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Merry Christmas



Dr. & Mrs. Strickland

During this very special time of the year, please allow me to express my heart felt thanks for you all. We have enjoyed an unusual but wonderful year in the ministry of the Lord. We have been graciously received every where we have gone and for those churches and individuals we are so grateful. Changes are sometimes necessary and they very seldom come easy. It is certainly a challenge but the Lord has always given us sufficient grace and help.

The ministry continues to grow and we were able to reach out to more fields of labor. Doors of opportunity continue to open to us and for this we praise our great God. We are never sure about what a new year may bring but it is always exciting to view the possibilities. I ask that you seriously continue to remember all of us in your prayers.

My wife and I wish to use this means to tell you all how much we appreciate your prayers and support for us personally as well as the ministry. The Lord has supplied our needs this year although at times it has been somewhat difficult. However, we are eternally grateful to all those who continue to support us and the ministry. There have been necessary adjustments. Some of these were anticipated and some were not. It certainly has been a year that has challenged my faith but the Lord has remained faithful. Plans for the coming year are now being made and it will prove to be a tremendous challenge and a wonderful blessing as it progresses. We will continue to seek the will of our Lord and I pledge to you that I will do my very best to follow where He may lead and to be faithful to this ministry.

Our constant prayers are for and with you all.

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER; AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. (IS. 9:6)

***Feliz Navidad y
Prospero
Año Nuevo***

From a
Woman's Point
 of View



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Christmas Time

My how time flies. Only yesterday we were enjoying Thanksgiving and here it is December and winter on it's way. I don't know what the weather is like where you are, but we are expecting snow over the upcoming weekend.

As usual this means we could have a white Christmas. It is a beautiful sight seeing all the fresh fallen snow, kids running around making snowmen, and everyone shopping and buying gifts for their loved one's and friends.

The skiing on the mountain's, along with sledding and ice skating is bringing excitement to all the people enjoying this type of winter weather. But I wonder how many people really remember what the Christmas season is all about?

Every year at this time we read the Christmas story from the Bible. We know Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for Him in the Inn. Mary bundled up in a stable with the animals and was kept warm by the surrounding heat from their bodies. I can't even picture trying to keep warm in a place where it was

so cold with possible snow so deep you nearly froze to death.

Yet Mary and Joseph seemed content to rest here among the many animals in the stable while Mary prepared for the birth of our Lord and Savior. The Shepard's following the star came and showed their awe towards the little child lying in the manger.

As we celebrate this Christmas let us all remember why we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God gave us His Son that we might accept Him as our Savior and live forever with God in Heaven.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Philosophy of Religion

"Patrick Mullahy has suggested that this (Jesus') resurrection is connected to the incest wish of an old and typical idea of dying as a return to the mother's womb. . . Beneath the elaborate symbolism of the religious phantasy, therefore, is to be found the phantasy of the incestuous rebirth from the mother. In the many facets of the dogmas of religion one can retain his childish feelings of love and dependence upon the father, and, if one felt intense sexual rivalry with the father, he can find refuge in the mother whom believers wish to re-establish the primal child-father relation."

When one reads such statements as this, it is easy to see why the world is now steeped in sin. Such doctrine of the unbeliever has been posted in the minds of young people over the last 50 years so that this thinking is now the norm. How wicked is the mind of the unbeliever who dedicates themselves to the task totally rejecting all knowledge of God and the

salvation He has offered through His Son Jesus Christ.

Truth and symbolism are two entirely different ideas. Truth can sometimes be developed or given through symbolism. However, symbolism cannot be considered as truth. In order for symbolism to become truth, it must first be a truthful idea. Symbolism itself cannot stand alone or be truth. The unbelievers use this idea of symbolism in an attempt to force one to develop truth from the symbolism. However, simply calling an idea that one disagrees with symbolism does not make it truth on their part. What it does, is reveal that there is no thought for truth and the attempt to create truth through symbolism is nothing more than a distraction from the truth.

What a warped mind could even suggest that a child might develop a conflict of devotion between the father and mother simply because they are a believer in Christ. For one to even suggest that there might be a sexual tie between the child and the father or mother is indeed sick thinking. The apostle Paul once rebuked the Church at Corinth because they had members who were engaged in behavior unbecoming a child of God (1 Cor. 5:1). Such thoughts of sexual improprieties should not be used among any people. Paul was rebuking those who claimed to be saved, and yet engaged in actions that even was not practiced among the heathens.

A pure child, father, mother relationship should be grounded in love. The proper love a father and mother have for the children is never to be abused or perverted. Such is the case between the believer and their heavenly Father. This is a pure love is so much that the Father was willing to give His only begotten Son to give His life for the ransom of the souls of men. It is that kind of love that should prevail between every father and his son.

The true love that a father or mother has for their child should never create a conflict nor pit one parent against the other. The father should possess the kind of love for his child as did the Father does for His children. "No great love hath the father. . ."

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Glen Davenport

MYSTERIES CONCERNING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

TEXT: Rom 1:16 *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; ...”*

INTRODUCTION:

As we come to this time of the year, I ask myself: “Why do people respond the way they do toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ?”

The gospel should be considered “good news” in anybody’s book.

1. It is a message of peace and good will!
2. It is a message of grace and mercy!
3. It is a message of hope and rest!

Why do people respond the way they do toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I have a few questions and some possible answers.

I. Why Do People Reject The Gospel? (John 3:19, 20)

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that

doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.”

A. The **Truth** convicts the sinner!

B. The **Light** exposes his sins.

C. Men (sinners) greatly prefer darkness over light - because their deeds are evil.

darkness (skotos) shady, obscurity

light (*phaos*) to shine or make manifest

The answer: The same man that loves “darkness” hates “light.”

II. Why Do People Rebel Against The Gospel (John 8:45-47)

“45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”

The answer: *because ye are not of God.*

III. Why Do People Retaliate Against The Gospel (John 8:40)

“But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, ...”

Gal 4:16 *“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”*

The answer: When one cannot destroy the message he will attack the messenger.

IV. What Happens When People Realize The Truth of The Gospel (John 3:21)

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light; that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

The answer: When a man realizes what faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ can do for him,

He can see the work of God being made manifest.

He will see his need for salvation. His life will be changed forever.

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The question begs to be asked, “Is the love a child has for the parent ‘childish?’” All children have a certain love of dependance upon their parents. This certainly does not imply that there is

something wrong with that demonstration of love. Children often need the demonstration of love and warmth that only can come from the parent. It is certainly not a sign of weakness or an idea

of dependance.

When one has a great love for their parents, they can have a greater love for their heavenly Father.



