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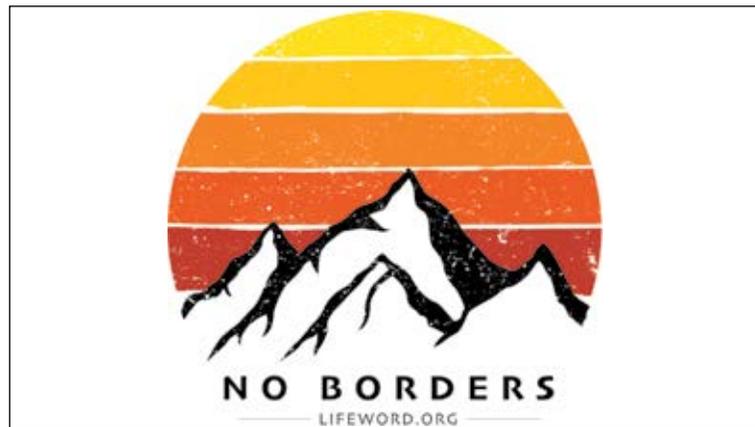
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Lifeword Sunday Theme Announced

By Jennifer Harrell, Director of Church Connections

We are excited to announce the theme for Lifeword Sunday 2022 — “No Borders.” *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations”* (Matt. 24:14 NKJV).

The gospel has **no borders**, God’s kingdom has **no borders**, therefore, Lifeword has **no borders!**

Lifeword Sunday is a day for every church in the BMA to pray for, celebrate and give to the ministry of Lifeword! The 2022 edition of Lifeword Sunday is scheduled for Oct. 23!

Our mission is to make the name of Jesus known among the nations and to share His gospel of hope to a dying world. We are all invited into a spiritual kingdom. There are no guards, fences, barriers or restrictions in His kingdom. God’s only requirement is faith in His Son, Jesus, as our Savior.

Lifeword currently shares the gospel in 135 languages in 125 countries around the world. Our goal is to reach 200 languages in the next 5 years, and we are well on our way to reaching that goal. Lifeword never asks for funding over the air. We are totally supported by the generosity of churches and individual donors.

The tools and technology of media are excellent avenues for us to cross borders and cultures to bring hope to people who are desperate to know Him. Lifeword seeks to share Jesus in the heart languages of those viewing or listening to our message. There is no place we are not willing to go. Our mission is to take the gospel to every

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MOVING with Ministers and Staff

This is only a news column, and the publishing of a person’s availability should not be considered a recommendation by the Trumpet. To view previous listings from this column, visit our website at www.BaptistTrumpet.com.

Doug Brown has resigned as pastor of Weddington Baptist Church in Fayetteville and is available for pastoral or staff service and pulpit supply. Contact him at (479) 790-8186 or mdouglasbrown@yahoo.com.

Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell, Okla., is seeking a pastor. Send resumes to 2223 N. 9th Street, Purcell, Okla. 73080.



Getting to Know Jordan Tew

By Jordan M. Tew,
Executive Director,
Baptist Publishing House

Dear friends, I wanted to write a brief letter to the churches of the BMA formally introducing myself and sharing a little about the ministry of Baptist Publishing House (BPH). As many of you probably know, I was elected to serve as the executive director of Baptist Publishing House at the BMAA National Meeting in Springfield, Mo. I am very happy and excited to serve you in this role.

I came to BPH in 2019 and became a full-time employee in the spring of 2020. Since that time, I have learned all the ins and outs of running the day-to-day business it takes to keep BPH operational. As you can imagine, there are many facets to this sort of work.

Before coming to BPH, I served the wonderful people of Eighth Street

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Jerry Kidd speaking at South City Church in Little Rock on World Missions Day 2022.

Your World Missions Day 2022 Giving

By Sidney Vines, BMAA Missions Relationship Manager

“Thank you!” Those words do not seem adequate for the sacrificial way BMA America churches gave during World Missions Day 2022. More than \$500,000 was given to the Jerry Kidd Missions Offering.

Without your generous giving, we could not do what we do. That includes supporting the work of 60 American missionaries and church planters and 500 ChangeMaker missionaries in 61 countries. Because of you, we can continue to add new ChangeMakers like those in Ecuador, Lebanon and Columbia.

On behalf of the entire Missions team, I express my appreciation for being churches that respond to God’s global mission and support those around the world who are sharing the gospel, making disciples and planting churches. It has been a great joy to serve you during my first year on the Missions team, and to those of you with whom I’ve connected by phone or in person, thank you for your responsiveness and kindness.

It is also encouraging to hear how your church supports our missionaries. You are an association that loves to see the gospel spread to all nations. It is a true blessing to be a part of God’s work in and through the BMA.

As always, if there is any way that I can serve, please let me know. You can reach me at Sidney@bmaam.com or (870) 826-7757.



Two recently remodeled properties adjacent to the BMA Global Missions Center in Conway used to house missionaries when they are in the area.

Welcome Home To Our Missionaries

By Angela Rice, Short Term Missions • BMAA Missions

Missionaries consider “home” to be wherever their mission field is located, but those who serve at BMA Missions love to welcome them “back home” during their furloughs and other stateside returns. We are blessed to have two recently remodeled properties next to our offices that we offer for a temporary home base and a comfortable, relaxing stay.

After a recent tour of our Global Missions Center campus, I told Barbara Speer, a First Baptist Church Carthage, Texas church member, that our two missionary houses needed updating, especially the beds and bedding. I also shared my desire to raise the necessary funds because I wanted the houses to feel more like home. Not long after Mrs. Barbara’s return to Texas, FBC Carthage became the first church to take on this project and raise funds to update furniture and décor in one of the cottages.

When Mrs. Barbara, along with Carol Cain, came back to Conway, they were on a mission to shop and decorate. They totally remodeled one of the bedrooms

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Sports News

By Erik Holth



Swaim Runs at NAA National Championship

• Gulf Shores, Ala., May 26 — After not competing in a race since May 15, Ally Swaim was on the track at Blackwell Stadium. Swaim was in the first heat of four and would finish sixth in her heat with a time of 15.18 good for 24th overall. Congratulations to Ally on a fantastic season and qualifying for nationals for the third time!

CBC DAY



9.11.2022



Why Schedule a CBC Day?

By Duffy Guyton, Director of Church Relations

Current reports indicate that North American churches are experiencing a steady decline in church membership, a continual drifting away from the authority of Scripture and a consistent increase of ones who do not associate with any religious affiliation. Even though the stats are alarming, God has entrusted us to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). Central Baptist College is a Christ-centered higher education institution that is committed to transforming lives through the gospel.



CBC Day for 2022 is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 11**. Please consider setting aside this Sunday, or another day that best fits your church calendar, to pray for CBC. Churches are also encouraged to take up a one-time offering for the annual fund program — “Gifts that Transform” — and/or make a pledge to give additional offerings over the 12 months to follow. CBC Day contributions will be for the CBC Annual Fund that supports, among many other things, the ministry tuition grant, academic and performance scholarships, spiritual life programs and the development of new academic programs.

