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## 11th Annual MUD Week Concludes

By Blake Pittman, Student Activities Coordinator • Central Baptist College

Twenty-nine Student Orientation Staff (SOS) members welcomed new students to the CBC campus beginning on Saturday, Aug. 13. MUD Week, which is an acronym for Mustangs Under Development, officially kicked off with dinner that night. Following dinner, the new freshmen and transfer students were placed on one of four

MUD Week activities included events such as Bunco Night, Hunger Games, Karaoke Night, Minute to Win It, Capture the Flag, Water Games and finally concluded with the MUD Run on Thursday, Aug. 18, which was also the first day of classes for the Fall 2022 semester. The MUD run consisted of several relay games leading to a giant mud slide. The tradition is that once students have slid down the MUD slide, they are officially Mustangs! Afterward, all students were invited to attend the Blue Party, where they were given a blue MUD Week t-shirt!

### SOS Dinner and Awards

Student Orientation Staff (SOS) is a group of returning CBC students whose primary role is to help new students feel welcome and at home at CBC. SOS team members are selected based on maturity, work ethic, friendliness and value-driven servant leadership. (*See the June 15, 2022 issue for a list of students selected for the SOS.*)

New students entering CBC are faced with numerous questions related to registration, housing, financial concerns and academic survival. Each SOS member plays a vital role in helping new students with these and other questions and issues, as well as building true relationships with them. SOS members are

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### MOVING with Ministers and Staff

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our website at  
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Big Creek Valley Baptist Church in Jonesboro is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. For more information, contact Interim Pastor Jim Thompson at (870) 935-2326 or (870) 926-1440.

Park Avenue Baptist Church in Searcy is seeking applicants for a youth director's position. Interested candidates can call Keith Lunceford at (501) 278-9016 or send resumes to Park Avenue Baptist Church, 211 E. Park Avenue, Searcy, Ark., 72143.

Southgate Baptist Church in Moore, Okla. is seeking a youth/associate pastor. For more information, contact Doug Brewer or Trisha Marlow at (405) 794-6646 or [southgatebaptistmoore@gmail.com](mailto:southgatebaptistmoore@gmail.com).



## Back to Sunday School Month

By Jordan Tew, Executive Director  
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Baptist Publishing House has designated September as Back to Sunday School Month (B2SS). Fall is a time when we all begin to get back into a normal routine, and it is the beginning of the church year for many congregations. Therefore, it is the perfect time for churches to place an emphasis on their Sunday School ministries.

We are asking churches to consider how effective and important a vibrant Sunday School ministry can be in discipling church members and reaching the lost. I recently learned about a family of five that came to the Lord and was baptized as a result of using the *Baptist Expositor* curriculum in their Sunday School class!

To help churches rev up and reignite their Sunday School ministries, we have developed the "B2SS Playbook." This resource includes several resources to help pastors and Sunday

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VSM Puerto Rico Team from June 2022 working with Pastor Alfredo Didier.

## VSM — Just Say, "Yes!"

By Margaret Anderson

Fourteen years ago, I went on my first short-term mission trip to the Philippines. I didn't feel like I was someone God could ever use, but during my junior year of college, I decided to give it a shot. Little did I know that God could and would use a young, inadequate college student to do his work among the nations. This was just the beginning, and it's been a wild ride ever since!

This feeling of inadequacy isn't uncommon among high school and college students. Many, if not the majority, feel as if there's no way God could possibly use them. All it takes is obedience. Is God asking you to step out, get uncomfortable and go reach the nations for Him? What's stopping you? Just say "yes" and go!

Volunteer Student Missions (VSM) helps students take the message of Jesus Christ to the nations, allows students the opportunity to experience a new culture and teaches students to have a Great Commission view of Christianity. Many who go on VSM trips end up staying involved by leading trips or even becoming full-time missionaries themselves.

VSM teams will serve alongside missionaries and local pastors in various modes of ministry, doing anything from teaching VBS to completing service projects that will both serve the people and build relationships for the missionaries in the community.

It's never too soon to start thinking and praying about next summer. Our 2022 teams are all back on U.S. soil, and we are starting to put together teams for 2023. Trips for 2023 include the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Ghana, Roma-

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## The Grove Center Burns, But God...

By Travis Matthews, Pastor • Graves Memorial, North Little Rock

The Grove was a vision brought together by God through His people and their willingness to be generous and kingdom-minded. Oak Grove Baptist Church helped give The Grove "roots" and a permanent place to call home. (*See the article on page 1 of the April 28, 2021 issue.*) This building had so much history and so many God moments — so many that one generation and one church body was not enough to contain the story of that place.

We were so blessed to have had the property for almost a year and a half. In that time, we opened a clothing/thrift store, selling clothing and household goods at affordable prices to help people. We also opened one of the largest "choice-based" self-sufficient pantries in the state. This pantry, staffed by over 20 volunteers each

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# IN MY OWN WORDS

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**PRAYING FOR**  
*Our Children's Teachers*

manipulate the minds of kids? I'm sure there are, but I've just never met them.

Should we be concerned about what our children are learning? Absolutely. Should we ask about what they are being taught? Certainly, we should. But we should also be about respecting those who are teaching our kids. We should pray for them, encourage them and champion them. It's amazing to me that some parents will treat K-12 grade public school teachers with disdain, then turn around and pay big bucks for their kids to become indoctrinated by a godless government in a public college. Now, I'm not down on state-run universities, but, if your kid is going to have an agenda forced on them, it'll more than likely be in a state university. And most parents never say a thing about that. They just accept it and keep shelling out the cash.

So, commit to pray for your child's teachers this year! Be the parent that asks to help the teacher! Be the parent that sends the teacher little gifts and encourages them. Teachers make an important impact on the life of a child. They absolutely help change lives, and they are worthy of our prayers!



## Sports News

By Erik Holth

### Women's Soccer

• Dallas, Texas, Aug. 20 — Kicking off the 2022 season, CBC took on the Tigers of Paul Quinn College. A pair of first half goals allowed CBC (0-0-1) to lead 2-1 at halftime before allowing a goal in the second half, fighting to a 2-2 draw with PQC (0-0-1). Samara Hernandez and Vitoria Loiola were the goal scorers for the Mustangs. Erica Hawkins assisted on both goals, and Ashley Hultquist also had an assist.

### Men's Soccer

• Dallas, Texas, Aug. 20 — CBC took on the Tigers of Paul Quinn College on the road. CBC (1-0) got a pair of debut goals to beat PQC (0-1) by a score of 2-0. Daniel Pinkney, picking up where he left off with Waldorf last season, scored for the Mustangs, as did fellow newcomer George Caudwell. Jasper Gadella made six saves in net, playing all 90 minutes and earning his first career shutout in his first career start.

### Opportunities For Service

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

County Line Baptist Church in Marvell is seeking a full-time pastor. Inquiries may be made to Tommie Shackelford at (870) 338-2873.

