

The Devines: Greg is a graduate of Texas Baptist Institute. He has served as associate pastor, youth pastor, music leader, and in other roles in churches. The Devines are preparing to move to Springdale and are eager to get started. Greg will be bivocational and serve on the leadership team of this new church.

First Steps and Current Needs: First Steps: The Deatons began a Bible study in their home in September. God has blessed! The goal is to build a core group of people before Sunday services begin. Both Micah and Greg are available to share about the work in churches. For more information, contact Micah or Greg using the information below. Needs: **Prayer Partners** to pray for the Deatons and Devines and this new work. **Financial Partners** to support this new work with financial offerings. **Ministry Partners** to be part of this new work. Micah Deaton - (501) 912-7779, micahdeaton@outlook.com Greg Devine - (903) 491-1852, gdevine104@gmail.com

Mision Bautista Emanuel

Houston, TX

Gabriel Sanchez, Missionary

INTERNATIONAL DAY: September 16, we celebrated the International Day. This is the day when our members represent their countries of origin. This is a celebration that our people really enjoy. We bring dishes to share with family and friends that are invited to celebrate with us. This year our attendance reached 83. And I have mentioned before, it is in this type of celebrations when I had the opportunity to share the gospel with people that would have not attend church in a regular service.

FAMILY NIGHT: One our families: Obed and Claudia Contreras organized our family night. Our families are invited to come and participate in a different games and activities that have a learning Bible lesson. First we had a Bible drill. Sister Sara Gonzalez won this challenge. Then we were asked to draw a world map and to share something about the Gospel in certain countries. We rejoiced listening to Sister Minerva Vallejo-Lopez from the country of Cuba sharing how they were blessed by different groups of short time

missionaries from the Island of Madagascar who came from time to time to bring the gospel to the Cuban Island. What a blessing to know that other countries are also taking the Good news of salvation to the nations.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: *We continue to covet your prayers for our Construction Project. Currently we are praying and waiting on God to show us the next step. Our funds are very limited! I will be asking our sponsoring church and Pastor to request the Texas Mission Development offering toward this much needed project. If the Lord impressed your heart, please help us to achieve this goal by sending any offering to our sponsoring church. Please label it "Mision Emanuel Construction Project"*

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Dexter, MA

George Dever, Missionary

We are getting ready for the Holidays. The church has been practicing for our Christmas play next month.

This is an excited time for us. To see members coming together, laughing, acting (or trying to act), having good old fun and fellowship, is a joy to my heart.

The Ladies' Auxiliary picked a family in the community to bless for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We call this "Adopt-A-Family". The adopted family receives a full Thanksgiving meal along with other food collected during the month. For Christmas the family once again receives a full meal and each member receives gifts. We have been blessing a family for the last five years.

We were blessed with Bro Shawn Findley as our Revival Speaker in September. The altar was full every night. One salvation and many re-committing their lives to the Lord.

We had a furnace stop working in the Fellowship Hall. Not a good thing as the Fellowship Hall is used for Sunday School classes, AWANA, and weekly Bible Studies. So we called McKusick Oil and the furnace was unable to be saved. Installation of a new furnace was necessary. Cost \$3850. Please prayerfully consider helping us pay this expense, we would really appreciate it.

I do appreciate the prayers, letters, emails, phone calls and monthly support given to the work here in Dexter and to myself.

Bloomington Missions

Kevin Pruitt, Missionary

We were thrilled to have Dave and Donna join our church this past month. They represent something that we seldom see. They are mature believers from a strong Baptist background. Their presence will help us gain added stability and more help to disciple young believers.

Outreach: We had a great outreach on Halloween. Missy and I did not know it when we moved into our neighborhood, but ours is one of the most visited on Halloween.

Several people from the church came to our place. We set up a couple of pop up tents, gave out bags of candy with a tract and church information in them. One of our ladies did animal balloons and the line created to wait for the balloon gave us the chance to have a few brief conversations.

About 500 people came through. Imagine, they came to us!

Winter caught up to us ; The original plan was to put down the initial binding coat of pavement this fall and finish things in the spring. The weather did not cooperate with that plan and we had to make the choice to hold off all the paving until spring.

We know who is in charge of the weather, so I am assuming that he did not want his parking lot paved until next spring.

On the plus side, this gives us a few months to raise money for this expense, which will be the largest one item expense we have faced in the entire project.

