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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. H. H. Strickland

On May 6, 2022, The West Florida Baptist Institute completed thirty-nine years of operation in Pensacola, Florida. It is with extreme mixed emotions, for me, that this will be the last closing at the present location. The Lord has blessed this ministry in so many ways and it has been a difficult decision for me to accept. However, as a servant of the Lord, this is His work and not mine. As the Lord closes one door He will open another.

In April of 2022, the trustees met in a special meeting to discuss the future of the school. After several options of discussion, the trustees voted to recommend to Magnolia Springs Baptist Church, the sponsoring Church, to accept the recommendation of the trustees. The church voted in a regular conference on May 20, 2022 to accept the recommendation of the trustees and move the school to their facilities.

The beginning of the fall semester of 2022, the West Florida Baptist Institute will begin offering regular classes at the facilities of the Magnolia Springs Baptist Church. The new name of the school will be, "Gulf Coast Baptist College." There will be no change in the objective or doctrines of the school. Many things have happened over the past two years that made the decision to move a necessity. We will leave behind so many students that have graced the classrooms of West Florida Baptist Institute. However, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and know that trust in God is an absolute must.

Gulf Coast Baptist College will continue to teach the doctrines that have been from the very beginning of the school ministry. Some of the same instructors that have been engaged in teaching over the years will continue to do so in the new school.

Some of the legal work has already begun. So much has to be done over the next year in order to make the move complete. The old facility will be placed for sale in the next few months. It is hoped

that it will sell in a timely manner so that there will be sufficient funds to close the old corporation. All the debts must be settled before this matter can be fully completed.

Several have called asking questions concerning the move. I have tried to ensure everyone that information will be available as the matter progresses. It will take some time to complete the move. It has already proven to be a tremendous challenge to me. It was extremely exhausting to box up and load all the books from the library. I am so glad that we had some help to unload. Each week that I go to Theodore, I will be taking a load.

The biggest challenge that we face is the moving of the print shop. This will be a major undertaking. It will something that I will not be able to do without sufficient help. Some of the equipment will need to be sold while most will be moved. The challenge now is to secure a place to house the shop.

I ask that you remember me and my wife in your prayers. It is very difficult for her but she is faithful and continues to do what she can. I thank the Lord for everything she does.

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From a
Woman's Point
of View



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Honor Thy Father

Usually we think of June as the wedding month. This year I would like once again to recognize Father's Day the third Sunday of the month.

Every year while my husband was Pastor at Walker Baptist Church, we always

had that special day to recognize our dad's.

I would search through the books that came from the Christian Book Store for some little object that would say I love you to the fathers.

A small gift would be given to the oldest, youngest and the one with the most children. Of course we always bought something for every father present.

The last year we were there I bought booklets that had daily prayers for the father's to read throughout the month. We had three special gifts of coffee mugs that quoted a Scripture and gave a short prayer on it to the main outstanding dad's.

Now we can publicly recognize our special dads, but you know that we

should always recognize our Heavenly Father as the most special of all.

The only gift this Father is wanting for is for His children to get saved. He has gone before us and prepared a place for us to live and spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

However, there are a few people who just can't seem to accept the free gift that the Father has already given us, this being "His Son who died on the Cross for our Salvation."

This year when you recognize your Dad's at church, home or wherever you are, remember your Heavenly Father and give Him the Glory and Praise as the best Father of all.

Happy Father's Day.

Philosophy of Religion

Religion and Science Continued:

There are a number of different accounts of events recorded in the scriptures where many scientists have taken issue. Notice this statement by Mr. Wells;

"To be sure, science did not attack these creeds directly, inasmuch as their content was in principle unprovable....In spite of this, there have been psychic consequence of the rift between religion and science. If science does not support the biblical account of creation, of the Flood, of the Exodus from Egypt across the Red Sea, and a host of other firmly held beliefs, might this not mean that the revealed dogmas are themselves open to

question? There is no great leap involved in moving from a six-day creation to a virgin birth, but there is an abyss between the sciences of biology and geology and the virgin birth."

It is not difficult to see where the differences of ideas really rest. One cannot reject the Scriptures as an unreliable book and wholly trust the writings of men whose sole purpose is to attempt to prove their rejection of a Creator. This idea can be clearly seen in this statement.

"The attempt of some religious enthusiasts to discover in the Judeo-Christian scriptures either a reflection or a fulfillment of more ancient gneiss or wisdom belongs in the same category as the search for a scientific basis for religion."

The argument of the two vastly different polls of discussion appears to have no end. It would be of tremendous interest to the discussion were it possible to have some common ground of

acceptance. This probably will never happen. Many of the scientific communities simply have attempted to find a way to up hold their disbelief regardless of what proof may be offered. There is adequate evidence that many of the events which are rejected by the unbelieving scientific discussion, are true as they are recorded in the scriptures. The events surrounding the flood have long since been proven but this evidence is still rejected by those who simply refuse to accept such evidence. Therefore, it is not a matter of evidence that determines the results. The matter is, they refuse to believe in a Divine Creator. Thus, they are left to disputations of facts as they choose to accept them. It is not a matter of evidence. It is a matter of disbelief. They are determined to reject this basic idea of God and must find an alternative arena of belief. Such things as trust, love, faith and belief are not always found in rocks, facts or figures. They are found written in the heart of one who accepts



David Gonnella, Th. D.

Pastor - Why Send Them Away?

Recently he came forward during the invitation. God has called him to the ministry, perhaps to be a pastor or a missionary. You have watched him grow in the Lord and have taken delight in his selfless service to the church. His wife is a sterling example of Christian womanhood with a servant's heart who has labored in your Sunday School and his children have trusted Christ under your ministry. This is cause for great rejoicing, for the Lord has chosen one whom you have mentored to advance in the service of Jesus Christ!

Of course, the departure of this family to Bible College or seminary will leave large gaps in the ministry of your church. Hopefully, several will step up to fill those gaps if they are not already doing all they can. Still, you must send them off for training where they will serve in another church instead of yours.

But wait! Suppose there is a way for your best servants to obtain their training while remaining in your church to serve for the next four or more years. Would that be of value to you?

If you are within an hour or two of Theodore, Alabama, we offer in-person classes. Our faculty is well-qualified with most possessing terminal degrees in their field and their experience in the ministry is vast. Many of our textbooks are authored by our faculty.

Perhaps you are located far away from us or any other sound, Biblical Bible College or seminary. You could try an internet seminary, but too many of them are more like advanced Sunday School or they do not maintain the Biblical principles that make us Baptists. What good would it do for the training of your people to contradict what you have so faithfully taught?

