

# West FLORIDA BAPTIST News

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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 come through a very difficult and challenging year in this ministry. We have been graciously received everywhere we have gone and for those churches and individuals we are so grateful. Changes are sometimes necessary and they are very seldom come easy. It is certainly a challenge but the Lord has always given us sufficient grace and help.

The ministry continues to function 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 and support.

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 some necessary adjustments due to the loss support both for the ministry and personal

. 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. The plans for the new facility have been put on hold for the present. I must trust the Lord that in His time we will proceed. It has been a challenge to try and get everything in place but I can report that progress is being made. The coming year 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 Him 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**

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

From a  
**Woman's Point**  
 of View



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Christmas already and I am not ready. Just what does it mean being ready for this special day? Every year people start preparing for the holidays starting with Halloween. When my children left home I never went all

out to celebrate this time of year again, especially since I learned it was Satan's special day.

So, I'll just start with Thanksgiving and Christmas. Right after Halloween the stores jump right over Thanksgiving and start putting out Christmas decorations. It used to be they displayed all kinds of turkey decorations along with the history of the Pilgrims and how Thanksgiving came about. Of course there were Pumpkin and Sweet Potato pies placed out in the aisles along with other related items.

However, Thanksgiving is now just another day to remember and to be thankful for things, but not necessarily one day to make a big deal over anymore. It seems we have just become so fixated over Santa Claus and lots and lots of gifts. The true meaning of Christmas only remains in the hearts of those who truly love the Lord.

Don't get me wrong, everyone still knows what this day stands for; it is just the fact that gifts and who delivers them is more important. Santa has always been involved

with Christmas, he is the jolly old elf who goes around shouting Ho, Ho, Ho and then he always comes in through the chimney, bringing in lots of gifts. Of course he knows if you've been good or bad, so be good for goodness sake! Otherwise Santa wouldn't be stopping by your house. ;-)

Well this is okay if one still remembers the real reason for Christmas. That reason of course is Jesus' birth. December 25 has always been the date for this special day, and we have always celebrated His Birthday at this time.

Remembering what took place on that Christmas night reminds us all of what Christmas is all about.

So I have to ask you a question. How do you feel about Christmas? Do you get excited about all the presents you have given and anticipate with joy the ones you may receive?

Or do you become humbled in prayer and reverence in thanks to God for sending His Son, that He may be "Born to Die," so that you may live?

What a wonderful Christmas Gift from God!

**Philosophy of  
 Religion**

In the previous discussion on the subject of "Religion and Science", the matter of conflict was introduced. There is a series of ideas called "controversy," that is used by some writers to attack the biblical view point relative to a number of subjects such as God, the origin of the earth and the scriptures themselves.

"controversy," that is used by some writers to attack the biblical view point relative to a number of subjects such as God, the origin of the earth and the scriptures themselves.

In each case, the attack is based upon a theory, if it may be called that, that the Bible is an unreliable source of information, proof or evidence. When any argument approaches a subject where the premises reject the evidence that may be presented, then the argument is mute. There is nothing upon which to discuss the matter. What must be settled first is

what authority might be acceptable and which may not. This is where most people who truly believe the Word of God are left out. There is no understanding of where some of the critics are coming from or how they have arrived at their conclusions. This debate will never be settled so long as the unbeliever assumes the position that the proof offered by the believer in the true word of God is viable and truthful.

The second "locus" of controversy as presented by Mr. Wells involves the matter of epistemological procedure. This is the theory of arriving at a conclusion which goes to the very heart of knowledge. It also involves the idea of origin and how things are perceived to come into being. It is in this area that the greater debate has ensued. Those who are unwilling to accept the principle of an intelligent design are never going to accept any idea or proof presented from a book they deny and a God they reject.

The one real objection to the presentation of Mr. Wells, is that he focuses almost solely on the doctrine of the Catholic church and there often warped since of understanding of the

scriptures. It is no wonder why he goes totally off on his assumptions when he never investigates nor considers the position or arguments to true Bible believers. Those, who have held so faithfully to the truths of the Word of God, have never been allowed to enter the arena of debate.

Mr. Wells begins his presentation on this matter with this statement.

"The magnificent scheme of Saint Thomas remains a paradigm of this method. The Protestants were protected from entering into this point of debate by their rejection of Saint Thomas and of the reliance on the human metaphysical system. The method of science, on the other hand, requires observational data as the starting point of all rational investigation."

It is easy to see the points of error from which he proceeds. If science requires a platform of data before reaching a conclusion, then where does that platform of data come from. It has been shown over and over again that this



David Gonnella, Th.

## *Another Malicious Rumor*

There is an old saying that goes like this: “When the dogs are nipping at your heels it must mean that you are ahead of them.” It seems like these last few years we have had some dogs nipping at our heels with rumors that have all proven false, yet they continue on.

Recently a little dog barked out that our seminary will be closing soon. This comes as news to Dr. Strickland, our trustees, faculty and all who are privy to the inner workings of *WFBI*. We are reminded of the time when Mark Twain’s obituary was erroneously printed in a newspaper, prompting Twain to write, “The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.”

Quite to the contrary, as this semester comes to a close, we are already gearing up for the Spring Semester, expecting returning students and new students. These students will attend in-house classes, internet classes, and classes on Zoom. These students will benefit from a well-qualified faculty who have earned their advanced degrees and written most of the books used in the seminary.

Further, the students will be given a rigorous course of study designed to bring out the best in them and make them fit for the ministry to which the Lord has called them. They will not be allowed to take any short-cuts like some “rump” seminaries do, but will earn every grade and degree they are awarded. When they put a diploma on their wall it will have real content.

Meanwhile, we will ignore the barking dogs. We have better things to do than to stoop o their pot and throw mud. Our only response will be to occasionally set the record straight when we feel the need to do so. We have a four-decades-long record of producing a quality seminary education and our graduates have (with a few exceptions) proven themselves worthy in the ministry.

The only thing that really bothers us is that there are some who will believe rumors without so much as asking us for our side of the story. Those who spread malicious rumors know this and count on it. While it is hurtful, the silver lining is that we find out who are our friends and who cannot be counted on to be fair and honest.

If you are looking to train for the ministry, acquire an advanced degree or simply want to learn more about God’s Word we would like to hear from you. You can take classes for credit for you can audit classes.

For those unfamiliar with auditing classes, it means that you attend the class, learn the material, but are not subject to testing and so receive no grade. This is ideal for Sunday School teachers and church members who want to learn more about the Bible and are not interested in a degree program.

Our Spring Semester begins soon, so contact our office as soon as possible. An adventure awaits you - the adventure of learning more about your God and the doctrines and principles of His Word.

platform of data has been contrived from total imaginary figures, assumptions and inaccurate data. If there must be solid data before reaching a suggested conclusion, then where did the data come from? In the origin of things, there is no data outside of the Word of God. All other data has been compiled after the

fact. There has never been, nor will there ever be, data of origin proven beyond doubt before the Word of God speaks. Simply attaching billions of years into a theory, does not lend itself to validity.



