, pastor of the Landmark MBC of Madison, FL, will be our special guest speaker.

Colombia, S.A.

Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary

My wife Rosalba gave certificates to the children of her Sunday School Class for their faithfulness in attendance. My wife has been such a blessing in my ministry and in the Lord's mission work and I thank God for her and all that she does for the Lord's work.

Also the children received music lessons. There is a lot of musical talent at the Monterrey Mission so we hired a teacher to teach them the notes more correctly. Every Saturday from 8-11 am they come to the music class. The children that participated really had a good time learning and having fellowship with one another.

Despite the heavy rains and flooding we are having, we have continued on with the services and many of our members arrive soaked from head to foot. But they want to hear the message from God's word and they say that the heavy rains cannot quench their thirst for the Word of God.

The radio program continues to be a success in Monterrey Mission work. A family of 3 came to our services for the first time. The wife accepted Christ Jesus as her personal savior. Praise be to God!!

During the month we had **6 first time** visitors and **3 professions of faith**. We are so thankful for these spiritual fruits in the Lord's Work.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. May God bless Pastor H.H. Strickland and his ministry and family.

Ukrain Mission

Tony Hansen, Missionary

The last few days of this month completes one year of being here in Zhytomyr. It seems like the past year has flown rapidly and at times it has felt like we have been here for a very long time. God has richly blessed us more than anyone can imagine in so many ways.

The first few days of August we were finishing up the week of Bible Camp in the

Carpathian Mountains with a great group of older teens and younger adults. There were ten children in attendance also whose parents were campers and workers. We had a very good week.

We closed the week of camp with skits that the campers prepared and presented. At the close of the evening service two were baptized into Pearl MBC. We were treated to a bonfire and serenaded by a Ukrainian music group. The evening was concluded by a great fireworks display thanks to the Bosticks.

Everyone made it safely back to Zhytomyr. David and Debra Bostick and Coretta and I did not return to Zhytomyr with everyone else but began an exploration of the Carpathian Mountains returning to Zhytomyr on August 14, refreshed and ready to gear up for the programs and projects for the fall. Our exploration of the Carpathian Mountains took us as far west in Ukraine as a person can travel without crossing the border into another country. We saw castles and learned more of the history of Ukraine. Ukraine is a very fascinating country.

We are looking forward to learning and exploring more parts of this beautiful country that God has led us to for serving him.

Attendance for Sunday services has been staying steadily in the mid to high 20's; even with people being out of service due to illnesses and such. The church here is the only congregation in this city to offer Sunday School classes in the Summer for children because of so many different camps being held during the Summer. Our adults are enjoying an extended worship hour with more songs and sermons on people that displayed great faith in God.

As we write this month's report, there are a few extra things that we want to let you know about. I'm sure many of you know by now that Bro. David and Sister Debra Bostick will be leaving the field in November and they will be dearly missed. They and their sending church,

Fellowship MBC have asked us and Columbus Baptist Church to take leadership and continue the work here in Ukraine. We ask for your continued prayers and consideration as we all take the next steps in our lives and ministry. We will have a separate announcement letter about the

change in leadership in our email distribution and snail mail soon.

South Pacific Missions

Walt Emry, Missionary

Over and Down: One Sunday after church we were having a potluck dinner and we had brought some (American type) food so we could share. We were getting things ready and there was a small picnic table there to sit at.

Some food was placed on said table and my plate was set there for me to start eating. They told me it was alright for me to sit down and start eating. So I did! Well when I sat down and put my weight on the bench the WHOLE table came over on top of me. The food, dessert, the fish on my plate, everything landed on the floor. We were able to salvage most of it because it was still in their containers, and even my fish landed in the dessert. (Fish with Peach Cobbler on it, Yummy!) I wasn't hurt, thank the Lord. (Just My Pride) BTW. The picnic table was built without extended legs!

Life of a Missionary: One evening I was in our apartment and I got a call from the owner downstairs saying there was a man here to see me. So I went down to meet him. His name is Sam. We previously met him, his wife and son on the way up to Farumaury MBC for services one afternoon. So, we sat at the table outside and the first thing he said to me was that he wasn't born again. Our discussion came to the point where we prayed together and he prayed for the Lord to save him. Amen! Right? But, the next thing he wanted was, you guessed it, money. I didn't have any money to give him, so he settled for some food. I pray he was truly saved! Please pray that he will come to church like he promised he would!