We would love to know if your church is committing to participate in CBC Day. We would be honored to send you promotional items such as bulletin inserts, special offering envelopes and/or digital graphics to help you as you plan this special day. **President Terry Kimbrow, the CBC Singers, students, professors, administrative staff and/or I are available to share with the church on this day.** To better fit your schedule, we are available to share on a Sunday night or during a mid-week service as well. We gladly welcome invitations to share at other ministerial events and BMA of Arkansas events such as WMA and Brotherhood meetings.

To register for a CBC Day, please visit the link, cbc.edu/cbcday. If you have any questions, please contact me personally at dguyton@cbc.edu or at (501) 269-6784.

Thank you for your consistent generosity to the ministry of CBC! Thank you for making a difference in His kingdom by contributing to the “transformation of lives” through the gospel of Christ to all who attend Central Baptist College.

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and added a king-sized bed, chest of drawers, bedding, lamps and pictures for each bedroom. After my online post about the renovations, others began asking to help and gave enough funds to finish one of the houses, which looks beautiful!

As we began preparations to remodel the other house, which is older and needs new paint and flooring, major water damage was discovered. The windows and framing must be replaced and will add to the expense, but we are so thankful for people who love our missionaries and want the houses to feel like home to everyone who stays in them.

If you are interested in helping, let me know. Any amount given will be used for our missionary homes and needs that may come up. To give, send your check to BMA Missions/Missionary Care, memo: Missionary House, PO Box 878 Conway, Ark. 72033. If you have questions, call me at (214) 498-3041.

LIFEWORD

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tribe, every tongue, every culture, and every race in every nation.

Registration for Lifeworld Sunday is now open at lifeworld.org/lifeworld-sunday. Every church who registers will have their pastor entered into the Lifeworld Sunday Giveaway, which is a free MacBook Air!

We would love the opportunity to share what God is doing through Lifeworld. If your church would like to schedule Donny or another team member to come for a visit, you can contact me at jennifer@lifeworld.org.



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Podcast Milestones

If you follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/studentministrymatters) or Instagram (instagram.com/studentministrymatters), you may have already seen some news we shared. During the month of May, we hit two major milestones with the **Student Ministry Matters Podcast**.

First, we hit 10,000 downloads since beginning this journey in February 2020. While still small compared to many mainstream podcasts, I am so excited about this number. Our podcast is meant for the full-time, part-time or volunteer student ministry worker in the small to medium-sized church. That is a small segment of the population. We have some episodes that are great listens for anyone, but we try to stay focused on helping those that are seeking to impact the next generation for Jesus. That means a limited audience.

The second milestone was hitting our biggest month with 1,016 downloads. To give you an idea of the shift, we had 307 downloads in January of 2022. While numbers do not always indicate true success, they do show us that we are choosing good topics and that people are listening in as we continue the conversation about student ministry.

Why do I share? I always want to brag on God when I have the opportunity. God is the one who has orchestrated our growth, and I am so thankful to know that our efforts are of value to others. We now have listeners in 47 of the 50 states. For some reason, South Dakota, West Virginia and Maine continue to elude us. In addition, we have listeners in over 25 different countries. Who knew that our little podcast was going to find its way around the world?

Let me ask a few things of you:

- **Give us a listen.** If you work with students in any capacity, you will find some useful topics as Chris Vines and I share and interview others. You can find the 118 podcast episodes at studentministrymatters.podbean.com or through most major podcasting apps. At around 30 minutes each, there is a lot of content available.

- **Share with others.** Let the youth workers in your life know about our podcast. During May, we shared four interviews with faith-based counselors from Fresh Roots Family Counseling of Rogers. There is a lot of good information that the student ministry workers in your life may need to process. You can find links and promotional posts on our social media on Facebook, Instagram and even Twitter.

- **Consider supporting our podcast financially.** There are some costs involved with our podcast: equipment, annual fees, etc. We would love to have you and/or your church as a financial partner. If you need to know the best way to do that, contact me at info@studentministrymatters.com.

- **Pray for us.** We want the podcast to continue to be of value as we move forward. Pray for direction as we step into future episodes.

We know God is good all the time, but it sure is fun to share when He does the unexpected in our lives.

Mississippi State Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Director Announces Retirement

In a Zoom meeting with the Chairman of the Missionary Committee and the Chairman of the Revolving Loan Fund Trustees, on Monday, May 23, Larry Geraldson announced he would retire from associational work on Oct. 15, 2022. He stated, “God has blessed the work of the Missions and Revolving Loan Fund over the past 10 1/2 years, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the churches of the BMA of Mississippi.”





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2 Timothy 4:5

King James Version

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Leading Evangelistically

What is the difference between an evangelical church and an evangelistic church? Evangelical has traditionally stood for what a church believes. They believe in the gospel and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform and radically change anyone's life. Doctrinally, they would check all the right boxes. An evangelistic church is a church that more than just talks about evangelism but practices evangelism. This congregation is focused on intentionally building relationships with people far from God in order to initiate gospel conversations. How would you score your church on a scale of 1-10 on how evangelistic it is?

Spiritual leadership is vitally important and leading by example is key to the process. We have said it many times, "speed of the leader, speed of the team." On a scale of 1-10, how evangelistic are you? In *Tyranny of the Urgent*, Charles E. Hummel states, "Your greatest danger is letting the **urgent** things crowd out the important." Yet, the church in Thessalonica was known as a church that "became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. For the Lord's message rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place that your faith in God has gone out..." (I Thess. 1:7-8 HCSB).

These relatively new believers used their lips to share the gospel and the gospel echoed out, not only in their city but also to regions well beyond their actual local map. Their lives were examples of what it meant to follow Jesus, but they were also vocal in sharing the good news of the gospel to anyone who would listen. Being prepared and ready is not enough. Evangelism must be occurring regularly for us to consider ourselves or our churches as being evangelistic. It is not enough to talk about being evangelistic and train for it, instead we must be practicing it. Paul told Timothy to do the work of the evangelist.

In our recent *Good Soil* training (see article in the May 11 issue of the *Baptist Trumpet*), we were challenged

to remember the importance of an evangelistic pastor: "The pastor **must** model, lead and drive the ministry of evangelism. It is too important to delegate to an associate. Period. Exclamation point!" This statement is not meant to condemn nor criticize but, instead, should cause us to examine why we are not leading and living evangelistically. With all the hats a pastor has to wear, it will require a lot of planning and intentionality to get outside the world you primarily exist in and build redemptive relationships with people who are far from God and the truth.

In our *Multiplication Workshop* training, we have an exercise to help you to discover your oikos (circles of influence). Everyone is asked to label eight circles where they function that there might be pre-believers in those circles. They can be labeled as family, work, hobbies, service organizations, gym, etc. Out of these eight circles, you are then asked to list three to five people who may not be followers of Christ and begin praying for them. The goal is to develop a prayer list of 10-15 people you know who need Jesus and, as you begin to pray for them, to become intentional in having a gospel conversation with them.