Glen Davenport, Th.D.

## JOSEPH, A MAN OF GOD'S CHOICE

**SCRIPTURE READING: Matt 1:18-25**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:4-7**

### INTRODUCTION:

Most often as we think of the life of Jesus, we think more about Mary than we do about Joseph. Today I want to give my attention to Joseph because he played a very important role in the life of Jesus. Joseph had the responsibility of a father and Jesus honored him as such.

The story provided by our text began before Joseph and Mary were actually married and it shows the development of their relationship. Other Scriptures will show further developments in their home and family life.

#### A. Joseph was a "JUST" man!

1. He lived in Galilee . (Luke 2:4)
2. ... was loyal to the government. He paid taxes. (Luke 2:4)
3. ... was espoused to Mary. (*to be promised in marriage, to be betrothed*)

**NOTE:** (word origin) "*betroth* and *betrothal* are ultimately derived from an old English word *treowth*, which means *faith* or *trust* which gives us *true*, *truth*, *troth*, *truce* and *trust*. [Family Word Finder by Readers' Digest])

4. ... a man of true dignity. (He practiced self-control and maintained impressive character).

#### B. Joseph desired to protect himself and his espoused wife from embarrassment.

1. He recognized her condition - that she was "*with child*."
2. He thought about putting her away privately. (canceling the wedding plans)

#### C. Joseph was a praying man.

1. He thought on these things. (This thought weighed heavy in his mind.)
2. The Angel of the Lord listened as he prayed and answered his prayer.

#### D. Joseph obeyed the Lord.

1. He arose from his sleep to do what God asked him to do.

2. He renewed his espousal commitment for the marriage.

3. He was faithful to the Lord and retained his respect for his wife-to-be.

4. He attended his wife during the birth of the Child.

#### E. Joseph took care of his "Son".

1. He took Him to the temple to present Him to the Lord. (Luke 2:21-22)

*21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

*22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"*

2. He fled with his family into Egypt to escape the madness of King Herod.

3. Joseph moved his family back to Nazareth when the timing was right.

4. Joseph took his family to Jerusalem every year in the appointed times.

#### I. When God chose a man to act as father over His son, He chose a JUST man!

#### II. When God chose a man, He chose one who had proper respect for a woman.

#### III When God chose a man, He chose one who knew how to pray!

#### IV. When God chose a man, He chose one who was likely to be obedient to His commands.

#### V. When God chose a man, He chose one who was likely to raise His Son up in "church."

### CLOSING REMARKS:

If God was choosing a man today to do a special work for Him, could He consider calling you?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Baptist Sunday School Committee

The Baptist Sunday School Committee is searching for a Promotions Director. The Promotions Director is responsible for the promotions and marketing of Bogard Press products and services for the Baptist Sunday School Committee (BSSC). He oversees the Promotions Department, coordinating and leading interactions with churches and customers the BSSC serves. The Promotions Director reports directly to the Editor-in-Chief and works closely with the Business Manager to develop and implement marketing strategies, goals, and plans for the promotion of Bogard Press products and services. The Promotions Director should be affiliated with a church of the American Baptist Association. Interpersonal skills and leadership are necessary to work with the leadership of the BSSC, employees, and churches to define vision and goals and to work to meet agreed-upon goals and plans. The position will require some travel to promote the products and services of Bogard Press. Candidates with experience or degrees in marketing and/or information technology are preferred, but not necessary. Please send resume to Mark Clements, [mark.clements@bogardstore.org](mailto:mark.clements@bogardstore.org) or Dean Grigsby, [dean.grigsby@bogardstore.org](mailto:dean.grigsby@bogardstore.org). If you have questions regarding

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

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

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

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

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

**Victory MBC, Cheyenne, Wyoming** is seeking a pastor. Please return your resume to: Victory MBC, 2202 Cheyenne Place, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001. Questions may be directed to Brother Jim Mayberry (307)631-3971 or Brother Russel Pafford (307)635-0925.

**Belleview MBC in Ethel Arkansas** is searching for a pastor. We are also looking for someone that is willing to fill in on Sundays until we can find a Pastor. Contact Larry Childers at 870-946-5075.

**Overton, TX MBC Seeking Pastor:** We at Overton Missionary Baptist Church of Overton, TX are seeking a God-called ABA pastor. We have a small congregation but a strong desire to grow and prosper in our community. We have a nice size building with plenty of room for growth, we just need the right man to lead and guide us in that process. Our community is centrally located between Tyler, TX and Longview, TX as well as being within 20 miles of Texas Baptist Institute of Henderson, TX. If you are interested in this position or would like additional information please contact us at [aprillittlefield20@tbi.edu](mailto:aprillittlefield20@tbi.edu) or [acmcp301979@hotmail.com](mailto:acmcp301979@hotmail.com) or call April Littlefield at 903-424-9011. We look forward to the next step God has for us.

**Seeking Missionary to Send to Barstow, CA:** Life Point Baptist Church (Early, TX) is looking for a God-called missionary to go to Barstow, Calif., to lead the Landmark Baptist Church through a season of revival by reaching out into the community, spreading the Gospel among the residents there, and discipling individuals into a true faith in the Lord.

If you feel God is leading you toward this work, please email a cover letter, resume and three references to [lelandacker@gmail.com](mailto:lelandacker@gmail.com). The cover letter should include why you feel God is leading you toward this work and what ministry approach you think would work in Barstow.



*Secretary/  
Treasurer  
Missions*  
**Roger Stewart**

# MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

## SELLERS REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,293,113.16</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$69,012.51
Foreign & National Salaries	67,178.31
Designated	\$41,478.11
Undesignated	\$33,413.48
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$211,082.41</b>
<b>BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE</b>	
	<b>\$2,504,198.57</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$73,753.22
Foreign Salaries	\$23,416.70
National Salaries	\$25,271.50
Designated	\$41,378.11
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$13,092.49
General Office	\$2,258.45
Sec/Treas. Travel	\$544.85
Automobile Expense	\$249.08
Postage	\$502.61
Total Office	\$16,647.48
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$180,467.11</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	
	<b>\$2,323,728.46</b>
<b>Surplus for October</b>	<b>\$30,615.30</b>

**News:** Associational Season (a term my wife coined) is upon us! Gena and I gladly attended the Central States Association [Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas] at Mount Calvary MBC, Sikeston, MO, and the Oklahoma State Association, held at Landmark MBC in Vian, OK. Both were great meetings, and the fellowship of the brethren blessed all in attendance. November

concludes the 2021 Associational Season with the Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas State meetings.