Dr. David Gonnella

LOOKING FORWARD

As this is being written, we are in the middle of Final Exam Week for the Fall Semester. It is an exciting time as the students will receive the reward for their diligence and application to their studies.

Soon we will be on our Christmas/New Year's break, and both students and faculty can rest their minds for a few weeks. This break is important as the students have been involved in intense instruction and study. This is not Sunday School – it is seminary.

Already there have been a good number of new students registered for the Spring Semester. We are looking forward to adding these new faces to those familiar in our classes. New students are like an injection of fresh blood to the student body, and their excitement reminds us of how exciting is our God and His truth.

It is this continued growth of students, course offerings, and the dilapidated state of our current building that has made

necessary our new building project. By God's grace, the land purchase is done. However, we must now put a building on that land.

The new building will provide us with an auditorium large enough for chapel, graduation ceremonies, dinners and school rallies. No longer will we need to ask churches in our area to host large meetings. It will also provide more classrooms, a library, kitchen and offices. And it will be new!

It is our goal to use a construction loan to put up the building and pay it off within one year. Your help will make it possible to reach that goal. Whether you can do much or little, every dollar puts us closer to paying off the building in one year.

God knows our needs, and He knows who He will use to meet those needs. Please pray, seeking God's face about this. Then, do whatever He tells you to do in your heart, for whatever God tells you will be right.



Dr. H. H. Strickland

The message from the President is normally given on page one but due to the nature of this edition, it must be moved to the inside. I normally do not write a message during this edition but because of the urgency of the matter, it is vitally important that it be given at this time.

It was reported in the note last month that an effort was being made to purchase the property next to the present facility of *wfbi*. I am excited to report that the property has been purchased and closed. It now belongs to *wfbi*.

We are now in the process of moving forward in erecting a new facility for the school. Several steps have already been taken to make this a reality. The property is now being surveyed so that we can move forward in securing permits for the building.

A cost of \$300,000.00 has been estimated for the new building. It is a large undertaking for us and we are going to need help in

making it a reality. Therefore, we are asking 300 churches and, or individuals to commit to \$100.00 per month for one year. This would enable us to fully pay the building off in one year.

It may be important that I do a lot of traveling in the coming months so that we can share the need for this project. I am open for appointments on any day that a church would like to send me an invitation. We have a tremendous opportunity in this field of labor and we must make this move forward.

I can be contacted at; 850.455.4417, or my cell at; 850.324.6555. Also Dr. David Gonnella is available on Sunday evening to travel short distances to speak concerning the work.

We are almost finished with the fall semester 2017. Finals are the first week of December and classes will be out until January 2018. There are three new students that have pre-enrolled for the spring semester 2018.

I would like to thank each individual, church or association that has and do support this ministry. I continually hear great testimony of the impact that our students are having in this community.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

300 Churches and or Individuals to give \$100.00 per month for ONE YEAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Town Baptist Church Hammond, LA

College Town Baptist Church, an old line Missionary Baptist Church is looking for a like-minded pastor. It presently has an interim pastor who wishes to retire from pastoral duties due to age and health.

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

Our church was once a strong and financially self sustaining body, but our attendance is drastically lowered, therefore the new shepherd will need side-help to financially sustain his family. His support would increase as circumstances improved.

Hammond is near New Orleans, LA and is a growing mission field. Our church has fellow shipped in the ABA since its beginning and has great potential. Tree acres of landscaped land, a small but beautiful chapel and an unstained reputation.

Interested parties may call Bro. Elester E. Raines at 985.318.7475 or 985.351.8980 or Sister Wanda J. Hurd at 985.809.3540

2018 Outreach Bible Project Pyeong Chang, South Korea

David Hardin, Director

Journey to South Korea:

In October, we had a two day Bible Assembly Project at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Acworth, GA to put together over 15,000 of the 160,000 John & Romans scriptures that we are shipping to South Korea. It was an opportunity to involve our church and community, allowing them to put their finger prints on the scriptures that will go around the world. That Sunday we stacked the cases of scriptures across the front of the church and had a prayer and dedication service for them.

In December, the scriptures will be loaded on a container bound for South Korea. We will be working in conjunction with other churches while in South Korea. 50,000 scriptures will be for the local Korean churches, another 50,000 scriptures will be for independent missionaries in the area, and 60,000 scriptures will be for our 2018 Outreach Bible Project team.

Please keep us in your prayers! In approximately 75 days we will be in South Korea sharing the Word of God with the world. Our plans are to take 30+ people both weeks (February 8th – 23rd, 2018). Please pray God will prepare His laborers for this project.

The Baptist Chapel Grand Bay, AL

Steven Merritt, Pastor

Churches of the American Baptist Association:

Merry Christmas from the Emerald Gulf Coast of south Alabama! We write to invite you to celebrate with us in the goodness of God's Majesty on January 6, 2018, at 10:00 at Baumhauer Road Baptist Church, located at 3350 Baumhauer Road, Theodore, Alabama, 32582. In 2001, Baumhauer Road Baptist Church was in critical condition and in great need of assistance in order to survive as a local New Testament Church. In her regular scheduled business meeting on March 14, 2001, The Baptist Chapel, under the leadership of now retired long time pastor Norman L. "Dell" Murphy, voted to lend assistance and support to Baumhauer Road Baptist Church for an indefinite period of time to assure the continuation of their congregation in Belle Fountaine, Alabama. We are pleased to announce, after seventeen years of associational efforts, they are assuming all responsibilities extended them by God's Word as a local New Testament Church. We thank all the churches of the American Baptist Association that partnered with us in prayer and support to help assure their survival. Pastor Charlie Collins says this celebratory service will include; preaching devotions, prayers of thanksgiving, singing of praises, recognition of former pastors, special music, sharing of the Baumhauer Road Baptist Church's history and a meal served following the services. Bro. Del Murphy will be serving as the guest speaker during the preaching hour. Please make plans to be an encourager on January 6 at Baumhauer Road Baptist Church to both Her pastor and Her people, that have risen victorious in this seventeen year battle against the gates of hell.

Landmark Baptist Church

Madison, FL

Robert Ledford, Pastor

We are trying to raise some money for Bro. Julio to buy him a van. We need about 15,000 dollars. We are asking our sister churches to help us raise these funds for our missionary. Ph. 850.973.7190

Glenwood Baptist Youth Camp

Ray Meigs, Manager

On November 9, 10, messengers from churches all over Louisiana met at Emmanuel MBC in Bogalusa for the 93rd session of the Louisiana State Association of Regular Missionary Baptist Churches. Reports from missionaries, great singing, great preaching and great fellowship, was enjoyed by all. I was honored to bring the Missionary Message on Friday morning along with a report of Glenwood Baptist Youth Camp.



