

# Gulf Coast BAPTIST News

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Dr. & Mrs. Strickland

# Merry Christmas



I send everyone greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. May we all join together as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

By the time you receive the news, the fall semester of Gulf Coast Baptist college will have concluded. It is the first time in two-one half years that in-house classes have been held. I am grateful to all the members of the Magnolia Springs Baptist Church in Theodore, and for all they have done in making this semester a success. This is especially true of the ladies who work extremely hard in preparing the facilities for classes.

I am also appreciative to Dr. Gonnella, pastor of the church, who has worked hard in promoting the school as well as teaching an online class. Bro. Danny Gilliland has helped so much in taking care of some of the paper work and setting up the registrars office. It all has made this first semester go very smoothly. Now we are looking forward to the spring. One never knows how many that have inquired will come but if they do we will have a good increase in enrollment.

Recently letters were sent out from both me and Dr. Gonnella regarding the financial support for the school. The move has put a tremendous strain on the finances, especially the traveling expenses. A request was made for churches and individuals to consider receiving a special offering to help with these expenses. All offering should be sent to the Gulf Coast Baptist College in Theodore, AL. Any help

that can be given would be much appreciated.

The majority of the furniture that goes with the classes and offices have been moved. Over the years we have accumulated a rather large number of chairs and desks. We have a number of fold-up student desk-chairs that will be not moved. If a church or school would like to have them, they are there for you to pick up. There are also a number of steel desks that will not be moved and these we would like to sell. There is as large office desk with a credenza that needs to be sold. Anyone interested in the cost, can call the old school number. There are several really nice tables that were used in the classrooms that are available.

The task that lies ahead of us now is locating a suitable building for the print shop. Nothing has been moved in that area and materials continue to be produced. I will say more about this in the article on the printing news.

I am available for appointments any time. This is especially true for Sunday nights. Also, Dr. Gonnella is also available to present the ministry on Sunday nights. Anyone can call the church to schedule an appointment, (251.653.7204)

I thank every church and individual that has been so faithful in their support of this ministry. I pray for you all often and that others will soon begin to support the ministry.

**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



**By: Loretta Pritchett**  
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**Another Year Ending**

This year and the last two months have gone by faster than ever before. In November we celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A dinner party with family and friends was held at my favorite steak house Ruby River.

Next we celebrated Veterans Day and had a visit to the Fernley Veterans Cemetary to

visit my husbands grave and to honor all of the fallen solders who fought and died for our country.

There were other birthdays celebrated by me and a couple of friends who have always had lunch together because they were close together.

We can never ever forget Thanksgiving and of course we had family and friends around our table. Each had a chance to say what they were thankful for and for all the blessings God had provided for us throughout the year.

Wow a very busy month and to top it all off we didn't even get a break because on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December we were celebrating another family members birthday. So now we are getting ready for Christmas and another family gathering.

Again we can come together and remember what Christmas is all about. As we know the word Christmas has taken on another

meaning to some while others tell the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas.

However in the end every one has been told the story of Christ's birth and thus we come together and worship Him the Christ Child.

Even though we put up a Christmas tree, put gifts under it, and then wait for Santa Clause it has never taken the place of the Christ Child who's birth was our Savior of the World.

Jesus was born to give us Salvation and to allow us to be in Heaven with God when we die. Only we have to believe in Christ and accept Him as our Savior.

As the year 2023 comes in, let us prepare for another year to share the Gospel with all we can. Jesus is coming soon!

**Happy New Year.**

**PASTORAL  
COUNSELING**

**DEFINING RELIGION**

The ideas used from these different men demonstrate two very important aspects of the subject, "Why do we Have Religion."

1) Most of these Protestant Theologians had no real concept of the separation of dogma from feelings. They simply could not understand how the matters complement each or how each idea worked to better the whole. On the one hand, those who take to a dead orthodoxy to the exclusion of subsequent feelings have nothing upon which to express their own emotions. There is no doubt that men are emotional beings and there must be, there will be, some outward expression of that emotion.

However, to propose that the dogma of a religion, and especially true

Christianity, is solely based upon that feeling is ludicrous. Where there is no dogma, how can there be any proposed statement of beliefs? Those who belief in the dogmas of the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ have little trouble getting excited about those beliefs. It is only those who find it hard to accept these teaching must constantly look for other means of expression. Therefore, where there is no true doctrinal teaching upon which to base true feelings the emotional expressions then become nothing but fleshly outburst and some of them are extremely ungodly.