**Names:** October travel plans also took us to Mount Zion MBC in Collinsville, TX; Journey Baptist Church, Calera, AL; Clearview MBC, Verbena, AL; Heartland Baptist Mission, Ashland, MO; South Lakewood Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK; and, Center Point MBC, Hazen, AR. I want to thank these wonderful churches and their pastors for allowing me to present the work of ABA Missions in their services. If you would like to receive a personal and up-to-date report at your church, please contact the Missions' Office to schedule an appointment. I'd love to come!

**Numbers:** For the month of October, ABA recommended missionaries reported **497 professions of faith** and **48 baptisms**. For the current associational year, these same missionaries report **2103 professions of faith** and **258 baptisms**. We praise the Lord for these wonderful reports and encouraging numbers. Additionally, at the writing of this report, we have received **\$50,186.00** toward our **\$300,000.00 Thanksgiving Mission Offering goal**.

**Needs:** As is often the case with missionary work, the needs are great, but our God is greater. If your church is interested in supporting the specific needs of individual missionaries and/or their church-plants, information can be obtained through the ABA Missions' Office. Things like *winter windfalls* and *end of year offerings* are tremendous blessings to our missionaries. Please keep that in mind as you approach the end of your calendar year.

**Notes:** Gena and I enjoyed a wonderful organization service for Journey Baptist Church in Calera, AL, on October 9th. The house was packed, the fellowship was sweet, the blessings were abundant, and the target was reached! After fifteen years of ups-and-downs former ABA Interstate Missionary and (now) Pastor Paul Armstrong along with his wife, Amy, and their children, Emily, Hanna

and Brady, directed the good people of Journey to organize into a self-supporting, local, New Testament Church. Praise the Lord!



## FOREIGN MISSIONS

**L.A.M.B. Ministries**

*Jim Gage, Missionary*

Brethren John Sanders, Jeff Neeley from "International Christian Publishers"(Cave City Ark.) and Mike Mee, (Clarksville, Ark) bringing material to the churches and missionary outreaches in Ecuador and Colombia.

Dr. H H Strickland, Pres. West Florida Baptist Institute co-sponsor of LAMB SEMINARY addressed the students at opening exercises. The Academic Dean, Bro. Alberto Gelvez and Dr. J.Gage expressed their thanks for faithfully helping the students through out the years since the formation of Colombian Baptist Institute in 1986

**INVITED GUESTS:** Roger and Gena Stewart, Herman H. and Irma Strickland, Robert and Gayle Ledford, **HOSTS:** Missionaries Carlos Julio and Rosalba Mendoza.

**CO-HOSTS:** Gilberto Pinzon, Alberto Gelvez, Edgar Rubio, Placido Torres and James Gage **RESULTS:** 9 Professions of

Faith, 1 Baptism, 3 Churches Organized, 3 Deacons Ordained, 1 Pastor Ordained, 3 Preachers Licensed. God truly blessed on this evangelistic outreach: We were at a conference of Biblicos Unidos presenting the Word of God in Limonar, Puerto Inirida. The next day, we started classes at the Jungle Bible School. Here, we are giving booklets of John and Romans to the punave brethren. Please keep us in your prayers.

Reaching our Youth for Christ must be an absolute focus if we are to evangelize future generations. So, one of our present exciting developments is the Youth Camp that Bro. Edgar Rubio and the ClarksvilleMBC is sponsoring in ElGuamo, Colombia. In October 13-14th, several of our pastors and leaders traveled to the camp and had a time of prayer, setting apart and dedication of these facilities for the Lord's service. May God receive glory. Please keep these and other needs in your prayers.

#### **Ibagué, Tolima, Colombia, S.A.**

*Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary*

We give glory to our God and Savior Jesus Christ. The mission in Ibagué, Tolima, IN FOUR MONTHS we have 7 members with us.

In a business session, they elected Sr. Monica as Treasurer and Brother Cesar. Sunday School Teacher. Ladies President, to my wife Rosalba.

On the last Sunday of the month, we received a visit from a family of 4. They promised to return to services, please pray for this new family.

Of the 16 visits we had in the last campaign, only Don Alfonso returned and raised his hand to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior. Glory to our God.

Pastor Ledford preached to us last September 16 hours 7 at night by zoom, my daughter Johanna translated for us. 18 families attended.

The radio program, we have received reports from the brothers who have forwarded at least 200 people, among friends and family for Wassap. All my Catholic family also sent them daily by this means.

We thank Dr. H.H. Strickland, for their prayers and faithful support. May God bless

Dr. H.H. Strickland and to family, for all they do for the Colombian Missionary Work.

We have in our fund for the property of Ibague MB. \$ 4,419.50.

We need \$ 82,580.50. Thank you for your love offerings for the 5 temple in Colombia

#### **Colombia, S.A.**

*Gilberto Pinzón, Missionary*

We praise God for His many blessings at home and visible results in the work.

I thank God that my oldest son, Daniel, graduated from Uniminuto University as a psychologist. Please pray that God will open the doors to a good job and that he will be a good witness for Jesus Christ wherever he goes. Amen.

#### **PENIEL BAPTIST MISSION**

Thank God, He is blessing our services every week. The ladies auxiliary reopened their meeting last week. My wife, Mirna, brought a good Bible teaching "David and Abigail," based on I Samuel 25. They had good fellowship, prayers and made some crafts.

**BAPTISM:** two sisters were approved for baptism: Myriam Rojas and Luz Myriam Vera, but sister Luz Myriam Vera have health issues, so only sister Myriam Rojas were baptized last week. Please pray for her spiritual growth and for Sister Luz Myriam Vera's health, so, she can be baptized soon. Amen.

It is a little strange to baptize with face mask, but the pandemic does not obstacle the Lord's work. Amen.

We, were blessed to have Bro. Scott Maness, Missionary in Argentina, virtually preaching for our pastors and leaders meeting. We had good sermon, fellowship and virtual attendance. Please pray for this missionary and his family as he is carrying out the gospel to this needed South American country.

#### **Costa Rica**

*Walter Goulding, Missionary*

The Lord continues to use the virtual services of *The Way* MBC for His glory. Those who attend include those from *The Way*, and also from other churches – both locally, and even beyond our borders.

A lady was approved for baptism at *The Way* back when we met at the leased location . Kita (pronounced Kçtã) is a radio listener.

She has had her ups and downs – both spiritual and emotional – and stopped attending. She also quit answering calls. We continued to pray for her. Marcia (her counselor) kept asking me if I had heard from Kita.

Then she called me. Marcia was thrilled. When I told her that Noemy had been called Home with Covid in May, Kita was very affected.

I led her through some difficult decisions that she needed to make, including breaking up with an unsaved man.

Through counseling, she made a commitment to tithe and follow up with her decision to be baptized.

Kita is one example of what the Lord is doing during these difficult times.

