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BMA of Arkansas Meeting Information

By Duffy Guyton, CBC Director of Church Relations

Central Baptist College is honored to host the BMA of Arkansas annual session, which will be held Nov. 3-4. It is our great pleasure to welcome the pastors and messengers of the BMA of Arkansas to the CBC campus. We love and appreciate everyone who is part of the BMA of Arkansas, therefore, we desire for your time on campus to be meaningful, worshipful and safe. It is our desire to serve you.

So for your convenience, an information table will be set up outside of the Burgess Auditorium. Please feel free to stop by and let us know if there is anything you need.

Lodging Information

In preparation for the meeting, 20 hotel rooms have been blocked off at the following four locations. When calling for reservations, please mention CBC or the BMA of Arkansas to reserve at the special rate.

- **Country Inn & Suites** (750 Amity Rd., Conway) — \$85 for standard and \$99 for suites; offering coffee, water and juice, along with continental/hot breakfast. For reservations, call (501) 932-0500.

- **Fairfield by Marriot** (2260 Sanders Rd., Conway) — \$89 for standard and \$99 for suites; offering coffee, water and juice with a full hot breakfast bar. For reservations, call (501) 505-8034.

- **Home 2 Suites by Hilton** (820 Bill Dean Dr., Conway) — \$99 for king junior suite and \$119 for 1 bedroom king suite; offering coffee, water and juice with continental/hot breakfast. For reservations, call (501) 504-2602.

- **Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham** (2475 Sanders Rd., Conway) — \$69 for standard and \$75 for suites; offering coffee, water and juice with a continental

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.



Jack Papera surrendered to the ministry on May 8 at Springhill Baptist Church in Greenbrier and is available for a youth pastor/assistant youth pastor position or preaching opportunities around Central Arkansas. He is currently a freshman at Central Baptist College and can be contacted at (501) 287-0662 or jackpap0823@gmail.com.

Russell Threet has accepted the pastorate of West Park Baptist Church in Ozark.

Grace Baptist Church in Bee Branch is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. For more information, call and leave a message for Dale Lunsford at (501) 335-7821.

Pine Brook Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Resumes may be sent to Pine Brook Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7121, Tyler, Texas 75711 or pinebrookpastorsearch@gmail.com before Oct. 14.

breakfast bar with hot pancakes. For reservations, call (501) 327-0898.

CBC Services

CBC will provide complimentary water and coffee on the platforms of Toland and the Burgess Auditorium, as well as in the foyer area of Cooper Complex.

Dining Services During Meeting

CBC Dining Services will be offering delicious and affordable meals in the Mabee Student Services Complex. A detailed menu with prices will be shared as the meeting draws closer. Meal tickets may be purchased in advance from me or at the CBC information **See MEETING, Page 2**

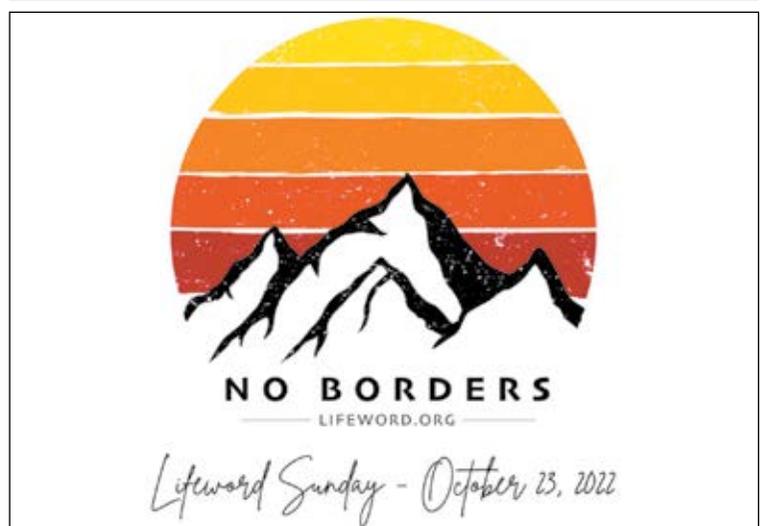


CBC to Celebrate 70th Anniversary

This year, Central Baptist College is celebrating a monumental milestone. It's been almost 70 years since our first day of classes on Sept. 15, 1952. To celebrate this accomplishment, we're planning a big Anniversary Celebration on campus.