Eastside Baptist Church in Lonoke is seeking a pianist/keyboardist for Sunday Morning services. For

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## Recent Podcasts

One of my favorite things we do with Student Ministry Matters is our weekly podcast. Each week, we provide a different conversation about student ministry. It has been exciting to see how God has blessed our little ministry. We currently have 128 episodes with over 12,000 total downloads. We have reached 49 of the 50 states and over 30 countries. It has definitely been a fun ride as we have had the opportunity to interview some great people and talk about some important topics.

Today, I want to highlight some of the recent episodes you may have missed out on. You can find the podcast at studentministrymatters.podbean.com or through most major podcasting apps.

• **Episode 128, Write It on Their Hearts with Melissa Swain** — On this episode, we discussed Melissa's new book about family discipleship. Her late husband, Chris, served as our speaker at the 2020 Virtual Student Ministry Workers Retreat and was a champion for discipleship, working alongside Robby Gallaty of Replicate Ministries. After Chris' untimely death in 2021, Chris' daughter encouraged Melissa to finish Chris' work on family discipleship.

• **Episode 125, Successful Student Ministry with Sam Rainer** — This episode was a special treat for me. I have listened to Sam and his father, Thom on their podcast (Rainer on Leadership) for years. Their weekly conversations help pastors and others in ministry find Biblical solutions to tough situations. It was great speaking to him about student ministry and what that should look like in the church.

• **Episode 123, Fostering, Adopting and Student Ministry with Somer Colbert** — In our conversation with Somer, we discussed the realities and needs that will hit the church with the change in abortion laws. Somer serves with Cross Church in Northwest Arkansas and helps families in matters of foster care and adoption.

• **Episodes 109-112, Helping Students Navigate Difficulties** — In these four episodes, we talk with the counselors of Fresh Roots Family Counseling of Rogers and discuss some of the difficult emotional issues that may be impacting our students. We talk about family break-ups, anxiety, COVID-19 and death/loss. The team at Fresh Roots are faith-based counselors that care very deeply about honoring God in their practice.

We have covered a large number of topics since beginning in February 2020. If you are stuck in your student ministry, visit studentministrymatters.podbean.com and search for the topics that interest you.

If you are a listener already, thanks! Reach out and let us know how we can better serve you with our ministry. You can contact us at info@studentministry-matters.com. If you really enjoy it, support us monthly. You can do that through our patron program (patron.podbean.com/StudentMinistryMatters) or mail us a monthly check to BMA of AR Youth Department, c/o Calvary Baptist Church, 1410 North Porter Road, Fayetteville, Ark. 72703.

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**Fellowship Baptist Church in Marion** is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes may be sent to Fellowship Baptist Church, P.O. Box 66, Marion, Ark. 72364 or fellowship.marion@gmail.com.

**Fairview Baptist Church in Blytheville** is seeking a full-time pastor. For more information call or text Rodney Cooper at 870-278-1797 or email at cooper@manilaschools.org.

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

### STUDENT MINISTRY MATTERS

WITH DAN CARSON & CHRIS VINES  
WEEKLY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT STUDENT MINISTRY



## Let's Hear It for the Teachers!

I enjoy looking at the pics on social media of all the students beginning the new school year. Moms and Dads proudly display impromptu photos of their kids headed off to take in all the new school year has to offer. Most of the kids look pretty happy about it. They may not really be all that happy, but at least they are putting on a good face. It's all about turning a new page. It's a rite of passage. It's about parents realizing they will never pass this way again, and it's about students seizing the day.

But school is more than just about the students. It's also about the people waiting for them to fill up those classrooms. Teachers are amazing people. They have hard jobs filled with long days and over-the-top expectations. They serve as educators because they want to make a difference in the life of a child. I mean, that has to be it, right?

Honestly, it can't be for the money. There's too much stress, too many people looking over your shoulder and way too much noise for it to be about the money. Teachers teach because they want to invest in the lives of students.

There's a lot of talk out there on the subject of "what's going on in our classrooms?" Teachers have come under a lot of scrutiny as of late because of Critical Race Theory, the LGBT agenda and other social constructs that have infected our culture. And while I am the first to throw up my hand and say, "Don't spend my tax dollars pushing those lies on our kids," I would like to tell you that I've never met a teacher with any motive to do that. In fact, all the teachers I know aren't interested at all in teaching propaganda. They really want to help kids be the best students they can be. Are there teachers out there wanting to

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## Reports from the Churches



**Beacon, Taylor** reports one by baptism; Karry Easley, pastor.

**Eastside, Monticello** welcomed eleven by letter; Carl Hayes, pastor.

**Fellowship, Walnut Ridge** added one by baptism; John Durham, pastor.

**Oak Park, Little Rock** gained one by baptism and one by letter since last report; Dr. Gary O'Neal, pastor.

**Magnolia, Hattiesburg, Miss.** welcomed two by baptism; Greg Medenwald, pastor.

## HOMECOMINGS

**Faustina, Harrell**, Aug. 28; 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship (Russ Hopper); potluck lunch to follow. Gene Boyette, pastor.

your attention and control. Bill Elliff adds this on fasting, "You experience an amazing quiet when the voices that pull you in multiple directions are starved and silenced."

An extended time of seeking and being in His presence (a day or more) along with fasting enables you to give Him your attention and only Him. Remember, Jesus did not say "if" you fast but "when" you fast. This intentional, focused time reminds you that your perspective is limited but His perspective is unlimited. Fasting settles you into His agenda because you have quieted all the other voices.

Through prayer and fasting, you are giving your attention to Him and nothing but Him. You are stating, with even greater intensity, "All I need is You!" You are pursuing Him and what He desires more than what you desire by walking away from the noise, activities, busyness and even the satisfaction of a good meal.

Elmer Towns states: "Fasting should be combined with prayer. God called us to fast and pray. If you are fasting a certain meal of the day, use the time you would normally be eating to pray. The combination of prayer and fasting is a powerful way to focus on seeking God for breakthroughs and answers to prayer."

Here are some great resources for you to make your time more profitable:

- *Fasting for Spiritual Break Through* by Elmer L. Towns.

These next resources are free PDF files we will share if you email us and request them at [larry@bmaam.com](mailto:larry@bmaam.com) or [heidi@bmaam.com](mailto:heidi@bmaam.com):

- "Personal Revival Checklist" by Bill Elliff;

- "10 Different Types of Fasts in the Bible" by Elmer Towns; and

- "Put on the Armor of God" by Dr. Charles Stanley.

Also, contact us if you are interested in our regional prayer retreats or in us showing you a way that you, personally or your church, can have a prayer retreat.