Please pray for all the work that has already been done to hold up well during the winter and for God's provision of the needed funds to come in.

Wouldn't it be amazing to get to the end of this project and not have needed any borrowed money? God is able and I am so appreciative of what he is doing through his people here in Bloomington, at Calvary, and in sister churches around the country.

Benchmark Baptist Fellowship

Alan Schoeff, Missionary

I love October! It is one of my favorite times of the year; particularly here in Virginia. The temperatures start to dip a little in October and I feel like I can breathe again. And by dipping, I mean into the 70's. It seemed like

this year had an incredible number of hot days over 90°. That meant all summer long I felt like a snowman in June. October not only ushers in some cooler weather, it brings with it some great opportunities for ministry. After all, October may be the only month of the year when hundreds of people will come to your door knocking and asking for a treat. What better treat to offer than a taste of Living Water and the Bread of Life - Jesus! But, between the first of the month and the 31st, there is a lot to do. And we did it!

October is our anniversary. Julie and I moved to the field on October 3, 2018. The mission held a “welcome home” celebration for us on 10/8/2016, which just happened to be the anniversary of the mission. So of course, we had a combination homecoming and anniversary again this year. I want to give a shout out to Bro. Willie Davenport and his family for coming and being great encouragers to us. He sang for our church Friday night and then again on Saturday. Then, on Sunday, he brought a challenging message from the word of God. We had a three day celebration of God! Thank you Lord for all you do. I also want to thank my Pastor for preaching on Saturday, and the folks from First Baptist Church of Kingstowne for coming to support us on this day of celebration.

October is pastor appreciation month. The fine folks that I get to pastor loved on us and took us out to eat at the Olive Garden. While we were there, they presented us with a nice cake, a wonderful card, and a present as well. It feels good to be loved. The food was good, the fellowship was even better. Julie and I both look forward to celebrating many more pastor appreciation months here in Fredericksburg. **Our ladies also attended** this year’s Ladies Auxiliary meeting for the MABA. They had a great meeting, were blessed by the messages and fed by the fellowship. Since I am not confused about my gender identity, I was not there. And, subsequently, I also do not have any photos. Maybe next year, when our Ladies host the meeting, we will get some pictures of the event.

And of course, we gave out the gospel - approximately 3700 times! PLEASE PRAY! On Saturday, October 27, 2018 we handed out

gospel tracks along with candy—at the LOCAL SHERIFF’S TRUNK OR TREAT night! How amazing is our God that He lets us set up a “booth” and tell people about His greatness, right on government property!

Westview Missionary Baptist Church

Searcy, AR

H. Dean Smith, Pastor

Again, thank you for your Romanian Missions Financial support and prayers.

To God be the Glory that you continue your monthly support and prayers, so that Missionary Dave Manary and his family can stay on the Romanian mission field of labor! Without your help, the mission effort would fall on hard time.

Additionally, in your prayers and giving, please remember all the Romanian mission outreach projects the Manary family are involved, along with planting and organizing new churches for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...the Woman’s shelter...Orphanage mission work...and, the Church camp mission work. These are vital mission interest for the Romanian folks as they become more involved in the work of Jesus Christ in Romania. Souls are being saved in each of these areas of mission outreach.

Also, the church voted on April 18, 2018, and Westview became the new sending church for the Manary family in Romania. Please send all support monies to Westview.

Central Missionary Baptist Church

406 Seminary, Warren, AR 71671

Charles Woolley, Pastor

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.

LOGOS Missionary Baptist Church

Bruce C. Betts, Pastor

Friends God has truly been faithful to LOGOS, many of you know the City of Hattiesburg has agreed to build our parking lot. This past October the City Council met and approved the budget for the next fiscal year and our church parking lot is included in that. I have been in awe of how the Lord can use anybody and any entity to do His will and I do believe it is His will that the LOGOS Missionary Baptist Church be a beacon of hope in this city. The deputy mayor and I met two weeks ago and she asked when will we continue construction on the building.

We haven’t worked on it since this past summer. I told her that I would get back with her on it and I began to seek God on where to go from here.



Dean Grigsby

Business Manager Report

After the recent passing of a dear friend, mentor, and teacher, I thought about others who have had tremendous impacts on me. As I considered their lives, I recognized so many of them labored in obscurity to the world around them. Yet, they have made great impressions on others and me, and I am truly grateful for their influences in my life.