*Secretary/
Treasurer
Missions*
Bryan Sellers

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

SELLERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$1,093,103.69
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$122,604.79
Foreign & National Salaries	\$117,971.17
Designated	\$29,735.92
Undesignated	\$20,468.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$290,780.87
BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE	
	\$1,383,780.87
DISBURSEMENTS	
Interstate Salaries	\$65,294.05
Foreign Salaries	\$18,679.20
National Salaries	\$22,809.20
Designated	\$29,710.92
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$11,704.36
General Office	\$4,599.82
Sec/Treas. Travel	\$641.05
Automobile Expense	\$814.92
Total Office	\$17,759.52
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$154,252.89
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$1,070,208.26
Surplus for November	\$136,527.98)

Do you ever wonder what others think of you? Do you even care? Has anyone ever told you what they think of you? There have been times when a person told me just what they thought of me and I was glad they did. There have been other times when folks have shared their thoughts about me and I was not pleased at all. In the end, all that really matters is what God thinks about us. What does God think of you? Is it possible to know? Do we really

want to know what He thinks about us? In Paul's letter to Titus, he calls upon him to "put them in mind" about certain things. He wants the saints to remember who they are in Jesus; what they have in Jesus; what God has done in them through Jesus and what God expects of them as believers in Jesus. In chapter 3 verse 5, Paul specifically says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." He extended His grace and mercy to us when we deserved nothing but Hell. He saved us from the penalty of our sins. He cleansed us from the defilements of our sins. He made a new creature out of us and placed His spirit within us to lead us deeper in Him day by day. He did all of this with no help from us! He loves us so much that He went to work to see us saved. God sees us exactly as we really are, but loves us anyway! God thinks we are precious! What do you need to do in your life to line up with His vision of you?

For November, the missionaries reported 791 salvations and 44 baptisms. Since June, the total number reported is 4,758 salvations and 259 baptisms. "And all God's people said Amen!" Thank you to the churches and individuals who have already sent in special offerings for the Thanksgiving Mission Offering. Please pray that our goal of \$350,000.00 will be met.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas. May Heaven's greatest gift stir our hearts to do more for the cause of Christ

FOREIGN MISSIONS

German
Hans Deiter Fraund, Missionary
I would like to pass on that if someone

would kindly send a Christmas offering to my parents it should be sent and written out to me and I hand it to them. Otherwise they may have a problem because they get aid from the government since they have such little income. They may reduce it from it as they control their receiving. They will be much appreciated.

Note: This information was passed on to me by Andreas Fraund, Hans's son. Please send offerings to:
Dr. Andreas Freund
Heppenheimerstr.3
67590 Monsheim, Germany

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

The Monterrey Mission voted to have a breakfast fellowship every Monday that is a holy day in Colombia. We are using that opportunity to invite new families to come and hear the word of God. That way they will get spiritual food as well as physical food.

Pictured is the congregation having our first breakfast. We had a great attendance with two first time visitors. Praise God for these good results.



We are all working faithfully for our revival in Dec 8-10. We are inviting people from all over to our services through the radio program. Also, we are visiting door to door and giving tracts and inviting people to our revival. Bro. Robert Ledford of Madison Fl. will be bringing the

messages that God lays on his heart. We ask for your prayers for the upcoming revival and pray that souls will be saved for God's Kingdom.

The radio program has been such a huge help for people to recognize the correct doctrine. In Monterrey there are so many churches that practice false religion. We have a heavy heart for those who are being led astray with these false doctrines but the radio program is able to reach out to them and perhaps put them back on the paths of righteousness Psalm 23:3

Colombian Missions

Bogota, Colombis, S.A.

Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary

PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION: Is having great services, attendance, four professions of faith and two baptisms. A mission team came from my sponsoring church: Pastor, Josh Stacy, His wife, Amanda, Bro. Aaron Wojcieszak and His wife, Jennifer. They all did a fantastic job. Pastor Stacy preached a great message for the 14th. Anniversary.



THE COLOMBIA THEOLOGICAL BAPTIST INSTITUTE: Had great 25th closing exercises from 16th. to 19th. of November, Pastor Stacy preached great conferences. 17 merit certificates were delivered.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Rose Lawn BC for sending 28 Bibles; Beams for sending 8 Bibles and to Grace and Truth for sending 200 gospel Tracts. God continued blessing on all of you.

Belize

Ben Woodward, Missionary

As He sat upon His throne, the Lord declared in Revelation 21:5: "...Behold, I

make all things new...for these words are true and faithful."

As the rainy season draws to a close we've been busy cleaning, repairing and painting. In the United States, most people look to Spring to open the windows, clean out the cobwebs and beat the rugs. In Belize, Winter is when this all happens. The air is a TINY BIT cooler. The rains subside and the muddy ground begins to dry up. For Belizeans, it's time to clean, paint and make everything fresh and new just in time for the Christmas season. If you think about it, what a wonderful time of year to have this mindset. We celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ the Savior. He declared, "Behold, I make all things new."

It is nice to have the fresh clean smell throughout the house, maybe a fresh coat of paint inside and out, and for many, their special Christmas surprise is a new sofa, refrigerator, or table and chairs. But what an opportunity to clean out the cobwebs, and wash and clean the dirtiness that has accumulated in our lives.

France

Jason Clark, Missionary

Of course the highlight of November was our Thanksgiving service. In past years we have had a large Thanksgiving meal with over 50 guests. This time we decided to make it a little more intimate and "French". We invited only those who attend our Bible study (13 were present), had it on Sunday following the service, and invited others to bring whatever they wanted to contribute to the meal. It was wonderful as we enjoyed three hours of fellowship at the table. Another highlight of that day, was that Mathieu brought his first sermon to our group. He had been working for two weeks to prepare a sermon on the subject of unanswered prayers, and the message was well received by all, some even had tears as they learned how refusing to forgive others could hinder their prayers. We are now looking forward, to the Christmas season. This year, Mathieu and I decided to write our own Christmas cards, with a presentation of our Bible Study and the gospel message, to be more personal. Pray for this outreach, that it will bring us

contacts, and that souls will be brought to Christ as we present the best Christmas gift ever. Also pray for past members of our group, two in particular used to attend faithfully, but have been pulled away for various reasons. Pray that God would lead them back to us. God bless and Merry Christmas to all!

Kenya

Eddie Williams, Missionary

LBBI: The Basic and Advance classes returned this month to continue their studies. In the Advance level, Michael Lomorukai and I taught the books of John and Philippians.