Spain

Daniel Estrada, Missionary

God is in control of everything and, even His heavens witness to the people. **Alhaurin de la Torre work...** We continued to work for the Lord in Alhaurin de la Torre and God is working in the lives of His people. Jose has comeback to God and is attending Church regularly, we thank God for it.

After the morning Church Service, we enjoyed good fellowship. He told me that he

has stopped smoking. We thank God because little by little God is working in his life.

Also, we thank God for the return of Eloisa from Mexico.

Praise the Lord she had a good time with her family and new niece. We thank God for the life of Eloisa, she is an amazing help and support to the cause of Christ.

We thank God for our new sign, it was given to us by Eloisa's brother. Our previous sign was stolen. We hope to have some new visitors because of this new sign.

Please, continue praying for souls that might come to know Christ and be His disciples.

SWEDEN WORK... We continue teaching the word of God to three different families. Valeria and Alil want to come back to study the Bible with us. Please, pray for their recovery from the loss of their son Matheo. We also continued teaching Brother Marco, Markus, and Tessy. Thanks for the faithful support and prayers made on our behalf.

Bulgaria

Jim Black, Missionary

We were stateside much of July and August. It was a blessing to reconnect with our church family in Lewiston Idaho. We enjoyed a special time with our children, grandchildren, and both of our moms.

We hired an immigration attorney in Boise Idaho to help us through the immigrant visa process for Praise. Once he has the visa we will need to bring him to the states and stay as long as it takes to obtain his citizenship. It could take several months to a year. Our sending church paid the attorney's fee of \$3000. BIG Blessing!!

While we were back we reported to some of our partnering churches in Washington State.

In Wenatchee we crossed paths with Bro. Darrell Robertson, missionary to Bolivia. Bro. Darrell and I are both from Montana and were both baptized by Happy Valley MBC in Whitefish. Several years ago Bro. Darrell was our camp evangelist in Romania.

Clarence and Ann Smith hosted us in their home in Wenatchee. They are active in building ministry and have helped us with several building projects through the years.

Thailand*David Leek, Missionary*

In September, I was blessed to be able to make a trip to Udon Thani to meet up with the Jones family, my Missions Director; Doug Wiersema, & one of the Deacons from Westwood, David Norris. Brothers Doug & David had brought me some very badly needed items from the US, & I was able to go pick them up & bring them back here to Ubon. I want to thank everyone for a really great trip, & a friend that packed it all for me in the US! I was privileged to stay at the Jones' house with everyone; such a blessing! My thanks to Doug & David for transporting all the goods from the US. Brother David upgraded the seats on the flights which allowed for extra baggage to be able to be brought for myself & some others too. Lord bless; thank you both!

The trip to Udon was so refreshing for me; especially to be able to fellowship with the Jones, Brothers Doug & David as well! They had come to build a pavilion for the Church & Seminary students at the Seminary there in Udon. It was; for me, amazing to see how the building came together, particularly as the week progressed! It was also great to be able to return to an area I'd not been back to for a while; not with all these folks, anyway. I was able to meet some of the students; as well as make some new friends. His name is Khun Supaan. He is from Laos, & is such a lively & energetic gentleman! He is super fired up for the Lord at all times; *what a blessing!* After the building was finished on that Friday, we all packed up and went to Khon Khaen for a meeting at the Church there; which Danny & Rachel Jones played the 1st foundational part in planting some years ago, with the help later of the Simms & Burdette families. The Simms have since moved to Khon Khaen to maintain a presence in the city. Khon Khaen was one of the pivotal points in the Lord calling me to Thailand; instead of Africa. The other main one; of which there were many, was a day in Danny's Office in the house when he explained to me the details of the Isaan region of Thailand, according to SBC statistics.

Romanian Missions*Mackrill, Missionary*

Exciting News: This past month we began school! The girls are attending preschool daily. They are making new friends and are so excited each day to go play with their new friends and learn Romanian. They are learning so fast! I believe they will be more fluent than us soon! Amy and I are attending language school throughout the week also in the evenings. I think it's probably more of a struggle for us, but we are enjoying meeting and making new friends also. These language classes and the girls preschool have been a blessing in that, not only are we learning to speak and understand Romanian, we are getting to make new friends and share with them why we are here, which in turn opens the door to share the gospel! Please keep this in your prayers!

The Work Continues: Continue to pray with us for the church in Feldioara. God has placed a special burden on our hearts for this church. Our vision is to lead them in doing the mission work that God has called us to do here together. We want them to be a part of reaching Romania with the gospel. As we continue to develop and deepen our relationships with the church, we pray that God will use us together to see souls saved, disciples made, missionaries sent, and churches planted! Please keep this in your prayers.