Help us celebrate by joining us Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served by Uncle Tim's Catfish of Conway, with formal remarks by President Terry Kimbrow beginning at noon. To RSVP, visit cbc.edu/events or contact Mallory Guyton at (501) 205-8875 or mguyton@cbc.edu.

We hope to see you for our **big** Anniversary Celebration in September!



Packets Are On Their Way!

By Jennifer Harrell, Director Of Church Relations • Lifeward

Churches, be on the lookout for your Lifeward Sunday packets! These will include important information for the Oct. 23 event and how you can best support Lifeward's media ministry. Visit lifeward.org/lifeward-sunday to register your church, download the Lifeward Sunday video and order your T-shirts.

Lifeward is reaching millions of people around the world every day. The gospel is currently being shared in 140 languages, with a goal of expanding to 200 languages by the year 2025. Our mission is to share the love of Jesus to every tribe, every tongue and every nation. God's kingdom has no borders; therefore the ministry of Lifeward has no borders!

We can't wait to see how God is going to use you to grow the reach of Lifeward around the world!





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Honor and Memorial Gifts

The following are honor and memorial contributions received since the last report by CBC. Some of the contributions are recurring gifts but are only listed once.

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Judy Gabbard by Mr. & Mrs. Tommy L. Wallace; **Joyce Garrison** by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Riddle; and **Crystal Long** by Mrs. & Mrs. Jeff Whittingham.



Women's Soccer

• **Pine Bluff, Aug. 23**—Playing in-state for the first time this season, CBC was at the Pumphrey Soccer Complex for a meeting with the Golden Lions of the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. CBC (0-1-1) put two shots toward the net, but couldn't break through as they fell to UAPB (2-0) by a score of 3-0.

• **Moore, Okla., Aug. 27**—Playing in their third straight road contest to start the season, CBC was on the road for a contest against the Saints of Randall University. CBC (1-1-1) scored three times and held off a late charge from RU (0-1) to earn their first win by a final of 3-2. **Samara Hernandez** had a brace once again while **Erica Hawkins** chipped in

with her first goal of the season, which put CBC ahead, 1-0, in the 34th minute. **Ashley Hultquist** assisted on Hawkins' goal while **Vitoria Loiola**, who scored in the opener, assisted Hernandez on her first goal, which made the score 2-0 in the 37th minute. The second goal by Hernandez was unassisted.

Men's Soccer

• **Moore, Okla., Aug. 27**—Playing for the second straight Saturday on the road, CBC took on the Saints of Randall University. CBC (2-0) jumped out to a 4-1 lead early and never looked back, dispatching RU (0-1) by a score of 4-2. **Daniel Mondragon** scored twice and had an assist while **Daniel Pinkney** scored a penalty and **Joe McElhinney** netted a goal for the first time this season. Pinkney also had two assists in the contest and CBC also got assists from **Andrea Migliozi** and the returning assist leader from last season, **Callum Bisset**.

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table during the event. Menus will be available at the CBC information table, or you can view menus online by visiting the Central Baptist College Dining Services Facebook page (facebook.com/CBCDining).

Vendor / Display Area Information

Tables will be assigned in the Cooper Complex for those who want to set up a display. To request space for your ministry, complete the online request form (tiny.cc/bmaarvendor2022). Priority will be given to the departments and ministries of the BMA of Arkansas and other BMAA-recognized organizations. If you have any questions, contact BMA of Ark. President Michael Battenfield at (501) 253-5830 or pastormichael@gbccavesprings.com.

CBC will provide one large eight-foot table per ministry. Set up begins Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 3-5 p.m. and will continue at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3. For any questions regarding assistance with the displays or if you need electricity, please contact me at (501) 269-6784 or at dguyton@cbc.edu.

CBC to Host Appreciation Breakfast

CBC will host an appreciation breakfast for anyone attending the BMA of Arkansas Annual Session on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Mabee Student Services Complex. Please RSVP to me at (501) 269-6784 or at dguyton@cbc.edu.