Again, we can help. We have internet classes and Zoom classes available. By the way, these classes are every bit as rigorous as our in-person classes. This is Bible College and seminary, not Sunday School.

We must admit that we occasionally lose a student to other seminaries because our program of study is "too hard." Our course of study and requirement of the thesis and dissertation for advanced degrees was too much for them.

It is well that they go elsewhere, for our attitude is like that of Charles Spurgeon, who, speaking of this own college said, "We want soldiers, not fops, earnest laborers, not genteel loiterers." He went on to say, "Jesus Christ deserves the best of men to preach His cross, and not the empty-headed and the shiftless."

Those who want a pretty piece of paper to hang on their wall have many options. Those who want to earn their degrees through diligent study will find a happy experience with us.

Pastor, if you have someone who wants to make full proof of the ministry to which God has called him, please put him in contact with us. We will give him advanced Biblical training while he continues to gain his practical experience in your church.

We also offer the advanced degrees that would qualify a person for the chaplaincy and as a Christian counselor. Those who wish to teach in a Christian school can get the training they need with us.

By the way, pastor, if you desire to earn an advanced degree that would open the door to opportunities after you can no longer engage in full-time pastoral ministry, call us. There is no need to completely retire if you can extend your usefulness to the Lord.

the idea that there is a True, Righteous and Holy God.

The bottom line appears to rest in the idea that religion must be left to speak for religion and science must be left to speak for science. There need not be a conflict between the two. The Bible is not necessarily a scientific book. However, where

the Bible speaks about science, it is absolutely true.

Men left to themselves will inevitably find a way to prove, in their own eyes, the ideas they choose to believe. Solomon wrote these words; "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered" (Pr. 28:26).



Glen Davenport, Th.D.

TEXT: Hebrews 13:6-13

INTRODUCTION

A. The ALTAR is a very common term to most of us. It has come to mean 'a place of prayer', especially 'a place of conversion'; where the 'old man' dies and a new creature is born: a soul is saved.

B. By studying the Bible, one will find the term is used most often in the Old Testament, in fact, it is used 298 times in the Old Testament and 24 times in the New Testament.

1. All but two of those 24 references have to do with Old Testament altars built by various men on various occasions and for various reasons.

2. Some have to do with the Temples of the earth and some have to do with the Temple in Heaven.

3. NOT ONCE is the word ALTAR used in connection with a New Testament church or Jewish synagogue - unless it is seen through a spiritual application.

C. Under Old Testament usage, it is pronounced miz-bay-akh, and its meaning is 'to slaughter an animal (usually on sacrifice)' (Strong's)

The oldest hint of a sacrificial offering is found in the story of Cain and Abel, (Gen. 4:1-5), where Moses wrote:

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

D. The first mention of someone building an altar is found in the story of Noah in Gen 8:20 where he: builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

E. Perhaps every notable man of God, in the Old Testament, built an altar.

1. Abraham built an altar unto the Lord, (Gen. 12:7).
2. Isaac built an altar unto the Lord, (Gen 26:25).
3. Jacob built an altar unto the Lord, (Gen. 33:20).
4. Moses built an altar unto the Lord, (Ex. 17:15).
5. The list goes on.

THE ALTAR

F. ALTARS are important because of their symbolism and their meanings in worship. To build an ALTAR and to make genuine sacrifices unto the Lord was a very Godly thing to do.

Usually, the occasions were noteworthy and often stood as a lasting memorial to late generations. Two such ALTARS are those built by Abraham (where he offered Isaac unto the LORD) and Elijah in Mt. Carmel (when he dueled the prophets of Baal).

I. Much Can Be Said About Old Testament worshippers, but what are New Testament saints to do?

A. Jesus mentioned the ALTAR in one of His lectures addressed to the Pharisees, (Matt 5:23-24), saying:

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

B. Paul mentioned the ALTAR in one of his lectures as he addressed the Church of Corinth, (I Cor. 9:13-15), saying:

3 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

Both, Jesus and Paul, referred to the altar where sacrifices were made in the open Temple yard.

C. Paul made reference to another type of altar as he addressed the council of Mars Hill in Athens, Greece, (Acts 17:35) by saying:

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

(This may be the first example of modern-day altars).

1. It was NOT a place for sacrificing!

2. It was a place for worshipping! However, the Athenians did NOT know the God to whom it was built to honor.

II. What Is A New Testament Worshipper To Do?

A. He is commanded to present himself to God. Paul said, in Romans 12:1-2:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

B. HOW?

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Sunday School Committee

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

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C. WHERE? Hebrews 13:8-13 has the answer!

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

CONCLUSION:

JESUS IS OUR ALTAR. HE IS OUTSIDE THE CAMP.

We can't worship or sacrifice at the altar in Jerusalem. It is an unstable city!

Hebrews 13:14-16 teaches:

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hillside Baptist Church of Knoxville, TN seeks a new pastor with ABA doctrine and KJV adherence. Submit resume and letters to stearnesb@aol.com. For questions, contact Bob Stearnes at the email address listed or call 434.251.9252.

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

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

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

The FL State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches meets with the Bay Lake Missionary Baptist Church of Groveland, Tuesday, July 12 through Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Bay Lake has secured a block of rooms for 7/11 7/15 at the Holiday Inn Express, located at 1810 S, US 27, Clermont. The room rate is \$109 plus tax. Some rooms have king sized beds, some have two queens. A complimentary breakfast is included. Please call the hotel at 352 243 7878. The group name is Florida Baptist Association. The tax rate is 11%, so make sure you bring your tax exemption certificate. Check in time at the hotel is 3 p.m. Check out is 11:00 a.m.

Reservations must be made before June 13th to get this rate.

If you have any issues with the hotel reservations, you may contact Sister Marcia Sheeley at 352 536 4720.

Thanks,

Carl M. Burgner (407 346 2282)



*Secretary/
Treasurer
Missions*
Roger Stewart

MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

STEWART REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$2,481,816.99
RECEIPTS:	
Interstate Salaries	\$53,310.04
Foreign & National Salaries	\$51,057.34
Designated	\$38,367.50
Undesignated	\$19,917.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$162,652.63
BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE	\$2,644,469.62
DISBURSEMENTS	
Interstate Salaries	\$70,387.00
Foreign Salaries	\$26,585.45
National Salaries	\$24,530.00
Designated	\$38,367.50
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$13,107.03
General Office	\$2,003.20
Automobile Expense	\$8,657.60
Sec/Treasurer Exp	\$41.93
Postage	\$6.87
Total Office	\$23,816.63
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$183,686.58
BALANCE FORWARD	\$2,460,783.04
DEFICIT FORMAY	\$(21,033.95)

It is with great humbleness that I write you this month. I am humbled because of the many blessings God has shown the churches through their missionaries over this associational year. I am humbled due to the numerous missionaries God has given us for our next associational year. I am humbled to have witnessed God’s providential care, primarily through His people, displayed in recent weeks.