2) Religion based solely upon feeling has no basis in true Christianity or the Word of God. While there are emotional expressions found frequently in the Word of God, it is first a book of dogma, "Thus saith the Lord." For a person, especially one who refers to themselves as a Christian, must have a firm belief in a dogmatic truth. The people of the world, especially those who are religious, have no taste for the truth. Truth is revealing to the very soul of man and lost men do not like what they see when they make a self examination

with the truth of the Word of God. The apparent subtle way in which this matter is resolved is then to advocate that the truth be substituted with feelings or emotion. Thus the dogma becomes the truth and the truth becomes irrelevant.

One of the things that really bothers me about this last issue is that there are a number, of so called true believers, who are buying into the idea that doctrine is unimportant.

On one occasion, even in church capacity, a person who should have really know better, made the statement, "I am sick and tired of this doctrine mess." Some of those who heard it really could not believe what they were hearing. So you see, it not an idea that has been lost or has been discarded altogether.

The people of God should understand and know full well how important doctrine is to he principle of the work of God. Any church, whether it is a true New Testament church or not, that is not based upon a form of beliefs or doctrines have absolutely nothing upon which to base their teaching or preaching.



David Gonnella, Th. D.

## There Is Still Time if You Act Now!

The Fall Semester is now finished. The Spring Semester at GCBC begins on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for registration for the Spring Semester is January 6<sup>th</sup>. Now you know the basic facts,

The question is, "What will you do about those facts?" If you are called to ministry as a pastor, missionary, Christian School teacher, chaplain, Christian counselor or the field of apologetics will you start your training now or put it off like so many others do? The problem with putting it off is that months turn into years and years turn into decades and the day comes when you say, "I could have been . . ." I cannot tell you how many disappointed people I have met who missed God's call through procrastination.

Perhaps you are planning to go hundreds or thousands of miles away to begin your training at a Bible College. But why would you want to leave the church that knows you and loves you, and the pastor who perhaps led you to the Lord and mentored you to the point that are you are ready for advanced training when you have a local alternative? You say that you will join a church near the Bible College? That is laudable. However, will you find a pastor who will care for you like your pastor? We offer you the advantage of staying with your church and pastor while you train for service either in your church or elsewhere.

Pastor, what will you do when you can no longer keep up with an active pastorate? Will you retire and play golf, or go fishing? If the ministry is a career to you, that sounds like a good plan. However, if you are like me, you see the ministry as a calling, you will want to retread, not retire. An advanced degree will qualify you for a part-time or full-time position in a Bible College or a Seminary.

Do you plan to go into chaplaincy at a hospital, fire station or police department? You will need a Master's Degree. A home missionary I know has been offering himself as a chaplain only to find that a Master's Degree is required,

Perhaps you plan to offer yourself to preach revivals, Bible conferences and missions conferences. You may find out that, like so many men I know, your friends are less excited about using you than you are to be used. It is an unfortunate thing, but so many men sit home most of the time. The competition is keen. One pastor I know said, "I could bring in men to reach year-round."

You have the opportunity to begin to train for your life's work, or the next phase in your life's work. Don't wait for the Fall Semester. The Devil will make sure that you have something else to do, He is a master at offering a good thing in exchange for the best thing.

### Virginia Church Seeking Full Time Pastor

Marsh Road Baptist Church is a well-established church affiliated with the American Baptist Association of churches. Our current pastor, Billy Shepard, is retiring 12/31/2022 after 55 years as pastor. We are located in Woodbridge, VA. This is a full time position to pastor a church filled with willing workers and debt free building. For more information contact Robert LeCompte @ 703-930-0913 [rslecompte@comcast.net](mailto:rslecompte@comcast.net) or Billy Petry @ 703-772-7630 [brpetry@aol.com](mailto:brpetry@aol.com) Feel free to send a resume and any questions you may have for us.

### GULF COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE

#### SPRING SEMESTER

Official Registration is January 6, 2023.

Classes begin on January 9, 2023

on both in-house and zoom.

The spring semester schedule will be posted on facebook and on the web site.

Contact: Bro. Kevin Simmons at 850.876.9975 or

Bro. Danny Gilliland at 251.653.7204 or

Dr. Strickland at 850.324.6555



Glen Davenport, Th.D.

# ELECTIONS

**TEXT: I Sam 8:4-10**

**INTRODUCTION:**

A. It is unfortunate that the world has not known life without a king since very ancient times. We have no idea as to what life would have been like without a king or president. We don't know how it would be to have ONLY GOD as our KING.

1. People desire kings and leaders whom they can see.
2. People desire kings and leaders whom they can influence.

B. However, God has allowed nations to have their own kings and rulers with various titles such as the PHARAOHS, the PTOLEMIES, the CAESARS, and the HERODS and so on.