In the Basic level, graduates of our Bible Institute, Josephat Ejikon and Peter Korich, are now serving as teachers. They taught Old Testament Survey 1 and Evangelism. I was invited to talk to them about the Yetfa tribe in Indonesia who do not have a Bible, and the necessity of the work of Chase Reynolds, who is rectifying this problem.

CRUSADES: We surveyed two new villages this month. There were 21 professions of faith and we were invited to begin Bible studies in both places. Please pray with us for these open doors to mature into churches.

BAPTISMS: With the rains that fell, water is now available for baptisms in all our churches. 77 were baptized in the villages.

CONSTRUCTION: Naugolipus - We built an outhouse for our church. It also has a room for bathing. They are looking forward to hosting Bible camps now.

Kewal - their building was built in March when my pastor visited, but it remained unfurnished. This month we built 14 benches, a pulpit, a blackboard, and an offering box.

Napetet - We changed out the windows in our church and put in shutters to help when we have sand storms. We also added a rain gutters to our school building.

South Pacific

Walt Emry, Missionary

Tickets: We bought our tickets!! We leave for the field on January 21st. Does this officially make us foreign missionaries? We are looking forward to doing what God

has called us to do. We're excited to get there, but not excited to leave.

California: After returning to the Northwest, from being in the south for a year, we stayed home for a couple of weeks then headed out for California, and had the privilege of taking two of our grandchildren with us (Christopher and Amber). The timing was a God-thing for sure. The first weekend (Fri and Sat) we went to the Coastal Cooperative Association Fellowship in Martinez. Sunday morning was at LMBC in Freedom, with Pastor Les Miller. Sunday afternoon was a long drive to LMBC in Live Oak, with Pastor Houston Kelley. We then went on to Fresno to visit First MBC, with Pastor David Butimore where we spent a few days. I had the opportunity to preach in their chapel time for FMBI and then preach for their Wednesday evening service. From there we went back to LMBC in Martinez for the following Sunday morning service, with Pastor Bill Gurnette.

We then headed out to Faith MBC in Concord, with Pastor Larry Woolley. After this we hit the road back home. We had the privilege to share the work 9 times in 12 days. It was a jammed packed two weeks!

SEASIA

Rusty Teer, Missionary

We were able to teach our students about Thanksgiving and how God protected the Pilgrims, Squanto and the humble beginnings of the USA so that we could even be here at this time in history. Our older students are able to recall the history and they know we give all credit to God, who created everything, for our holiday. In Thai they call it literally, "the day we give thanks to God." Because they believe in no God we try to make sure that they know who God is and how we know He is real.

Can you imagine the blessing of being able to teach students that have never heard about Christ about Thanksgiving and then the reason He came? It's a blessing to share Christ in every season and especially with holidays like we have. We are even asked to share and answer

more questions one on one. I was sitting with the school vice-director and asked if I followed the Christian religion. That question opens a dialogue for me to shortly state why I chose to become a believer in God who proves His existence; this is important as many Christians here are not saved because they never repented and believed. They sadly and mistakenly believe they are Christians because they are born into a Christian family.

God is so good to give us these opportunities and many more than I can write about in this short letter. What it must do for your heart and life to realize that through your prayers and support of His work here you get to share in these blessings as His gospel message goes out into so many places. We're able to work among more than a thousand students and teachers in 4 different communities. Many say "Christmas is the season to share," and it is. Thanks so much for sharing in His work with us. May you have a Merry Christmas celebrating Christ!

Japan Missions

Shin Kamoda, Missionary

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ! In October, we've spent a lot of hours walking and distributing our church newsletters. We saw people who gladly received our material. Unfortunately, other people showed no interest, at all, in spiritual matters. We are happy, however, to get the Word out in various places. Mr. Yoshimasa Kondo called church to talk about his problems in his life and I prayerfully gave him counsel. I invited him to come to church. Mrs. Ai Shiraishi visited our worship service for the first time. She professed to believe in Christ. She seeks spiritual fulfillment. I encouraged her to regularly attend church services. So far, she isn't regular. Please, pray for her to follow the Lord in her life. Mr. Kometani, who used to attend worship weekly and discontinued due to his health problem, attended once with his wife. He suffered a stroke and went through a long rehabilitation process. I've visited him

while he was in the hospital, prayed for him, and encouraged him to have hope in Christ. He is receptive. Please, pray for his salvation.

Our evangelistic and revival services were successful. Despite stormy weather, church members faithfully attended and participated in these services. Members gave testimonies and special songs of testimony. Pastor Shinji Amari preached the Gospel and revival messages outstandingly. Believers were reassured of their faith in Christ. Spiritually challenged believers became revived and became encouraged again. Some of us are going through life's challenges. We all took God's Word into our hearts. We are ready to work toward Christmas celebration and outreach to the lost. We already hear from young people who usually attend Christmas services that they plan to attend. Please, pray that they may believe the Gospel to be saved.

Costa Rica

Walter Goulding, Missionary

The rainy season certainly took its toll on church services and other activities. Several severe storms and a hurricane made their presence known, and many of our churches sent relief to the affected zones.

The Way had one coming for baptism (left) and two by statement (I baptized them years ago at *Hebron*).

Last week was the School Closing Conference at the *Costa Rica Missionary Baptist Seminary*, ending with Commencement Exercises.

Pastor Darrell Sheeley of Bay Lake Baptist Church, Groveland, FL, was the guest speaker.

The Poasito church ordained Bro. Felix Murillo as their pastor last Saturday. He will continue his studies in the Bible school, and I will keep traveling there once a month.

Bulgaria

Jim Black, Missionary

"Praise" Report — *After exhausting every possibility to reunite Praise with family, we have begun the adoption process.*

Because we cannot adopt as foreigners,

we must obtain permanent residency. We will be eligible in December. The process will take four months. It will no longer be necessary to renew our Bulgaria visa every year. This will save significant time and expense.

• **Fees for permanent residency—\$1980**

• **Attorney fees, documents, and court fees, including one court case—\$1800**

Any help with these expenses would be a tremendous blessing.

“Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.”- 1 Chron 16:8

We recently said goodbye to Omar and his family. They arrived in Bulgaria last May, fleeing the war in Syria.

Omar recently wrote from Germany—**“.....Best wishes to Jim and Sherry whom I appreciate so much...I read the Bible every day it is very interesting [sic].”**

We shared Christ with this family on numerous occasions. They left Sofia with both a Kurdish and an English Bible.