Last month we were blessed to attend for the second year in a row the International Missionary Retreat! This year it was hosted in Faro, Portugal. We were blessed to be able to take part in leading worship with Jerry & Kim Chandler, (we were also excited just to get to visit with them!!) Thank you to all who support the retreat and make it possible for us to attend!

We look forward to the blessings that God has in store for us this month. This weekend, the 5th & 6th of October, we will have the blessing of attending and bringing a group from the church in Feldioara to the National Meeting of the Romanian Missionary Baptist Churches which is hosted this year by the Rogers family and Victory Baptist Church here in Brasov. We pray that Psalm 133:1 will be on our hearts and minds as we celebrate the resurrected Savior who unites us all through His sacrifice on our behalf!

Japanese Missions*Shin Kamoda, Missionary*

Greetings in Christ's name! With the prayers of God's people and faithful supporting churches, we saw several young people come to trust in Christ during J.B.A. S.S. Bible Camp. We have faithful God-called preachers in our work. They've done outstanding jobs in preaching and teaching the Bible. We are blessed to have talented musicians who gave their talents to lead worship. These worship services were instrumental to reap souls to salvation. One of them is Tatsuya Shiraishi who is the 2nd child of our member, Sister Shiraishi. This was his 3rd camp to attend, while attending Sunday school every Sunday. He publicly professed his faith in Christ, the following Sunday. Please, pray that he may grow strong spiritually. 3 more young people from our church renewed their commitment to follow Christ!

J.B.A. Adult Bible Camp was successful. It served well as revival services for believers. Great preaching, singing, praying and fellowship! There were young adults with small children who will be next generation of Christians, too. One of our seekers from our church, Mrs. Kim, attended this camp. She said she enjoyed the camp and asked us to pray for her spiritual growth. My family received blessings from this camp, too.

Solomon Island Missions*Roger Watkins, Missionary*

The Ladies Auxiliary in the Solomon Islands is a very important part of the churches here.

Unlike the churches in America, the church is the center of social life for the women in the islands. In the daily life, the women are up early to cook breakfast and get the children off to school, then start on the chores of the day. The daily work consists of many chores associated with life here. There are no cars or trucks for 99% of the people in the remote areas of the islands, no electricity, and houses that need a lot of maintenance. Both the husband and the wife work together in gardening as the gardens are the main food source, and work on the house, but it is the wife that coordinates gathering food from the open air markets and the cooking and laundry work, with the children being taught to cook, clean house and do laundry at an early age.

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs Sr., Missionary

MISSION CAR: We are still asking God's people and churches to help to pay on the PRINCIPLE as we make a payment each month

We enrolled 15 new students 17 finished Old Testament, 16 finished New Testament and 4 completed the course. Six finished course two. We now have about 785 students.

We mailed out 1920 gospel tracts and 768 gospel booklets in our Studies. We are currently sending Studies into about 276 Jails and Prisons.

ONE NEW PRISON: SCI Green, St. Petersburg, FL.

Polk County Jail, Benton, TN.—I taught on The Call of Isaiah out of Isaiah sixth.

Fannin County Jail—Blue Ridge GA. This month we studied the subject of the Trinity and on Tongues.

Walker State Prison, Rock Springs, GA—We only got the Introduction done on Survey Of The Minor Prophets by Dr. Neal Clark.

Long State Prison, Ludowici, GA. We preached out of Ephesians chapter six on the Whole Armour of God. We had 30 men out for the service.

S.C.I. MAHANOY PRISON:

FRACKVILLE, PA

Chaplain Christian Aquilar called and asked for information about our Study Program.

Deuel Vocational Institution
Tracy, Ca.

Chaplain Yat Ang email asking for Bibles, English, Spanish, and Study Bibles. We sent him 60 English Bibles, 40 Spanish Bibles and 8 Study Bibles. We also sent him our My God is worthy to be praised all the time.