C. Daniel once said: ... *Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (Dan 2:20-21)*

D. King Nebuchadnezzar once confessed: ... *Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, .... (Dan 2:47)*

**I. Elections Allow People to Participate in their Government.**

- A. ... running for office.
- B. ... voting.

**II. Elections Place the Burden of Choice Upon the People.**

- A. Sometimes the choices are few and limited.
- B. Sometimes it's a choice of the 'lesser between two evils'.

**III. Elections Reflect the Minds of the People.**

- A. What is the mind-set of the choicest of candidates?
- B. What is the tolerance level of the people?

**IV. Elections Allow People to Express Their Morality.**

- A. ... by choosing the king who most reflects their feelings or views.

B. ... by choosing kings who are most tolerant to their religious beliefs.

C. Elections measure our morals and spiritual levels.

1. Even in our USA, we have become a murderous nation through abortions.

2. We are rapidly becoming a lawless nation as anarchists press the lawmakers.

3. We are rapidly become an 'anti-Christ nation' as we withdraw from God and replace the Bible with demonic attitudes and devices.

4. We are flirting with disaster as we force issues with God.

5. We have presently, one thing that helps us. We, under the current regime, support the nation of Israel. God blesses those who bless Israel.

6. God's Spirit will not always strive with men. He will destroy the world again - with judgment and fire.

D. God has destroyed kings and nations who have gone too far into sin.

The names and numbers are many; scattered through out the book of Kings.

**V. When Elections Wear Out.**

- A. Joshua 24:15-17
- B. Joshua 24:19-24

**CONCLUSION:**

**A. God will never leave us without hope - until ALL HOPE IS GONE.**

I'm saying: as long as there is life, there is hope. However, our HOPE is in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

1. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write I Corinthians 15:19-24, saying:

**B. The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to write Isaiah 49:8-10, saying:**

**C. Again, the Apostle wrote II Corinthians 6:2.**

**D. Children of God have Chosen Jesus Christ as Our King because -**

- 1. He is our eternal KING OF KINGS!**
- 2. He is the LORD OF LORDS.**
- 3. He is our Liberator and our EVERLASTING FATHER.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Olympic Project

David Harden, Director

### 2022 Highlights:

As Thanksgiving is fast approaching it's a great time to stop and reflect on all the Lord has done for us this past year. Below are some highlights.

About a year ago, Journey Baptist Church in Calera, Alabama, lead by Pastor Paul Armstrong voted to host the World Games Outreach in the summer of 2022. So, in January we started planning and promoting for this outreach.

In February, we were in Los Angeles, CA for the Super Bowl Outreach. Brother Ron Ludikhuizen, West Coast OBP Director, did a great job working with Bellflower Baptist Church and Pastor Eric Guerrero as they hosted the Super Bowl Outreach. God blessed us with great weather, but the best part was seeing new people come out and get excited about sharing the gospel! Thank you Lord for the souls that were saved!

March – May, we attended state and local meetings promoting the World Games Outreach (July 2022).

In June, we participated in a bible assembly project at Journey Baptist Church, Calera, AL. We assembled 10,000 John and Romans scriptures for the upcoming World Games Outreach. We also attended the National meeting in Orlando, Florida. This is always a great time to catch up with our brothers and sisters in Christ that we don't see very often.

In July, we headed to Birmingham, AL for the World Games Outreach. We had about 80 people participating in this outreach. We went to the local parks, bus stations, and skateboard parks. We were able to pray with people and spend one on one time with them. Please keep this city in your prayers as they truly need the love of God.

August – September, We participated in an Outreach that no one knew anything about (except GOD). "Love on Bogalusa" Outreach seemed to come out of the blue. One of the participants in the World Games was Pastor Bruce Morris of Union Heritage Baptist Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana. At the end of the outreach Brother Bruce asked me if we could do this in Bogalusa and I assured him we could if a



church had a desire and would be willing to host it. About two weeks later, there was a shooting in Bogalusa and God opened a door. The Mayor of the City called all the clergy of the city together and said to them we need to stop this and there is only one who can fix this, God. She was opening a door for the churches of Bogalusa to come together. Nineteen Baptist Churches, from in and around the area came together to show Bogalusa what Christian love looks like and to share the Gospel with the lost and lonely.

The "Love on Bogalusa" Outreach started with the Mayor declaring Wednesday, September 28th as a day of prayer for the city. On Thursday and Friday there was a door to door campaign to place door hangers on every door (which held a John & Romans a tract and invitation to the park). Saturday morning we had free carwashes and prayer tents around town. Saturday afternoon was our outreach in the park, where we fed 1,200 – 1,500 people. They were also treated to face painting, bounce houses, live music, skits, and testimonies from speakers and church members. Our goal was to share the Love of Jesus Christ with everyone we could and help bring a broken and hurting city back to God. Please continue to pray for the city of Bogalusa.