Thank the Lord for both old and new members who record songs for the virtual services.

The *Costa Rica Missionary Baptist Seminary*: celebrated the closing exercises with the accustomed Bible conference. Again this year, both the classes and the conferences at the beginning and end of the year were held virtually.

Using the pandemic restrictions to our advantage, the guest speaker was Bro. Adalin Tulcey (a.k.a. "Sonny") from Belize.

Brother Sonny came to Costa Rica in 1985. While attending Bible school, he labored at the *Hebron* MBC, where I served as missionary pastor for 26 years. It was while teaching a discipleship class in a home that he met his future bride.

They were married in 1990 and moved to Belize. Their home has been blessed with four children. They have been instrumental in planting two churches, helping in two other church plants, and being an active part of the Belize Independent Baptist Association.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support.

#### **Thailand**

*David Leak, Missionary*

Early AM of November 3rd, I prayerfully purchased a ticket to return to Thailand on

November 30th; Lord willing! I've been searching for some time, & the morning of the 1st; because of the much-anticipated reopening, I was eagerly searching the Korean Air website, but to no avail. Surprisingly, there *still* were no tickets at all; to Thailand, being offered. I then began searching again for alternative Airlines. I'd been randomly searching the "travel" sites, but not really with any intention of making a purchase, because I'd been to the *main* websites of some of the other Airlines, & there was conflicting information. The "travel" sites (some of them) were offering tickets that the Airlines themselves were stating "no flights on that date" after I'd searched. As one can imagine, I was extremely hesitant to make a purchase with such conflicting information to draw on. My caution has been fueled by Covid, & the Thai government's hesitation to reopen the country October 1st. I then called Pastor Thompson; after consulting with him, I kept searching. He gave me some ideas about the conflicting information that I'd not thought of, so I made the purchase on 11/3. I consider it of the utmost importance to report these details. This furlough; as others that I've taken, has not been without its own issues, as we are all aware. My initial intention was to be back on the field a year ago; either by the 1st, or middle of November 2020. I usually tell everyone, "There's one word, & we all know it...Covid", that's behind my extended time here in the US this time around. With that said, I'm thankful that the Lord knew my specific circumstances would demand that I be here in this particular time frame. I'm amazed at His goodness, grace, & provisions through His people, & His Churches. To each of you I can't say "thank you" adequately, or enough times! To God be the Glory; great things He hath done! Please pray for me as I make these last-minute preparations for my return to Thailand. Brent has asked me to teach the Sunday School classes beginning after the 1st of the year. Somewhere/sometime; all wrapped up in that, he's also asked me if I'd be willing to travel up into the mountains to begin training a young man. I so covet your prayers in/for the future of Thailand For Christ; that He, our Lord, will give me; us, Thailand For

Christ! Pray that He will begin a mighty move of the Holy Spirit through the teaching, preaching, & witnessing of His people in Thailand! My Pastor made a statement at Pleasant Hill's Missions Conference that so aligns with what I believe & desire; "that He will begin to move in Thailand in a mighty way to place the Thai people/population on positive volition..." Thailand For Christ!

The need for a vehicle is of utmost importance; please pray for me in this regard. Ford Ranger/4WD/Flooding Option Equipped.

### Spain

*Daniel Estrada, Missionary*

**END OF OUR TRAVELS...** Thank God, we safely made it back home. We rejoice in the Lord we were able to visit some of the churches that support us every month. Praise God for the new churches that we visited, and we are thankful for the new churches that want to partner with us.

Thank God, for the churches that we visited in October in Alabama and Kansas City, MO. And Wichita Fall, Texas. Thanks a lot for the love and for taking good care of us.

We thank brother Cande and his wife for having in their home in Kansas City, MO.

**ALHAURINDE LA TORRE, MA-LAGA, SPAIN WORK...** Keep praying for the work here in Spain. We are praying for a new place of meetings and for the people to come into our new place. But we still sharing the love of Christ and witnessing new people.

Eloisa and Emmely are making new contacts in town, please pray hard so the Lord might bring in new people to witness to and disci-ple. Also, keep praying for the families that we have. We continue working with them to build up a strong church in Spain. We want to make a trip to Sweden next year and see the believers there.

Please, pray for the projects and plans that we have in our return to Spain. We come home with recharged batteries and a strong desire to do God's will in Spain.

### Thailand

*Danny Jones, Missionary*

**The Westwood School of Missions Fall Semester is in full swing.** We have 19

students enrolled this fall including 7 online and 2 in the Master of Missiology program. Through a new, innovative software program, we are transcribing live classes and offering instantaneously translated subtitles in Spanish for our online students. In partnership with the Latin American Missionary Baptist Seminary, we have several enrolled students joining us from Colombia, South America.

As the school continues to grow, so do our expenses. Would you or your church consider either a one-time love offering or monthly support to help the Westwood School of Missions as we train new and prospective missionaries

**Thailand Missions Building Project:** After speaking with the Thai people in Udon Thani, we have discussed changing the plans to the building efforts. Instead of building a separate dormitory building, we would convert the existing structure into dorm rooms and construct a new church building on the property. This would meet both the needs of the students of the seminary and double the seating capacity of the auditorium for the church. Though the weekly attendance does not currently fill capacity, special meetings (which are hosted regularly in Udon) have been standing room only. Maplewood Baptist Church of Martinsburg, WV donated \$6000 towards the building project in Thailand this past month. I would like to thank everyone who has so generously given to this project. On November 1, Thailand lifted its quarantine restriction. We will be working to lay the foundation soon, then lead a building crew from the US to continue construction. for the mission field? Please consider helping this great cause!

### Romanian Missions

*Joshua Mackrill, Missionary*

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



Last month we were able to make it to 54Kentucky and spend some much needed time with Amy's sisters and all of our nieces and nephews on that side of our family. We were also able to visit with many friends along the way!

**Faith Baptist Church Zrne'ti** This past month at Zrne'ti the work continued well. We are so glad that we were able to replace our church sanctuary lights and mount a smart TV for aid in our worship services and bible studies. We are pleased that services are continuing and things are doing well. Sunday evenings we have our normal services with a time of prayer, much singing, and a time of preaching the word. Wednesday evening we continue to have bible study. It is a time filled with prayer and further study of the word together.

Friday evenings we have youth night. We start out playing fun games and eating supper and then have a time of bible study and prayer.

Attendance was good last month in spite of restrictions due to rising COVID-19 cases. Please pray that these restrictions will not impede any of our scheduled service times but more importantly that those sick will get better and those who aren't will remain that way.

We are enjoying time spent with family but our hearts yearn to be there ministering to the people of the city of Zrne'Úti. Please continue to pray with us for this city!