Helpful Parking Information at CBC

• The city of Conway has designated "fire lanes" with red curbs and signs throughout the campus. Please understand that the Conway City Police has jurisdiction of these areas, even though they are on CBC property. Tickets for parking in a fire lane are very expensive, and we have no control over them. The safety of our employees, students and guests is our highest priority.

• The same rules apply to parking on any of the adjacent streets around campus. These are marked with "no parking" signs. The City of Conway patrols those areas, and tickets will be issued for any vehicles parked there.

• CBC employees and students will park off-campus to make room for meeting attendees.

• Golf cart shuttles will run frequently.

• All parking spaces on the south and west sides of the Cooper Complex will be designated "handicapped parking" for the duration of the meeting.

• Follow the "Overflow Parking" signage for additional parking options close to, but off campus. Golf carts will also be shuttling from these lots.



Student Ministry Matters

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(L/R) Jason Burns, Dan Carson and Joel Young.

Connecting with Others

Ministry can be a lonely place. We are called to care for people in a unique way that many do not understand. This is often magnified for the student ministry worker. Not only are they seeking to care for the spiritual well-being of another, but they also have the task of providing that care to a different generation. All of that adds up to feeling lonely at times.

God created us for community, which means that student ministry workers need to be intentional to build relationships with those outside of the youth group. Youth pastors and volunteers can unintentionally cut themselves off from adults due to the nature of their ministry.

So where do we look for connections? Who do we turn to?

• **Look in your church.** There may be some that have served in ministry and understand the unique challenges you face. Recently, Jason Burns (a church member/teacher at Lincoln High and a college classmate), Joel Young (a local youth pastor/Lincoln High alumni) and I worked the booth at the Lincoln v Greenland game. We had a blast. These guys understand the challenges I face, which allows me to be myself.

• **Look for local networks.** Many communities have ministerial alliances that provide gatherings for pastors and ministers. Larger communities will have local networking opportunities for youth pastors. Reach out or even start one yourself. You can share common concerns and challenges you face as you seek to reach the community for Christ.

• **Look to your association.** In the Baptist Missionary Association, there are two immediate opportunities for connection.

One, you can join a Pastor's Co-Hort from Healthy Church Solutions. You can contact Heidi Sorrells, Pastors Advocate for the BMAA, for more information about these online gatherings. She can be reached at heidi@BMAAM.com.

Two, you can connect with Student Ministry Matters through our social media group or join us at our annual retreat. You can contact me at info@StudentMinistryMatters.com for more information.

As you work with students, remember that God created you for community. Take time to decompress with others and you will be a better student ministry worker.

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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.

for God, but everyone should be willing to do so if necessary. The reality is that if God is bigger than you, your only choice is to decide whether you will obey Him or not.

Listen to the words of Jesus in John 17:4: "I have glorified You on the earth by completing the work You gave Me to do." Your first priority is to give Him glory in every area of your life. Jesus glorified the Father by "completing" the work He was sent to accomplish. Will you be able to say the same when you have finished running the race? Will you be able to say that you completed everything He created you for and asked you to do? You must speak the truth in love, regardless of how it makes others feel and regardless of how their responses make you feel. Reacting emotionally can greatly limit God's clearly stated direction in His Word.

When God is bigger than you, then you realize your need to stay in His Word because that is the only way you will be fully fueled and have the spiritual strength to endure. When your God is bigger than you, then you will obey Him without hesitation, knowing that God has a plan and you trust His plan. When God is bigger than you, then you will live in harmony with the Holy Spirit, striving to never quench or grieve Him. When God is bigger than you, you will always seek to glorify Him in everything you do and how you do it. When God is bigger than you, you will remain faithful to the task He has given you, knowing that your labor is not in vain.

Just Thinking...

By Dr. Tom Mitchell

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I don't care.

Avoiding Apathy

I'm sure you have heard of some who have a "don't care attitude." The word for such is **apathy**. Apathy is a lack of concern, interest or zeal. It is being indifferent. In this day and time, apathy is something believers must avoid.

I was just thinking how much this malady is affecting our generation. Sadly, it affects many believers!