Hebrews 11 shares with us the heroes of faith. It begins with a list of faithful heroes who won great victories: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and many others. Hebrews tells us through faith, these heroes ... *subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again...* Hebrews 11:33-35

But that is not always the narrative of a faithful life. Hebrews 11:35 begins another possible account for those who are faithful: ... *and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance... And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; ... they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.* Hebrews 11:35-38

Faith is not always a sure path to headlines, success, riches, and deliverance from daily circumstances. We all want to be a part of the first group, but sometimes the Lord chooses we travel with the second. Being in God's will is not always prosperity and comfort; sometimes, it is being with Him and trusting Him through trials and afflictions.

Regardless of which path God has for you, there is one thing heroes of faith always have in common: *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith...* Hebrews 11:39. Faith is not about what you go through in life; faith is about with Whom you choose to go through it.

Dean Grigsby Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Grigsby



Kyle Elkins
Editor in Chief

God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to reveal two truths about His Word. Isaiah 40:8 states, “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” This speaks of the eternal, indestructible nature of the Word of God. The second passage is Isaiah 55:11, “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it.” This indicates that the Word of God is powerful and effective.

The Bible, the Word of God, is the only reliable source where an individual must go to find the truth about the most important question of all. What decision has one made in relation to Jesus Christ? The Bible tells us that Jesus is the only way of salvation. He is the only hope for the world.

The Bible is the greatest book in the world. Therefore, to have a part in producing literature to help individuals study their Bibles is a great blessing. What a privilege to work with the dedicated writers and employees who work together to produce this great literature.

Students using the Adult Sunday School Quarterly and Adult Lesson Commentary for the winter quarter 2018-2019 will study the second half of the gospel of John beginning with chapter 13. One author identifies these chapters as the “Book of Glory.” Indeed, the last week of the personal ministry of Jesus as recorded by John presents great examples of service.

The Young Adult Quarterly is entitled “Getting To Know Jesus.” This series of lessons observes the early life of Jesus, sees His love for all people and challenges the student to serve Jesus fervently in the twenty-first century. The lessons are taken from a variety of New Testament Scriptures.

Do not overlook the Junior High through Adult Baptist Training Course material for the winter quarter. The thematic study is entitled “The Father’s Business.” The student will learn that the Lord’s business is the most important business in the world. The student will prepare himself to do this great work as he studies lessons on salvation, baptism, church membership, the Bible, godly living, prayer, loving others as well as other timely topics.

Baptist Training Course lessons have always been and continue to be useful as Bible studies for groups and home studies. The format of the BTC lessons make excellent studies for personal Bible studies; yet, they are written in such a way that they are beneficial for new believers.

Bogard Press has so much to offer in the way of Christian education materials. Visit us on the web at www.bogardpress.org or www.bogardstore.org. Browse these websites to see the various Bogard Press study books we offer. Visit the 2019 Vacation Bible School website at vbs.bogardpress.org for information about Farm Fresh Faith and the lessons on God’s faithfulness to Joseph. You may call 1-800-264-2482 and speak with a clerk who will be glad to assist you in any way possible. If you are in the Texarkana area, please come by the store located on North State Line Avenue.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
September/October**