Would you like to guess who quite often struggles with this activity the most? Pastors! The reality is that the world pastors function in is quite often controlled and consumed by those who have already chosen to follow Jesus. Please know that is not meant to be derogatory but only stating the reality of how it is and the nature of the beast or as Hummel says, "The tyranny of the urgent!" Could this be exactly why Jesus gave us the parable of the one lost sheep? There are 99 in the fold but "who has 100 sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the 99 in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).

Let's get real practical on this. In the *Good Soil* training, we had to draw two pie charts to divide up how we spend our time. One pie chart described our

Opportunities For Service

Beacon Baptist Church in Gravette is seeking a full-time pastor. Contact Roy Key at (470) 787-5373 or send a resume to rkeycabinets@yahoo.com.

Calvary, White Hall is seeking a bi-vocational worship leader. Resumes can be sent to castlebclan@yahoo.com. For questions contact Pastor Rodney Castleberry at (501) 977-4772.

Fairview Baptist Church in Jonesboro is seeking a bi-vocational youth minister. For more information, contact Pastor Gary Henderson at (870) 935-0266 (church office), (870) 974-1996 (cell) or pastorgaryhenderson@gmail.com.

Hillcrest Baptist Church in Texarkana is seeking a bi-vocational music director. For more information, contact Pastor Kelly Owens at hbctexarkana@gmail.com

Meadowside Baptist Church in Pittsburg, Kan. is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Contact Greg Hardister at (620) 704-6860.

reality, and the other was to illustrate the ideal. The time segments included sermon preparation, prayer, administration, counseling and even unlocking and locking up the building. One of the most convicting parts of the exercise was how few actually had designated intentional time for any kind of outreach and/or evangelism. Once again, the busyness of our schedules and the multitude of responsibilities, that many times could be two or three full-time jobs, win out.

The reality is that if you are going to begin intentionally leading your congregation as an evangelistic pastor, you are going to have to begin saying "no" to some things others can do instead of you. Remember the 5% rule? The truth is that 80% of what we do anyone can do it, so let them. Then there is the 15% that someone else can do if they are shown how, so train them. Our focus must be on the 5% that no one else can do except us. Only you can lead evangelistically by giving your church an example of the importance of building redemptive relationships with those who are not followers of Jesus.

What if you started by tithing time every week to lead evangelistically? Use a 50-70-hour work week as your metric. Bivocational pastors have even a greater challenge, but the good news is that the bivocational leaders usually are around pre-believers more often because of their other job. What if you began by focusing on building into your schedule 5-7 hours a week to focus on building relationships with those who are far from God in order to have gospel conversations? You will have to develop a plan, intentionally schedule it into your week, and then lead your church evangelistically by example!

Just Thinking...

By Dr. Tom Mitchell

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Summer Revivals And Outdoor Baptisms

I was just thinking, now that summer is upon us, about days gone by. I do that now that I am in my latter years of life. Memories are such a treasure — at least the good ones are. I want to take some of you down memory lane and others to get a glimpse of church life in yesteryear.

With each passing decade, things change in our country. The rutted old wagon trails that later became bumpy gravel roads are now paved and smooth. The days of sweltering in a hot house in the summer with only a window fan, ceiling fan or in some houses, a dog trot to cool are not fondly recalled. (For some who may not know, a dog trot was a "breeze way" constructed with two living areas of the house on either side.) Those have been replaced by air conditioning to take away the heat that drains energy from one's body.

Two Week Revivals — Growing up in the 50s and early 60s, "going to church" was quite different from today, and that was especially true of revival meetings. Usually in the spring, a church would vote to invite a pastor or evangelist to preach the summer revival. Dates were chosen and plans were made. Choir practices would begin weeks out as preparation was made for the music during the meeting to come. Not everyone referred to those meetings as revivals; often they were called "protracted meetings." When you are nine years old that didn't explain much, until the second week of every night attendance of the revival! I learned quickly the meaning of protracted.

Most often the meeting was one week. But if people were getting saved and others were uniting with the church, the meeting would be protracted — they would go another week. Sometimes that meant calling another preacher to step in when the revivalist was unavailable to continue. I never experienced one, but some revivals were protracted to three and four weeks. Today, those meetings have been shortened to three or four days.

Hosting the Evangelist — I remember, as a youngster, hearing our pastor, Edwin Peters, announce that a list was on the church bulletin board for families to sign up to feed the visiting evangelist. When came the time for the meeting, various families would host him and the pastor's family at mealtime. Some would take him to a restaurant, but more often he was hosted in their homes. Of course, with both the husband and wife working, there were times when they forgot to prepare. The evangelist and pastor would show up at the home, quite to the shock of the forgetful hosts!

Community Events — In those days to which I refer, the revival effort of a church was not relegated just to the members. Instead, other churches from the city would announce the time of the meeting and would turn out in large numbers.

In my growing-up days, baseball or softball games were never scheduled on a Sunday or Wednesday evening. Such conflict was not to take place with the times of worship. That is not the case today. Hindrances of every sort limit the attendance of not just those visitors, but members themselves. Maybe our towns and cities need revival more than is thought.

The Salvation of Souls — Today, people are saved more often outside the church building than in it. Such was not the case in those days gone by. I recall, from the time of my elementary school days all the way through high school, many people trusting Christ as Savior during a revival meeting. Often there were shouts of praise by family and friends as one would announce his or her decision to place faith in Christ and pledge to walk in His ways.

Outdoor Baptisms — I grew up attending Central Baptist Church in Ashdown. I was blessed to have such pastors as A.R. Reddin, C.O. Strong, Edwin Peters, J.P. Jones, Paul Bearfield and Tommy Hall. I was saved under the ministry of Bro. Peters, and baptized later by Bro. Jones. Central was a church that had

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VSM: A Life-Altering Experience

By Bryan and Pam Risner • BMA Missionaries to Romania

“Would you lead a team to Romania?”

I was standing in the kitchen of my house in the small town of Morrilton, when I was asked that question. My response was quick and simple: “Absolutely! I can do that with no problem.” The rest of the conversation seemed like a blur. I hung up the phone and immediately searched the map to see where in the world Romania was!

If I was being honest, up to that point I had not heard about Romania or Volunteer Student Missions (VSM) before 2015. My background was in law enforcement and student ministry. In 2015, one of my students, Katelyn, went to the midnight missions meeting during the SOAR conference and signed up to go on a mission trip. I didn’t even know she signed up until her mom cornered me one day after church. After sharing her concerns, I volunteered to go with Katelyn, which helped her mom feel better about letting her go on the trip.