The Impact of Circumstances

What happens around us usually impacts people in one of two ways — positively or negatively. If we see circumstances that challenge us to get out and get involved, we react positively. If we see things happening that are out of control, we may respond negatively — often with criticism. However, when some see those same occurrences, they don't respond either way. They just don't care. They refuse to be involved — not because they shouldn't, but because they are indifferent, and it doesn't matter to them one way or another.

The Need for Zeal

The world in which we live is a mess — and getting worse. There are those who believe that in the last days everything will get increasingly better, but that is not what the Bible says. "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. Having nothing to do with them" (II Tim. 3:1-5 NIV). Can such be stopped? No. But believers have the responsibility to react to the needs of the lost by sharing the gospel (good news) that there is a Deliverer who can help them deal with life and ultimately enjoy everlasting life.

The Opponent of Sympathy and Empathy

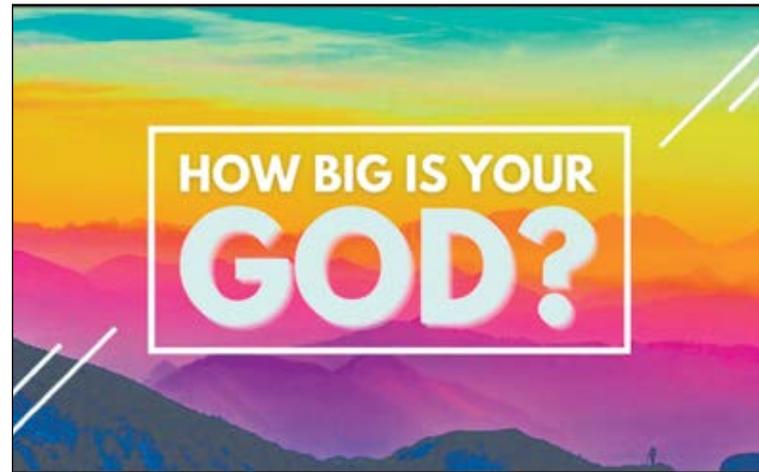
When apathy sets in, it becomes an opponent to being able to sympathize with the inabilities, hurts and needs of others. If a believer just simply doesn't care, it causes him or her to be unable to empathize, to even attempt to understand what others are dealing with in their lives. When we empathize with others, we try to look through their eyes at the circumstances affecting them. To do so is evidence that we care. Often, we cannot sympathize unless we first empathize. Apathy is an opponent in so many ways — but certainly, it is an opponent to Christian ministry.

Zeal is the Real Deal

God's Word urges believers to battle apathy and, instead, be zealous in the service of Christ. The apostle Paul wrote, "... Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:10-11). Apathy thwarts the believer's effort to be obedient to the Lord's commands. "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them" (James 4:17). The believer must, despite feelings, be vigilant, pressing on to defeat the apathy that hinders. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Gal. 6:9-10).

A man was asked if he knew the meaning of apathy. He responded, "I don't know, and I don't care." As those who have been bought with the high price of the blood of Christ, we must avoid apathy. We must care for others just as Christ cares for us.

Believers, time is short for us to do what Christ has commissioned us to do. We must be alert, giving our best to the Master! "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving" (Col. 3:23-24).



How Big is Your God?

Is God bigger to you than people, challenges, circumstances and even past failures? II Peter 1:3 (HCSB) says: "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." God is bigger, but if you are not careful, you can easily get trapped into being distracted by focusing on the wrong things. Think of Isa. 43:7 which says: "Bring My sons from far away, and My daughters from the ends of the earth — everyone called by My name and created for My glory. I have formed him; indeed, I have made him." You were created to bring God glory.