In October, I flew to Paris, France to meet Brother Steve Rutherford and Missionary Anthony Phillips for our first survey trip for the 2024 Outreach Bible Project (OBP). We were able to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time because of their help. I thank God for both of them. During our time we visited many hotels, looking for possible lodging sites. We learned about the different transportation systems and we visited one church during a Wednesday evening service. Please pray for wisdom as we seek God's direction for this future outreach. I ask that you start praying now about what God would have you do in regards to joining us in Paris for the 2024 Outreach Bible Project (July 27th – August 10th). We do not have a fixed cost as of yet but I am guessing it will be about \$3000 for one week.

Lastly, in November I attended the state meetings for Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. This ends my travels for the year. God has been so good to us and I can never thank Him enough for His love and protection for this past year. May you all have a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christ Jesus birthday celebration!

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**Searching for a pastor:** Greeley Missionary Baptist church in Greeley, CO is actively searching for a pastor. More details to follow.

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**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!

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**Grace MBC in Corning AR** is seeking a pastor. This is a full-time position with a parsonage available. Contact Paula Cate, 870-215-1287.

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**Big Sky Missionary Baptist Church in Montana** is seeking a pastor. Interested parties may contact me for their contact info. wadillard@gmail.com Posted by W. A. Dillard



# MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

## MISSION REPORT

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,430,374.61</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$120,833.59
Foreign & National Salaries	\$117,388.36
Designated	\$37,984.09
Undesignated	\$11,197.08
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$287,403.12</b>
<b>BALANCE FOR SALARY/EXPENSE</b>	
	<b>\$2,717,777.73</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$74,396.25
Foreign Salaries	\$27,336.27
National Salaries	\$25,870.00
Designated	\$37,884.09
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	\$13,910.89
General Office	\$2,052.06
Automobile Expense	\$221.43
Sec/Treasurer Exp	\$4,242.93
Postage	\$8.95
BSSC Printing	\$3,855.46
Total Office	\$24,291.72
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$189,778.33</b>
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>\$2,527,999.40</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR NOVEMBER</b>	<b>\$97,624.79</b>

### REMEMBERING DR. ROGER STEWART

The Bible says in Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." I give thanks to the Lord for the wonderful friendship with Dr. Roger Stewart that continued for over forty years until his sudden death in El Salvador. Bro. Roger died on a mission trip with his dear wife, Gena, by his side. He went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, preaching the Word, teaching, and helping missionaries. This is truly what he loved to do. One word that comes to my mind as I remember Bro. Roger

is the word FAITHFUL. HE WAS FAITHFUL TO THE WILL OF GOD.

Bro. Roger announced the call of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at the age of 17. For 36 years he was faithful to the will of God for his life in preaching the Word of God.

HE WAS FAITHFUL TO THE WORD OF GOD. Bro. Roger preached the Word of God compassionately, compellingly and convincingly. His desire was that missionaries and pastors would preach the Word until all the world hears. That was the burden of his heart. He left this world to be with Jesus praying for more men to answer the call of God to preach the Word.

HE WAS FAITHFUL TO THE WORK OF GOD. Bro. Roger was a worker, and he had a great burden on his heart for the work of God in evangelism. The Bible says in 2 Timothy 4:5, "... do the work of an evangelist." He greatly rejoiced in missionaries reporting the salvation of lost souls.

We celebrate and rejoice that this faithful servant is with Jesus. Let us, the people of God, continue to faithfully serve our great ... God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the God-called, church-sent and Spirit-led missionaries, thank you, everyone, for your mission offerings.

Please keep up the great work of sending mission offerings in faithful support of the missionaries, their families and in memory of Dr. Roger Stewart.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Monterrey Baptist Mission

*Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary*

Despite the strong winter throughout Colombia, attendance is still good at Ibagé.

My son Jeffers is preaching at Quiroga MBC for pastor Placido who resigned to be a missionsry. Glory to God for my son and Bro. Placido.

On November 30, we ended the semester for the Seminario Biblico Misionero Bautista de Colombia ABA, by zoom. During the last semester of the year 2022, we studied the book of Revelation. 17 students started and 9 finished.

### WORLD IN NEED MISSIONARY BAPTIST MISSION MINISTRIES

#### Bohol, Philippines

*Lucretio L. Booc Jr., Missionary*

Bien Unido, one of our mission areas, is about to ORGANIZE into a SELF-SUPPORTING church this coming December 31, 2022! God willing, after the organization by the authority of Bien Unido WIN MBC, they will call Brother Wenifel Lumanta as their Pastor and for Deacon, Alwin Montecalvo, following their ordinations this coming 2nd or 3rd week of January 2023. And we give all the glory and praises to our Almighty GOD.