In May the recommended missionaries of the American Baptist Association reported

to the Office of Secretary-Treasurer of Missions:

- Professions of Faith: 535**
- Baptisms: 94**
- Churches Organized: 1**

Totals for the 2021-2022 associational year as reported by the missionaries: **Professions of Faith: 5256; Baptisms: 635; Churches Organized: 9**

Should you make it to the *Messenger Meeting of the Churches of the American Baptist Association* please make your plans to attend the following missionary-related events:

- Monday, June 20th – Missionary Share Time, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, June 21st – Mission Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, June 22nd – Mission Committee Business, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, June 22nd – SMC Mission Program, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, June 23rd – Missionary Breakfast, 7:00 AM**
(Tickets available at Missionary Share Time, Monday night)

Speaking of the Messenger Meeting in Orlando, let me bring you up to date on the many missionaries being recommended to the churches for consideration. There are a total of 155 missionaries, missionary helpers and mission ministries being recommended for the 2022-2023 associational year. These missionaries represent works in 28 of the United States and 29 countries outside the USA. Thirteen are coming as newly recommended missionaries. If all the recommended missionaries and raises are approved the Missions’ Office budget for 2022-2023 will be about \$205k per month.

We, in the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions’ Office, want to extend our condolences to the family of Interstate Missionary Tim Simons (1969-2022), pastor of Victory MB Mission, Greenwood, LA. He was first recommended to the ABA as a missionary in 2019.

The Missions’ Office also wishes to express our deepest sympathies to the family of former Interstate Missionary, Norman Pierce (1935-2022), pastor of Black Hills MBC, Rapid City, SD. Brother Pierce served as an ABA recommended missionary for 17 years.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Lamb Ministries

Colombia, S.A.

Jim Gage, Missionary

Alejandro Molina and his family, members of GraceMBC in Bogota, Colombia, are preparing to go as missionaries to Spain. They have been enrolled in LAMB Seminary and faithfully serve the Lord while preparing.

They plan to attend the Westwood School of Missions this fall. Bro. Molina said, “There is much to learn, and we need your help.”

Because of the GraceMBC church’s limitation, they are looking for a church to either Co-Sponsor this missionary or take the full responsibility of sending him out. *(The Grace MBC is the sponsor of Missionary Carlos Julio Mendoza, who is co-sponsored by Landmark MBC in Madison, Florida.)* We know that this missionary endeavor will be challenging without our sister churches’ prayers and help.

REJOYING IN THE LORD: Fifty-three years ago, the Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, began missionary activities in Colombia, South America, with the help of sister churches in the American Baptist Association. God has blessed. The result is that the Lord’s Churches have been established throughout Latin America. This year we will celebrate by thanking God for sending laborers and reaping a bountiful harvest. Much is yet to be done. We extend our gratitude to all who have helped with your support and prayers throughout the years.

JUNGLE BIBLE SCHOOL: As you know, I’m climbing up an older man’s mountain, now up to the 78th level. But, God is still

using me. Brethren Kyle Foster, Missionary to Israel, Pastor Placido Torres, and Missionary Andrey Alvarez came to help teach in the Jungle Bible School. "The school is now officially accepted and approved to function on the Pajil Indian Reservation.

Ibagué, Tolima, Colombia, S.A.

Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary

New headquarters for Ibagué BM. The lease was signed for one year. Starting May 7.



Glory to God my whole family has been called by God to His service in His churches. They help preach by zoom. My grandson, Andrew is pastor of Fusa MBC.

The fund for the property continues to grow. We continue to pray to God for a temple for the new work in Ibagué., Tolima, Colombia. We have \$6,852.50 as of April 30, 2022. We need \$80,147.50. Thanks you for your love offerings and your prayers.

Kenya

Chuck Fernandez, Missionary

Swahili Bibles are being delivered to villages on Mt. Elgon where Landmark Baptist Evangelists have been busy winning hundreds to Christ. These new converts will be baptized in the coming month's and organized into New Testament Churches which are nearing seventy since 2008.

Neh. 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work

In addition to the Swahili Bibles making it to new converts on Mt. Elgon, Solar powered audio Bibles continue to be delivered to the Pokot and Karamajong tribe in the Kerio Valley. The group picture (Below) is telling of the scope and effectiveness of these audio Bibles. While they may be given to one individual for care taking, they are more often

then not listened too by an entire family, neighbors or friends. Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Landmark Baptist Church at Chepsabei and their Missionary Pastor Timothy Loquardo have been forming and baking bricks (5000). It is labor intensive to form the bricks from mud and then they must be baked in a self contained oven. It does our hearts good to see them taking the initiative to provide what they can for the second Landmark Baptist Bible Institute in the Kerio Valley to train Pastors and Preachers in Kenya and Uganda. We will be raising funds (approx. \$20,000) in the coming months to help provide the cement, trusses, poles and tin for the needed classrooms and bathrooms. Please pray for God's provision.

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Vanuatu

Warren Rainwater

Many of you know that my wife's health is limiting what I can do as a teaching missionary to Vanuatu. I had a trip planned in 2019 and as many of you know Covid shut that down. Im now planning a trip for August 2022. I have two others that have committed to join me. Many of you know that I have made many trips to Vanuatu as David Bennett 's Sponsoring Pastor. After his death I committed to going every year or twice a year to continue teaching in the work he established. I have gathered much teaching material that is laminated to last in the weather and humidity of the South Pacific. With everything going up in price I am in need of help with finances to get this material there. If you would like to help me with this cost, offerings can be sent to PO Box 102 Holland, Texas 76534. I will gladly send receipts, reports and pictures of this teaching trip. This is probably going to be my last trip for now, as my wife's health is

failing. I don't know the future, but I am trying to equip the various works to where they can go forward for the Lord. If you have questions please contact me.

Spain

Daniel Estrada, Missionary

We hope in the Lord that you are doing very well. Thank God, we are doing just fine. We continue working for the Lord in the middle of a messy world.

ALHAURIN DE LA TOREE WORK... Thank the Lord we have seen more faithfulness in the two families that are coming to church. Please keep the Rebolledo and Carodozo families in your prayers.

VISITS INSIDE SPAIN... During the last days of March 2022, we were able to visit three different churches in two separate providences in Spain. Two in Barcelona City and one in Javea City.