Logos Missionary Baptist Church

Hattisburg, MS

Bruce Betts, Pastor

My God is worthy to be praised all the time. I've been traveling a little sharing LOGOS

with God's people. I will never get used to the excitement of sharing what God has placed on my heart and in my hands to do furthering His kingdom agenda. Many people ask me how long have I been preaching God's word and I really didn't realize that it has been 16 years. It's amazing how quickly time flies, I truly believe the Lord is soon to return and when He does I want to be found faithfully caring out His commission. In Florida, while fellowshiping with God's people, I was asked about the vision the Lord has given me for LOGOS. My mind ran back to when I was attending seminary and the Lord started dealing with my heart about the lost. The great commission really spoke to my heart. I saw clearly what the Lord wanted me to do. He wanted me to cast out the net of the gospel and minister to whomever the gospel brought in. I was recently saved and young in the ministry, but this call was clear. The Lord spoke to my heart and said LOGOS will be a church that will minister to anyone. I thought, well that's what all the churches do. The Lord showed me that most of His churches reach out specifically to their own kind. Yes, there are ministries that reach out to different races and ethnicities within the churches, but the Lord revealed to me that's not what He wants. From day one of its conception LOGOS has sought to reach the lost for Christ. That means that all of God's people no matter race or ethnic group will be welcome to join and serve our Lord together. Anything worth doing has its challenges but I believed then and still believe that with Christ all things are possible. I have no desire to pastor a "black church" nor a "white church" I do and will only pastor the Lord's church that reaches out and welcomes anyone. The Lord saves us all the same there is only one way to be saved and it's for anyone who believes. This vision lives within me and LOGOS but as I stated at our national messenger meeting, we need the help and support of our sister churches. I invite all of you who receives this letter to come on board and partner with us to finish our building. I truly believe that it is the heart of our associated work to minister to every creature. We have a church in our work that is making inclusion of everyone it's number one priority. We have black and white members we are seeking

Hispanic and Latino believers and who ever to help with this melting pot of worshippers and servants of God. As I stated earlier this is not an easy task, but it is the task that the Lord has laid to our charge. My job as pastor is to make sure that we are all on the same spiritually and doctrinally. The Hispanic crew that hung and finished our sheetrock shared their testimony with me and I shared mine. They have come by the building numerous of times since they finished just to share with me about the Lord. I don't speak Spanish, but I recognize Christ when I hear it. I have many testimonies about sharing God's word with people who are different looking than I am and when I invite them to church they say you mean at the same time you have church? Yes. I want to hear and learn amazing grace in Spanish and sing it with them.

Heartland Baptist Mission

Perry, Georgia

Mark Thornton, Missionary

Please join us in prayer as we are now on deputation raising designated funds for a new Church plant in central, Georgia. The name of the Mission is Heartland Baptist, and is sponsored by Tifton Missionary Baptist Church in Tifton Georgia. If you would like me to come present this new work to your church, please call my cell, 912-552-4811. My email address is:

mandmthorn6465@gmail.com.

Our 1st Sunday Am Service: We are excited about our 1st Sunday AM Service held at the RV Park. We had 16 in attendance. Of those in attendance, six were from the park and 10 were from outside the park. Our goal has been to reach those beyond the park in the community in which we are living. The six from the park are permanent residents and all have been here over three years.

Josh and Madison Gamblin and their two kids (Jemma and Mason) from our Georgia Church camp have also been attending with us. They are going to be a great asset to our mission. They have been involved with mission work before and moved to the camp from Pigott Branch MBC from Ludowici, Georgia several years ago. We are about 35 miles from the camp, and I am thrilled that they have made a commitment to drive and attend with us. Please keep them in your prayers.

Preaching opportunities in Kansas: On July 20th I had the opportunity to preach at Bro. Jack Slay's ordination service at Landmark BC in Smithville, Ks. While we were missionaries in St Marys, Ga, Bro Jack and his family moved from Hillcrest BC in Acworth to St Marys to help for several years in the new mission we had started there. Please pray for his new place of ministry. I also had the opportunity to visit Landmark BC in Bonner Springs, Ks on July 21st where Bro. Charles Moore pastors. This church is special to our family. Mona's Father, Bro Gordon Durham was the first missionary/pastor at this church. And our Uncle George Wright pastored Landmark for most of his ministry.

Building Fund Offerings: This past month we were blessed by an offering of \$7,000.00 from Amazing Grace BC in Savannah, Ga. Also Tifton MBC's VBS collected \$1051.48 and The Baptist Chapel gave \$300.00 towards our building fund. I just want to say thanks and what a shot of encouragement provided to Heartland Mission and to our sponsoring Church, Tifton Mission. Whether a one-time offering or regular monthly support, the churches of the ABA have been very good to us.

Colorado Church Planting

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

August has been a month of deepening relationships in the community.