Fusion for two missions (The California congregation and Lapenig Island congregation) to one mission in the city of Ubay.

**Reasons:** As the Lord allowed, the past Super Typhoon Odette destroyed all the chapels of our missions. Also, the Government of Ubay advised the Lapenig Island residents to evacuate to the Ubay proper mainland and so the Lapenig folks need to join with California. California is in the mountain and Ubay is the city and travel is not only a risk but also expensive. The California lot cannot accommodate such a large attendance if Lapenig's folk join. A decision was reached that the California folks will travel down to Ubay and it's much better as most members as well as some visitors live nearer to the city of Ubay. We are currently renting a function hall every Sunday at Gaven's restaurant to hold Sunday services. For Prayer Meeting, we are using the boarding house of one of the members, Bro. Miano. May GOD be with

us for the journey of planting churches here in Bohol.

### **Romanian Mission**

*Kolt Msckrill, Missionary*

We certainly felt the hand of the Lord with us this month! We ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue to serve the Lord.

**Faith Baptist Church Zrne'ti** We certainly felt the hand of the Lord with us this month! We ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue to serve the Lord.

**Faith Baptist Church Zrne'ti:** Last month we continued to have wonderful services in Zrne'ti. Our Sunday evening services and Wednesday evening bible study and prayer times have been wonderful. We have been studying Acts on Sunday evenings and Genesis on Wednesday evenings.

Last month we also enjoyed having many guests in our services, including a first time guest! God is continuing to work through us and bless our efforts.

Please continue to pray for us and the church in Zarnesti.

**Fill in ministry:** This past month we also began filling in for Bro. Mike Rogers while he is away on furlough. We will be continuing to do so until he returns. We have enjoyed good fellowship and it has been an encouragement to preach where I surrendered to preach 15 years ago! God works in amazing ways!

**Humanitarian work:** Last month I was able to travel with fellow missionary Bro. Eric Schrock to the Romanian/ Ukrainian border to help a sweet sister in Christ get to the airport in Bucharest to fly back to the states to be with family over the holiday season.

We began our day at 03:00 am and set off. We arrived at the border at 09:00 am, met up with who we were helping and had an opportunity to help another make it to a nearby town and share the love of the Lord. After 18 hours of travel from one end of the country to the other, we got to the hotel where she was staying, helped get her luggage to her room, prayed for the Lord's blessings and safety in travel and bid her farewell. We arrived back home at 10:00 pm tired and exhausted but so thankful to the Lord for safety in travel and good fellowship.

### **Vanuatu**

*Walt Emry, Missionary*

Maggie and I had the awesome privilege of attending a missions conference at Southside Baptist Church in Smithville, MO with Pastor Jack Slay. They were so warm and welcomed us with open arms. What a huge blessing that was! It was the last of our "long days" of travel until we fly out of Little Rock, AR to Vanuatu.

The beginning of November brought on a string of a few state meetings. We attended the Arkansas State Association meeting at Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Benton, AR. Then I was able to attend the Louisiana State Association meeting at Acadiana Baptist Church in Lafayette, LA, the Texas State Association meeting at Nevill's Chapel in Mount Pleasant, TX, and attended a banquet put on by Texas Baptist Institute.

I had the privilege to preach and share the work in Vanuatu with Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, LA as well as Bistineau Baptist Church in Heflin, LA.

Thank you to pastor Richard and miss Kelly Methvin for letting me crash for a few days at your house!

### **Costa Rico**

*Walter Goulding, Missionary*

The Way MBC suspended in person services the first Sunday of March, 2020. We met virtually since then, except for a couple of in-person services last year. We began in-person services the last Sunday of July. How many are attending? One couple plus me. What about the rest? Some have joined other churches in our work.

Several have promised to attend, but we are still waiting. The Thursday night Bible study continues to be virtual.

**Radio ministry:** Today I received a message from a radio listener. "I am from Panama [City]. Ba c k a r o u n d December 2003, when I was converted to the Lord, the Holy Spirit led me to listen to BBN, and I heard your program, "*¿Me Permite [ U s t e d ] U n Momento?* –

Will You Allow Me a Moment?" Your messages helped me to grow a lot. But, due to the toils of life, I stopped listening to the station. I have continued in the Word, [however,] and I have been trying to track

you down. I finally found you [on Google]. "Will you please add me to your distribution list to receive the audio and script of the programs?"

I told him that the program that he was listening to in 2003 is no longer produced. I sent him a link to where it is stored on the cloud.