Fasting allows you to say "no" to the many things that are always striving for

## Just Thinking...

By Dr. Tom Mitchell

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Thank  
you



## "Thanks for the Memories!"

The late comedian Bob Hope made famous the song, "Thanks for the Memories." He said he sang the song to every audience who responded to his shows, which were filled with jokes and music. It was his way of expressing heartfelt gratitude. I was just thinking about how we believers should take time to say to others who have impacted our lives: "Thanks for the memories!"

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers at Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Phil. 1:3 NIV).

## God Brings People into Our Lives

Over the past several years I have been writing for the *Baptist Trumpet*, I have referred to numerous trailblazers of our associated work. The majority of those I wrote about impacted me personally at one time or another. Some of them I was able to send notes of appreciation for their influence on my life, but others were promoted to Heaven before I realized I needed to thank them.

Today, while I can't say thank you to them, I can thank my God for the special memories I have of each of them. The Lord brought each of these people into my life at times when I needed them most. Sadly, I didn't realize their impact until later. I urge you to recognize that God has done the same for you — bringing certain people into your life to help, mold, teach, witness to and encourage you.

## Thank God for Parents

My parents have been gone for decades. I can't thank them now, but I thank God for letting me be their son. I am truly thankful for the memories. However, many of you still have your parents today. If so, don't let time pass without thanking them for their love, sacrifices, influence, provision and intercession as they raised you in their home.

## Thank God for Educators

When I recall my younger years, I am ashamed that I didn't recognize the benefits of good instructors. Some were the educators during my elementary, secondary and college years. I owe so many debts of gratitude.

One such was Mrs. (Susie) McCray. From the time I entered the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I heard how she was such a tough teacher — a mean old bear! I prayed that she would retire before I entered the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. How foolish! Today, Mrs. Susie remains one of the educators for whom I am most grateful. Yes, she was tough, but I learned so much from her in English and literature classes. I couldn't write these columns had it not been for her. I thank God when I remember her!

To those I must add the spiritual educators — Sunday School teachers, youth workers and pastors, along with their wives, influenced me much more than I ever realized. Each of you can probably identify with what I am saying. Please, if the opportunity still exists, call, text or write a note to thank them for their impact on your life. For those who are no longer here, thank God for the memories.

## Thank God for Churches

In this group are some of those I previously mentioned, but I refer to the bodies of Christ of which you have been part. God brought those people into your life for a purpose, and likely you never realized it!

In the course of my 76 years, I have been part of 13 churches in one way or another. That does not include the scores of other churches where I have been privileged to preach. Each of those was instrumental in the development of my spiritual growth, and I am so thankful for each of them.

Some of you may have been in one church all your lives. Still others may be like me, part of several. Either way, each of you has experienced God putting people in your life to accomplish His purpose.

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## When You Fast

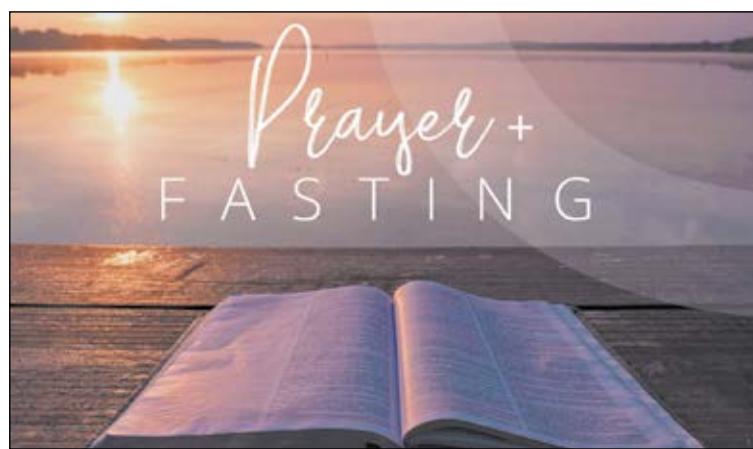
Jesus was asked in Matt. 9:14-15 why He and His disciples did not fast like the Pharisees and others. He responded, "the time will come when the groom will be taken from them, and then they will fast..." (HCSB). Jesus let them know that once He ascended back to the Father there would be fasting. This would coincide with a longing for the "not yet" of His kingdom here on earth.

Fasting is a physical exclamation point on the end of desiring Him and saying, "I need You, Lord! I want You, Lord! I want more of Your presence and power in my life." The heart of fasting is a longing. You are putting your stomach where your heart is.

Fasting adds intensity and expressiveness to our ache for Jesus to be in control of every area of our soul — spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and relational. Fasting expresses your passion for Jesus' power to be realized in every area of your life at this very moment. Do you desire to see more people saved? Do you desire to see more marriages restored? Do you desire to be filled continuously by the Holy Spirit? Do you desire to bear the fruit of the Spirit? Do you long for biblical repentance and a return to a total commitment to His commands and His Word? Fasting declares that there is something more important to you than food.

Fasting not only has the positive side of longing and increased commitment, it also exposes idols in your life and anything that is controlling you. When you are not being medicated by food, what comes out of your heart? Fasting can expose anger, lust, ungodliness, pride and anything else you desire more than Him.

A 24-hour fast is a good place to start because this spiritual discipline is a positive expression of a burden in your heart and the negative exposure of the condition of your heart. There are particular strongholds in our lives that will only be broken down and removed through prayer and fasting.



## Prayer + FASTING

Fasting adds an intensity to how serious you are about removing sin from your life, His intervention in someone else's life, discernment, wisdom and His direction. Psalm 139:23-24 gives us a template for this: search me, test me, point out to me, and lead me. Satan's greatest fear is the presence of God, and he is constantly tempting you to do anything that will abort God's presence from your life and your church. Whether it is selfishness, conflict, unforgiveness, sinful behavior or even heresy, all of these things indicate God's absence. You must make it the goal of your life to do everything to ensure God's presence.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that invites Jesus back into the equation by showing Him how serious you really are. Bob Roberts Jr. states, "There is only one thing worse than God's judgment on the church, and that is His absence." God's manifest presence begins in your quiet time as you seek Him daily and sit at His feet. Do not squander this precious opportunity to abide in Him. Beginning your day with prayer ensures that you want to discover and follow His agenda, not yours. This daily steady continual commitment cannot be overstated but you should also consider spending extended times seeking Him.

In *Presence Centered Church*, Bill Elliff gives this insight: "Any leader who desires to experience the presence must make deliberate time to dial in....

Usually you will make more progress in this one day of concentrated communion than in a whole week of scattered thinking." In this focused prayer time, fasting increases your ability to make sure you are dialed into the right frequency. Fasting can quiet us and usher us, in a very special way, into His presence. Psalm 35:13 says: "Yet when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting, and my prayer was genuine."

Fasting allows you to say "no" to the many things that are always striving for

## MUD WEEK

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tasked to plan and implement activities to help new students develop lasting and meaningful relationships to help them feel connected to CBC.

SOS has been a highlight of CBC's new student orientation program for well over a decade. The 2022 Student Orientation Staff was directed by Student Activities Coordinator Blake Pittman.