This month several of our neighbors and people that we have been investing in have reached out to us with their burdens. This is huge. For the most part, the people we are trying to reach are guarded, but this month those guarded walls have begun to come down. This only happens because we have been continually focused on long term relationships. They had needs in their lives and shared those needs with us.

We have also seen increased attendance in our Sunday services and our midweek services. Our Sunday morning service has increased from 12 to 17, and our midweek service has had two visitors attend. We are encouraged with what God is doing in those services.

I am very excited about an opportunity that the Lord has opened to us. Starting in October, once a week, I will have the blessing to

share the gospel with families that will be participating in an after school tutoring program. This is with homeless families that are working their way back to self-sufficiency.

Pray for this effort as we attempt to share **The love of God with these families.**

We are drastically low in the support we receive from our sister churches. We are currently receiving between \$600 and \$800 a month in salary support, and approximately \$500 a month in housing support. We are grateful for the support we receive, and are desperately praying for other churches to partner with us. If you would like to know more, please contact us about our needs and your opportunity to be involved.

First Heritage Baptist

Fayetteville, NC

Michael Jones, Missionary

June Jubilee: Jolly, Joyful, Joyous, Jubilant, all "J" words that still can't describe the feeling Jenna and I had on June 1st. Our son Emmitt Micah Jones decided that he was going to arrive 3 weeks early. Everything in labor and delivery went perfectly. Emmitt arrived at 5:31pm weighing 7lbs 2ozs and was 20" long. I want to thank everyone for their continued support and prayers. On June 10th Emmitt made his debut at church where he was loved by our church family. He also made his appearance the same time we scheduled to have our church promo video shoot. This video will be on the Fayetteville public/Gov't website for 3 years. The Fayetteville website gets 350,000 - 400,000 views a month, we have high hopes that our video will receive a lot of exposure to those who live in and are moving to the Fayetteville area. Through the month of June First Heritage has been doing great— Our Sunday morning attendance high was 38 and averaged 33 for worship. I am praising God to see our Wednesday Night Services growing and running over 20 again.

Jovial July: Although June was filled with great joy personally with the arrival of our son, July was equally joyful for me, as well as the Church. I will start from the end of the month and work backwards. On the 29th we had an exceptionally large crowd of visitors in our service, our attendance was 46 in worship, which was exciting. When the invitation was given, we had 5 professions

of faith and 2 more that requested baptism. We will be baptizing all 7 in August during the church's Homecoming Service on the 12th. In June, we celebrated the arrival of my son, in July we celebrate the arrival of 5 new brothers and sisters in Christ. Throughout the month God has sent 12 visitors which boosted our average attendance to 41 for the Month of July. We also received and approved our promo video and it is now live on the Fayetteville Public website and will also be on our new website soon. Go and Check us out.

Just For Prayers: The First thing I would like to mention for prayer is that our promo video did cost around \$4000 to have it completed, added to the Fayetteville Website, and to give us all rights for sharing. If you or your church would like to help us and send an offering to help offset the cost, we would appreciate it. Secondly pray with us that God would lead someone to help us in the ministry here in Fayetteville. Lastly, true to military fashion, we will be losing a core family in November and possibly another at the beginning of the year. Please pray for these Families and that God would send more workers.

Mison Bautista Emanuel

Gabriel Sanchez, Missionary

August brought a low attendance in all of our services, we went from our regular attendance of 56 to a low 45. Although, we were not surprised since this is the month when our members take advantage that kids are out of school and take their well deserved vacations. Nonetheless we took the time to prepare for their return. Sister Claudia Contreras held a seminary for Sunday School teachers. A total of 15 persons attended this well presented seminar.

MY WIFE HAD SURGERY: Early this month my wife was informed by her Gynecologist of the presence of some cysts in her uterus and that need to remove it. Preparation for surgery took about a month. She was admitted for surgery at the Oakbend Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas on July 10 at 6:00 A.M. The procedure lasted more than six hours, but we praise and thank our good Lord, she came out of surgery fine but with a lot of pain. She will be in recovery for the

month of July and August. Meanwhile I am in charge of doing all the chores at home. I have learned to use the washer and the dryer! Cooking has been a challenge, since I am a disaster in the kitchen. Please pray for me.