I also sent him a link to the current program, along with links to where many other sermons and lessons are stored and available. The current five-minute radio program is aired twice a week over station TIFC. The target audience is mature Christians. The program is also distributed through social media, and text messages are received regularly.

### **Russian Ministries On-line**

*Jodie Vesely*

Thank You! Thank you all for your continual support and special offerings! We are excited to announce a new partnering church, Skyline MBC in Madison, AL! Additionally, thanks to Horizon BC for taking us in as our new sending church and blessing us greatly. And thanks to Greater Heights for being our sending church since day one of our mission work. Praises for Dima who has accepted Christ!. I started working with Dima when I first started volunteering at Children's Hospice, around 2017 or 2018. The very first time I saw him and spoke with him was at a Children's Hospice facility in Pavlovsk, a suburb of St. Petersburg. After that visit, sometimes I met him at the facility in the city, but most of the time I met him at his apartment and would take my electric scooter to commute about 40 minutes to his family's apartment. I remember slowly getting to know him and his family and them constantly offering me food. One time the grandma brought me two huge slices of white bread with huge slabs of butter on them piled high with red caviar! I am not a huge caviar fan, but I ate one of the slices to not offend her and show my appreciation. Since that time, we have exchanged gifts, and stayed in regular contact on a mostly weekly basis since returning stateside. When I first started volunteering at Children's Hospice, I had to sign an agreement that I wouldn't evangelize the children.

## Interstate Missions

### Lighthouse Ministries

*Toby Cribbs Sr., Director*

We spoke at Victory Baptist Church, Turtletown, TN. We also gave a update of our work at House of Faith Baptist Church, Murphy, N.C

COUNTY JAIL, BLUE RIDGE GA: Bible study time is going great. The men are hungry for the Word of God. Many are asking questions on things they did not know.

POLK COUNTY JAIL, BENTON, TN.: Each week I do a different Pod. We have A-B Pod and Day Room 1-2. Sometime I do one Pod or one Day Room each Monday night or two. I spend about one hour having a Bible Study. We have many doing our Study Course.

This month we sent another 100 of our Study and Resource booklets. We heard back from one Chaplain.

LONG STATE PRISON: LUDOWICI, GEORGIA: We did not make it down to the Prison. I fell Saturday morning. I thought I was alright. Drove down any way. After getting there my left knee started to hurt so bad I could not walk on it. We had to cancel going to the Prison. We left Sunday morning came back home, We went to the doctor. They did x ray. They gave me a shot in the knee.

### Benchmark Fellowship

*Alen Schoeff, Missionary*

September was a gently paced month, but October was a Formula One sprint! The month started off pleasant enough and looked like it might be a repeat of the more relaxed pace of September. But sadly that pace did not last. The first week, I was simply doing what missionaries do: visiting people in hospitals, discipling believers, counseling those in need, and the like. I was also making plans for later in the month to be a guest speaker at a retreat.

We, as well as so many others, were devastated to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of Brother Roger Stewart. I counted him as a friend, a fellow servant both of our association and of our Great Lord and Savior, Jesus, who is the

Christ. His absence will be felt for a long season, but his kind-hearted, good-natured, missionary-loving, God-honoring legacy will abound still longer.

**After we regrouped from the sad news,** I made my way to destinations south. I flew into Huntsville, AL where I was privileged to be hosted by Brother and Sister Apt, before Tim chauffeured me to Yellow Creek Baptist Youth Camp in Hodges, AL where I had the honor of speaking for a men's retreat. The event was organized by Pastor Scott Webber and hosted by Bethel MBC of Iuka, MS. There were men representing at least 12 different churches in attendance. We had good food provided by the camp staff, great fellowship, and pray were encouraging words from God's word! After the men's retreat, I was blessed to give an in-person mission update to our brothers and Sisters at Bethel MBC. This church has walked along side of me in missionary work since God called me into His service and they are such a blessing. Later that evening, I was also able to give a report to First MBC of Hodges, AL, and her pastor, Bro. Marty Guidry.

### Topeka, KS

*Everett Ledbetter, Missionary*

November was a good month. We saw a record attendance for our Thanksgiving meal of 18. However, we also saw a low attendance because of Thanksgiving. Just like any other church, we saw our ups and downs this past month. With that being said, we held steady with an average of 15 for Sunday and 8 for midweek. This month, I saw more fruit from my efforts as a volunteer chaplain. I had conversations with several officers that were more than just casual conversations. I saw officers seek me out to actually talk to me, rather than me seeking them out. As a result, I am in the process of starting a once a week meetup with some of them. This will be a discipleship meetup. Please be in prayer for this meetup and for our police officers in general. I have also been able to add several officers to my facebook list. Some of them have even talked to me about some of my devotionals that I do. I am excited about the progress being made.