To celebrate SOS for their hard work and service during MUD Week, a dinner was held in their honor on the evening of Aug. 19. Team Leaders presented the **SOS Spark Plug Awards** (one per team) and the **SOS Reflector Awards** (one per team). The **MUD Week 2022 Leader Award** and the **Team Spirit Award** were also presented.

The SOS Spark Plug Award is given to the team member that is the heart of the team. This team member is energetic, encouraging and tireless in their efforts to motivate their team. Spark Plugs were awarded to **Sierra Burrow, Rebecca Hanry, Landon Hitchcock and Abby Wilson**.

The SOS Reflector Award is given to the team member that best reflects the core values of SOS which include respect for others, friendship, integrity, fun, service and servant leadership. Reflector Awards were awarded to **Dillon Hall, Kane Harrell, Sheridan Rogers and Grace Vandergriff**.

The MUD Week 2022 Leader Award is presented to the team member who excelled in their role on SOS. The award recipient is given an automatic spot as a Team Leader for the 2023 Student Orientation Staff without having to go through the application and interview process. The Leader Award was presented to **Abby Wilson**.

The Team Spirit Award is presented to the team that goes above and beyond throughout the week. The team does an exceptional job planning their assigned events, is on time, is encouraging and helpful to the other teams and is actively engaging new students. The 2022 Team Spirit Award was presented to the **Red Team led by Ben Stevens**.

Though MUD week can be a crazy time for both new students and members of the SOS, Senior Team Leader Autumn Herring said "After praying and preparing for a long time for MUD Week and the new students we would be welcoming, it was so rewarding to see how God blessed our efforts. By the end of the week, the new CBC students were already becoming part of the Mustang family, and that's what it is all about."

*Editor's Note: See collage of photos from MUD week on page 8.*

## GROVE

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week, grew to serve over 200 families in the community, representing over 500 people each month. Shoppers were treated with dignity and respect as they shopped for items to meet the needs of their families.

The income purchased food for the pantry allowing us to remain unassociated with any governmental service. We also offered "cooking on a budget" classes, canning/preserving classes and gardening classes to help our community learn valuable tools to help stretch their budget and eat healthier. These past few months have been amazing! Conversations with shoppers, prayers and tears were shed as we truly got to know our community in a way we never knew we could.

My phone rang at 3:17 a.m. on Aug. 16 and a friend and volunteer firefighter told me the news. I rushed there and watched as fire departments from four different cities tried to save the building but, as the sun came up, it was clear the building was a total loss.

### But God...

I watched as our volunteers ran to McDonald's to grab breakfast and coffee for these exhausted men. At that moment, God reminded my saddened spirit that ministry isn't a building, but the people of God surrendered to loving Him and others. Don't get me wrong, it was so hard watching our church family drive up and weep. It was worse redirecting people driving in to get food as we were supposed to open at 9 a.m. that morning.

It's been hard, but our church met Sunday, Aug. 21 and it was abundantly clear it's not "will we rebuild?" but most definitely "when can we start?" We were insured and we trust that God will provide in abundance to replace the building and make it bigger and better as it is built with our mission in mind.

We are about to share publicly that we have a new temporary location that will allow us to open as soon as next weekend. It will be at the Oak Grove Church of Christ (OGCC). Though so many groups, churches and businesses have contacted us to offer facility space, the OGCC seems to be the best fit. (The church is considering closing its doors and has offered us complete use of their building for the time being).

We are excited! We are committed! We are ready for this next journey at this sacred place covered in majestic oak trees. We claim the promised truth of Rom. 8:28! This fire is not the end but a new beginning. He is always working for our good and for His ultimate glory!

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

**Mount Calvary** — Sept. 8, 7 p.m.; Letona, Letona; Bill Goodwin.

**BMA of the Ozarks** — Sept. 9, 2 p.m., meeting; 5 p.m., dinner; worship following dinner; Springdale, Springdale; Wes Hulvey.

**North Arkansas** — Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.; Center Grove, Cord; Bill Teague.

**Mt. Vernon** — Sept. 10, 10 a.m.; Rondo, Lexa; Marty Cantwell.

**United** — Sept. 10, 10 a.m.; Denver Street, Greenwood; Derrick Bremer.

**Mt. Vernon Dist. Brotherhood**, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.; Central, Hughes.

**Central Arkansas** — Sept. 22, 10 a.m.; El Faro, Little Rock; Gary Lambright.

**South Arkansas** — Sept. 23, 7 p.m.; Blanchard Springs, Junction City; Mike Senn.

**Columbia** — Sept. 25, 5 p.m.; Macedonia, Magnolia; Paul Bullock.

**Clark** — Sept. 27, 7 p.m.; New Caney, Gurdon; Kenneth Anderson.

**Union** — Oct. 2, 3:30 p.m., meeting; 6 p.m., worship service; Riverside, Fulton; Larry Byers.

**Central Ark. WMA**, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.; South City, Little Rock.

**Greenbrier** — Oct. 9, 3:30 p.m., Missionary Committee; 4 p.m., general session; 6 p.m., message; First, Damascus; Danny Paul.

**Harmony** — Oct. 9, 6 p.m.; Spring Lake, Texarkana; Don Embry.

**Central Ark. Dist. Brotherhood**, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.; Village Creek, Mabelvale.

**Judson** — Oct. 15, 9 a.m.; Bethel #1, Rison; Rick Bolin.

**Jonesboro** — Oct. 15, 10 a.m.; Prospect, Jonesboro; Ken Beaver.

**Arkansas Prairie** — Oct. 21-22; 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday; Forks of Lague, Dewitt; Robert Wade.

**Howard** — Oct. 22, 10 a.m.; Center Point, Nashville; Chuck Reel.



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## Revivals

**Faustina, Harrell**, Aug. 29-31; 7 p.m.; Jim Moss, evangelist; Gene Boyette, pastor.

**Flat Rock, Quitman**, Aug. 29-Sep. 3; 6:30 p.m. nightly; Myle Evans, evangelist/pastor.

**Macedonia, Jonesboro**, Aug. 29-31; 7:30 p.m.; Mon., Larry Merrill; Tues., Gary Gibson; Wed., Don Howard; Don Seat, pastor.

**Eastside, Monticello**, Sep 4-8; 7 p.m.; Michael Griffith, evangelist; Carl Hayes, pastor.

**Fourth Street, West Helena**, Sep. 18-21; 5 p.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; Luke Watson, evangelist; Lance Madden, pastor.

**Cornerstone, Arkadelphia**, Sep. 19-22; 6:30 p.m.; Marcus Crawley, evangelist; Larry Newsom, pastor.

**Liberty, Stamps**, Sep. 19-22; 7 p.m.; Roger Copeland, evangelist; Adam Rogers, pastor.

**Antioch, Hampton**, Oct. 16-19, 7 p.m.; Jim Moss, evangelist.

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

**Kingsland, Kingsland**, Nov. 1-3, 7 p.m.; Jeremy Horton, evangelist; Rick Bolin, pastor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**David Markham & Truth Infusion**, Sept. 18, 10:45 a.m.; pot luck and an afternoon of singing to follow; Liberty, Stamps.