Thailand

David Leak, Missionary

Since first coming to Thailand & up until now; I've tried to be a witness to everyone that I meet, either for only once, or frequently. My English student's name is Dtii Dtii & when I assign him homework; he sometimes returns with imaginary stories, & sometimes real ones. Most recently he wrote one & described some of the details of his day. He mentioned going to the Temple & also, “making merit”. There's a lot of detail in this meaning, but one can surmise what it means. There are several different ways that a Thai person can, “make merit”. One of them is to give food to the Monks as they pass by early AM on the streets. Please pray for me as I try to make a difference-where I am **right now**, & as I move back to Isaan next year.

During December; I will be traveling to a Province called Ubon Ratchatani, & into a city of the same name. I have prayerfully decided to go to one location for my survey of Isaan for the time being; finances having played a defining role in the decision as well. I try at all times to be a good steward of the Lord's resources that

He provides through each of you; for which, I can never say, “thank you”, enough! As I pondered what to do during the plans; I knew it would be easier to go about it in this way, so, with that said, I do ask for prayers as I make this trip. I will be; of course, mainly looking for the Lord's direction & confirmation while there. I will also be looking for a place to live & meet; hopefully trying to combine them both by way of a Townhouse or Condominium, perhaps even a small storefront space. I have been praying about a location that is very busy; so that I can begin to maintain a presence. Again; I ask for prayers as I make this trip in December; thank you, as always!

During a meeting with Brent Rosendal this month for lunch; we discussed the legalities of my relocating to Isaan. The time frame is working out perfectly for him & Dtawm to go to the Attorney's Office in order to begin the process with my Foundation requirements. Once I know the place that I'm moving to; they can then proceed. Please pray for each of us.

Zhytomyr, Ukraine

David Bostic, Missionary

The end of September Debra flew to Indianapolis, IN to attend a Women's Conference that she felt would be advantages to her Women's Ministry here in Ukraine. It was entitled “Women ministering to Women the Titus 2 Way” sponsored by Revive our Hearts and Nancy DeMoss Wolugemuth. Debra uses a lot of her material with the ladies here. An extra special blessing was getting to spend time with Brenda Raburn and Debra's best friend of 35 years, Cheryl. Also, Debra had the opportunity to meet Nancy and talk with her. She then traveled on to Texas to spend a few weeks with her mom. She help her mom and brother move back to the Houston area.

The Ladies Ministry carried on while Debra was in the States. Vera, Pastor Daniel's wife taught the lessons. The ladies have decided that once a week is too much, so they are meeting every other Saturday. The first weekend of October we celebrated “Harvest Day.” It is somewhat like our Thanksgiving. Everyone brings

fruits or vegetables from their gardens, we share a time of thanksgiving, have a meal at the church, and then distribute the fruits and vegetables to the those in need.

We had youth fellowships during October and November. Our youth meetings are down. We ask that you please pray for us that we might be effective in encouraging the youth to come to our monthly meetings. There is lots of sickness right now in Ukraine, but the main reason they are not coming is because they have lots of school work/ projects, better things to do, bad weather, and the list could go on and on. Please pray that they will see their need to come and study and worship God and fellowship with one another.

Southeast Asia

Jared Gaboriault, Missionary

When we come to this time of year, it is always a good opportunity for us to thank the Lord for all of His blessings this past year. We are thankful for the safe trips we have taken back and forth to Southeast Asia in 2017. During these trips, we also thank the Lord for the continued language learning and friendships that were made while there.

We thank the Lord that our ongoing health considerations are improving, and this of course is due to the prayers of God's people and the assistance of Godly doctors.

It was a blessing to be able to visit with our home church, Welcome Baptist, in November. We are very thankful to our pastor, Charlie Thornton, and all of our church family who have faithfully supported us in every way possible from the very beginning.

We are especially thankful for the great potential for the Lord's work to be done in Southeast Asia. This area of the world is in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please keep all of the missionaries in prayer as they seek to share the life changing message of Jesus to people who may never have heard. Also pray for the new believers who will most likely suffer persecution for their new faith.

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs, Director

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: Each year we give out and mail out CHRISTMAS CARDS to inmates. We need to purchase 1000 CARDS. Will you please help?

LETTERS TO CHAPLAINS: As of today we have received 830 of the Enrollment Forms that have been sent to Chaplains

SPECIAL THANKS: Each third Sunday of the month my wife and I drive to Glennville Georgia. We stay with Brother and Sister Tommy Ray. We attend church with them (Poplar Head MBC) on Sunday morning. Sunday night my wife stays with them and attends church. I go on to Long State Prison in Ludiwici, Georgia. and hold a two hour service. We thank them for a place to stay.

WALKER STATE PRISON - ROCK SPRING, GEORGIA

The study in Bible Analysis is going great. Also finished with Bible Analysis and will begin with Customs or Principles? By T.J. Lambert.

LONG STATE PRISON LUDIWICI, GA

I held our third service on October 15th. I had 25 men out. They gave testimonies and sang specials. We have a two hour service. We had congregational singing.

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. This month we paid two payments on the Principle.

LOCAL JAIL MINISTRY

Pickens County Jail, Jasper, GA - Study time is going great. I had a new Pod this last week.

Polk County Jail, Benton, TN. I had a great study this month in Day Room One and Two. In Pod A and Pod B have been studying how to Overcome Sin.

Fannin County Jail Blue Ridge, GA. Just about finished with book of Romans. Will start teaching from book Bible Analysis- Adapted from The Golden Key by Ben M. Bogard, by Michael B. Crane. Brother Crane is a friend of mine.

Missionary Ambassador Ministries

Christopher Cartwright, Missionary

Reaching Nicaragua through the airwaves. We praise God for continuing to hear reports about people being saved in Nicaragua by way of the Radio Programs. People that are saved some from places such as Managua, Corinto in Chinndega, La Paz Centro in Leon, and in Juigalpa in Chontales. Yesterday, I received word that two ladies, who recently received the Lord Jesus as Savior, want to hear the programs on CD. These ladies listen to Radio Extasis in Juigalpa, Chontales. Since it is difficult to burn CD's and send them to Nicaragua, Bro. Eduar Oporta, the head of the station is more than gracious to burn them for me and give the programs to these ladies.

New Job in Christian Service: So far, the first two months have been rather satisfying and exciting in teaching Spanish classes at Sugar Creek Christian Academy and Landmark Bible College. The students (both teens and adults) have been excited to learn Spanish and are really participating in all activities. We have even gone to Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant in South port, Ohio to have our classes and to engage in real life conversations with Hispanics locally.

Black Hills MBC

Rapid City, SD

Norman W. Pierce, Pastor

Thank you for your love, prayers and support. We thank each of you for everything that you do for us. Your love, your prayers and your always being there for us, lifts us up and keeps s going. We pray for you, love you and thank God for you.