IMPACT23 will meet June 12-16 in Topeka, KS. If you would like more information about this week, please contact me. We are expecting between 130 and 150 at this point

to come and help us reach our city. We have room for your group. Group registration starts in January.

### Anchor Baptist Mission

*Philip Wysocki, Missionary*

November started with me having the privilege of once again preaching revival services for Calvary Baptist Church of Three Rivers, MI. It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since the last time I preached revival services for them. Kim was able to travel with me this time, and we greatly enjoyed ourselves. Please continue to keep Calvary in prayer, they are still looking for a pastor. They have been without a pastor for about four years now.

While I was away, the mission got to hear from Bro. Ryan Champion. I want to thank Bro. Champion and his daughter Summer for coming up to the mission. It was great, not only for the congregation to listen to Bro. Champion preach, but also for Mackenzie to visit with another person her age who is of like faith.

November also brought to us at Anchor Landmark a surprise. Dave and Nicole, a couple who were regular visitors about six years ago, have once again started coming to Sunday School and Morning worship. We are glad that they have begun attending again. They stated that the pastor of the church they had been attending couldn't clearly define what it takes to be saved. It is a large evangelical non-denominational church. When they returned, they told us that the like that our Gospel preaching is Biblically based. Pray that this couple will continue to grow in the LORD and be discipled in truth.

### Hope Mission

*Scott Bourland, Missionary*

While there has been a level of disappointment at the fact that some people have fallen by the wayside and we have not seen anyone saved for a while, we have been thrilled by other signs of growth.

1. 5 have joined the church in the last 3 months.
2. 2 households recently started tithing that had never done so before.
3. More men have stepped up to help teach.
4. Our Grace groups have expanded.



**J. A. Crain**

## Business Manager Report

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1)! The Psalmist understood the importance of brethren working together in the Lord’s work with a spirit of cooperation and Christ like love. Most persons, if having lived very many years on earth, have experienced both an atmosphere of brethren working together in love and the opposite. Most have realized that it is so much better to work together with a Christ like love.*

Life and its difficult struggles happen, and events will not always be perfectly suited for a stressless life. Having to labor in a conflicting atmosphere certainly does not help. Peter revealed the answer, “charity shall cover the multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8). The Greek word ἀγάπη (agape) for “charity” refers to a godly love. The English translators felt that the context required the English word “charity” which refers to expressing a godly love toward others. Indeed, when brethren laboring together flavor everything with love or charity, it is a pleasant experience. The wise man also wrote, “love covereth all sins” (Proverbs 10:12). It is amazing how the expressing of love can heal or at least help all situations in life.

At the ministry in Texarkana, we make a purposed effort to flavor the work atmosphere with a Christ like love. Caring about the well being of others both comforts and encourages those who may be struggling. If Christ is in our hearts, He also should be in our homes and in our workplaces. He is to be our Lord and Shepherd in every area of life. Life goes better when He is Lord. May God bless the brethren with His sweet peace.

The ministry in Texarkana is well and moving forward to help the churches of the American Baptist Association in their labors to fulfill their Lord’s Great Commission. We are here to serve and are always open to your concerns. Thank you for your support and prayers.



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

“Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour,” Romans 13:7.

Paul informed the Christians in Rome that one way the world could observe Christ in their activities would be through the way they showed respect to their leaders. Demonstrating honor toward leaders, whether civil or spiritual, fulfills God’s requirement of His children to love other people (Romans 13:8). Over the course of its history, God has blessed Bogard Press with spiritual leadership worth honoring.

For 29 years, Dr. David Robinson faithfully served the churches of the American Baptist Association through his writing for Bogard Press. Bro. David wrote diligently while also fulfilling his calling as a husband, father and pastor. The printed units that contained his writing number in the millions and only eternity will show the number of lives impacted by his writing ministry.

On October 11, 2022, three members of the Baptist Sunday School Committee (Phillip Miller, Terry Parrish, and Todd Dornan) presented Dr. David Robinson a plaque of appreciation for his 29 years of faithful dedication in writing for Bogard Press. This presentation was supposed to have been done in the 2022 ABA meeting in Orlando, FL, but circumstances prohibited Dr. Robinson from attending. The Baptist Sunday School Committee and Bogard Press want to say again how much we have appreciated the writing of Dr. Robinson. He is sorely missed.