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

**Art for Water Gala**, Oct. 18; 5:30 p.m. - Meet and Greet, 6:30 p.m. -Dinner and Program; Governor's Mansion, Little Rock.

**Lifeword Sunday**, Oct. 23.

**Friends and Family Day**, Oct. 30; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship; pot luck to follow; Kingsland, Kingsland; Rick Bolin, pastor.

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

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

**National Galilean Camp**, June 23-26; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville.

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# Tinoco Uses Technology To Reach Tarma and Tribes

By Holly Meriweather, Lead Writer • BMA America

Lifeword Global Partner and BMA Pastor Paul Tinoco has been a part of the BMA since 1996 when he wrote an unsigned thank you letter that eventually found its way to BMAA Missionary to Bolivia Jimmy Swindoll. The letter praised Lifeword's El Contacto Cristiano radio program and its preaching of sound doctrine, along with a request to join the association, which was granted. During a medical mission trip (BMMI) to Peru in 2015 Tinoco, met Director of Operations Luis Ortega, who later contacted Tinoco and introduced him to Lifeword Community Radio.

Since then, he has led the effort to take the gospel to Peru through media. Tinoco pastors Iglesia Bíblica Bautista de Tarma in Tarma, Peru, where there are six mission churches. For the past two years, he and his church members have been unable to meet because of the pandemic, but now they go out into the streets to evangelize on Thursdays and Saturdays. COVID restrictions have been very hard on the people of Peru, but he says, "Lifeword's resources have been very helpful to continue carrying the gospel. Thanks to them, we have been able to focus on working with another jungle tribe."

Bro. Tinoco has a clear calling that includes people groups in difficult-to-reach areas. When he hears about unreached tribes, he begins planning the installation of powerful transmitters in the jungles of Peru where there are no evangelical radio stations. Currently, there are 32 community radio stations in Peru that cover almost the entire country. Some station transmitters have been lost through the years, he said, and some are small transmitters that don't last long, so maintenance is always necessary.

## Asheninkas

The jungle tribe Tinoco referenced is the Asheninkas (not to be confused with the Ashaninkas whose spelling and pronunciation is almost identical). The Asheninkas are geographically closer and can be reached in five to six hours. Since 2021, he and ministry leaders have been working with this tribe, and they already have a piece of land to build a church that will be made of wood. They call it "Noah's Ark." Currently, he and his leaders are training someone to lead this people group.

## Ashaninkas

With a total of 122 churches, the Asheninkas people group has a more mature work with 3 leaders, one of whom has planted 14 churches. Travel to the rivers and jungles of the Asheninkas takes almost 15 hours by boat. Because of geographic situations, it is better to have two different radio stations — one for Asheninkas and another one for Asheninkas.

## Quechua

Recordings have been produced in Quechua, where E. Harold Hernderson's doctrinal teachings have been translated. (To hear a sample of these broadcasts, visit the Lifeword Cloud: lifeword.org/quechua). An application has also been submitted for new licenses in the jungle. There are four types of Quechua, and they have planned a November meeting in the jungle with the other language groups.

## Aymara

In Islave, a powerful radio station that is licensed and approved was installed over five years ago and is going strong. Pastor Edy Quispe and his brothers are preaching in Aymara and recording monthly programs that not only can be heard in the city of Islave but also in parts of Bolivia. These programs are also a translation of E. Harold Henderson's doctrinal sermons about what we believe as BMA Baptists. (To hear a sample of these broadcasts, visit the Lifeword Cloud: lifeword.org/aymara.)

## Muruhay

The Muruhay people live in an area of paganism and idolatry where the "dark arts" are practiced. A new program is in the works to reach those who are caught up in the occult, and Bro. Tinoco is praising the Lord that a brother has opened his home as a station to transmit the gospel by radio.

Because the government has changed management, they still need an official transmission license from the Ministry of Transportation. Although it is not yet approved, Pastor Paul says that process is 99% complete. They are also applying for new licenses in the jungles of Peru because there are no evangelical stations in the area. There is already a transmitter in the district of Ocobamba, but they are waiting for the official transport license.

While some of these tribes also speak Spanish, it is not their heart language, which is the most effective way for people to understand the gospel. Tinoco's

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## Janet Race Passes Away

Janet Carol Vail Race, 63 of Fairfield, Texas, passed away on Aug. 18. For 43 years, she was married to Shelby Race, who has served as worship pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield, Texas for 38 years. She served as an educator for over 33 years until her retirement in 2019.

Other survivors include: a son, Jonathan Kirk of Ennis, Texas; a daughter, Amy (Greg) Rutledge of Bastrop, Texas; her mother, Lavonne Thames; a sister, Dianne (Mike) Hail; and a brother, Don (Polly) Vail.

A service was held on Aug. 21 at Calvary Baptist Church with Donny Parrish and Richard Smith officiating. Interment followed at Lake Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Capps Memorial Chapel (cappschapel.com).

## Deaths

**Bobbie Jean Payne Linville**, 92 of Nashville, passed away Aug. 18. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

**J.D. Miller**, 83 of Magnolia, passed away Aug. 18. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

**James Selwyn Whitehead**, 91 of Magnolia, passed away Aug. 12. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

**Mary Jimmie Rogers**, 92 of Magnolia, passed away Aug. 9. She was a member of College View Baptist Church.

## MEMORIES (Continued From Page 3) God is Not Finished Yet!

Paul continued his letter to Philippi: "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:4-5).

The person who says "I don't need anyone" is foolish. Everybody needs somebody sometimes! People need the Lord, and God puts people in their lives to meet that need. I often say, "It's not what you know that counts. It's who you know that makes the difference. That's the only reason I'm going to Heaven!"

Have a great rest of the week and thank someone for impacting your life. Thank God and them for the memories!

## Spotlight On Missions

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### Brandon & Brittney Lingle • Thailand

• Nine Years in Thailand — As of Aug. 19, it has been nine years since we sold everything we had, packed our three bags and boarded a plane for Thailand, and we want to say, "Thank you." Many of you have been with us since the very beginning. We know we couldn't do what we do and be here without faithful people like you holding the rope and sending us here! We have seen God's faithfulness through the years, and it's been a joy to be here.

• Baby Judah Update — We have had a lot of doctor appointments in the last month. We are so thankful for your prayers and have been so encouraged to hear from so many of you. Since the last update we gave, we have found a new doctor that has been very kind and helpful in many ways. She has arranged a team of doctors to do everything they can on their end to help Judah, and we know this is an answered prayer.