God blesses each of us every day. We thank Him for His many blessings. Wendy is home from the hospital and doing well. She is recovering slowly but she will get

there in the process of time. Marji and Delores are home, also. They were both in Services last Sunday. We thank God for answered prayers.

Visitors continue to attend. We are encouraged by their presence. We continue sharing the gospel with them and with others that we visit. Keep on praying for them and for us. Please, pray with us for Chris. We are sharing Jesus with him. He has missed one Sunday in the last two months. We pray that he will trust Jesus.

Disaster Relief

Paul Stansell, Director

The hurricanes of the summer have come and went, but the damage that they caused will be evident for years to come. And for some, things will never be as they were before. The people and churches we have helped have expressed their gratitude over and over, and I have been asked to share that gratitude with all who have donated and prayed to make all that we do possible.

As planned, we made a return trip to Vidor, Texas to help the people of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church with a team of volunteers from Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church out of Arkansas. While that group of was busy helping the community, I was able to focus my time on Pastor Skipper Saul's home. As you may recall Pastor Saul's lost the entire interior of his home including all of his personal contents, nothing could be salvaged. There are no family pictures, no keepsakes from when the kids were little, no toys, no journals, and no clothes. I was able to make some progress, but there is still so much left to do. We also rented bobcats to help the community with their debris removal. The rental of that equipment saves the people whose home is a total loss 6 to 10 thousand dollars as they do not have to pay a company to do so. The team from Arkansas was able to gut out several homes in the community which is the first step in being able to return to their homes.

We would also like to thank Cliff and Sharon Stewart from Emmitsburg, MD who brought assorted supplies all the way to Florida.

The Lord allowed me to have several opportunities to preach again this month and as always when I am home there is much work to do, especially in the wake of hurricane Irma.

We spent the last week of October preparing to attend state meetings in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. Please pray for our family as we travel, and as we are continually seeking guidance from the Lord for this ministry.

TWO GREY HILLS MBC

Rusty Denny: Mionary Pastor

We got October started off in a big way! We had a display at the Northern Navajo Nation Fair. This fair is the oldest fair on the Navajo Nation and it is well attended by all in this area. They made some changes to the display area this year by reducing the size of the space and increasing the cost. This did not slow us down and we had a prime spot to set up! We gave out Bible, tracts, salvation bracelets and literature. In one way or another we shared the Gospel with hundreds during the 3 day event. What was especially exciting to me is the fact that every member of the mission participated in one way or another! They worked hard getting things ready and some were there to hand out items at the booth. It would have been impossible for me to do this alone, in fact, I did very little!

Bro McNally presented our sponsoring church with the last quarter's offering of \$17,300.00 for the Two Grey Hills Mission! We are so thankful to all who gave so generously to make this happen. If your church is not familiar with the Interstate Mission Development project, you need to check it out! Speaking of Two grey Hills and building funds, we are well on our way to getting ready for the AC, electrical, and plumbing installed. **We still need funds to complete this phase.** At the present time, I do not have an estimate on the cost but it is in the works at this time. As we have previously stated and kept our word, the funds will be used to purchase materials as we need them. The baptistry has been

ordered and it will be picked up during the week of the Texas State meeting of which I plan to attend. I was visiting with a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Farmington and I mentioned we could use a tiller. He said he had one for sale and gave us a very good price. That afternoon I went to the mailbox and there was a check for most of the cost and later that after-noon the rest was donated. I didn't even have time to ask God for it since He had it on the way already! Keep us in your prayers!

Bloomington Missions

Scott Bourland, Missionary

We rejoice in Gary's obedience to the Lord in Baptism. Please pray for his continued growth. He, like many of our new disciples, faces an uphill battle. God is able if we are willing and God has done amazing things in Gary's life.

Continued Building Progress: The rains kept pouring on us for the first couple of weeks in November, but things finally dried out and gave us the opportunity to get the foundation block laid.

Rejoicing in God's Provision: In the past two months we have received \$13,000 for the building project from sister churches and individuals. We are so thankful for God's awesome provision and pray that this will be the common report until we cross the finish line. There is still a great need in front of us. The people of Journey in Bloomington and Calvary in Magnolia continue to give sacrificially and we pray that God will raise up several more churches to send offerings for this great work.

Benchmark MBC

Fredericksburg, VA

Alan Schoeff, Missionary

November was a month of refinement at the mission. We are working on making some needed changes. One thing that we did was to have a mandatory teachers meeting on first Friday of the month. I have struggled to communicate the necessity of commitment in regard this area of service

to the Lord. There is a line from a movie where the character says, "sometimes you gotta shoot a hostage". So, I took drastic measures. Anyone who failed to attend was removed from teaching. What this did was to demonstrate to our folks a couple of things: 1) I am not messing around with God and the commission to win souls and make disciples and 2) if you make a commitment you need to follow through with that commitment. As a result of the changes, our Sunday School program AND our Wednesday night Bible Studies are running much more effectively than they have for a year. In fact, just two weeks after the changes were made, Noel Faltz accepted Jesus as her savior! Making these changes was not a pleasant task to take care of, but the reward has been huge! Thank you Jesus for honoring our commitment and saving Noel.

November brought a scare! I know that October is the month we usually equate with scary things, but life and death are more scary than any Halloween costume. Two of our senior ladies were hospitalized in November. Sister Anne Delozier is our Treasurer and a vital member of the work here. She had a mild stroke and is still in rehab. Please lift her before the LORD! She is making a great recovery and hopes to be released early in December. Sister Dian Harper was hospitalized for breathing difficulties related to her congestive heart failure. Please also lift her before the Lord. She has had such a tough time this last year, being hospitalized more than she has been at home.

November also saw a lot of behind the scenes work. We had a work day to spread five tons of mulch on the outside flower gardens and around the ornamental trees. In the process, we took down an old dilapidated rose trellis, trimmed back the rose bush and restored the trellis by replacing some wood and applying a new coat of paint. It was good to see the folks all pitch in to help with these and other building and grounds updates.

Serving in Virginia as a missionary, we are surrounded by history: national military

history in particular. So, it was a great honor for us to recognize our Veterans during November. Virginia is a state rich in history and the folks here do not take it lightly that so many have given so much in service to our country. : national military history in particular. So, it was a great honor for us to recognize our Veterans during November. Virginia is a state rich in history and the folks here do not take it lightly that so many have given so much in service to our country.

Grace and Truth MBC Fresno, CA

Joel (Joby) Jones, Jr., Missionary

It is always a blessing to send reports to you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we prepare this report we are reminded of the scriptures in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

The month of September taught us to truly stand fast in our faith, to be brave, continue to be strong in our beliefs and most of all to base everything that we do around love (the love of God).