In *People-Pleasing Pastors*, Charles Stone gives excellent instruction on how to avoid the pitfalls of approval-motivated leadership. He lists eight F's of chronic anxiety:

- **Fight:** emotionally reacting and becoming defensive (how we usually describe emotionality).
- **Flee:** emotionally or physically cutting off from others in anxious situations.
- **Freeze:** not knowing what to do, thus not taking a position; offering no opinion and/or staying neutral when you should take a position.
- **Fuse:** losing your identity by glomming on to others' wants and desires, compromising convictions, seeking unity at all costs and/or trying to be one big, happy family."
- **Fixate:** easily getting triangled into unhealthy relationships and conflict.
- **Fix:** overperforming to fix somebody else's problems or doing for others what they should do for themselves.
- **Flounder:** becoming passive, underperforming or giving up.
- **Feed, Fornicate, Finances:** inappropriately yielding to the base impulses by turning to food, illicit sex/pornography or inappropriate use of money. The temptations are intensified when you serve in a very

visible leadership role. You will be tempted by appetite, approval and ambition that can drive you to compromise and allow the enemy to cause you to discredit yourself.

Another excellent resource is the book *When People Are Big and God is Small: Overcoming Peer Pressure, Codependency and the Fear of Man* by Edward T. Welch. All too often, the bigger problem for us is not self-esteem but rather being self-centered. The focus can easily become your own personal advancement and self-promotion. Is your God bigger than you, bigger than what you want and bigger than your dreams and desires? Is God bigger than other people around you, whether that is seeking their approval or the fear of their disapproval? John the Baptist stated it well: "He must increase, and I must decrease."

What happens when you are big and God is small? This poses the question of how do we exalt God and humble ourselves? God's Word is clear — He honors humility and despises pride! You would certainly agree that God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble, but do you only give that mental assent? Sure, you want Him to increase, but maybe you also want to increase — at least to be thanked and appreciated properly. You certainly want God in control of your life, but you also want to do what you want to do how you want to do it. You are for Him increasing, but you wouldn't mind increasing also.

When God is bigger than you, you see Him for who He is and yourself for who you are not. You also are more interested in what He thinks over other people's opinions. In Gal. 1:10 Paul clearly states the challenge: "For am I now trying to win the favor of people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ." Great advice I received years ago was that no one should have to stand alone



By Executive Editor Jeff Herring

CALS Defends LGBT Programs

On Aug. 26, the executive director for the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) issued a statement defending two pro-LGBT programs scheduled at libraries in Little Rock. An event called “LGBTQ+ Teens: Know Your Rights” at the Main Library downtown was originally scheduled to take place last week but was postponed. An event called “Make Your Own Pronoun Pins,” where teens craft pins displaying their preferred pronouns, is scheduled to take place at Terry Library in Little Rock on Monday. Both events are geared toward youth in central Arkansas.

CALS defended the programs, noting that “neither of these programs is ‘sexual,’” and that the programs are funded in part by the Arkansas LGBTQ+ Advancement Fund at the Arkansas Community Foundation, the Alice L. Walton Foundation, Olivia and Tom Walton through the Walton Family Foundation and the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

In March, Family Council reported that the Arkansas Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Central Arkansas Library System to set up a Gender and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) for teens and young adults. The money is part of a \$1 million fund the Walton Family Foundation created to support pro-LGBT groups in Arkansas. Even though the programs at the Central Arkansas Library System are not overtly “sexual,” they still promote LGBT ideology to children at a public library.

Libraries don’t have to form gender and sexualities alliances or organize pro-LGBT seminars to be successful. They can house books and promote reading and education without these types of events. (familycouncil.org)

Walmart Will Fund Abortion Travel

Walmart announced Aug. 19 that it will fund abortion travel for its employees — using its health care plan to subsidize travel for any employee who has to go more than 100 miles to get an abortion that will end the life of a unique human being. According to a CNBC report, Walmart’s health care plans will cover abortion “when there is a health risk to the mother, rape or incest, ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage or lack of fetal viability.”

Although it appears Walmart will not cover all requests for abortion travel, the policy is inconsistent with science and medical care as a treatment for ectopic pregnancies and miscarriage is not abortion and doctors have confirmed there is not really any medical reason for

killing babies in abortions.

There is some concern that employees could claim that abortions used as birth control are medically necessary to justify Walmart funding the abortion travel, and the company offered no information about how it would monitor such bogus claims.

Walmart is the nation’s largest employer with about 1.6 million employees and is headquartered in Bentonville. Last month, the company’s CEO, Doug McMillon, sent an employee-wide email saying that Walmart was “working thoughtfully and diligently to figure out the best path forward” after the Supreme Court decision. Walmart, at the time, didn’t say what changes the company was considering.