IN JAVEA CITY, IN ALICANTE SPAIN. In Javea City, we visited EL FARO Baptist church where a Mexican Missionary is working. We taught two nights with a good attendance in both midweek services.

God allowed us to teach and encourage the missionary family and the church. We had a great time in the Lord and we rejoiced in the Word of God.

IN RIPOLLET CITY, IN BARCELONA SPAIN. We preached and taught during two morning services. It was a time of fellowship and encouragement among our brethren in Christ. Please pray for this church they are searching for a Pastor.

IN CASTELLBISBAL, BARCELONA SPAIN. Sunday night after Ripollet church. Pastor Pedro Pinyol gave an interview about missionary life and The Bible. It was a great time in the Lord. We are teaching in their Bible Institute and helping with some classes.

Romania

Joshua Mackrill, Missionary

Greetings from the Mackrill family! We pray this finds you all well! Jesus is risen! He is truly risen and alive forevermore! We serve a risen savior and we feel so blessed to be able to serve Him here in Bra'ov, Romania!

We started off the month with the usual routine. However, this month we were also

able to continue to minister to the Ukrainian refugees passing through on the train system.

We also made a couple trips to Bucharest last month. Our first trip we visited the Hutcheson family for the grand opening of the first ever Popeyes restaurant in Romania. It was a wonderful time of good fellowship and tasty chicken! Our second trip was to pick up my new scooter gifted to me by some very thoughtful and generous brothers and sisters in Christ!

Faith Baptist Church Zrne'ti: This past month was wonderful at Faith Baptist Church! We continued to enjoy good Sunday evening services as well as Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer services. We are encouraged by those who continue to come and pray that the Lord will continue work in their hearts either for salvation, scriptural baptism or church membership.

I had a very good discussion with those who attend on the importance of each one of those things in the formation of a scriptural local New Testament church. Please continue to pray with us for those we minister to and for their spiritual growth. Easter services this year were very special. I was blessed with the opportunity to preach the morning service at Feldioara Baptist church as well the evening service in Zrne'ti. I preached on how much God demonstrated His love toward through Jesus' resurrection.

Please continue to pray with us for those we have also been able to witness to outside of our service times. We see the Lord working in their hearts!

Special Building Project: We are so thankful that God has blessed us with the funds needed to renovate the church basement into a much needed kids Sunday school classroom. We have begun these renovations last month and are pleased with the progress. We hope to be finished by next week and be able to start using it for children's services and Sunday school!

Japan

Shin Komoda, Missionary

1. In May, Church members and seekers faithfully gathered for worship. Sister Noriko Ito attended our Bible studies on Friday for a long time. When she surrendered her

driver's license, she decided to transfer her membership to our church. After she made necessary and sufficient preparations and formal procedures, our congregation accepted her as a member. Her husband, Hikaru Ito, was accepted as a member of this church through the same procedure. Her husband has a chronic illness and cannot attend the services as desired, but I will make home visits and provide care. Our prayers were answered!

2. We held an outdoor worship service and fellowship in May. 18 people attended. We had a barbecue, enjoyed recreation, praised and witnessed. Mana Suzuki, a Muslim, also participated in this event. In this event, I preached that Jesus is God. Let's pray that all Muslims, including her, may believe that Jesus is not just a prophet, but Immanuel. Nozomi, a seeker, also came to the outdoor worship service. She once professed to believe in Jesus, but she may not believe in Jesus as Lord. We are following up on her, so please pray that she will attend worship and Sunday School and seek the Lord.

3. Kyoko Saito, a Christian who is currently a member of a church of another denomination, keeps worship at our church every week, and my wife and I visit her house to teach Baptist doctrines from the Bible. Communicating and fellowship. Pray that she may be certain of her Lord's guidance and submit to scriptural baptism and join our church.

4. A Korean female student joined the Bible and Prayer Meeting held by Miki Kamoda and Reina Suzuki at our church last month. She is also a Christian. She is grateful for the good fellowship.

5. I arrived in the United States and am currently writing this report at my sending Church in Henderson. I visited Bro. Kunihiro Oba and Bro. Teruha Tokuchi. After debriefing and preaching at my sending Church and area churches, I am going to attend the ABA Messengers' Meeting in Florida. I will be doing reporting activities at booth 5 of the exhibition hall. Please come to visit!

6. Please, pray for my need of expenses for two certificates for Covid-19 tested negative which costs \$ 400. This is required for my international flights.

7. Our youth group started regular evangelistic work to its program. This time we went house to house handing out the scriptures. Mayu. (15yrs) said she was nervous, but proved to be rewarding.

8. Thanks to the prayers and support of churches, the three electronic devices have been successfully updated! For the time being, it can be used for mission work without any inconvenience.

SE Asia

Rusty Teer, Missionary

Can a church be a church if we are not personally involved in GOing and DOing Great Commission work? This question came to us because so many ask us our opinions on what we see as we travel and what we think it will take for churches to "re-boot" now that things are a bit more "normal". I have said it and now I hear others saying it too, churches will do well if they look at their communities as if they are church planters starting a new church. Our communities are not our enemy, they are our opportunity and "mission field". Do the work you expect us to do with all the enthusiasm and unconditional love you expect us to do it with!

May was our 26th anniversary. Susan's pastor at Walnut St. Bro. Billy Daniels and my pastor at Landmark, Bro. Darrell Owens officiated our wedding ceremony at Walnut St. Amazingly, we started May with sharing the work (MSEA) and the word (preaching) at Walnut St. in Hillsboro, TX and then I had the privilege to fill-in on Mother's day at Landmark in Mt. Enterprise, TX. Then, we took a 9 day road trip to Yellowstone and Teton. We planned to do this on our 25th, but we are so thankful God allowed us this special time to do it this year!

The JD, SSW and kindergarten/ pre-k schools are open! Tourists are not being asked to quarantine but all need to have negative test results and COV insurance. These are answers to your prayers.

Every church we have visited, we have come at their invitation. We want to share with those who want to hear about what He is doing in SE Asia. We're happy for those who choose to partner together to "GO" and "DO" His commission work in SEA.