This Month the Mision Bautista Betel and her pastor brother Michael Torres and the Mision Bautista Emanuel decided to spend two days at the Pine Spring Baptist Camp to have a Spanish Speaking two day camp. A total of 35 persons came. We had a good time. A Young lady from Betel received Christ as her personal Savior. We give all the glory to our mighty God.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

George Dever, Missionary

We were able to attend our Northeast Landmark Missionary Baptist Association which was held with Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Ayer, Massachusetts. Its always a blessing to meet with our brothers and sisters and hear the good news that each work is doing. Also, these get togethers are important for our fellowship in an area that has very few churches of like faith to associate with. We enjoy the fellowship, comradery, food, and the messages. Another good thing happened on this trip, my wife and I rode down on my motorcycle. I'm thankful my wife likes to go riding with me.

We had our VBS with an average of 46 kids in attendance. The good thing about 46 attending is that were 30 or more were from the community. VBS has opened the doors to many homes to share the gospel. There was a special guest in our presence during VBS, Brother Ken Sibley. He did an outstanding job presenting the gospel and keeping the kids' attention.

We are preparing for revival services to be held on the 23rd through the 26th of this month. We have invited Shawn Findley to be our speaker. He is the Associate Pastor at Nevills Chapel. We have been preparing for this service by applying the messages that have been preached, prayer, and self-reflecting. Pray for our speaker, Shawn Findley, to preach the word with power and boldness and for the members of Antioch to be filled with the Spirit of continual revival.

I thank you for your prayers, emails of encouragement, and financial support. God

has been good to us through your continued support. We hope that if you are looking for a mission to support, you would prayerfully consider Antioch Dexter, Maine.

Benchmark Baptist Fellowship

Alan Schoeff, Missionary

July was VBS Month! And God sure did show off. This was the second VBS since Julie and I moved to the field. And this missionary needed God to do something, anything to affirm that it was not our VBS, but rather it is HIS Vacation Bible School. The first year, we had some great help from Julie's Aunt and her family. This year, it was up to the folks at Benchmark! As the date approached there seemed to be a lack of excitement among the people. But, finally, in an 11th hour sort of way, God decided to get their attention. Brother Ken Sibley with Seeing Truth Ministries was here for us the whole week and he did a fine job, and not taking anything away from what he did, I was excited to see what happened here!

1) Our name is becoming known in the community! That is huge. There are over 100 churches in Spotsylvania County. Many are Baptist. But this year, we had three families, who are not otherwise associated with the church, from last year return to our VBS. That was huge.

2) Our church family did all the decorations and setup without help. And it looked great! Julie was our director again this year and she helped make everything easy for them.

3) Last year, we had zero "results"; no one was saved, no families joined us. But this year, we saw the results from last years efforts PLUS we had immediate results this year. Although no one was saved during VBS, we have had one young family of five who are still visiting with us since then, AND the mother, Tiffany, has been saved!!

Thank you all for praying and giving to this ministry so that Tiffany and others can and will be saved.

Bloomington Missions

Scott Bourland, Missionary

At this point it is harder to see all the progress that is being made, but it is there. Many things have to be accomplished before everything gets covered up with drywall and that is what we have been working on. Day

by day we check another thing or two off the list.

Our local people have worked hard putting the insulation in the exterior walls and getting ready for blown insulation in the ceiling after drywall is installed.

Brick is finished except for porch post

Specific Projects: We get asked from time to time if there is anything specific people can give towards. If you are looking for a project, here are a few ideas.

1. Thermostat wire \$89.00
2. AC Line sets \$325.00
3. Audio/visual wiring \$750.00
4. Vents and baffles for attic insulate \$315.00
5. Dry wall \$4,500.00
6. Mud and material for finish \$2,500.00
7. Drywall labor \$10,000.00

Ride For God

Brandon Rutherford, Missionary

Hello my name is Brandon Rutherford, my wife Diana Brandon Rutherford and son Eric. We are missionaries sent out by God through Beulah Baptist Church in Lithia FL. We have a unique ministry. Our ministry is a skateboarding ministry. We use our talent and gift that God has given to reach out to the extreme sports environment. We skate, surf and snowboard. Our goals are to reach a group that is hard to reach and connect with. Because of our common interests in these sports it makes it easier for us to connect with them. What we like to do is help churches and individuals in church build a connection with this group as well. We become some what of an ice breaker between the church and this group.

What happened in these months!: We have had great opportunities to help kids in the Tampa area with new boards. There was one kid in particular who is a believer but never thought he could use skateboarding for Gods glory and so we skated together and talked and so it was a great opportunity for me to encourage and show him ways to use skateboarding for Gods glory.

These couple months have been amazing, crazy and full of blessings. We have been working hard in refurbishing the skate park at the church. We still have a lot more to do. Pray that the weather and time will let us continue with this.