We entered October striving to have a heart and mind of Christ. We had to demonstrate the same compassion that Christ has toward our members who haven't been attending services. We overlooked their excuses so we could remind them of the future that God has for them and His unfailing love and grace.

During the month of October we averaged an attendance of 25-30 people with at least five visitors. There were three professions of faith and two births. A young lady by the name of Keila King has been attending our mission as a visitor for nearly a year, however for the past few months she has been attending more regularly. Mrs. King stood before the mission, stated she wanted to give her life to the Lord and become committed to her growth in the Word of God. She was unanimously voted as a candidate for baptism and will be baptized within the next few weeks at Harvest MBC.

On Sunday, October 22, Pastor Carl and Brenda Carter of Sacramento, CA visited our mission for the first time. Pastor Carter shared an inspiring testimony with everyone and also fellowshiped with us after. There were 42 people (members and visitors) in attendance.

Our approach is to always introduce people to Jesus Christ and help them discover His plan for their life. We believe that we will reach the families in our community by making a huge impact on their children and by always demonstrating the Love of GOD! Therefore our Pastor did not hesitate when the Fresno Police Department appointed him to minister and counsel youth who were caught wandering the streets after curfew hours. Instead of sending the youth to juvenile hall, Fresno PD turned a community center into an alternative detention center on Friday and Saturdays nights. Each child was able to leave once a parent or guardian picked them up.

New Life MBC Brownstown, IN

Mike Weiler, Missionary

This is one of my favorite times of year. Seeing all the farmers harvesting their crops reminds me of *Matthew 9:37-38 Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. (38) Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send out laborers into His harvest.* Looking into our world today, oh how this verse rings true. There is a harvest that needs to be harvested.

I have been experiencing a harvest in the ministry here. God is working very hard in the chaplaincy with the men and women I deal with there. I have had many opportunities this month to counsel people on the fire and police department; with the officers, fire fighters, and their families. One situation led to me doing a wedding for a couple that work for the EMS department. I continue to stand amazed on how the ministry of building relationships is key to reaching people for Christ. Just like growing crops, it takes time energy and a

lot of work to yield a harvest. But what a joy it is to see that harvest come in!

This was a busy month. It was fire prevention month and our church once again helped the fire department prepare take home bags that were given out to children in the local school. This is always a great time to be involved with our community.

We did some traveling to Arkansas to be with our sending church and to participate in the ordination of their new pastor. It was great to finally meet him in person and to visit with our church family there. We then headed home and left for Michigan to be with Flowerfield MBC. This church has continued to be a great support to us and we enjoy a sweet fellowship with them.

We wrapped up the month with our Halloween outreach where we gave out 250 bags of candy with an invitation to church and a gospel tract. We also handed out over 10 gallons of chili, a lot of hot chocolate, coffee, and popcorn. We had many conversations with people and invited them to church. God Bless and thank you for reading.

Colorado Church Planting

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

This month was a real blessing. I was blessed to be able to attend the Louisiana and Texas State meetings. It was an encouragement to have Pastors and churches pray with me and express genuine concern for the work. It was also a blessing to be with Creekmont BC in LaPorte, TX and Unity BC of Richwood, TX. I truly enjoyed the time of fellowship with these two dear churches.

On the field, God continues to increase our relationships and deepen those bonds. There have been several times that I have been approached by people, that we have been building relationships with, to pray for them or listen to their burdens. Please continue to pray for these relationships as we strive to disciple them for Christ. Also, we have been blessed with continued attendance from our one visitor from last month. Pray for Him and his family.



Wayne Sewell

Business Manager Report

What a difference a few days make in the weather. Fall has finally arrived in our area. The cooler weather is very nice and a welcome relief from the hot temperatures experienced for several months. The leaves are in full color in the area. I enjoy seeing all the color as I travel.

A special day has been set aside by our nation to express our thanks to God. As Christians, we should always be thankful for God's blessings. Thanksgiving should come from the heart each day of the year. Psalms 26:7 and 100:4 teach that we are to have an attitude of thanksgiving and that we should come into the Lord's presence with thankful hearts. No government can regulate or deny us the privilege of worshipping God with a thankful heart. Being thankful is more than having a family meal or getting together to watch a ballgame. It involves searching the heart and expressing gratitude to our Savior and Lord. Only you can express your thankfulness to God.

Vacation Bible School for 2018 is ready and is shipping. Please take the opportunity to order the VBS sample kit and begin planning for your Vacation Bible School early. Remember that the Curriculum Conference will be held in Texarkana on February 24, 2018. If you already have your sample kit, the various members can get the material that they will be teaching and begin planning and working on their class.

It is that time of year when we are getting everything ready for the auditors to come out and check our inventory and audit the books. The staff works at this year round. Last year a bin system was installed in the warehouse as the computer program was updated. Throughout the year, each time a product is produced, it is assigned a bin location. If it is moved, a transfer is made. If it is sold it comes out of inventory. Throughout this year, the staff has been working to keep track of the inventory better with this new system. By January of 2018, we will know if we have improved on the inventory system. We are expecting that inventory will be improved. After each quarter through the year, the inventory has been checked. Sometimes we see a problem and address the problem immediately. This year has been a learning curve, but it should make the end of the year inventory better than in previous years.

Now is the time to begin thinking about a special gift for the pastor and his wife. The pastor may want to get something for the church staff or secretary. You could remember everyone on your shopping list. We have Bibles, study aids, music, framed art and many other unique items in the store. Don't forget that we have P. Graham Dunn products that can be personalized. Please call 1.800.264.2482 and ask to speak with the store. They are willing to help and answer your questions.



Kyle Elkins
Business Manager

October and November are busy months as several state meetings take place during these times. I am thankful for the opportunity to attend some of these meetings as scheduling allows. I have been able to attend five state associational meetings this year. I appreciate messengers and moderators allowing me the time to share the work of Bogard Press.

The past weeks have seen the completion of the Vacation Bible School material for 2018. This material is now ready to be purchased through the web store or calling the office in Texarkana at 1-800-264-2482. The online VBS catalog is available for viewing at vbs.bogardpress.org. Scroll down a little to see the link to the catalog. The website contains links to other important information about the 2018 VBS, such as music samples and downloads.

The Bogard Press Curriculum Conference is scheduled for February 24. This will be held at Texarkana Texas Convention Center located at 4610 Cowhorn Creek Loop. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn for those wishing to arrive a day early for the conference. A special price of \$99.00 has been set. If you were to call and reserve a room apart from the conference, the room would cost \$159.00. The conference will begin at 8:00 am. Saturday morning. Doors into the meeting room will be open at 7:50 am. The opening session will begin with the introduction to the music.