South Pacific

Walt Emry, Missionary

Dear All Sister Churches,

As Of 5/18/2022 We are excited to announce that Maggie and I are

officially sent out by Westwood M.B.C. to go to the South Pacific. So now you can send all offerings to

Westwood M.B.C.
3210 Ave G NW
Winter Haven, FL. 33880

Philippine Mission Development

Wayne Stringer, Director

The month of March was a busy month; visited several churches in the U.S. and began our trip to the Philippines on the 22nd, returning home on April 6th. It was a good trip, very productive and also enjoyable. During this time we attended the Dedication of three buildings, participated in a ground breaking service for Project # 16, visited with the church, inspected the property for project #17, visited several of the former projects, and was given the privilege of being the guest speaker at the 39th Commencement of LMBIS @ Malolos City, Bulacan. On our drive from General Santos to Davao we stopped by one of the former Missions of Westside MBC and spent a few moments with a very dear and special young man, Noel Bader. Another Pastor and good friend from my seminary days at TBI drove three hours to be with us in the ground breaking service of #16, and then drove us to the Air Port. It was a blessing to have the opportunity to visit and fellowship with my good friend Elbert Paglimawan.

It was a good month financially, receiving \$6,603.00 for the project fund, with \$55,000. set aside for #16, there is a balance of \$37,929 in the fund. The rest of the financial report is on the back of this report.

A hardy Thank You to all that were praying, and those contributed to the Philippine Travel Fund, without you it would not have been possible.

World Games Outreach

David Hardin, Director

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This is as much a prayer request as it is an announcement. We are still in need of participants to come and help us share the love of Jesus Christ with the people of the world in Birmingham. Would you please post this flyer in your churches as well as on social media if you have that ability. We do not want to miss this opportunity to show the world that Jesus Christ loves them and that we truly

care for them and their eternal destinations. I still have a few weekends available in May so if I may be a service to you please feel free to give me a call and we'll see what we can work out. In the meantime please pray for us as well as praying, asking God if he would have you come be a part of this outreach. God bless you all and thank you in advance.

Students International Missionary Baptist Seminary School:

Butterfield MBC in Malvern, AR

Four times in Psalm 107 we find the statement "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, And for his wonderful works to the children of men!". Intertwined throughout the psalm are more than twenty (some are repeated) references of how God had provided for and blessed His people. These references by the psalmist clearly represented specific instances of God's provision, and thereby validated and proved that God did indeed deserve the praise of the children of men. In our day, we have an infinite number of reasons why we also can confidently say "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, And for his wonderful works to the children of men!". He alone is worthy of our praise.

I neglected to mention in the March report that I'd been invited to fill a spot in the 1st Annual "Bridge Conference" held at the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock and hosted by the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. It was a great honor to be asked to speak and I appreciate all the prayers for me as I prepared and spoke. Preparations are presently underway for next year's conference, so mark your calendars now and save the date: March 5-8, 2023. During the month of April, there really weren't any major developments or accomplishments within the work of SIMBSS. Things have continued on rather quietly, but I anticipate that will change very soon. As I mentioned in last month's report, the borders of the Solomon Islands are scheduled to re-open in the month of July. My intentions are to wait at least a few weeks into the month of July before scheduling a trip, because I suspect their policies may change a good bit as they readjust to travelers entering their country. Hopefully, they will get the "kinks" worked out fairly quickly and some normality can be resumed. I did get an

opportunity to visit with Pastor Travis Lane (also my uncle) from Geneva MBC in De Queen, AR about the teaching module we had scheduled with them. Their intentions are to still have us come, but it will be the fall before it is re-scheduled. If you'd like to invite SIMBSS to your church or local association for a special teaching module, please contact me.

Another upcoming development with SIMBSS, is the invitation to replicate the things we've done in the Solomon Islands in India. I have finally had the pleasure of speaking with the Indian pastor with whom we'll be working, and he is very excited about the possibility of us traveling there to help them. Everyone involved on the SIMBSS team is also very excited to see where/how God leads in this endeavor.

I wrap up this month's report by saying that I am still filling the pulpit at Memorial Baptist in De Queen, AR each Sunday morning. The opportunity to preach each week has been such a blessing to me. Please pray for them as they seek a new pastor.

Romania

Mike Rogers, Missionary

Ukrainian humanitarian aid-God continues to bless us with the opportunity to minister to Ukrainians during this difficult time. We had been going to the border with supplies and now we are going into Ukraine to deliver food and humanitarian aid. Last week we drove to Odessa (approx. 250km from the border with Moldova) to deliver over 5 tons of food and supplies along with 200 liters of fuel. These supplies were given to some local churches to distribute in our effort to make sure the needed items are making it to the people who need it. I am planning a trip farther north into Ukraine in the next couple of weeks as resources permit. We have also been working with the local refugee center here in suse "at home." feeds 200 people a day lunch, dinner, and provides some basic food items for their use "at home."

Brasov-The work here continues to go well. We had our high attendance in our English service with over 50! The Romanian service is much smaller but we are seeing some growth and looking forward to the great things God has in store for the work here.

Interstate Missions

Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs Sr., Director

NEEDED: For some time we have been asking for help in this Ministry. To me this is a very needed Ministry. A man and wife team would be great. They would have to believe that the KING JAMES BIBLE is the PRESERVED WORD of GOD and in the FUNDAMENTAL belief of GOD'S WORD. You can contact us at cribbstoby@yahoo.com, office number 423-496-7116. Look us up on our web site tobycribbs.com.

My wife and I attended the Tennessee Missionary Baptist Association at Landmark MBC. Somerville, TN. with Pastor Herman Rogers. This was the first time the meeting was held there. Brother Jamie Roberts brought Missionary message and Brother Terry Romine brought the Annual message. We had a great meeting. The singing was good and the preaching was uplifting. The next meeting will be at Mayfield Drive Smyrna, TN

STATISTICS: Studies Courses 154 Large Print Bibles 8; Bibles 100; Study Bibles 40 New Students 22; Birthday Cards 2.

My wife and I were at Liberty Hill MBC, Delight, Arkansas with Pastor John Watson. They are one of our supporting churches. It was good to see friends we met some time ago. We had a good service with a fellowship meal after the service. It was good to meet the new Pastor and family.

My wife and I were at South Union Baptist Church, Daingerfield, Texas, with Pastor Chad Thompson. This was the first time we had been there. We gave them a full idea of what the ministries was about. We want to thank them for the invite to come and present the ministry.

We had four finish the Old Testament Studies, -One New Testament Studies -One finish the course. One finish Course Second Two. Sent out 890 Brother Dills tracts and 2863 of his booklets.

NEW JAILS AND PRISONS: Corrigan Corr. Inst Uncasville, CT. We now have reached in 825 Jails and Prisons with our Bible Correspondent Course.

INSIDE THE BARS: M Grant, Tutwiler Prison, Wetumpka, AL I would like to thank you so much for the Birthday Card and Bible Studie. It makes my time a lot easier to know that there are people out there that care. Williams Lindsey State Prison, My name is M.W. And I am trying to become stronger in faith and I would like to receive a Bible.