## Argentina

*Scott Maness, Missionary*

**Mission conference and Marriage conference** At the beginning of the month we were able to attend MTM, (Missionary Training Ministry) in Mountain View, Arkansas. This ministry is a great blessing to all missionaries and sending churches. Later in the month my wife and I were able to attend the Homebuilder marriage retreat.

This is something that we wanted to do for years but were not able to do before. It was a great weekend to spend together away from the kids for a few days. The kids had a lot of fun with their grandparents while we were away.

**Passports sent off for renewal:** One of the things that was on our list to finish early was

the renewal of the kids' passports.

Passports for children are only good for 5 years. The renewal process takes between 16 and 12 weeks to renew and have back. That is one more thing that we can cross off our list!

Oklahoma State Meeting and time with the churches We were able to attend the Oklahoma state association meeting held in Vian, OK. It was a great blessing to be able to reconnect with so many brethren that we had not seen in so long! We are also thankful for the opportunities this month to share and fellowship with several churches in the area!

## Peru

*Juan Angulo Iglesias*

It is a great blessing to be able to communicate with each one of you and with each of the churches that pray for the missionary work in Peru. I am very grateful for your great support that with the blessing of the Lord the missionary works keep forwards. I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

With regard to the Covid-19 pandemic in Peru, an increase in infections has recently been detected and 4 variants are currently circulating at the same time. In our missionary works we have not lost contact with our brothers and sisters and every week we share the word of God.

The missionary work in Chao has face-to-face services in the temple, always carrying out security measures and social distancing. From this December we plan to open the temple in Trujillo-El Bosque, to be able to celebrate Christmas in union and Christian fellowship.

Pray for Peru so that God protects us and takes care of us from this worldwide contagion and it will soon end, everything depends on our God, He has control of all things and this is a great test that He has given us. We have lost many friends and family these last 2 years, but I am sure that they are now in glory with our God.

A month ago, my sister left to the presence of the Lord, it was very hard for me, because we were always very close, since she suffered a stroke and began his recovery treatment more than 10 years ago, I took care of her, now I only have those beautiful memories

and as it says in the word of God "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

I hope that this Christmas will be a great union in each of our missionary works, so that we can bring joy to the children. We are planning to make donations of clothes and toys in each missionary work helping the families that need it most. Pray for this reunion.

## South Pacific

*Walt Emry, Missionary*

**Anniversary :** October 16th 1982 was the day that Maggie and I exchanged vows. That was 39 years ago. Both of us look at each other and wonder where all the time has gone. Three kids and 7 grandkids later we can get an idea of where it went. It seems like our lives have been in chapters. I've been the pastor of two churches, been inter-state missionary, and now we are on the foreign field in Vanuatu. Maggie has been to nursing school and got her R.N. degree. Some of it seems like a lifetime ago. Through it all God has been good to us! We look forward to celebrating more anniversaries.

**My Teeth :** I am still wearing my dentures. (Which I Hate) I have an appointment on November 15th to have the impressions taken to order my implants then it will be another 2 to 3 weeks before they can put them in.

**Preaching:** While I'm in the healing process of having all my teeth pulled, God has blessed me with the opportunity to preach a few times here at my home church. I feel like I'm stumbling around trying to get my words out. I have recently discovered Poly Grip that has helped keep my top denture in place. I'm still having difficulty with my bottom denture, they are still giving me pain.

While the California Builders were in Wenatchee, WA, I called Brother John Theme, because we had some problems with our RV. i.e. The fridge was out, some lights were not working, and the fan in our electric fireplace was out. Brother John came over and fixed all of it! Thank God for people in our association that can fix things like that! Thank you Brother John!

## Interstate Missions

### Lighthouse Ministries

*Toy Cribbs Sr., Director*

#### THE FIRST THING

#### CHRISTMAS COMING SOON

Each year we give out Christmas Cookies and Cards to the inmates. Last year we gave out 668 bags cookies and 900 Christmas Cards. We need extra funds to purchase them. The cookies cost \$1.00 a bag and the cards are \$60.00 for 500. Will you please help on this project?

#### THE SECOND THING

My wife and I attended the Pastor Conference at Cumberland Cove B.C at Monterey, TN. The speakers were Bernie Dixon, Terry Romaine, Terry Richard, Dan Curtis and myself.

My wife and I were at Manning B.T.in Manning S.C. Where I gave an update and preached for them. We had great fellowship with Pastor William Jeffers

My wife and I were also at Glendale B.C. in Mauldin, S.C. with Pastor Dennis Richey. I gave an update of the ministry.

#### THE THIRD THING

World Wide Literature

Hamburg AR.

Joel Meredith

We shipped him 200 King James Bibles and 72 Spanish Bibles.

Manning Bible Temple Pastor William  
Jeffers

We shipped him 210 Pastor Dill booklets, Twelve Books of inmates testimony, seven books by Mark Cahill, and several other of our resource material.

#### THE FOURTH THING

Brother J. Koop gave another 24 Postage stamps this month.. He is at Lansing C.F. Lansing. KS. He is doing our Landmark Course.

#### THE FIFTH THING

New Jails and Prisons

N.E..C.C., Bowling Green MO.

ST. Brides Corr. Ctr, Chesapeake, VA

Western VA. Regional Jail, Salem, VA

River North Corr. Ctr., Independence, VA.  
Holmes-Humphries Corr. Fac. Lexington, MS.

Folsom Womens Fac. Folsom, CA.

Wainwright Unit, Lovelady, TX.

U.S.P. Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.

M.C.T.W. Jessup, MD.

Wilson CO. Jail, Lebanon, TN.

M.S.C.O., Selmer, TN.

This is the most Jails and Prisons that we have reached into in a month. We have reached into 810 facilities.

### New Horizon Baptist

*Don Hagen, Missionary*

As we begin the month of November there is a touch of snow flakes in the north country. Nothing is predicted for us yet, but it is just around the corner. When we first moved to New York we had our first snow October 22nd with 20+ inches. Who knows but God what the winter will bring this year. All signs point to a good amount of the white stuff though.

October has been a "wind down month as most of the meetings and fellowships have ended till the spring. We did have 2 wonderful meetings the last 2 weeks of October, a Revival and a Bible Conference.

We are well on our way to our 2000 goal of door visitation. We are about 3 of the way there.

For the first time we had 2 "snow birds move south for the winter. They will be missed.

God has blessed, thanks to you who gave, with our need for our driveway and our electric panel box and meter upgrade. We lack about \$2000.00 yet to complete the job. Please consider helping us. Thank you so much.

We had one new visitor this month, with several other visitors returning for many services.

I know we have 2 months before the year is over, but I want to thank the Lord, and you all, for such a wonderful year. IT HAS BEEN GOOD.

Mavis and I and the folks from New Horizon thank you so much for your prayers and support and love for this work. God is so good to us.

This Friday, November 5, Mavis and I and Judah will go to our sponsoring church in New Hampshire for the last time this year. It

is already cold there, and the leaves have fallen. Please pray for a safe trip there and back. It is always a sweet time there.