We are asking attendees to please preregister at bogardpress.org. Click the 2018 Curriculum Conference link on the left side of the page and follow the preregistration link. Your preregistration helps us better prepare the booklets that accompany the sessions.

After the conference, plan on spending time at the Baptist Book Store and take advantage of purchasing the material you need for your VBS.

Bible Challenge is a Bible drill designed to promote Scripture memorization for children and teens. This project is currently in production, though some churches are using it to provide feedback in a pilot program. Bible Challenge is a three-year cycle for ages ranging from 1st grade to 12th grade. Grade levels are divided into four sections: 1st—3rd Grades, 4th—6th Grades, 7th—9th Grades and 10th—12th Grades. Each section will provide the student the opportunity to learn thirty Scriptures by memorization. Above that, students will learn books of the Bible and how to find Scriptures in their Bibles. As the student progresses through the grade levels, Scripture memorization involves passages related to doctrinal truths.

Built into the Bible drill program is competition that begins in each church participating. The winners of the church challenge go on to compete against winners from other churches. Winners continue to compete until the finals. This program will not begin until September 2018, as it coincides with the school terms of fall and spring. More information such as pricing and availability will be advertised in the first few months of next year.

Looking ahead to the winter quarter for Sunday School beginning in December, adults will study the book of Ephesians. The Young Adult Quarterly will begin a study called "Seasons of Life" from the book of Daniel.

The Baptist Training Course material for junior high through adults will be lessons concerning prophecies of Jesus Christ. The series title is "That It Might Be Fulfilled—Prophecies Concerning Jesus, the Messiah."

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WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017**

GENERAL FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$38,720.04			
INCOME:					
ALABAMA					
Magnolia Springs BC	-Theodore, AL	478.00			
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	140.00			
FLORIDA					
Galilee MBC	-Milton, FL	40.00			
Bethel BC	-Milton, FL	200.00			
Okeechobee BC	-Okeechobee, FL	147.68			
Calvary BC	-Panama City, FL	100.00			
Landmark BC	-Pensacola, FL	90.00			
Landmark BC	-Madison, FL	200.00			
Mics:					
Kitchen Sales	-Pensacola, FL	54.25			
TOTAL		\$2,199.93			
DESIGNATED FUNDS:H.H.Strickland					
Baptist Chapel	-Grand Bay,AL	700.00			
Eastern Avenue	-St.Cloud,FL	600.00			
Frankfort BC	-Russellville, AL	220.00			
Charles Glenn	-Traskwood, AR	100.00			
Galilee BC	-Milton, FL	150.00			
Newark BC	-Elkton,MD	200.00			
Cumberland Cove BC	-Monterey,TN	50.00			
Johnsontown BC	-Hedgseville,WV	200.00			
First Baptist BC	-White City, FL	200.00			
TOTAL		\$ 2,420.00			
COMMITTEE OF 100					
Terry Alexander	-Pensacola, FL	20.00			
		\$4,619.93			
TUITION/REGISTRATION					
Registration		\$ 200.00			
Tuition		\$ 13,420.00			
TOTAL INCOME		18,259.93	\$18,259.93		
TOTAL AVAILABLE			\$56,979.97		

EXPENSES:					
Utilities		\$ 2,457.13			
Misc.		9,495.07			
Insurance		-0-			
Instruction		5,820.00			
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$17,772.20	\$17,772.20		
NEW BALANCE			\$ 39,207.77		

BOOKSTORE FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD				\$ 528.81	
Income:					
Bookstore Sales		\$ 3,796.62			
Press Sales		4,130.06			
Contributions					
Pinehaven		100.00			
O'Leno BC		200.00			
Landmark (Pensacola)		20.00			
Total Income		\$8,246.68	\$8,246.68		
TOTAL AVAILABLE			\$8,775.49		

Expenses:					
Utilities		\$923.93			
Postage		\$427.56			
Books		\$1984.68			
Supplies		\$5,005.40			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,341.57	\$ 8,341.57		
NEW BALANCE			\$ 433.92		

GENERAL FUND BALANCE		\$39,207.77			
BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE			\$ 433.92		

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

SPANISH-SPEAKING MISSIONARY NEEDED

We are seeking a Spanish-speaking Missionary for our Hispanic Mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are many Spanish-speaking people in this area and we want to reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The man would need to speak at least some English, be sound in Missionary Baptist doctrine and be a U.S. citizen. If the Lord impresses upon you to contact us you may call, write or e-mail us. Rose Lawn Missionary Baptist Church 6610 East Latimer Place Tulsa, OK 74115 Church: 918-836-2790 Pastor: 918-224-4393 E-mail: rmcveigh@cox.net. Please pray for us. Thank you.

Pilgrim Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor. The Pastor has to be Mission minded and believe the King James Bible is the only true and living word. Must adhere to the churches' doctrines, covenant, rules and regulations. We are a small, loving congregation. The pastor would have to be employed. Only God called,

God fearing, mission minded, soul saving men who preach and teach from the KJV are encourage to send resume via email to kjones6443@bellsouth.net along with recent photo.

PRINTING NEWS

PRINTING NEWS:

We have really been busy in the shop the last three months. Except for the week of during the Thanksgiving holidays, work has been every day. A new book by Dr. Glen Davenport, "Exploring the Gospels," has been printed in Spanish. The English production was done years ago and he has had it translated. I appreciate the work Dr. Davenport is doing and the writing that he is offering for production. We need more of our associational preachers to produce good sound biblical writing. We have read and used far too many writers that are not biblically sound.

EQUIPMENT:

Two of the old presses have been shipped out. A really good friend to me and this ministry is helping us dispose of them. I hope to get enough funds to replace some of the old units that are really getting far too much work on them. I was able to secure one additional press this last month. It was quite trying to get it shipped in but it is now on the floor and is being prepared for use. It really takes a lot of time to get things like this done, especially when there are so many other things that need to be done.

SPECIAL PRAYER:

We are still praying that someone will surrender to this ministry. I am not sure how many more years I will be able to do the work at the pace it requires. However, I will continue so long as I am physically able. All of that

is in the hands of our wonderful Lord. It would really be good to have someone go come and help in this great work. The prospects are always a challenge and I praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him here.

THANKS:

Again I would offer my sincere thanks to everyone and each church that has a part in this ministry. Some have chosen to support the school, some the printing ministry and some for my personal support, but it really matters not which one is supported it all is a vital part of the overall ministry. We are still praying that the Lord will lay on the heart of someone to come and help in the printing ministry. There are so many great opportunities for service here.

May the Lord bless you all.

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