My wife and I were at Evergreen MBC, Davenport, Florida with Pastor Buddy Colvin. It was good to meet the new Pastor and family. We had a good service and a good fellowship meal after the service. We ask you to pray for this ministry. That God will put this ministry on someone mind to come and help us.

Missionary Ambassador Ministries

Christopher Cartwright, Director

God has been good to this mission work as I am now preparing to go to the ABA National Meeting in Orlando, Florida, and am continuing in the series from the last book of the Old Testament entitled MALACHI: THE MESSENGER OF PROMISE. It is reaching souls and I am praying that this series will continue to reach many souls as well to be saved and be part of a greater work as well.

Ministry Reaching People Throughout the World: Through the teachings and videos that the Lord has had me to do in the past 2 ½ years, as of this writing, the pastors and preachers have reported to me that 62,109 people have been saved in 21 countries which are as follows: Kenya (42,842), Burundi (8,390), Malawi (4,368), Tanzania (2,560), Uganda (1,596), South Sudan (917), Nicaragua (578), Zambia (462), Democratic Republic of the Congo (225), Philippines (190), Liberia (84), Ghana (65), Turkey (20), Cuba (16), Vietnam (15), Nigeria (14), Rwanda (7), Sierra Leone (6), USA (3), The Gambia (1) China (1). This is what the Lord has done in the past 2 ½ years. God is so good that He works mightily in the hearts of those who put their faith and trust in Him.

We are now reaching people in the Spanish language in the Communist country of Cuba. Through the videos in Spanish, more people

are getting hungry for the Word of God (Palabra de Dios). Not only are we reaching in Havana, Cuba, but we continue to reach others in Nicaragua, a Socialist country where I have traveled to six times from 2015-2018. Through the Missionary Ambassador Radio Program, people have requested to use video teaching for their Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) services on Sunday Morning. Not only has the videos been used in the services, but also in personal evangelism where people receive the Lord in their hearts in various villages and cities in the country such as Tipitapa, Mateare, Somoto, Juigalpa, Managua, Masaya, Esteli, Ocotal, Pueblo Nuevo, and throughout the country. Please pray that the Radio Program will be effective in giving out the Word of God and that souls will be saved.

Antioch BC

Dexter, MA

George Dexter, Pastor

Hello from the great Northeast. Maine is now in the spring season and the weather is getting better by the day. We already had a 90-degree weather day and we are enjoying every bit of the warmth.

This last month the mission received the chairs that have been on order since August of last year.

We are in the process of remodelling the sanctuary and the chairs are a tremendous blessing.

At this moment we are having the sanctuary painted and should be completed by Friday of this week. The next item on the list to finish the sanctuary is the laying of the carpet.

We are really getting excited and a little impatient to see the final result that only God is bringing. I really appreciate the churches and individuals that have helped in getting us to where we are today with these projects. We know that you are an integral part of the work here in Dexter.

Over the last few years, our attendance has dropped due to covid-19, lack of commitment, being apathetic, and a few disciplinary actions. Please keep this concern of lack of faithful attendance in your prayers.

We know that God is working in the hearts of those who have been faithfully attending by their interest in the Word and sincere

concern for the needs of the church. Keep me in your prayers as I lead through this tough time.

As I had mentioned the projects above that we have completed and are in the process of completing, I ask you to consider helping us with the funds to lay the carpet and purchase the materials needed to complete the carpet project.

We are in need of \$4000 to have the funds to complete this project due to the increase in materials needed and labor. We would appreciate any help the Lord leads you to give toward this project.

Thank you for all your cards, letters, emails, phone calls of encouragement, and financial support.

Antioch understands that without the support of sister churches and individuals we would not be where we are today. Thank you is such a small recognition of the support we have been given, but thank you.

Marji and I also want to thank those that have sent in special love offerings to help with medical bills. It has been a tremendous blessing. Current balance is \$4600.

Two Grey Hills Missionary Baptist Church *Rusty Denny, Missionary*

We are blessed at Two Grey Hills in so many ways! This month we had the opportunity to baptize Bro Darian and Sis Wendy Watchman. The month before I was given the privilege of performing a marriage for these two. This is the second marriage that I have performed this year. Craig and Jena were the first and they have been attending faithfully since! Bro Darian and Sis Wendy have moved into what was Bro Nelson's home and they are restoring it. He is Bro Nelson's nephew and has a lot of his ways. When I came out here, I never thought I would be a part of being in a newly wed group of couples that have recently got married! Sis Lois and I have now been wed for 4 months! The time does fly!

Attention!!! We will be having a building dedication service beginning April 29th to May 1st. We will start at 7pm Friday evening and finish Sunday afternoon following the noon meal. We have 20 twin air beds for those that wish

to stay in the building. We have showers and also a fellowship hall to cook and eat in. The closest motels are in Gallup and Farmington. It will be a time of sharing what the Lord has done and is doing at two grey hills. Please come. We also have room to park rvs

We still have a few days that we would be able to have you come. The month of June is already booked up with a group coming, a mission conference and the ABA. The first half of July is also taken up. We will host the New Mexico State meeting this year in August, attend the Southwest Association in September, take a trip to Montana in October and attend the Texas State meeting in November. Other than that, we are open!

Port Byrom, NY

Don Hagan, Pastor

Greetings from the Bible Belt of North Central, Finger Lakes Region, in sunny down town Port Byron, New York, what once was a part of the Erie Canal system, just 25 miles South of Lake Toronto. Summer is here! "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." Psalm 68:19.

Mavis took a tumble up the steps 4 weeks ago, had to be taken for x rays and the doctors found she has bursitis in her shoulders and arthritis in her lower, the later being the cause for the fall. So, we had to find a wheel chair, crutches, and a bathroom chair, which the Lord provided, Bless His name forever. However, I forgot to pray for a chief cook and bottle washer, laundry person, and house cleaner. So, guess who was all those above and more. That's right. Me. I learned to appreciate the saying, "A woman's work is never done." After 3 weeks of Mavis "milking it," she began to walk about the house correcting my "putting things off for another day when she is better." For you men, the rug is not a good hiding place for dirt. She is now doing physical therapy 2 times a week for the next 5 weeks. She is doing much better, though she still has pain.

We had 2 very special visits from different folks from our sponsoring church. It was a

joy and a blessing to have them here. We will be going there in mid-July to see the whole crew from First MBC in Moultonborough, New Hampshire. Can't wait. Hope the gas prices go down before then. Tongue in cheek on all that.

Mother's Day and Memorial Day were precious times as we celebrated God's gift of godly mothers; and remembrance of all those who gave their lives for this country.