The retailer previously offered more limited abortion coverage. According to the company’s employee handbook, charges for “procedures, services, drugs and supplies related to abortions or termination of pregnancy are not covered, except when the health of the mother would be in danger if the fetus were carried to term, the fetus could not survive the birthing process or death would be imminent after birth.”

Unlike some other companies, Walmart will provide coverage for all options, including childbirth, prenatal care and adoption. In fact, Walmart says it will increase its adoption funding benefits from \$5,000 to \$20,000 in 2023. (lifeneews.com)

Drugs or Candy? Kids Targeted In Fentanyl Epidemic

There’s no way to sugarcoat the facts — recent drug seizures at the southern border reveal dangerous narcotics that appear to be targeting children with their deceptively candy-like appearance. In Arizona recently, border patrol agents intercepted 250,000 “rainbow fentanyl” pills busted from a vehicle on Aug. 16, and 15,000 of the lethal multicolor pills strapped to a person’s leg on Aug. 17.

This disturbing drug trafficking coincides closely with National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day which was Sunday, Aug. 21. What was initially introduced as a painkiller by pharmaceutical companies in the 1990s, has increasingly spiraled into a rampant epidemic and declared a public health crisis in 2017 under the Trump administration. Fentanyl is a highly addictive narcotic with 50-100 times the potency of morphine. As a synthetic opioid, it is often cut with other drugs, meaning users may not be aware that they are ingesting the lethal substance. A lethal dose of fentanyl

is only two milligrams. Every day, approximately 115 American lives are claimed by fentanyl overdose.

This candy-like fentanyl seizure comes on the heels of record-high amounts of the drug seized at the border in July 2022 — a 203% increase from the previous month. The opioid crisis has worsened as synthetic drugs and narcotics flood over the border from Mexico. As the war on drugs wages and the Biden administration provides funding to crack down on youth drug overdosing and abuse, critics of their handling of the border believe that they are exacerbating, rather than helping, the drug problem in America. With this year’s attempt to overturn Trump-era Title 42 and this month’s successful overturn of Trump-era Mexico City Policy, record numbers of migrants and drug trafficking has been flooding the border.

Many resources exist to help concerned parents seeking to protect and prevent their children from getting involved with harmful drugs. On high alert for youth drug abuse, the DEA put out an emoji drug decoder for parents to understand the popular emoji codes that young people are using to buy and sell drugs, among other resources.

Beyond federal attempts to combat the opioid crisis, nonprofit organizations such as Adult & Teen Challenge USA help those who are struggling with addiction get well through their recovery programs. President and CEO Gary Blackard offers his advice to parents, having seen the world of drug addiction up close through his Christian nonprofit. He told TWS, “Nothing replaces engagement with your children including educating them on the dangers facing them today. If parents don’t educate their kids, others will and most of the time that ends very wrong.” (washingtonstand.com)

Google Will Promote Abortion And Censor Pregnancy Centers

Google will begin sticking labels on abortion businesses and pregnancy resource centers in response to pro-abortion Democrats’ attempts to dissuade women from visiting pro-life charities. In an Aug. 25 letter to lawmakers, Google executive Mark Isakowitz said the company will begin using labels such as “Provides abortions” and “Does not provide abortions” in its search results, *The Hill* reports.

The action comes in response to demands from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D/Virginia) and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D/Michigan) that Google steer pregnant women away from pro-life pregnancy centers that help them choose life for their unborn babies. In June, Slotkin and Warner complained to Google that some of its search results point women to pro-life charities when they search for things like “abortion clinics near

me” and “abortion pill,” according to the report.

However, their goal appears to be to promote abortions, not direct pregnant women to resources. When LifeNews searched “pregnancy help” on Google, the top result was Planned Parenthood — even though it is primarily an abortion business and its actual pregnancy help services, such as prenatal and postpartum care, are basically non-existent.

Abortion activists and pro-abortion Democrats have been smearing the life-saving work of pregnancy resource centers for years, spreading false claims about the information and services that they provide for free to millions of mothers and babies in need. Pro-abortion politicians also have been smearing their work in public comments and “consumer alert” warnings. U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D/Massachusetts) even demanded that pregnancy centers be completely “shut down” in a recent interview because they supposedly “torture” women.