This series of events led me to call the VSM office to introduce myself. That summer mission trip started the process of changing my family’s life forever. Romania is a beautiful country, filled with the most hospitable people I have ever met. It is like stepping back in

time, some 50 years ago. Romanians are hardworking people who raise their food and focus on family. During that trip, I was introduced to the Roma people, also known as gypsies, the most hated group in Europe. I spent two weeks with three American teens serving in Romania and sharing the gospel that summer.

My wife, Pam and I went together to Romania in 2016, both of us serving as team leaders. Pam fell in love with the country and people. We led a much bigger group of teens that summer, and God did amazing things that year. Pam and I talked quite a bit after we returned home. We even discussed the possibility of one day moving to Romania as BMA missionaries. Little did we know that God was about to send us much more quickly than we expected.

In 2017, we led our third VSM team to Romania and included our kids on that trip. Melody, Lindsey and Landon traveled for the first time halfway around the world. I watched how God matured my kids during that trip.

God was preparing my family to serve in Eastern Europe, and we were scared to death. Although we had no idea what to expect, we said “yes” to God, started the deputation process and officially moved in July 2018.

Angela Rice and the 2018 VSM team helped my family move to Romania that summer. VSM played a major role in our training and equipping, leading to a much better transition.

We are so thankful for VSM and the many hours that go into the training, preparing, equipping, mobilizing and sending teams every year to countries worldwide. VSM has not only changed my family’s life, but countless students’ lives each year. VSM is a great vehicle to help teens and adults be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Volunteer Student Missions also played a role in getting us to Romania. The last VSM team I led actually moved our family. They traveled with us, took our bags so we didn’t have as many to pay for, unpacked, put things away and helped set up our new home. Volunteer Student Missions Team Romania usually conducts VBS with our churches; but one year, they helped with our youth camp, preparing crafts and lessons and serving in various ways. Many students came to Christ at that camp.

VSM trips help our ministry because everyone wants to come out to meet the Americans. Many more people attend when we have teams in from the States, which is a blessing to the missionaries. We love to have teams come to serve with us. It is a time of encouragement for our family.

One Romanian friend told us that when he was a boy, Americans came to serve on short-term trips. His family was believers, but there were still reservations between believers and the Roma people. For him, Americans coming, Roma children running right up to them, then hugging each other without reservation impacted his heart, even though he was already a believer. It encouraged him to have even more of a relationship with the

HOMEcomings

164th Homecoming at Center Grove in Cord, June 12, 10:30 a.m.; Jeff Herring (message); lunch and singing to follow; Barry Anderson, pastor.

Marcus Hill, Enola, June 26, 10 a.m.; lunch followed by singing.

Bodcaw, Rosston, July 10, 10:30 a.m.; Bruce Porter (message); Ed Phillips, pastor.

Friendship, Greenbrier, July 10, 11 a.m.; lunch and singing to follow; James Crews, pastor.

Bodcaw, Bodcaw, July 24, 10:30 a.m.; John Ed Dorman (devotional); Tim Vines (message); potluck lunch and singing to follow; Lane Garner, pastor.

Roma people.

If you are considering going on a mission trip, think no further than the Volunteer Student Missions department of the BMAA. Just make sure you are ready for a life-changing adventure.

— *Volunteer Student Missions serves BMA churches by sending out students to serve with our missionaries. This is so important because many of our past and long-term missionaries first went on short-term trips. Our prayer is that God will use this time spent on the mission field to call the hearts of our youth into full-time missions, but we also pray that God will call 100% of students who serve in short-term missions to be lifelong missions supporters. For many people, both students and adults, going on that first short-term trip changes everything. For more information, visit bmamissions.org/vsm.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deacon Ordination, June 12, 5 p.m.; Valley View, Jonesboro. Reagan Lee, pastor.

National Galilean Camp, June 24-27; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville.

SOAR Student Conference, June 29 – July 1; Hilton-Anatole, Dallas.

CBC Day 2022, Sept. 11.

Student Ministry Workers Retreat, Sept. 17; Central Baptist College, Conway.

Gospel Singing, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.; featuring The Kinsmen Quartet; Cross Roads Baptist Church, Warren.

re:Charge Leader’s Oasis, Sept. 27-29; Hot Springs Hotel, Hot Springs.

Lifeword Sunday, Oct. 23.

BMA of Arkansas, Nov. 3-4; Central Baptist College, Conway.

National Senior Adult Conference, Nov. 15-17; Chateau on the Lake, Branson.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

SW Dist. Brotherhood, July 12; meal @ 6 p.m., message @ 7 p.m.; Shiloh Lamartine, Waldo.

Mt. Vernon Youth in the Harvest, Aug. 22 @ 6:30 p.m.; Fourth St., West Helena.

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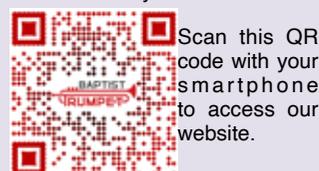
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Missionary Fellowship — (L/R standing) Stan Scroggins, Doug Lee, Cris Samson, Jimmy Walker, Danny Ballard, John Page, Fil Kakilla; (L/R seated) Donna Scroggins, Diane Lee, Alicia Samson (and sons), Rita Ballard and Louella Page.

Stan & Donna Scroggins • The Philippines

All my life in ministry I've had some connection to our BMA Theological Seminary — lecturing, Seminary Rallies, traveling with seminary professors to teach overseas and, of course, taking classes. However, my short years as a missionary have presented me with extraordinary examples of how **our** seminary (please notice the emphasis on **our**) has cooperated in furthering not just my particular mission, but also the call of those from around the world.

In 2018, we had a graduate I knew would benefit from studying at **our** seminary. They, with open arms, took that student, and provided a welcoming atmosphere for a foreigner who has now finished a master's degree.

In February 2020, when we came home for furlough, we never dreamed a 12-month delay in returning to the field would ensue. We needed a place to live, but can you imagine renting a house in the Philippines and then also in America? **Our** seminary came to our rescue, providing us with one of their small, furnished apartments. I don't have to tell you the blessing that was to us.

After achieving our accreditation credentials for the Bible College here in the Philippines, we were mandated to upgrade the degrees of our theology teachers. Once again, **our** seminary raced in as a hero on a white horse. Dr. Philip Attebery just finished two weeks of intensive teaching. In July, Dr. Thom South will come to teach another two weeks of intensives. These classes will lead to four of our Filipino teachers graduating with a master's degree from **our** seminary. There will also be on-going instruction as we continue to work with the 16 other students who have begun seminary training through **our** seminary.

Thank you to **our** seminary president, Dr. Charlie Holmes for the spirit of cooperation, sending seminary professors to us and, of course, to Dr. Attebery and Dr. South for coming to us to teach this summer.

Small? Yes! Accreditation qualified? Yes! Mission-oriented? Yes! Doctrinally sound? Yes! Highly academically qualified professors? Yes! Should I attend? Yes! I am praying you will change your vocabulary from **our** seminary to **my** seminary. You will be blessed and be able to be a blessing as a result.