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|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | |
| BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | | \$5,627.35 | EXPENSES: | | |
| INCOME: | | | Utilities | \$ 3,005.69 | |
| ALABAMA | | | Misc. | 473.94 | |
| BaptistChapel BC | -Grand Bay, AL | 600.00 | Office | 74.99 | |
| Baumhauer Rd. | -Theodore, AL | 200.00 | Instruction | 6,270.00 | |
| Schillinger Rd. | -Mobile, AL | 150.00 | TOTAL EXPENSE | \$9,824.62 | \$9,824.62 |
| GEORGIA | | | NEW BALANCE | | \$ 15,663.67 |
| Northside, BC | -Vienna, GA | 100.00 | | | |
| Traders Hill | -Folkston, GA | 125.00 | BOOKSTORE FUND | | |
| FLORIDA | | | BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | | \$ 838.14 |
| Galilee MBC | -Milton, FL | 40.00 | Income: | | |
| Bethel BC | -Milton, FL | 200.00 | Bookstore Sales | \$ 552.00 | |
| Okeechobee BC | -Okeechobee, FL | 181.44 | Press Sales | 2,270.92 | |
| Calvary BC | -Panama City, FL | 100.00 | Contributions | | |
| Landmark BC | -Pensacola, FL | 85.00 | Pinehaven | 100.00 | |
| Oleno BC | -HighSprings, FL | 100.00 | O'Leno BC | 200.00 | |
| Sunkifgt BC | -Pensacola, FL | 100.00 | Total Income | \$3,122.92 | \$3,122.92 |
| Eastern Avenue BC | -St. Cloud, FL | 100.00 | TOTAL AVAILABLE | | \$3,961.06 |
| Mics: | | | | | |
| Kitchen Sales | -Pensacola, FL | 80.52 | Expenses: | | |
| TOTAL | | \$1,861.94 | Utilities | \$987.71 | |
| DESIGNATED FUNDS: | H.H.Strickland | | Postage | \$652.10 | |
| Baptist Chapel | -Grand Bay,AL | 700.00 | Print Shop | \$384.91 | |
| Eastern Avenue | -St.Cloud,FL | 100.00 | Supplies | \$205.66 | |
| Frankfort BC | -Russellville,AL | 200.00 | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,330.38 | \$2,330.38 |
| Galilee BC | -Milton, FL | 150.00 | NEW BALANCE | | \$-668.67 |
| Newark BC | -Elkton,MD | 200.00 | | | |
| Cumberland Cove BC | -Monterey,TN | 50.00 | GENERAL FUND BALANCE | | \$15,663.67 |
| First Baptist BC | -White City, FL | 200.00 | BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE | | \$ -668.67 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 1,600.00 | BUILDING FUND | | |
| COMMITTEE OF 100 | | | Baptist Chapel | -Grand Bay, AL | 625.00 |
| Terry Alexander | -Pensacola, FL | 20.00 | Landmark BC | -Pensacola, FL | 200.00 |
| TUITION/REGISTRATION | | | Magnolia Springs-Theodore, | AL | 500.00 |
| Registration | \$ 100.00 | | Frankfort BC-Russellville, | AL | 300.00 |
| Tuition | \$ 16,214.30 | | Sunlgiht BC | -Pensacola, FL | 600.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 16,314.29 | \$19,860.94 | Oleno BC | -HighSprings, FL | 100.00 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE | | \$25,488.29 | Landmark BC | -Monticello, FL | 100.00 |
| | | | Calvary BC | -Panama City, FL | 610.00 |
| | | | TOTAL INCOME | | \$3,235.00 |
| | | | EXPENSES | | |
| | | | MEP | \$1,000.00 | |

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

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

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

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

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

PRINTING NEWS

Printing News:

The work in the shop continues to move forward. However slow the progress may seem, it is, non-the-less, progress. The work of preparing material continues to be a problem for me. Since my main computer is giving me so much trouble, it has been a challenge to get some of the material ready for press. Several have told me that I need to get a whole new system and move on. That sounds so simple but in our case it would be the most difficulty way to go.

Most all of the books are laid out in a program that is no longer supported. However, the problem of changing is what and how to get the material that is already laid out in a new program. Page Maker has served me really well and is a user-friendly program. To change over at this point would cost us hundreds of dollars and some of the equipment would not run

the new programs or the programs would not recognize the old equipment. I have tried InDesign but it is so much more difficult to navigate. I realize, sooner or later, some change must be made. By then, maybe someone with the expertise to make the changes will have joined the work.

Equipment:

Some of the used equipment is not working as well as I have hoped. It is always a chance one takes when equipment is purchased like this. However, the funds are not available to acquire new units. Also, it is really expensive to have a tech come in and work on the units. However, when these units are finally in place and working, it will provide us with a good system of producing material at a fair cost.

New Book:

I am currently in the final stage of the preparation for the production of a new book written by Dr. Glen Davenport. The title is "The Synagogue." It is some really

good reference and study material. It is planned to have the book ready before the first of the year. School will be out soon and I will have more time to devote to the production.

Thankful:

I am thankful that so many of our people and the Churches of the American Baptist Association have allowed me to help them in the printing of their material. The initial movement for the press was to provide materials for the Spanish-speaking people. This really pushed us early because we had so little to do with. However, over the years we have been able to produce many books and literature in Spanish and the job is not done.

We are still praying for someone to come and help in the shop. There are so many opportunities awaiting this great work. Would those of you who know us please join in prayer that God will send the right person or person that would have and share the vision for this work?

May the Lord bless you all is my prayer.

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