At a recent appointment with the doctors, they were apologizing that we have to face this hard time, and I was able to share about God and how He is our hope in this life even with so many uncertainties. I also shared with them that so many of you, our faithful friends, are praying for our sweet baby.

Right now, he's 35 weeks. Although he is really small still, he is growing and moving. The doctor's hope is that he stays in until 38 weeks to get bigger and stronger.

A lot of things are still just uncertain, and we won't know until he is born. The doctors have been very good to us by just presenting information and leaving the decisions to us. So we have been thankful and praying for God's wisdom in making those decisions. Right now, the main problems (abnormalities) they think they can see in Judah's sonogram are heart (VSD), omphalocele (intestines in umbilical cord), horseshoe kidney and brain. Thank you again for praying for us. We go for another check-up in two weeks.

• Praise — The team of doctors wanting to help us, opportunities to share our faith, and the opportunity to serve here for the past nine years.

• Prayer — For Judah and Brittney and for North Bangkok Church as we are looking for a place of our own. We have found a few places that could work to rent and are praying for wisdom in choosing.

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### Mickeal and Sharon Quillman • Zambia

Two Weeks — It doesn't feel like it has been two weeks, but at the same time, it feels longer. It's hard to explain how that is. It's been two weeks since we left the U.S., two weeks since we hugged and kissed family goodbye and two weeks since we started this journey. Our flights from the U.S. to Zambia were amazingly smooth, our transition into the country was amazingly smooth, and our adaption into the Phiri family has been amazingly smooth.

We have been staying in the lodge next to our new home, getting our rooms ready for us to live. We added an AC unit in our bedroom for when it gets over 90° in the house. The mosquitos are so bad in the evenings that we haven't been able to open any windows and you can't stay outside very long, so we have also added removable screens in order to open the windows and cool down the house.

We were given four mosquito nets by Josh and Meagan's midwife. The nets were See SPOTLIGHT, Page 6



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## The Great Deception Trap is Set – Part II

*Editor's Note: See the first part of this article on page 6 of the Aug. 17 issue.*

I hope the previous article in which I wrote, "Islam could possibly be the religion of the Antichrist," piqued your interest and, even more so, Islam's possible role in the Great Deception. Again, there isn't a verse that explicitly points to Islam playing this role, but as I've written extensively, the Bible seems to provide ample evidence that the empire of the Antichrist will be a revived Ottoman Empire led from Turkey. And there doesn't seem to be a possibility of an Ottoman Empire detached from Islam. Therefore, since the Great Deception is synonymous with the rise of the Antichrist, it appears the Great Deception trap is set already.

Like Christianity, Islam has an "end times;" but unlike within Christianity, Muslims are driven by their eschatology. Their jihad is to usher in "their" end of the age. What is absolutely shocking is that their end times scenario is the exact opposite of ours. It's as if someone purposely counterfeited Bible prophecy. Hmm, who would do something like that?

If you remember from history class, Muhammad received the sacred text of Islam when an "angel" appeared to him in a cave. Yet, in his description of being given the "angelic" message, the "angel" doesn't act as any angel in the Bible does. Rather there appears to be an evil nature to him. There may have been some type of celestial or spiritual being that appeared in that cave, but it seems likely to be from the other team. Regardless of how the Islamic prophecies were given, they are sneakily counterfeit to ours.

Let's start with the first prophesied figure in our eschatology—the Antichrist. He's presented with many other names in the Bible, but I find it easier to just stick with one name so we know we're talking about the same figure. In short, our view of the Antichrist is that when the world is going through tribulation and difficulty, he will rise on the scene, promise peace and the

world will gravitate to him. He'll bring peace to Israel and make a seven-year peace agreement with them. He will campaign to conquer other nations. Then in the middle of those seven years, he will set up headquarters in Jerusalem. He'll commit the abomination of desolation in relationship to the Temple in Jerusalem. Then he will turn on the Jewish people. At the end of the seven years, he will be defeated when Jesus returns on the White Horse.

Check out this list from Joel Richardson's *The Islamic Antichrist* about what Muslim teachings say about their messiah-figure they call the Mahdi:

- The Mahdi is Islam's primary messiah figure.
- He will be a descendant of Muhammad and will bear Muhammad's name (Muhammad bin Abdullah).
- He will be a very devout Muslim.
- He will be an unparalleled spiritual, political and military world leader.
- He will emerge after a period of great turmoil and suffering upon the earth.
- He will lead a world revolution and establish a new world order.
- He will lead military action against all those who oppose him.
- He will invade many countries.
- He will make a seven-year peace treaty with Israel.
- He will conquer Israel for Islam and lead the "faithful Muslims" in a final slaughter/battle against Jews.
- He will establish the new Islamic world headquarters from Jerusalem.
- He will rule for seven years.
- He will cause Islam to be the only religion practiced on the earth.
- He will appear riding a white horse.
- He will discover some previously undiscovered biblical manuscripts that he will use to argue with the Jews and cause some Jews to convert to Islam.
- He will also rediscover the Ark of the Covenant from the Sea of Galilee, which he will bring to Jerusalem.
- He will have supernatural power

## SPOTLIGHT

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made to be hung above a bed so they looked similar to a cube. We were able to adapt the nets to screen in the front porch, and this is a huge blessing. The front porch stays shaded for the majority of the day, so by screening it in, we can utilize the porch as another part of the house. It also allows us to sit out on the porch with the kids and let them play. It would have taken us a lot longer to get these things done if it hadn't been for our Temple Baptist Jonesboro team, Steve and Ken. You guys were crucial to getting us into our new home.

In between working on the house from Allah over the wind and the rain and crops.

• He will be loved by all the people of the earth.

Did you see the similarities of the Muslim messiah, the Mahdi, and our Antichrist? They're exact opposites. This means that the one the Muslim world is looking for as their messiah (oversimplification because there is division within Islam) is said to do the same things the Antichrist is said to do. Therefore, the actual rise of the Antichrist could be seen and understood from the Muslim world as the arrival of their Messiah/Mahdi.

We could write this off as only a deception to the Muslim world but imagine if this was to happen, then it would appear to the rest of the world that Islam had been the true religion all this time. This becomes even more dangerous in a world that is turning more and more against Christianity.

Can you see the makings of an ultimate deception? And we've just scratched the surface. The deception becomes even greater with the next stage in Islamic eschatology in which they say Jesus returns and performs miracles on behalf of the Mahdi. Their Jesus matches our False Prophet.

A great deception indeed. Again, I'm taking a risk and stepping out on a limb because we don't have a direct passage showing Islam would play a part at the end of the age, but due to the evidence of the origin of the Antichrist and his empire, I believe this is worth exploring.