Dean Grigsby

Business Manager Report

One of the stated goals of the Baptist Sunday School Committee is: “to support and enhance the ministries of each local New Testament Church through production and distribution of literature and other related materials.” One key area of focus of so many of our churches is to reach out to young people. In response to that area of focus, much effort has been given in the past few years to upgrade the quality of our children’s literature.

As I was traveling last month, I had a chance to speak to several youth leaders who were discussing a very familiar passage: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 The discussions reminded me of a story of a man sitting on the banks of a river, praying. He heard someone screaming for help, drowning in the river. Being a good swimmer, he jumped in and brought the man ashore. As soon as he got to shore, he heard another cry, and he jumped into the river and rescued that man as well. This happened six times. Finally, totally exhausted, with no energy left, he cried out to God, “Lord, please show me what is happening upstream!”

So many of our young people are drowning in the ways of the world, and we have become exhausted trying to rescue them downstream after many failures. Upstream is where we need to focus. Upstream is where we need to begin training our children in the ways of God. Upstream is the best place where the principles required to avoid failure can be most effectively learned.

We train our children about a lot of things, many of which are important. But, there is nothing more important than training them to live according to the Word of God. And it needs to be much more than just a Sunday and a Wednesday night thing; it needs to be an everyday way of life. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7



Kyle Elkins
Editor in Chief

Every fall season is a busy time at Bogard Press. Seminary openings begin in August. The elected officers try to attend all of these as the schedule allows. Association meetings are underway, and opportunities increase for promoting the literature. This fall has so far been no different. Opportunities to promote the literature are shared among several men so as not to overburden one office. Bogard Press is always thankful and appreciative of the associations and their moderators who allow us time to briefly share the work of Bogard Press.

The fall season has also been a busy time for the editorial department. Final touches in production for next year's VBS is coming to an end and being sent to different departments in preparation for sample kits to be assembled.

Indications project that Vacation Bible School for 2019, Farm Fresh Faith, God's Faithfulness to Joseph, is going to be a popular series. Those responsible for ordering VBS materials for next year are encouraged to order early. Look for information on placing orders in our various publications and websites. You can get a preview of Farm Fresh Faith at www.vbs.bogardpress.org.

Bible Challenge is a new program that churches have just started implementing. Bible Challenge has been received well. As of this writing, churches in fourteen states have enrolled in Bible Challenge. In the spring of 2019, church, regional and state challenges will begin. A national challenge for winners representing churches associating in the ABA will be held at the national meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. Find out more about Bible Challenge at www.bc.bogardpress.org.

Bible Challenge has competition involved in it. However, the main purpose of Bible Challenge is to get the Word of God into the minds of young people. Helping a young person memorize verses may lead to his salvation as well as encourage him in his testimony at school and at home.

We keep several board games at the house for both young and old to play when we have family gatherings. One thing I have noticed is that games that have not been played in a while need to have the rules gone over again. However, this may not come to realization until after the game has started and confusion exists between players. Sometimes rules get made up as the game progresses.

I thought about this in relation to the literature produced by Bogard Press. All the literature is written by writers in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of the American Baptist Association. The "rules" are neither changed nor made up as one writes. Having seen literature produced by other publications, this remains one of the many strengths in using literature produced by Bogard Press. One will not find a more scriptural literature anywhere. Churches can use the literature without reservation. This does not mean you may agree with every interpretation of a verse by a writer. That's okay because the literature is to lead the student into deeper personal study of the Word of God. What this does mean is that there is a doctrinal consistency in "those things which are most surely believed among us." I trust churches of the American Baptist Association will see the benefit in using the literature produced by Bogard Press.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
July/August**