**FINANCIAL REPORT  
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
September/October 2022**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ -0-	<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
			Utilities	\$ 1,449.53	
			Misc.	1,344.26	
			Office	14.00	
			Instruction	2,950.00	
			TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,757.79	\$5,757.79
			<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		<b>\$1,726.21</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>					
ALABAMA					
Magnolia Springs -Theodore, AL	440.00				
Schillingers Rd. BC -Mobile, AL	300.00				
Victory BC -Mobile, AL	314.00				
GEORGIA					
Traders Hill -Folkston, GA	200.00				
FLORIDA					
Oleno BC -HighSprings, FL	200.00				
Calvary BC -Panama City, FL	100.00				
Sunlight BC -Pensacola, FL	100.00				
Mics:					
TOTAL	\$2,154.00				
			<b>BOOKSTORE FUND</b>		
			BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ -0-
			Income:		
			Bookstore Sales	\$ -0-	
			Press Sales	\$ 753.91	
			Contributions:		
			Landmark, Madison, FL	\$ 200.00	
			Total Income	\$953.91	\$953.91
			<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$953.91</b>
			<b>Expenses:</b>		
			Utilities	\$561.02	
			Postage	20.00	
			Print Shop	\$18.10	
			Supplies	\$-0-	
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$599.06</b>	<b>\$599.06</b>
			<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		<b>\$354.85</b>
			<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
			Calvary BC -Panama City, FL	\$500.00	
			<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
			<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
			Regions Bank	\$408.02	
			Building Fund	\$4,500.00	
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS:H.H.Strickland</b>					
Magnolia Spring BC -Theodore, AL	800.00				
Frankfort BC -Russellville, AL	200.00				
Newark BC -Elkton, MD	200.00				
Cumberland Cove BC -Monterey, TN	50.00				
First Baptist BC -White City, FL	200.00				
TOTAL	\$ 1,450.00				
<b>COMMITTEE OF 100</b>					
Special offering	\$380.00				
<b>TUITION/REGISTRATION</b>					
Registration	\$ -0-				
Tuition	\$ -0-				
Transfer	\$3,500.00				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,484.00</b>	<b>\$7,484.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$7,484.00</b>			

**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.

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Bedford, Indiana is seeking a pastor. We are a conservative King James only church. If you are interested please email us at landmarkbaptist47421@gmail.com

Liberty Baptist Church, Collins, MS. seeking pastor. Contact Ricky Lott 601-543-4561 or rickylott4@gmail.com

Landmark MBC of Amite, La. is in search of a pastor. Located about 40 miles east of Baton Rouge and about 50 miles north of New Orleans along the I-55/I-12 corridor. We are a conservative country church, traditional in worship, doctrinally sound, with a big heart for missions. Church and annex sit on 3 acres debt free. We associate locally within the First Trinity Missionary Baptist Association. We are calling for a seasoned Missionary Baptist pastor of same mold. KJV only. If interested or for more information, please contact:

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# PRINTING NEWS

**Printing news:**

I have learned that there are always challenges in the ministry. It really does not matter what position one may hold, there are times when it becomes very difficult to accomplish the things that are felt necessary. Such is the case with what we are trying to accomplish in the printing ministry.

When this ministry first began, it was very difficult to acquire the equipment that was needed in order to do acceptable work. There were a lot of trial and error things that went on. The learning process was challenging. Even though I was well acquainted with the printing process, the new things that we were attempting to do were something entirely different. I made many mistakes along the way and it never easy to go make the corrections. However, there have been a number of extremely good things that have come out of the ministry.

We face some real challenges at this point in time and I really need your prayers in

respect to what must be done if the ministry is to continue.

1. There must be a suitable facility located that the ministry can sustain financially. I have been diligently searching for such a building. I have located only one that we might be able to acquire. However, it will require more support for the ministry than is presently received.

2. The Heidelberg Quick master must be sold. I have had the press for some four years and have used it very little. Due to the age of the press it is not very popular. The press in is great condition and is fully operational. I have tried to get help in advertising it on different platforms but so far that has not been done. Things like this I am not capable of doing and it is difficult to get others to help. Again, please remember this matter in your prayers.

**New Productions:**

The last two quarterlies of the New Testament have been sent to the translators. Once these have been completed, the ten-year cycle of the New Testament will be

completed. The goal that was set when this side of the ministry was started was to have the whole ten year cycle complete for both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is over half completed and as soon as the two quarterlies of the New Testament are completed attention then will go to the Old Testament.

I truly covet your prayers for the ministry. The School is fully functional and we are looking forward to the beginning Spring semester. The task of moving the print shop has not begun. This will be much more difficult than the furniture for the school. With sufficient help, everything can be with moved with the exception of the big Heidelberg. To move it would require a tech that knows the press and than could get expensive.

I thank every individual and every church that has been so faithful to support this ministry. Without your support we would not be able to do many of the things that are done.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

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