We want to wish you all a great Thanksgiving. Thank you all again for your prayers. We love you. May God richly bless you all.

### SIMBSS

*Butterfield MBC in Malvern, AR*

After months of being at a standstill, it seems October rolled in and right back out the very same day! While it was very busy, it was wonderful to have the opportunity to once again be out promoting SIMBSS and proclaiming the name of Christ.

From SIMBSS's standpoint, we began the month by attending the Saline Association at Second Baptist in Malvern, AR on the 7th. We heard 3 very challenging messages (Bros. Carroll Koon, Joey McDermott & Blake Parsley), and had the opportunity to present the work of SIMBSS to those present, which included some of our regular supporters.

Calvary MBC in Muldrow, Oklahoma held their annual Missions Conference/Revival October 16-20. Bro James Taylor, Bro Danny Kennedy and I were invited to attend and present the works to which God has called us, and to allow the church family to minister to us. Bro Caleb Wood was slated to be the guest speaker for each service, but an unexpected event prevented his travel, which provided each of us an opportunity to preach one night.

Pastor Isaac Slape, the staff, and the church were outstanding hosts, and it was an honor to spend the week with them. The pics to the right were taken when Pastor Slape took Bro Taylor and myself up for a short flight around the church and the county. The church is CalvaryMuldrow.

I made it home on Friday the 22nd and headed out again on the 24th for Brookside MBC in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Brookside & Pastor Jacob Rowland had invited SIMBSS to come and present classes on Discipleship, Outreach!

Evangelism, Teaching & the New Testament church. I don't know if there are words to describe how wonderful of a week it was! Pastor Jacob and I met during the time I served in Oklahoma, and he is a delightful

young man who truly loves the Lord and wants to serve and please our great God.

### Hope Missions

*Scott Bourland, Missionary*

As God continues to bring us growth, we try to maximize what we have the best we can. This month we had a worship service that exceeded 50 and Sunday School over 40. By the way, Sunday school is everybody in one room listening to me teach.

It keeps our mind on the need for facility, but of course we have to wait for the Lord to open the doors. We have been in this situation before in other works. We are not sitting on each others laps yet, so we will press on. Actually, we will press on even if we have to sit on each others laps.

Last month I mentioned the possibility of purchasing the building we are in. This would give us 2.2 acres of ground (prime location in Hope), a 6000 sq. ft. building, plenty of paved parking, the land already developed, and room for future expansion.

The asking price is 675,000 dollars. While that is a lot of money, it is very reasonable for what we would be getting, and could perhaps be negotiated down some.

Our people are praying about it and seeking God's direction as to whether or not we should even explore the opportunity. We would ask that you would join us in these prayers.

The joy of going out and knocking doors with people who are 70 and 80 years old, young families who are taking their children, and most of the men of the church is beyond amazing.

They are thrilling this pastor's heart and they are gaining valuable experience that will help them in their daily witness as well.

Our current Sunday School series is on personal evangelism. Attendance is good and many are taking notes. Pray with me that we will all take what we are learning and make it a real part of our daily lives.



*Jake Ellebree, Missionary*

Precious Lilian was visiting Oakhill Baptist

## God saved 27 precious souls this month!

Church's Fall Festival where we were volunteering. A family friend Debbie (pictured with her), brought her and her sister to the festival to enjoy the day and learn about Jesus. Lilian comes from a Mormon background and has a mother who loves her very much. Lilian heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and understood it for the first time. She was so excited that the next week while serving at another church's fall festival sister Debbie had brought her to, little Lilian saw brother Jake and ran up to give him a big hug. Both her and her sister Grace pictured in one of the other photos with Debbie and Fabriel received Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Fabriel is a young man from Oakhill Baptist who has a heart for winning lost souls to Christ and has recently surrendered to the call to preach. This was his first day doing public evangelism face to face and the Lord used him to lead several lost souls to repentant faith in Jesus using the word of God. Robert was one of those souls. Robert had a lot of questions concerning Christianity and the Bible, and we were able to answer his questions. Robert came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and asked us if he could have a Bible to start learning about his new savior King Jesus. As any faithful church should, Pastor Johns had cases of them in multiple languages and brother Robert got a shiny new leather King James Bible. What a blessing!!!

### Twin Lakes Baptist Mission

*Jerry Baker, Missionary*

Without trying to be sounding negative, may I just say that the month took an emotional and physical toll on our bodies as Connie and I journeyed back to Mississippi for her brother's memorial service. We were grateful to have witnessed his profession of faith in Christ many years ago, bringing comfort to the family as he was laid to rest with a military service in Corinth National Cemetery. I felt honored to have spoken at the service and to have been of assistance for our nieces.

While in Mississippi it was a privilege to once again fill the pulpit for our dear friends

at Eastgate MBC in Greenwood and visit in services at Celebration MBC where I used to pastor. There's something special about friendships in the ministry that span 40+ years and we are thankful for the opportunities from time to time to be with each of these churches.

We deeply appreciate Bro. Wesley Veazey for filling the pulpit the two Sundays we were away.

During the month we were able to make personal contacts with some of our members as well as those in our community who were part of VBS summer outreach in the past. It never ceases to surprise us at how much those children have grown, some married, and some with children of their own. We are praying that the Lord will use those "happenstance" occasions and the former members as well as the grown "children" will be drawn back to church. Some such visits are often longer than others. One particular couple comes to mind, having "bumped into them" multiple times. They never seem to be in a hurry, but rather enjoy the opportunities to visit with us. We pray that each individual we have spoken with will respond, return to church services and engage in the Lord's work with us at Twin Lakes.

### Topeka, KS

*Everett Ledbetter, Missionary*

Praise the Lord!!! What an amazing month here in Topeka. We saw steady increases and blessing throughout the month. We had a high attendance of 15. We had 6 first time visitors. Three of those were local and the others were guests from out of town. We had 1 salvation, Praise the Lord! And, we also baptized 4 adults. We still have 1 more to baptize and we should be doing that soon. We have been working on the basics with our people. Basically, we have been teaching "What we Believe." They are eating it up, asking questions, and showing signs of growth. We had our first church outreach on the evening of October 31st. We had candy, food, and games. With just a simple facebook ad, we saw over 100 people come through and spend time with us. Some just came for the candy. But, several came and stayed for a while. We had several great conversations. Each person that came through was welcomed, and shown love from our people.

We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do. Right now, we continue to meet in the shop that came with my home. We can fit about 25 people in the building. So, pray that we out grow it and that the Lord guides us to our next temporary place of worship. Also, this month, I was blessed to be able to present our ministry with Calvary MBC of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and El-Bethel MBC of Belton, MO. I also attended the Oklahoma state meeting and enjoyed my time of fellowship with those dear churches. I am available to present our ministry needs. If you would like to hear more, please contact me for more information.