We have all our garden planted now. Mavis saw these boxes, waist high, so she had me build her a bunch, so she wouldn't have to bend over. So I built a mess of them with the wood from my limber pile. They work great. So I built some more. Now 90% of our garden is in boxes. Glad I had all that lumber laying around, did you see the cost of lumber? A 2x4x8 is \$6.95 at Home Depot.

Most folks are doing well. Fred went through his first surgery well. He is now waiting for the next one. Please pray.

June is tomorrow. Oh what will it bring? More daily benefits from our Lord I am sure. FYI: gas is now \$4.89 a gallon, and diesel is \$6.49.

Continue to pray for our Visitation please. We had a first time visitor because of it. Please keep us continually in prayer. The Devil is active in some of our families and elsewhere.

We appreciate all your prayers. Thank you for loving the people of our Mission field. The folks from New Horizon Baptist send their love and appreciation.

Beachmark Baptist Fellowship

Alan Schoeff, Missionary

What a blessing! Dr. Roger Stewart and his wife, Sister Gena, came to the East Coast in anticipation of being with the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Association. As part of their journey, they made a visit to the mission here in Fredericksburg. It was a real privilege to have such an august speaker bring the word that morning. Julie and I enjoyed having an opportunity to show them our community and visit with them concerning the mission, the field, and the journey. But even more was the fun we had fellowshiping with them, they are fine people! Thank you for visiting and giving our folks a better understanding of who the ABA is and what it means to be Missionary Baptist!

As I mentioned, the MABA met in April and it was my privilege to moderate the meeting again this year. Pastor Gary Bowers from First Baptist Church of Littlestown, PA and his flock did a wonderful job of hosting the annual meeting. The fellowship among the churches represented was sweet and the business was conducted well. Julie and I were blessed to be with brothers and sisters in Christ.

In previous years, we have power washed our own steeple, as you can imagine that is a real sight to see with ladders lashed to the steeple and men standing far too high on the top rungs trying to reach the top. It is also a task that has good rewards that last only a little while. So this year, we tried something different. We are praying it will be effective. We know it was safer—for us. We hired a cleaning company that promoted theirs as a long lasting solution. The cleaning agent allegedly contains a chemical that prohibits mold/mildew growth. We shall see...pray it last at least two season (it was not cheap). Our own efforts were only good for one year, so two would be a blessing.

As I mentioned last month, we are in full blown recovery mode! Our attendance has finally rebounded to pre-covid numbers. And LORD that feels good to preach and teach to hungry people again. Easter saw a three year high attendance of 55 and we averaged 36.25 for the month. We have had several first time guests and some who are returning! Pray that this year we will grow like we have not grown in the last five!

We continue to invite guests missionaries to join us via ZOOM. This has been a blessing for them as well as for us. Our focus the last couple months have been missionaries who are in some way connected to the troubles in the Ukraine. First was brother Tony Hansen. This month, Brother Eric Schrock joined us. It was good to hear from them and their wives as to their perspectives on how people can help. Our mission has raised \$600.00 in relief to help. Next month we will hear from Bro. Damien Austin as well. If you would like to make a ZOOM visit, please call me.

Heritage Baptist Mission

Allen Barton, Missionary

As I write this report, I can look around at

the work that has been done here and be reminded of the generosity of our sister churches from all across the United States. You have each had a hand in the work here and it is because of the Lord's blessings and your generosity, both momentarily and physically, that we have this wonderful building and property to worship and serve the Lord.

We have recently been the recipients of the same generosity. Calvary Baptist in Winfield, AL has generously helped with a need that we had. Our sound system was terrible outdated. Most of our equipment was donated and dated back to the late 70's and early 80's, which makes it 40 to 50 years old. We are very grateful for the donations we received, but it was well past time for an upgrade. Calvary saw this need and made an offering to allow us to upgrade our sound system and live streaming capabilities. With their offering, we were able to purchase a new desktop computer for the station and a new sound board and a new camera. We are so very thankful for this generosity! This will enable us to, not only, be able to eliminate the terrible buzzing that our current sound system emits when used, but to "step up" or live stream. There have been so many possibilities open up for us in our worship service because of this new system. We are once again so very grateful to the Lord's churches for all they do for us.

Topeka, KA

Everett Ledbetter, Missionary

The month of May was a much more normal pace than that of the month of April. Even though, the Lord still blessed us in several ways. We were blessed with faithful attendance of 12 in our worship service and we saw 2 first time visitors join in. This month, we focused trying to develop stronger relationships with our city and with our neighbors. With summer finally getting here, it is easier to catch the neighbors in their yards and strike up conversations with them. Also, I have been able to build stronger relationships with the police department. I have done several ride alongs which has enabled me to have some quality one on one time with the officers. The department has become quite used to me being around. We are still working on our temporary meeting space, and making progress with it each

month. This month, I was also blessed to be with Crestview MBC of Arlington, TX and Ward's Creek MBC of Simms, TX. Thank you to both churches.

Since summer is here, we have shifted our primary focus towards outreach. We are planning several outreach opportunities this summer. We have been able to purchase water bottle labels which have the gospel on them and have our contact information. We plan to pass those out this summer. We also have purchased carwash material and are gearing up to host a free carwash. One of the bigger things we have planned is to throw some neighborhood block parties. This will enable us to have more casual conversation with out neighbors.

Last month, I shared with you about the trailer that was given to us. We plan to use this for outreach. Pray with us as we determine to repaint it or put a vinyl wrap on it. Also, that we will have the funds to do either. This will be a huge part of our outreach.

Sterling Mission

Trey Emory, Missionary

This month Laura and I were able to attend field days at both of our kids' school. I am always amazed at the number of parents that are able to attend these functions. We have become friends with several parents simply from the being around each other at school functions. Also, I am ecstatic about the accomplishments of our kids this past year. We attended Ella's awards program and Bobby's end-of-year program this month. Ella achieved all A's and B's and was asked to lead in the pledge of allegiance before the program. As I reflected on her achievements this year, I am so thankful, and I pray that she always has a position of leadership in her school. Bobby was also awarded a certificate of Pre K completion. This may not sound like a big accomplishment, but we definitely rejoiced!

This month we had to say goodbye to some of our regulars at the mission. We have one family that has been regularly visiting for almost six months who are moving to Texas. Also, one of our college students who is very involved helping with our media moved to Alabama for a summer internship. Pray with us that God would fill in the voids left behind by these departures.