May started with our music department music recitals. All our music students are required to study piano and voice. Because of the pandemic we only have one graduating music student this year and several freshmen music majors. So we combined this recital into one event.

Baccalaureate is a service for graduates that is an opportunity for them to honor the Lord for the accomplishments of their studies, and to commit their study to His service. The pandemic forced us to have this year's service on campus at First Baptist Church.

Our first ceremony at graduation was presenting Dr. Doug Lee with a "Presidential Medallion." This medallion is then presented to the next president upon his retirement from office.

On behalf of Louisiana Baptist University, Dr. Lee formally presented my doctoral credentials by hooding me with the PhD hood. Donna and I could not walk in graduation at home because of pandemic restrictions.

Donna earned her master's degree in education. Doug Lee presented her educational hood. I am very proud of her accomplishment and was glad to be the one to present her with her diploma.

Missionary Fellowship — With most of the travel restrictions now lifted, we had the rare opportunity for all of our Philippine missionaries to gather. Fil Kakilala from Panay, Danny and Rita Ballard from Luzon, Cris and Alicia from Tanguib, John and Louella Page from Panay, and Doug and Diane Lee and Stan and Donna Scroggins from Negros. After graduation, we all gathered for a meal at a local restaurant.

We welcomed Jimmy Walker back to the Philippines as the guest speaker for graduation and to participate in the Darlene Carey Christian Academy

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Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas, as their pastor for six and a half years. My ministry roles before that were centered on youth and college ministries — primarily in Jacksonville, Texas (Craft Baptist and First Baptist). I was ordained to the gospel ministry at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas. I am currently a member of First Baptist Church in New Summerfield, Texas, where I teach Sunday School for our adult class.

I am blessed to say that I was able to study and graduate from BMA Seminary with my bachelor's and master's degrees. I am also currently enrolled in a business management training program to equip me to better serve the churches of the BMA.

My greatest blessings are my wife, Mary and daughter, Savannah. I met Mary while attending Jacksonville College. Her father is Dr. Greg Parsons, a long-time Hebrew and Old Testament professor at BMA Seminary. Mary is also kin to the Reddin and Leslie families. I often say that I "married up" in the BMA when God brought us together. Savannah is our "miracle baby." We have three babies in Heaven, and Savannah's birth almost did not happen. She is truly our pride and joy. We are a small, but very blessed family.

Before any of these things happened, I received a wonderful upbringing in a Christian home. My mom and dad taught me about Jesus and the Bible. They saw to it that I went to church and was raised in a distinctly Christian home. Growing up, my family served in many ministry capacities, and I served with them. I received the call to ministry at age 14. I know not everybody grows up in a home full of love for the Lord and one another, but I am very grateful that I did.

I was raised to have a strong devotion to the Word of God — a conviction that was only strengthened by my time in seminary and ministry as a pastor. I stand firmly upon the authority and the sufficiency of the Bible because God's Word is perfect. This continues to be my theme as I lead the Baptist Publishing House.

We are devoted to the Word of God and helping people learn it. We will continue to stand upon the Bible. Devotion to Scripture is my primary goal for BPH. I am also dedicated to ensuring BPH supports and operates in line with the BMAA Doctrinal Statement. There are zero plans or efforts to write, print or distribute anything that is not in agreement with our Doctrinal Statement. As stated above, our primary goal is to promote the study of the Bible and supply churches with resources to help them achieve this. My plan is to continue the good work that was begun many decades ago by faithful men.

If you are wondering what di-

A Sip From The Saucer

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Sunshine

As I sit at my desk to start work, the sun is coming up over the trees and shining directly into my face. I feel the heat on my eyelids, and my high school typing teacher would be so proud of me as I type this with my eyes closed! The sun is bright in the cloudless expanse. Fluttering leaves cause a strobe effect pulsing through the window. I love sunrise. I love early mornings. I love the smell of new opportunities.

I've been thinking about light and darkness recently.

In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Before there was an earth. Before God created the sun and moon. Before oxygen and an atmosphere. In the beginning, the earth was without form and void — meaning empty and of no use — and darkness encompassed the abyss. It was dark nothingness before God spoke.

The word used in Gen. 1:3 is the Hebrew word meaning illumination or to make luminous. Science would tell us light must have a source. Genesis 1 tells us in the abyss of darkness, the Spirit of God resonated and God spoke. The Spirit — or breath of God — moved the darkness, and the Word He spoke expressed the desire of His heart. He wanted there to be illumination — for everything in creation to be clearly seen — bathed in the brightness of Himself. He was and is the source of light.

John begins his gospel with the same idea — in the beginning, God spoke. The expression of His heart was shown in two ways — the Word and the Light — both used in John 1 to describe Jesus.

"The Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it (put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it and is unreceptive to it)" (John 1:5 AMPC).

We know this present age is a wash in darkness. Horrific scenes on the news remind us of the incredible capacity of evil committed daily. At times, we are tempted to be overwhelmed by the darkness. Hopelessness creeps its way into the chaos of this present age, and it seems that the darkness may never end. Then the sunrise comes.

John 1:14 says: *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory."*

Glory is another great word study. Part of the Hebrew definition is "brightness or splendor." When all hope seems lost, God speaks and everything that seems so dark is illuminated by His presence.

Are you having difficulty seeing the light through the darkness? The sunrise is coming, beloved. Sin can never blot out the illumination of the Creator. When He spoke light into existence, that was an eternal Word that Satan cannot silence and he cannot extinguish.

"... God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all." (I John 1:5).

rection the new director is going to take BPH, just go back 50 years and consider men like Dr. E. Harold Henderson, Dr. Joe Pendleton, J.E. Cobb and D.N. Jackson. Their devotion to the Word of God and being associational Baptists was clear, and I want to continue those things today.

I hope this letter has been encouraging to you and has helped you know more about who I am and what I value. I hope to see many of you in the coming months, as association

meetings will take place this fall. I am here for you and will do whatever I can to be of service to you or your church. If you need anything or want to talk, please feel free to contact me at (800) 333-1442 or baptistpublishing@gmail.com.

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Future Headlines, Egyptian Campaign

Mark it. Look for it. Believe it. There will be a Turkey-led southern conquest campaign into Egypt. This is going down. This will happen. This campaign is part of the rise of the Antichrist and is a future headline. This series of articles lays out future headlines gathered from Bible prophecy and especially related to the Antichrist's rise. These are future headlines you can count on.

I don't feel I understand this prophetic passage enough to say much, but I felt it was important to draw attention to the amount of detail about the rise of the Antichrist found in Daniel 11. This chapter in Daniel holds the most detailed prophecy in Scripture. Like with Daniel 8, Bible commentators predominantly view the prophecy in Daniel 11 to have a split fulfillment, with the first 34 chapters occurring in the past while verses 35-45 tell of the actions of the Antichrist. Unlike Daniel 8, there seems to be greater clarity in the text that this split fulfillment might be intended.