*Jake is the newest state missionary and would love to share about the work in Northwest Arkansas and encourage your church to stand firm. (standfirmministries.com)*

projects, we took the team to the Mbangweta and Delavu villages to do eye exams and pass out glasses that had been donated to us. We can't explain the joy on the people's faces when we would put the glasses on them and they could actually see! It was also funny seeing the ones who needed glasses but didn't want them and then seeing the ones who didn't need them but did want them. One young woman wanted glasses so bad, but her vision was perfect. As she was walking out, Sharon was handed a pair of glasses that didn't have lenses, so she caught up with the girl and gave them to her. Everyone laughed when she stuck her fingers through the lenses and there weren't any there!

We were also able to walk the land where the new Delavu church will be planted and talk out where the bore-hole will need to be placed. The land for the Delavu church is being donated by Rudolph, one of the villagers, who will also be the pastor. He will be one of the first students in our Bible Training Center for Pastors (BTCP) program. *(BTCP is a curriculum that was developed to train new pastors who would never be able to attend a seminary. The course takes two years and is equivalent to 520 credit hours. It begins with Bible study techniques and covers the entire Bible as well as how to prepare sermons, theology and doctrine. The goal is to leave fully trained pastors and disciple-makers within the villages. The curriculum is reproducible as well. After year 1 and the end of book 5, that pastor in training can now begin training another new pastor starting in book 1 while he completes books 6-10.)*

While we were there, we heard that Oneness, Rudolph's wife, has been sick. Sharon was able to ask her enough questions that we think we've discovered the issue is with her kidneys. She advised her to drink more water and lay on an incline instead of laying flat. On another trip to Delavu, we were able to bring in a bottle of cranberry juice as well as some concentrated cranberry powder. We gave her four soda bottles and told her she needed to be drinking at least all four bottles full of water every day. Because the well is so far for them, it's difficult for them to get enough water. The new borehole being placed on their land will be such a blessing. Oneness did tell the team that the incline sleeping did help with the pain and now it just hurts when she gets up. Please pray for Oneness that cranberry juice and water will help her pain to subside.

Yesterday, while Josh took the team to the airport in Zimbabwe, Sharon and I went into town in our "new to us" car. We were able to find an inexpensive automatic four-door sedan to get us around until we could find a 4x4 SUV. We will most likely keep this car even after we buy another vehicle because it gives Sharon and Meagan a vehicle they can easily drive in case of an emergency. We were able to pick up a shower conversion kit for our bathtub and we will be installing it tomorrow. Once that is done, we will be ready to move into the Phiri home permanently.

## B2SS

### (Continued From Page 1)

School teachers reinvigorate their Sunday School ministries. Here are some practical steps every congregation can take are:

- Pray for your Sunday School teachers and classes.
- Begin a new class.
- Visit inactive members, give them a Sunday School book and invite them to join your class.
- Visit shut-ins and give them a Sunday School book so they can study at home.
- Host a Sunday School fellowship.

More information and ideas are included in the B2SS Playbook. You can download it at baptistpublishinghouse.com/b2ss. I hope you will join the **60+ churches** that have already signed up for this important ministry effort!

We hit as many of the highlights as we could in this newsletter but, trust us, it's not near everything that has happened in the last two weeks.

We are very thankful for the technology we have today. We have been able to call and video chat with our family and make the transition easier. We were even able to video call our oldest granddaughter for her first day of school and enjoy her excitement for kindergarten. It's not the same as being there to enjoy it, but it's the next best thing.

We are so thankful for all the prayers and encouraging words we have received in the last two weeks. There have been many emotions and feelings, but Sharon and I both know this is exactly where God has asked us to be. Please continue to pray for us.

Pray for the following prayer requests:

- Oneness and her pain to be healed;
- Rudolph and Oneness relationship to be strengthened;
- That we get moved into the Phiri home soon;
- That we find the ministry vehicle God has set aside for us
- That we find a place for our Bible school to be housed close to the villages;
- That the find water in the location we would like to place the well in Delavu; and
- For God to open doors in Mbangweta village with the new acting headman. *(The headman is the tribal leader of a particular village and each tribe has several individual villages. The main tribes we are working with include Tonga, Lozi and Tokaleya. Each of the tribes has a chief and chief council that governs the entire tribe. Then each village has a headman, like a governor so to speak, that oversees that village as well as at least one witch doctor. For us to work within a village we must seek out the approval of the headman before we can do anything within the village. The difficulty within the Mbangweta village is that the new acting headman is the former witch doctor. This man deals with evil spirits and witchcraft and does not like that we are sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in his village.)*

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## In the Gap

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none" (Ezek. 22:30 NIV). Although this verse deals with the sins of Jerusalem, I believe we have permission to apply it directly to our lives.

This is a very sad verse because Jerusalem was in a sad and horrible state — much like our beloved America spiraling down in every area of morality and decency. The Lord was saying through the prophet Ezekiel that He was searching for someone who would intercede for Jerusalem and do what was necessary for her salvation. When he looked, he found no one who would intercede for the nation and the city.

I believe we are at a time when God wants us to do less talking and more praying on behalf of our families, churches, communities and nation. When you and I pray for another person, we bring the power of God to bear upon that person's life and situation. The word "intercede" comes from the Latin "inter," — meaning "between" and "ced," meaning "go." So it literally means "go between" (according to the dictionary). Standing in the gap means to expose one's self for the protection of something, to make a defense against any assailing danger, to take the place of a fallen defender or supporter.

Therefore, when we intercede for one another, our chief purpose is to **fill in those gaps** in one another's spiritual armor and hold up that person so the enemy **can't** gain an advantage over them. All through His Word, God has given example after example of those who interceded on another's behalf — Jesus for one, the Holy Spirit, along with Daniel, Moses, Jacob and the woman of Canaan for her daughter. When there is no intercessor, breaches can develop in the wall around the Lord's people, allowing the enemy to come in. When there is sin in the camp, we become vulnerable to attack. These attacks always bring trouble and that is why part of our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, is to pray for God's intervention in the lives of others.

Basically, in our text, He found no one who cared! So please pray for your brothers and sisters as they strive to live a Christian life. Also pray for the lost that they might be saved. No matter how strong someone may look on the outside, only God knows what is happening on the inside.

Word with them.

"Please pray for each of the families contacted during the week, that they open doors for us so that the Word of God spreads among each member of their household."

**Faith Chapel, Flippin:** Johnny Shew writes, "We had another great week at Faith Chapel. We tied for our second-best attendance ever, for both adults and children, and that was our previous best only two weeks ago.

"We are praying fervently for the Lord to lead us into a new place with room to grow, either our own building on our own land or somewhere else temporarily. We just want the Lord's will to be done.

"We received some bids to build what we would like to build that would meet our needs going forward and, to be honest, it seems impossible. The prices on labor and materials are incredibly high, but we know that *'with God, nothing is impossible.'* As I said last week, *'He will meet our needs according to His riches in glory.'* Therefore, we are simply praying and trusting in Him to open the doors, lead our mission and ministry and supply our every need.