Dean Grigsby

Business Manager Report

As we near the end of summer, we are thankful for the blessings God has given Bogard Press. Literature sales have held steady for the past three quarters. Children's Sunday School sales have shown an increase over the past quarter, which is encouraging. Vacation Bible School sales have rebounded some in 2022, and we hope to approach pre-COVID levels in 2023. We have launched a new digital format for our Adult Study Guides through Kindle and have made significant progress in improving our digital platform, which will give us new opportunities to reach people with the truth of God's Word.

While many challenges remain, there is a great sense of hope as we prepare for a new school year. I suppose the challenges of the past few years and God's deliverance through them makes our hope even stronger, because our hope is not based on circumstances, nor what the world around us may or may not be doing. Our hope is based on God and His Word. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Romans 15:4 This hope is eternal and is based on truth. This hope is established on the gospel message of Jesus Christ, which gives us the chance to make a difference in eternity: "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth." Colossians 1:5-6

What a blessing to know we have the truth of the Bible in a world full of lies! What a blessing to know God has called us to the high calling of sharing His gospel with a world that has very little hope! What a blessing to know God has promised His Word, when shared with others, will accomplish what God has planned!



Mark Clements
Editor in Chief

“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established,” (Proverbs 15:22).

The Lord’s churches, along with every ministry or mission sponsored by them, share the same over-arching purpose: to advance God’s kingdom and glory by making disciples of all nations through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do not want to see this purpose thwarted. Rather, we want to watch God’s churches find great success in the Great Commission. The proverb above states a correlation between the success of a purpose and the multitude of wise counsel applied to it. This is the beauty and strength of associated work, namely, a multitude of churches working together to achieve the same purpose.

At Bogard Press, we have realized the value of a variety of voices to provide biblical wisdom and encouragement to the churches. We want to provide varied sources of counsel that will serve the churches in their pursuits of kingdom advancement. One way we do this is, in addition to our literature we also provide blog posts to encourage churches, ministries and individual believers from the Word of God. We provide blogs in the form of Daily Devotionals, Christian Education ideas, and creative input for VBS and Bible Challenge. You can find these blog posts on our website, www.bogardpress.org.

Additionally, we want to provide an avenue for you to submit your own biblical wisdom and encouragement in the form of blog posts. If you are interested in submitting a blog that would encourage readers, we would love to hear from you. Follow the link to the left and submit your blog. We will read, edit and follow up with you about posting it in the future. Consider providing wisdom and encouragement others may need in their efforts to accomplish their God-given purpose.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE
January/February 2022**

GENERAL FUND					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$-0-	EXPENSES:		
			Utilities	\$ 1,726.03	
INCOME:			Misc.	928.05	
ALABAMA			Office	650.00	
Magnolia Springs -Theodore, AL	440.00		Instruction	2,950.00	
Schillingers Rd. BC -Mobile, AL	300.00		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,254.08	\$6,254.08
Victory BC -Moblle, AL	314.00		NEW BALANCE		\$232.38)
GEORGIA					
Northside, BC -Vienna, GA	200.00		BOOKSTORE FUND		
Traders Hill -Folkston, GA	200.00		BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ -0-
FLORIDA			Income:		
Okeechobee BC -Okeechobee, FL	162.46		Bookstore Sales	\$ -0-	
Oleno BC -HighSprings, FL	200.00		Press Sales	\$ 505.61	
Calvary BC -Panama City, FL	100.00		Contributions:		
Sunlight BC -Pensacola, FL	100.00		Landmark, Madison, FL	\$ 200.00	
Mics:					
TOTAL	\$2,016.46		Total Income	\$705.61	\$705.61
			TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$705.61
DESIGNATED FUNDS:H.H.Strickland			Expenses:		
Magnolia Spring BC -Theodore, AL	800.00		Utilities	\$792.32	
Frankfort BC -Russellville, AL	200.00		Postage	-0-	
Newark BC -Elkton, MD	200.00		Print Shop	\$-0-	
Cumberland Cove BC -Monterey, TN	50.00		Supplies	\$328.06	
First Baptist BC -White City, FL	200.00		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,171.94	\$1,171.94
TOTAL	\$ 1,450.00		NEW BALANCE		\$ (466.33)
COMMITTEE OF 100			BUILDING FUND		
Terry Alexander - Pensacola, FL	20.00		Calvary BC -Panama City, FL	\$500.00	
			TOTAL INCOME	\$500.00	
Kitchen Sales -Pensacola, FL	-0-		EXPENSES:		
			Regions Bank	\$586.54	
TUITION/REGISTRATION			Building Fund	\$19,000.00	
Registration	\$ -0-				
Tuition	\$ -0-				
Transfer	\$3,000.00				
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,486.46	\$6,486.46			
TOTAL AVAILABLE		\$6,486.46			

CHURCHES SEEKING A PASTOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested men of God may contact Bro. Patrick Henagan at 52022 Fontana Lane, Independence, LA 70443. If they prefer they may call 985.351.8980 or 985.069.0028.

PRINTING NEWS

The job that we all face in this ministry at the present times is tremendous. If it were just moving an operation that would be less of a problem. However, not only for all the school equipment from thirty-nine years of acquiring difficult, but the same holds true for the print ministry. I cannot even begin to calculate how much time I have spent traveling and working on getting the best equipment possible for the shop. I have made some mistakes in the purchasing of presses but it was a lot of trial and error trying to get the best fit for our work.

However, I have been told the way that the shop is equipped is better than many of the commercial shops in our area. In a small way that idea makes me feel as though some decisions have been right. Of course, when you purchase older

equipment, it is subject to fail. When it does, it really throws us behind. Such is the case at the present time with one of our main presses. While I do have one large press, the two main presses are small.

The problem is that many of the technicians that once worked on these presses are no longer in business. I have had to have two different tech's in to work on one of the presses and it still is not functioning right.

There are two great hurdles that we are facing regarding the printing ministry. The first is acquiring a suitable building in Theodore/Mobile area. The second challenge is moving the equipment. The biggest problem we face is the big Heidelberg. I can move all the other items but I would not even attempt to move it.

The objective is to sell the large press and use the funds to help pay for the move. The problem with that objective

is, the market for this type of press is somewhat limited.

In the mean time, we must continue to produce our work. The new school catalog has been developed and must be printed. I hope to have a few of them ready before we go to Orlando. All new letterheads and envelopes also must be printed. All of which takes time.

I would appeal to everyone who might have a contact concerning the sale of the Heidelberg press, to contact me as soon as possible.

I want to thank every church and individuals that has helped us along the way but I really need you at this time. The cost of traveling to Theodore each week is expensive. I try not to go empty but take a trailer load of something so that the move can continue to progress.

Thanks so much for the encouragement, prayers and financial support. All of you are a real blessing to me and the work.

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