The prophetic details are fascinating. Beginning in verse 40, we're given a detailed campaign carried out by the Antichrist. He is referred to as the King of the North. As we covered previously, Scripture points to him leading from the modern-day nation of Turkey. In this passage, it appears there are two coalitions — one from the north led by the Antichrist and one from the south. Egypt is one of the nations from the south mentioned, but it's not limited to that nation. In this prophecy, the Antichrist goes south conquering land, including Egypt. Here is the prophecy from Daniel, I have added the modern-day equivalents of the nations listed:

"At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North (Antichrist) will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the Beautiful Land (Israel). Many countries will fall, but Edom (Jordan), Moab (Jordan) and the leaders of Ammon (Jordan) will be delivered from his hand. He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans (Libya) and Cushites (Sudan) in submission. But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain (Jerusalem). Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him." (Dan. 11:40-45 NIV).

This campaign of conquest of the Antichrist happens at the end of the age. The prophecy of it reveals many future headlines. Therefore, we should expect to see future headlines like:

- Egypt and other nations in the southern part of the Middle East form coalition.
- Southern Middle East Coalition opposes Turkey's new leader.
- Middle East divided as Ottoman Empire/Islamic Caliphate Revives.
- Turkey's New Leader Invades Israel, further expanding this new Islamic State.
- Jordan joins the new Turkey-led Islamic State.
- Egypt falls to this new Turkey-led Islamic State.
- Libya and Sudan have fallen to the invading Turkish forces.
- After conquering much of the Middle East, Turkey's new leader relocates capital to Israel.

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THINKING

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an indoor baptistry and I was baptized in it; but many churches did not have that luxury. When summer revival time came, and souls were saved, the baptismal services were much different. Rivers, creeks, lakes and, in some cases, stock ponds, were the sites of baptisms.

Church members and townspeople would line the banks of the water to witness the baptism of new converts who were giving testimony of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — in obedience to His command. When there was a large number of people to be baptized, the occasions were often celebrated with picnic lunches along the riverbanks.

One of my favorite stories of an outdoor baptism was when the very tall Horace Dunn was being baptized. C.O. Strong was on the bank observing the carrying out of the ordinance. The pastor struggled somewhat to get Bro. Dunn under the water and the top of his head was still visible. As he came up out of the water, Bro. Strong yelled, "You didn't completely bury him. Do it again!" I suppose they did it again. But Bro. Strong had a good point. Baptism, whether in an indoor baptistry or an outdoor body of water, is a burial not a birth. One should be completely buried to properly depict the death, burial and resurrection of the One in Whom they believed.

Well, in these early days of summer, that is what I was just thinking. May God bless each pastor and church of our association, and may each church, whether with a protracted meeting or not, have a summer of blessings because we worship an awesome God.



Bodcaw, Rosston, July 11-13; 7 p.m.; Bruce Porter, evangelist, Ed Phillips, pastor.

Bluff Springs, Rosston, July 17-20; 5 p.m.-Sunday; 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; Kenneth Bobo (Sun.), David Dillard (Mon.) Neal Riddling (Tue.) and Frank Henson (Wed.), evangelists; Donnie Dillard, pastor.

Sulphur Springs, Fordyce, July 21-23; 7 p.m.; Eddie Raynes, evangelist, Sam Hobson, pastor.

Bodcaw, Bodcaw, July 25-29; 7:00 p.m.; Jimmy Walker, evangelist; Lane Garner, pastor.

Center Point, Nashville, July 31-Aug. 3; Shawn Kemp, evangelist; Jaron Tipton, pastor.

County Line, Marvell, Aug. 7-10; 9:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; Chris Vines, evangelist.

Landmark, England, Aug. 14-17; 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; Master's Voice (in concert); Ricky Capps, evangelist; David Inzer, pastor.

Cross Roads, Warren, Oct. 17-19, 7 p.m.; Richard Gambill, evangelist; Sidney McGraw, pastor.

SPOTLIGHT

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Dedication. (See article in the May 25 issue of the *Baptist Trumpet*.)

Following graduation, our teachers enjoyed learning new teaching skills and procedures led by Jimmy Walker and Dr. Philip Attebery. Jimmy Walker and Donna departed Saturday, May 21 for America. Donna will return in late July. Doug and Diane departed Sunday, May 22. They will return in August. So, woe is me as I spend these next few weeks alone. I plan to travel to Leyte and to the island of Guam, looking for opportunities to church plant.

We always enjoy visiting the many BMA churches on our island. When we have visitors, the local churches are very gracious to invite them to speak in their churches. Dr. Attebery enjoyed the opportunity to speak in both a mission church in the very poor village of Lanutan and a more affluent church in Tangub.

Our regular Tuesday Bible study continues to meet and grow. I am now teaching the book of Judges — last week was "Ehud had a plan." Doug Lee began this Bible study with a group of Grab delivery drivers. I'm teaching them for Doug while he is on furlough.

From Stan — For the third time, I will be attempting to travel to Leyte to meet with our missionary, J.R. Alfred Suico. While there, I will look forward to baptizing and taking part in serving their first Lord's Supper. In mid-June, I am planning to travel to the island of Guam, where there is a large population of Filipinos. The purpose of this trip is to seek opportunities to start a work in this United States territory. We have really enjoyed and are grateful for Dr. Philip Attebery's visit with us, teaching in our master's program. This will be a blessing to our Bible College for years to come.

From Donna — We were not sure when our passports would be back with our new visas, but when they arrived, I knew I was going to make a trip to the United States. Family needs are the main reason for my travel, so I will be based in Bullard, Texas with our daughter's family and our grandkids. I'll also travel to Huntsville, Ala. to check on Stan's mom, then up to Columbia, Mo. to be with our second daughter, Kelsey and her husband, Josh. I'll plan to return to the Philippines in mid-July. Please give me a call to visit your church and personally report on our work. Facebook Messenger is the best way.

Stay up to date with the Scroggins and their work in the Philippines by visiting their website and checking-out their blog at thescroggins.com. You can also partner with Stan and Donna by giving through your local church or the BMA Missions website.

Doug & Diane Lee • The Philippines

Missionaries are the foundation of foreign missions, but time and cost will never allow them to fulfill the Great Commission. The evangelization of the world will happen when we disciple and train nationals in their own country and culture to reach their own people with the gospel.

During "May Madness" here in the Philippines, we met ourselves coming and going. Our schedule was super hectic with final exam week, recital time, presentations, church dedications, organizations, baccalaureate, awards day and graduation! Whew! With all of this on our schedule, Doug and I tried to visit as many churches as we could each weekend.

We have been partnering with Pastor Morito Peroy and his wife Lourdes, for four years in a church plant project in Valderrama on the island of Panay. They were ready to organize into a church a year ago, but we were in the US and couldn't get back to the Philippines because of COVID travel restrictions. They waited until we returned.