### Benchmark Baptist Fellowship

*Allen Schoeff, Missionary*

**October was a blessing!** Society at some point deemed October as a month in which we should recognize our pastors. I am not sure who planted that idea or when it really caught on. I suppose you could “google” that if you really cared; I don’t. To me the whole thing smacks of self promotion and I dislike it, *but* it was nice that the people of Benchmark made the effort to show their appreciation. On October 24th they held a luncheon and everyone pitched in for lunch and we had cake. And, they all made an effort to be at church for the day, which means we had one of our highest attendances of the year. Please pray that we would continue to grow in spirit and in numbers too!

**In addition to the sweet cake,** something even sweeter happened! Cyrus Collins was baptized and added to our membership. You may recall from my August report that Cyrus accepted Jesus as his savior! In October he chose to be baptized to follow Christ’s example and to be obedient unto the Lord. Cyrus is still homeless and still needs your prayers, but currently he is a sponge. He is constantly asking questions and having discussions with me. He is a young man with a troubled past who is being made a new creature in Jesus Christ! I have been trying to convince him to get a replacement ID so that we can find him a job so he can work toward financial stability and finding a place to call his home that is not a tent in the woods. For two months, Cyrus balked at any attempts that I made to move the ball down the field.

But then GOD happened! Time and space don’t allow me to share the whole story, but remember Mecca (from last month’s report—the lady you were praying for)? She is still hanging on to her Charismatic leanings and still chooses not to join our membership even though she continues to worship with us. It “just so happened” that on the last day of October God brought them to my office at the same time. She was able to accomplish in 10 minutes what I had failed to do in 60 days. God used her to get him to file for his lost SSN card. Next will be a birth certificate so we can move on to the state id! PLEASE, keep Mecca and Cyrus in your prayers.

**One would think that** would have been the frosting on the cake, (see what I did there?) but **NO IT WAS NOT!** Sam came to church for pastor appreciation day (ok, maybe I’m liking that goofy made up day a little better now)! But not only did Sam come, so did his wife, Tori! You will recall that I led Sam to Christ while out on my boat fishing, what I don’t recall sharing before was that his wife nearly died, out fishing on my boat. After Sam got saved, he wanted me to share the gospel with his brother. So, we went fishing again (I did not land one that day). Then, Sam wanted me to share the gospel with his wife. So, we went fishing again, and that is when she got bit by a bug and went into anaphylaxis. Thank GOD she had her epi pin with her, two of them in fact! Julie and I have since worked to build a relationship with both of them. And finally, at last, after several attempts, we were blessed to have them come to church. And now, since he saw Cyrus get baptized, guess what we are discipling on! Please pray for Sam and Tori.

### Misión Baitista Emanuel

*Gabriel Sanchez, Missionary*

October was a month of triumphs, tribulations and trials! God has been faithful to His promises. This month we were blessed by having five new visitors. One of the families has just moved to the area from Monterrey, Mexico and they are looking for a church were to attend, the other are members of another Baptist Church but are looking for a closer church where to serve.

Our attendance has been stable, oscillating

between 40 and 50 every service with a monthly average of 45.

We are having a great time in our Heritage Baptist Institute classes. At the beginning of the semester

My wife and I had our 27th wedding anniversary on October 29. I cannot express enough my deepest gratitude to God for my wife, for always standing quietly and supportive with me during more than thirty years of ministry, for being a great mother of my five kids and the best wife.

Juan Manuel Uc Tec, a missionary in Yucatan, South Mexico presented us the need of buying a scooter to be used as his means of transportation since he does not have a vehicle. He asked us to help him with 50% of the cost of this scooter. Praise the Lord! He got it and is using it for His glory.

### Antioch MBC

*George Dever, Missionary*

These past few months have been a time of getting my energy back after having Covid pneumonia. I am feeling much better with some issues that keep lingering on. I am getting another CT scan of my lungs due to still having breathing problems. Pray with me that my breathing can improve and I can keep on gaining more energy and strength. My wife and daughter are doing very well after their round of Covid. We thank the Lord for your prayers and for feeling as good as we do.

In September our pastor, Shawn Findley, and his wife, Rachel, visited us for a few days. We had a great visit and was blessed to hear Brother Shawn bring the Sunday morning message. While they were here we took a day trip through the Western part of the state and ended up about fifteen miles from the Canadian border. After Sunday morning’s services, we met up with my son’s family and spent some time with the grandkids at an apple orchard and took the grandkids.

We have been busy preparing for the holidays. Antioch is helping in the community where we can. We are taking up a collection for a Thanksgiving family and a Christmas family. We either collect donations of food or financial assistance to purchase a meal and items that the family needs.



Dean Grigsby

## Business Manager Report

It is a blessing to serve the churches of the American Baptist Association as Business Manager of the Baptist Sunday School Committee! That blessing becomes clearer each day as I have had the opportunity to visit with leaders in the Lord's churches during many associational meetings over the past few months. Thank you for choosing Bogard Press for your Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and other Bible study needs. We are thankful for all you do for the advancement of God's kingdom.

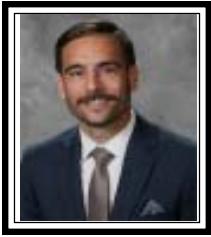
The employees of Bogard Press work diligently to produce a complete, well-rounded, curriculum that is biblically based and doctrinally sound to equip churches in promoting the gospel message. We commit to you that we will remain *Always True to the Word*, which is more than just a slogan to us; it is the very purpose of every printed page produced at Bogard Press.

We understand that it is you, God's people in His churches, who are on the frontlines of the battle. We know the last few years have been some of the most difficult times imaginable for many; yet each day we get to hear from many of you as you share accounts of how God has helped you to overcome through His grace.

So, when we go home at the end of each day, we hope to have accomplished our mission of serving churches by providing literature you need to assist you in fulfilling the Great Commission. Every morning when we return, we are thankful for you and excited for the opportunity to be fellow helpers with you for the truth.

Please know that we are praying for you: *We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.*

I Thessalonians 1:2-4



**Mark Clements**  
**Editor in Chief**

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

We need daily edification from God’s Word. When the believers in Berea heard the teaching of apostle Paul, they were commended because of their eagerness to search the Word daily. Every day, they consulted the Scriptures to confirm the veracity of teaching. Doing so strengthened their faith and enlarged their influence on others.

At Bogard Press, we are blessed by gifted writers who assist us in finding daily encouragement and edification from the Word of God through their contributions to the Daily Devotional. In the coming years, you will have the chance to read from several new devotional writers who will share the wisdom they have found from God’s Word with you daily.