GENERAL FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$14,651.20			
INCOME:					
ALABAMA					
Magnolia Springs BC	-Theodore, AL	400.00			
Baptist Chapel BC	-Grand Bay, AL	200.00			
Baumhauer Rd.	-Theodore, AL	200.00			
Schillinger Rd.	-Mobile, AL	150.00			
GEORGIA					
Northside, BC	-Vienna, GA	200.00			
Traders Hill	-Folkston, GA	70.00			
FLORIDA					
Galilee MBC	-Milton, FL	40.00			
Bethel BC	-Milton, FL	200.00			
Okeechobee BC	-Okeechobee, FL	154.07			
Calvary BC	-Panama City, FL	100.00			
Landmark BC	-Pensacola, FL	200.00			
Landmark BC	-Madison, FL	200.00			
Mics:					
Kitchen Sales	-Pensacola, FL	106.72			
TOTAL		\$2,220.79			
DESIGNATED FUNDS:H.H.Strickland					
Baptist Chapel	-Grand Bay, AL	700.00			
Eastern Avenue	-St.Cloud, FL	200.00			
Frankfort BC	-Russellville, AL	200.00			
Galilee BC	-Milton, FL	150.00			
Newark BC	-Elkton, MD	200.00			
Cumberland Cove BC	-Monterey, TN	50.00			
First Baptist BC	-White City, FL	200.00			
TOTAL		\$ 1,700.00			
COMMITTEE OF 100					
Terry Alexander	-Pensacola, FL	20.00			
K. Simmons	-Pensacola, FL	240.00			
		\$4,180.79			
TUITION/REGISTRATION					
Registration		\$ 100.00			
Tuition		\$ 18,250.00			
TOTAL INCOME		22,530.79	\$22,530.79		
TOTAL AVAILABLE			\$37,181.99		

EXPENSES:					
Utilities		\$ 2,356.41			
Misc.		29,398.23			
Insurance		- 0 -			
Instruction		7,130.00			
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$31,754.64		\$31,754.64	
NEW BALANCE				\$ 5,627.35	

BOOKSTORE FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD				\$ 1,006.24	
Income:					
Bookstore Sales		\$ - 0 -			
Press Sales		2,632.88			
Contributions					
Pinehaven		100.00			
O'Leno BC		200.00			
Landmark (Pensacola)		20.00			
Total Income		\$3,952.88		\$3,952.88	
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$3,952.88	

Expenses:					
Utilities		\$923.93			
Postage		\$352.92			
Books		\$ - 0 -			
Supplies		\$4,246.25			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,523.10		\$ 5,523.10	
NEW BALANCE				\$ -1,570.22	

GENERAL FUND BALANCE		\$5,627.64
BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE		\$ -1,570.22
BUILDING FUND BALANCE		\$12,979.07

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

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

LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH: The Landmark Baptist Church of Pensacola, FL, is currently in search of a bi-vocational KJV pastor. He must be in agreement with the ABA doctrinal statement. Please submit a resume to the search committee to Robin Snow at robin.snow18@yahoo.com

Victory Missionary Baptist Church is currently seeking a pastor. Victory is a small congregation and is able to support a pastor a nominal amount.; the pastor will need to seek additional employment to supplement their income.

The church request that interested confidantes fill out and return a questionnaire and Doctrinal Statement for consideration. If you have a video and would like to include with the questionnaire, please do so.

Please submit request to:
Victory Baptist Church
2202 Cheyenne Place
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Questions regarding the position maybe directed to Brother Jim Mayberry (307)631-3971 or Brother Russ Pafford (307)635-0925.

PRINTING NEWS

Printing [news](#):

The work in the shop continues to move somewhat slow. There have been several problems with our computers. The main unit that has served so well, is not doing very well. There is one very important program that it refuses to even load. Virtually all of the covers for the books are set up in this program. Another computer has been placed alongside the old one so that I can work with the covers. This presents a problem with the printers. Some of the old printers will not work very well on the new programs. I have had someone come several times to try and get the situation solved but so far it is still not solved.

The old computer is more than 12 years old and still runs on XP Pro. How-

ever, some of the printers will not run on the later windows programs. To replace all of the printers would cost us far too much. So, the problem must be solved another way. So far windows 7 has proven to be of some help.

New Book:

Dr. Glen Davenport has written a new book on the Synagogue and the initial setup work has been done. It is now being proofed and as soon as that work has been completed, it will go to press. Dr. Davenport has really done some great work. I am proud to have just a small part.

Some of the new equipment is now working. It has taken some time to get some of this done but it is proving to be a great help to the work. The only thing about that is, it is used equipment and it still breaks down. One of the color printers is down because one of the color drums has reached its maximum. It must

be replaced before it can be used again. As soon as the funds are available, it will be back on line.

We are still praying for someone to come and help in the shop. This is tremendous opportunity for a student to come, get an education as well as learn a trade. We have housing on campus for a single student or a young couple. If someone is interested, please call or e-mail me.

Thanks so much for all the support that has been given to this part of this ministry. Without the faithful support of so many, this work would not be possible. We do not have much to work with and it is often a challenge to make ends meet. God has been faithful to see that all of the equipment in the shop is paid for. It may be old but it is free of debt.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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