When we arrived here in August, travel between islands was still restricted, and we could not visit there until April. After two hours on a boat, three hours on a bus and six hours by car, we finally arrived! As we reached the barangay, the men were cooking, children were getting their showers out by the pump and everyone was scurrying around like little ants, preparing for the big day. Our hearts were blessed to be a small part of this mission point of becoming a church. The people there have a mind to work and a servant's heart. To God be the glory!

We have one graduate this year with a Bachelor in Church Music — Jeffery Dave Jaronay. We are proud of his accomplishments, as well as the other music students, and their performances in our recital.

The 42nd Graduation was held at the Baptist Missionary Association Bible College, the first one in three years because of COVID restrictions. We combined the 2020 and 2021 graduates with our 2022 graduates to give us a total of 20 students graduating with a BA in Theology, Religious Education or Church Music.

Diane and I returned to the US on May 22 for two months this summer. We are overdue for our annual 50,000-mile check-up, which feels more like 100,000 miles! While we are here, we will be visiting as many churches as we can in that short time. If you would like us to visit your church and share what God is doing in the Philippines, contact us at (601) 427-0128, (601) 916-5542 or email at edouglee70@gmail.com. You can also contact us on private messenger at Elwin Doug Diane Lee.



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Paul White with Peggy Lee in front of donated van.

God Continues to Move In Your State Missions Work

Spring is sprung and summer is taking over. This time of the year people are getting out and making those excursions affecting attendance, so pastors, don't panic, this too shall pass. With the last two years being mostly shut down by COVID, people are ready for some fresh air, but I want to remind those who will be absent not to forget that the needs of the church continue even when you cannot be there. Please send in your offering, then go enjoy your time with your family.

Fields Are White

There was a called Advisory Committee meeting this week to consider a new missionary. There will be more information coming soon. Remember to pray for all our men on the field. They are there representing you.

A Heart for Lost Souls

A very special thank you to the family of the late Lamar Lee for their donation of the family van to the State Missions department. (This is the second van they have gifted to missions. Their first one went to Buddy Johnson in Mexico.) It is a beautiful 2008 Chevrolet G1500 and has been garage kept its whole life with fewer than 80,000 miles driven. If you and your family would be interested in it, please contact me. The money received will go into our Revolving Loan Fund to help our missionaries.

From Our Missionaries

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, (5/29) "During the visits to the community, we met Russbel Herrera and Nolvin Rivera. Russbel expressed an interest in visiting us in the temple for Sunday meetings. Nolvin was visiting Russbel's house and was not very interested. Pray for each of them and Russbel's family as his wife just gave birth. We also met Ada, who has already visited us. She informed us that she had decided to recongregate at her old church. We were very happy to see her interest in her relationship with God. Other houses did not open their doors to us, but we will continue visiting the community, hoping to find people interested in hearing the Word of God.

"On Saturday, we baptized four people — Justin (13), Marlon (22), Nicole (12) and Maira. We went to the Buffalo River, and it was a perfect day for baptisms and to enjoy nature. I

will appreciate your prayers for these four new members of the church.

(6/5) "As we entered summer vacation, youth group attendance increased. If they don't go on vacation, we can count on some young people who don't regularly attend the meetings on Wednesdays.



(L/R) Justin, Marlon, Nicole and Maira at baptismal service.

"This week, we will have the last lesson of Course One of the Bible Institute. I am very excited since the brothers are willing to continue with Course 2.

"Fernanda and Jose Carlos closed their school year with great success, and we are very grateful to God who allowed them to obtain excellent grades. Now their senior year awaits them at college and high school, respectively. Thank you for keeping my family in your prayers."

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, (5/29) "We had a great time of worship Sunday morning. We had a good number, with some return visitors.

"We are busy planning a joint VBS at our mother church, The Bridge in Mountain Home. The plans are coming together nicely and everyone is excited about it, especially the kids.

"We are also planning our Second annual Independence Day outreach event. We learned a lot from the one held last year and are so excited about that, too. The main footpath to the city park is Second street, right in front of our mission. Last year, we cooked hot dogs and fed passersby on their way to watch the amazing annual fireworks display. Our plans are the same this year, only we hope to be more organized and with more of our own laborers at the harvest.

"As a direct result of last year's event, we have had professions of faith and baptized five new members, praise God! This year, with our increased numbers, we are praying that we will reach at least twice that. Please join us in prayer that we will, indeed, reach the community, and that people will hear and respond to the gospel that we share with them, souls will be saved and lives changed.

"Thank you for your prayers for us, Faith Chapel, Flippin and for those we are trying to reach. God is hearing them and answering."

The Table, Springdale: Clinton Morris writes, (5/29) "Many of our leaders are out on vacation, so this was a quiet week for us. Even though it was a quiet week, DeAnna, the kids and I drove down to Tyler, Texas to see our college couple get married. It was an awesome wedding, and we were excited that they wanted our kids to be the flower girls and ring bearers.

"There were so many counseling situations that occurred while I was away. I am thankful for Drew being able to step into one of them. I was

able to set up a counseling meeting with a couple who is not currently part of The Table. Please pray for this meeting.

"Chris Driver (Missionary Care for Texas BMA and fellow church planter) and his wife and son met us in Tyler, Texas. We had a great time of fellowship and swapping stories of how God is using our plants. I am so thankful to see fellow planters and be able to have feedback and sounding boards for ideas and direction.

"Sunday was crazy. We were down all of our normal leadership, which showed us how far we have come since last year when we weren't even meeting on Sunday evenings. We still had a great service with people investing in people, sharing each other's burdens and praying for one another. This is such an amazing community, and I am so thankful that God has allowed me to participate in its conception.

(6/5) There are plenty of vacations still happening. My wife was able to go visit her family last week and will be remaining there for two weeks.

"I attended the Good Soil Training in Conway. There was such a good turnout. I love to be with others who still believe that they can learn from one another.

"I have one larger trip this week with three unsaved individuals with whom I have been building relationships. Pray for that trip. Once this week is over, I will have traveled over 3,000 miles in three weeks. I am looking forward to life getting back to a normal routine."

Faith Journey, Benton: Bryan Clay writes, (5/29) "I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Memorial Day.

"Faith Journey remembered our fallen heroes with a time of reminiscing and prayer for those that made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live and worship in freedom. Thank you to all that serve and protect our freedom.

"We have created handouts that share the vision of Faith Journey, as well as information on where and when we currently meet. We will begin going into the community and passing them out to neighborhoods and businesses to help let people know we are here and are ready to share the gospel with them and be of service to them.

"I spoke on conflict this week in our weekly service. The Bible has many verses on the subject of conflict between each other and gives us instruction throughout the Bible on how to avoid or resolve conflict with others in our lives. We use the SOAP method when studying the Scripture. If you aren't familiar with this method, it is as simple as reading the Scripture, making Observations about the scripture, Applying those observations and the passages to our lives, then finally Praying that God uses that Scripture to show us what He wants us to learn and how to apply it to our lives. This method is a great way to get into the Scripture and learn about the lessons God wants to show you.