## From Our Missionaries

**Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock:** Juan Carlos Posadas writes, "We met Oscar and Lisbet last week. They have two children, Emmanuel (age 5) and Santos (age 4). We were sharing the Word and praying with them. After the exchange of phone numbers, we were able to bless them with some things for their home.

"We also shared the Word and prayed with Ely and Alfredo. They have two sons, Dani Esau (age 5) and Berny Ariel (age 2). We gave them some items for their house, and they were very grateful and impressed by what the church was doing for them.

"Adriana is the mother of Karla (9) and Angel (8). Her behavior caught our attention since she was in front of the donations we had available for her, and on several occasions, she told us, 'This could be of use to another family so I prefer not to take it.' We also prayed with her and shared God's Word with her.

"Javier and Aracely are going through some difficulties in their marriage, so we prayed and shared God's

"Please join us in that prayer. And please continue to pray for us, and for Faith Chapel, that the Spirit would give us utterance to boldly speak the gospel, and for Flippin, that He would soften and open their hearts to hear it."

**The Table, Springdale:** Clinton Morris writes, "We had such a great week. The internship with Drew has gone great. We put a lot of work into a working Constitution and Articles of Faith that the future organized church will operate beneath. We are excited to be mapping out Drew's future schedule and interactions within the community. There are so many little things that need to be done, but the finish line is in sight. We have several good efforts and a few lessons to go.

"The boardgame convention — Tablecon — has already attracted attention to the church. We have a family that has reached out about visiting us soon. There has also been so much more local support for the convention. I have put up posters throughout lower Missouri and parts of Oklahoma. Several game publishers have also sent donations to help with the convention. Now we just need the people to show up. If you would like to help/support in any way, please contact me at (870) 316-1519.

"I saw the unity of the church grow stronger this last week. I am so pleased and very tired. Thank you so much for allowing me and my family the privilege to serve God here on your behalf."

**Faith Journey, Benton:** Bryan Clay writes, "It's back to school this week for our students! We have been praying for our teachers, staff and students — for their protection and blessings on a new year. We hope everyone has a great year.

"We continued our study in Joshua this week. We spoke about what a mess we can get ourselves into without God's guidance. Even though the Israelites had just come from a tremendous victory at God's command at Jericho, they felt that they could go into Ai on their own and defeat them without God's direction. God allowed them to see how miserably they would fail.

"We also do that as Christians sometimes. We see God's blessings in our lives when we are obedient to Him and then try to do things on our own or in our own way and see that we always fall short without Him.

"I ask for prayers for all of those who will be starting the Faith Bible Institute again this semester. It is a college-level

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burden for jungle pastors and churches has led him to travel many kilometers to find them and share the gospel despite the difficulties.

Now 65 years old, he says, "I only ask for your prayers for a lot of strength to continue working. It has been difficult because of the pandemic, but it has helped raise up other leaders, which has given me all the desire to go out with new strength to evangelize. I am thankful to God for providing leaders."

### Team Lifeword Information

Lifeword Sunday 2022 is Oct. 23! Register your church at [lifeword.org/lifeword-sunday](http://lifeword.org/lifeword-sunday). If your church would like to schedule a team member to come and share what God is doing through Lifeword's ministry, contact Jennifer at [jennifer@lifeword.org](mailto:jennifer@lifeword.org).

Please join us in praying for a new Ukrainian video production that will explain how hope is found in every book of the Bible and promising God's presence in the midst of tragedy. Also pray for the new Muslim converts being persecuted for their faith, that God will give them the strength to continue to be faithful to His Word and seek to know Him more.

We also praise God for a new Bible study and discipleship training aimed

course covering Biblical principles and it really is a great course to gain a deeper understanding of the Bible. I hope everyone has an amazing week!"

**Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA:** Roberto Marcelletti writes, "Grace and peace to you my dear brothers. Reading Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, in chapter 1 we learn that of all the churches to which Paul writes, the church of Thessalonica is the only one that is said to be worthy of imitation. I have no doubt that the others were also doing a good job, but she is the only one of whom this is said. Paul praises three things that he could appreciate in the members of this church — their faith, their love for work and the firmness of their hope. If we continue further on to verse 6, we find a great help for those of us who, in His grace, have understood that every believer must live on mission and that discipleship is God's plan to reach and transform the world. The verse says the disciples modeled (showed) with their lives the life of Jesus to the new believer. So the essence of discipleship is imitation — the leaders imitate Christ and the new disciples imitate these leaders, making the gospel visible to them. This is the power of God made visible, and against such a church there is no power to stop it."

"This week was a week where many doors were opened for us in the work we are developing in the Northwest Arkansas area. By His grace, three people received Christ and one was reconciled, we gave food to two families, a woman began her discipleship in her home and we continued discipling the group of

at college students in Katmandu. Pray that it will give them the confidence to share their faith. We also praise Him for new opportunities in the Philippines to add transmitters and radio stations in remote villages that have no other way to hear the gospel.

## VSM

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nia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru and California.

Lydia Dunlap, a freshman at Central Baptist College, has served on VSM teams in the past and plans to continue to do so. She says, "VSM widens your perspective of the world and grows your love for people. For me, going on a VSM trip helped me understand missions and the value of outreach. These trips have helped me see people the way God does — everyone everywhere needs the gospel."

To join a team, a student must simply have a relationship with Christ, a willingness to serve and be at least 15 years of age by the time of the trip. If you or a student you know is interested in serving through VSM, visit [letsgovsm.com](http://letsgovsm.com) or contact Angela Rice at [angela@bmaam.com](mailto:angela@bmaam.com).

We look forward to helping you get connected and involved in taking the love of Jesus to the nations! God can use anyone — just say, "yes!"

people we have already discipled for a few weeks. There are five of us who meet between Thursday and Friday to teach them and show them the gospel.

"We also went to the house of a man who has cancer to pray for him and talked with his wife. On Saturday, my wife organized an event with the Colombian community to raise funds for a young woman who has a tumor on her head, and on Sunday a woman came to have lunch with us and we shared the gospel."

**Pea Ridge:** Jake McCandless writes, "We continued our regular Discovery Bible Study this week. Each of us was impacted by the simplicity in which the early church operated as we read in Acts 2. We were glad to have Patrick back with us (work had been keeping him away). Patrick and Amber are more of the rockstars in our core group in Pea Ridge. We also continued talks on the use of Legacy Tea & More. We're planning a worship night!"

"Continuing with how we got here, last week I shared how learning about the believers in Iran blew my mind. Christianity is growing there at 20% while the US grows at 0.04%. They don't have any buildings, property or bank accounts. They grow through simple Discovery Bible Studies that aren't led by vocational pastors, but by 'members' of the church. In these studies, the lost begin discipleship before conversion. Through a chronological reading from creation to the cross, a foundation of the truth is laid. In this pre-conversion discipleship believers also build a habit of obeying the Word and sharing."

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