Glen Knight – Bro. Glen has pastored churches in Texas and Arkansas but has been serving as a foreign missionary for close to thirty years. Currently, he, his wife Summer and daughter Juliana serve the western Pacific Ocean through Remote Island Ministries, a mission endorsed by Victory Missionary Baptist Church in Sherwood, Arkansas. Bro. Glen’s favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 33:3. You will be able to read his devotionals starting Winter 2022.

Kelli Reynolds – Sis. Kelli, her husband, Chase, and their three boys just returned from Indonesia where they spent almost thirteen years serving as Bible translators for the Yetfa tribe as well as helping ten other language groups. Kelli and Chase continue to help with Bible translation remotely while they serve stateside in the World Missions Ministry, encouraging and equipping ABA missionaries and churches. Sis. Kelli’s favorite Bible passage is Ephesians 3:14-22. You will be able to read her devotionals beginning Spring 2023.

Steven Ridings – Bro. Steven has been in full-time vocational ministry since 2004. He, his wife, Ashley, and four children are currently serving in Central Baptist Church in Bedford, Texas, where Bro. Steven has been senior pastor for the last five years. Bro. Steven’s favorite Bible verse is Lamentations 3:23. His devotionals will debut in Fall 2022.

David Thompson – Bro. David and his wife Becky have been blessed with seven children and eight grandchildren. He has been involved in ministry for twelve years and currently serves as pastor of Unity Missionary Baptist Church of Richwood, Texas, and as the police chaplain for the Richwood Police Department. Bro. David’s favorite verse is 2 Timothy 4:13. His devotionals will appear in Fall 2022.

We are thankful to God for our Daily Devotional writers. Be on the lookout for a few new faces in the pages of your Daily Devotional and on the Bogard Press Daily Devotional blog. We hope you will join us in finding encouragement from them as they share the Word of God with us each day.

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
September/October 2021**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$5,637.30	<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>INCOME:</b>			Utilities	\$ 2,068.86	
ALABAMA			Misc.	7,213.01	
Schillinger Rd.	-Mobile, AL	300.00	Office	14.00	
Magnolia Springs,	-Theodore, AL	440.00	Instruction	2,950.00	
Victory	0Moblia, AL	314.00	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$12,245.87	\$12,245.87
GEORGIA			<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		\$5,637.30
Northside, BC	-Vienna, GA	200.00			
Traders Hill	-Folkston, GA	200.00	<b>BOOKSTORE FUND</b>		
FLORIDA			BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ 3,272.17
Okeechobee BC	-Okeechobee, FL	170.21	<b>Income:</b>		
Calvary BC	-Panama City, FL	100.00	Bookstore Sales	\$ -0-	
Oleno BC	-HighSprings, FL	200.00	Press Sales	\$3,020.45	
Sunlifgt BC	-Pensacola, FL	100.00	Contributions		
TOTAL		\$2,024.21	Landmark BC Monticello, FL	200.00	
DESIGNATED FUNDS:	H.H.Strickland		Total Income	\$3,220.45	\$3,220.45
Magnolia Spring BC	-Theodore, AL	800.00	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		\$6,492.62
Frankfort BC	-Russellville,AL	200.00			
Newark BC	-Elkton,MD	200.00	<b>Expenses:</b>		
Cumberland Cove BC	-Monterey,TN	50.00	Utilities	\$806.04	
First Baptist BC	-White City, FL	200.00	Postage	\$553.80	
TOTAL		\$ 1,450.00	Print Shop	\$382.14	
COMMITTEE OF 100			Supplies	\$-0-	
Terry Alexander	-Pensacola, FL	20.00	Copier	\$0-0-	
TOTAL		20.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$1,742.38	\$1,742.38
<b>TUITION/REGISTRATION</b>			<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		\$4,750.24
Tuition		\$ 425.2			
Transfer from savings		\$5,500.00	<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>		\$26,231.69
			<b>BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE</b>		\$ 2,856.86
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$3,919.42	<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		\$9,419.63	Calvary BC	-Panama City, FL	500.00
			<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$500.00
			<b>EXPENSES</b>		
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**CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR**

Big Sky Missionary Baptist Church of Dillon, Montana, seeking the God called Pastor He would have for us. We are a small, doctrinally sound church established in 1975, preaching and teaching the inspired and complete King James Version of the Word of God. We believe in and practice the two Church Ordinances which were only given by our Lord and Savior to those churches that practice the Doctrines the Lord set forth in His first Church that began on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The Lord's Church did NOT start on the Day of Pentecost. A parsonage with an attached two car garage is provided, plus utilities and a small salary. The man God has for us should be bi vocational. Please contact IVAN HALE, 524 Barnett Ave, Dillon MT 59725 3905 (406 683 5421) OR imhale@q.com

**Green Mountain MBC of Rutland, VT** is in search of a pastor. Green Mountain MBC is the only Missionary Baptist church in the state. It is a great, doctrinally sound church located in the city of Rutland. Please send questions or a resume to bryanteer@yahoo.com or call 518-260-5979 if interested

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

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

# PRINTING NEWS

**News:**

One of the best things that I have to report is that our sales have remained strong over the past year. Dr. Gonnella’s books on “Systematic Theology” continues to lead the way. As I reported in the last report, We were able to take more material to Colombia to go with the material that was sent by Bro. Jim Gage.

After all the years that we have been taking or sending material to Colombia, we have finally received some return. This ministry has never been about making money. It has always been centered on getting Spanish material to the countries that have little or no sound biblical study material. Over the years some large amounts of material have been taken to Colombia and Mexico in particular. Until now, most of the effort to get a representative in each country to handle the material has failed. However, as of now, each country has someone who has taken charge of the material and is doing a

good job of representing our printing ministry. What a joy it is to see the success in the efforts of providing these good biblical materials to several different Spanish-speaking countries.

I make this point to encourage those who have continued to support this ministry. It is so gratifying to hear the expressions of gratitude from the people who have had so little biblical material in the past. This is a tremendous encouragement to all of us.

**On going efforts:**

One of the things that has been quite frustrating to me is to work very hard in trying to get a book ready for production. Once it appears that it is ready, it is printed and upon review it is found that someone missed a very easy mistake. I remember talking to Dr. Albert Garner some years ago about the very thing. He asked me how were things going and I shared with my frustrations and his reply to me was, “welcome to the world of publication.” He shared with me the same felling that I was experiencing relative to

writing and publishing material.

With this in mind, efforts are now underway to reread the books that we produce and correct any mistake that is found. It is our desire to produce material that is both biblical and grammatically correct.

**New Productions:**

We are waiting on the final reading of three new quarterlies to come. As soon as we receive them, they will be published and read for distribution.

**THANKS:**

I offer my continual thanks to all those who have, and continue to support this ministry. Efforts are being made to sell some of the equipment that we no longer use. One press in a tremendous press but it is too expensive for us to operate. It is designed for extremely long runs and that is not what we need.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

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