(6/5) "This week at Faith Journey

we talked about Jer. 29:11 — "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you hope and a future." We shared with one another how this Scripture applies to our lives and to the vision of Faith Journey. Each of us has a different testimony of how God has brought us to the place we are in life, and we can all agree that God has the plans worked out for His glory.

"We also spoke about how God is always for us. Romans 8:31 says, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" God is reminding us again that He is a Sovereign God and is faithful to us and our future. When planting a new church, these truths are even more apparent as we travel this road and see God's hand at work by bringing people in who are wanting to build a relationship with Him and making opportunities to spread the gospel and grow the kingdom of Heaven."

Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA: Roberto Marcelletti writes, (5/29) "Meditating on Matt. 9:35-36 in my personal devotional, the Lord, through His Word, challenged me to imitate Him by going through the cities preaching the gospel, healing people from the greatest and most serious illness, that is sin, and having compassion on them, because they are sheep that do not have a shepherd.

"This week I was very productive in terms of the purpose of making connections with Hispanics in the area. We were able to attend a meeting of an organization called Hispanic Latino Connection in NWA and share with its president and her assistant. We arranged to meet again soon. We also continue to work with the Rodriguez family, and on Saturday a new family visited us in our home. They are South Americans and were very interested in what we shared with them.

"We continue to pray. Our intercession list is 25 people. We ask you to support us in prayer so that God prepares their hearts as good soil and the seed of the gospel produces the fruit of salvation.

(6/5) "I was meditating on Acts 10:42 this week. God is sovereign in salvation, which tells us that we must preach the gospel and that our devotion to God must make us break all barriers, even racial ones, just as Peter went and brought the message to Cornelius and all his family who were Gentiles.

"This week by the grace of God we were visited by two families in our apartment. We presented the gospel to one family through a survey that says, "Are you good enough?" They left meditating when they recognized that there is not a good one. We saw their faces of concern when they saw that the standard to measure us is the Word of God and the life of Jesus. We continue to strengthen our friendship with them.

"On Thursday, a woman came to our apartment and gave her life to Christ. She promised to start discipleship next Thursday. We continue to pray for her husband."

Deaths

L. "Mac" Wynn, 95 of Emerson, passed away June 4. He was member of First Baptist Church.

William Douglas Crisp, 49 of Magnolia, passed away May 29. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Waldo.

Steve Stewart, 56 of Jonesboro, passed away May 28. He was a member of Prospect Baptist Church.

Lorrie Towery, 46 of Manilla, passed away May 26. She was a member of Milligan Ridge Baptist Church.

Ann Bridges, 80 of Magnolia, passed away May 24. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Betty J. Davis, 82 of Greenbrier, passed away May 24. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Benjamin J. Couch, 85 of Searcy, passed away May 23. He was a deacon at Foster's Chapel Baptist Church.

Lula A. Payne, 95 of La Palma, Cal., passed away May 23. She was a member of First Baptist church in Damascus.

Mary R. Montgomery, 79 of Greenbrier, passed away May 23. She was a member of Springhill Baptist Church.

Mary Spigner, 90 of Nashville, passed away May 23. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Carolyn Caswell Triplet, 78 of Emerson, passed away May 22. She was a member of Brister Baptist Church.

Eddie Ann Burch, 62 of Hattiesville, passed away May 22. She was a mem-

Reports from the Churches

Charity, Ward added one by baptism; Keith Lewis, pastor.

Fairview, Jonesboro welcomed two by letter; Gary Henderson, pastor.

Fellowship, Hoxie gained one by letter; John Durham, pastor.

First, Bald Knob, received two by statement; Matthew Grantham, pastor.

Immanuel, Greenbrier reports two by statement; Tony Crocker, pastor.

Kingsland, Kingsland rejoices over three by baptism; Rick Bolin, pastor.

North View, NLR welcomed two by letter; Mike Cantrell, pastor.

Prospect, Jonesboro gained one by statement; Mike Book, pastor.

Sand Springs, Damascus rejoices two by letter and two by baptism; Gaylon King, pastor.

Spring Lake, Texarkana received one by letter; Randy Shepherd, pastor.

Sulphur Springs, Fordyce witnessed three by baptism and one by letter; Stan Hobson, pastor.

West Race, Searcy reports four by letter; Chad Brandon, pastor.

ber of Hattiesville Baptist Church.

Freda Mae Webb, 82 of North Little Rock, passed away May 8. She was a member of Berean Baptist Church.

Addie Grasby, 80 of North Little Rock, passed away Feb 23. She was a member of Berean Baptist Church.

VBS

Calvary, Stamps, June 12-15, 6-8:30 p.m.; theme — The Mighty God.

First, Cave Springs, June 12-17, 6-8:30 p.m.; theme — Zoomerang: Returning to the Value of Life.

Hattiesville, Hattiesville, June 12-17, 5:30-7:45 p.m.; theme - Jerusalem Market Place.

Bodcaw/Corinth, Rosston, June 13-17; 6:30 – 9 p.m.; theme – Zoomerang.

Celebration, Haskell, June 19-22, 6:30-8:00; MegaKids Camp.

Antioch, Conway, June 20-23, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; theme — Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.

Sulphur Springs, Quitman, June 20-24, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Zion, Fordyce, June 20-24, 6-8:30 p.m.; theme — Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.

First, North Lewisville, June 27-July 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; theme — The Mighty God.

Garner, Garner, June 27-July 1, 6 -8:20 p.m.; theme-Under Construction.

Bodcaw, Bodcaw, July 10-15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; theme — The Mighty God.

North View, NLR, July 10-14, 6:15-8:30 p.m.; theme — The Mighty God.

Temple, Rogers, July 10-14,

6:10-8:50 p.m.; theme - Norb-E.

Victory, Gentry, July 11-15, 6-8:10 p.m.; theme — Zoomerang.

County Line, Marvell, July 18-22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; theme — Victory.

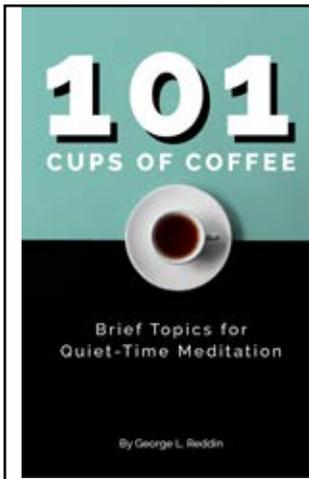
Kaley Hill, Quitman, July 18-22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Family Night, July 24; theme-Farm Fresh Faith.

Friendship, Greenbrier, July 23, 1-5 p.m.; family & friends cook-out to follow; theme – Friendship with Jesus.

Liberty, Stamps, July 25-29, 6-8:30 p.m.; theme Sparks Studio.



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