According to an analysis by the Charlotte Lozier Institute, pregnancy centers have helped save more than 800,000 unborn babies from abortion since 2016. Its research found an estimated 3,000 pro-life pregnancy resource centers served about 2 million people in 2019, providing more than 730,000 pregnancy tests, nearly half a million ultrasounds, 1.3 million packs of diapers and more than 2 million baby outfits, all for free. Many offer post-abortion counseling as well. (lifeneews.com)

Texas Fire Dept. Chaplain Axed for Biblical View of Gender

The former chaplain of Austin’s

fire department says the liberal city dismissed him from his position over a blog that said it is unfair for men to compete against women in sports events — basing its views on the Bible. Now, he’s suing the department.

Andrew Fox served as chaplain of the Austin Fire Department from 2013 until December 2021. Fox had posted a three-part blog, titled “Willy Woke and the Chocolate Factory,” on his personal website, which reportedly has just under 1,000 subscribers. He dedicated the second article to “gender identity and how ridiculous it is becoming,” highlighting “the lunacy of men competing with women as women. The transgender ideology is blatantly hijacking the platform of athletic sport.” He explicitly grounded his views in biblical faith by citing numerous verses from the Book of Proverbs concerning fairness.

That led to an unknown number of anonymous complaints from members of the department that his scriptural views did not fit in with Austin’s liberal ethos. For instance, the department celebrated Pride Month every June and released a publicly funded PSA featuring a drag queen in 2019. “How can the chaplain for a huge metro area fire department feel that it is appropriate to write such an online blog?” asked one commenter, who asserted Fox’s views would lead people who “are anything but ‘white, male, cis-gender, able-bodied, native-born, Christian’” to feel “rejected.”

The backlash meeting with Austin Fire Chief Joel Baker and his assistant — but when Fox asked what offended the complainants,

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(Front Row L/R): Becky Williams, Williamae Tilley, Sharon Cole, Elizabeth Howard, Omiejean Carey. (Back Row L/R): Bernice Goss, Dawn Towns, Vickey Langley, Montana Kennedy, Rhonda Howard, Peggy Holland

Shiloh Baptist Church, McRae Organizes WMA

By Sharon Cole, WMA President

Shiloh Baptist Church in McRae organized a Women's Missionary Auxiliary (WMA) on Aug. 21, with 11 members participating. Mt. Calvary District WMA President Linda Quattlebum welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. District Secretary Patsy Jones acted as secretary pro tem.

Leading in singing was 1st Vice President and District Song Leader Kreola Shireman. Arkansas State WMA 2nd Vice President Robin Tyler was also present.

Kreola Shireman gave a brief explanation of the purpose of WMA. The church elected WMA President Sharon Cole, who then presided over the election of the following officers: 1st Vice President Dawn Towns, Secretary/Treasurer Vickey Langley, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Montana Kennedy, Teacher/Bible Leader Rhonda Howard and Asst. Teacher/Bible Study Leader Omiejean Carey.



(L/R) Mt. Calvary District Secretary Patsy Jones, State WMA 2nd Vice President Robin Tyler, Mt. Calvary District 1st Vice Kreola Shireman and Mt. Calvary President Linda Quattlebum.

Opportunities For Service

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

County Line Baptist Church in Nashville is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Resumes may be sent to Jack Lovelis, County Line Baptist Church, 196 Hempstead CR 351, Nashville, Ark. 71852.

Eastside Baptist Church in Lonoke is seeking a pianist/keyboardsist for Sunday Morning services. For more information call (501) 266-0302.

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 cooperr@manilaschools.org.

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.

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

NOTES

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court records show the two replied they "did not know." Baker



Retired Music/ Youth Director Dies

John Larry Goswick, 72 of Conway passed away Friday, Aug. 19. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Conway. For 40 years he, along with his late wife, Barbara who served as pianist, served as a worship leader in various churches in Arkansas including: Central, Ashdown; North Hills, Sherwood; Central, Conway; Oak Park, Little Rock; and Springhill, Greenbrier. He also served at Mt. Calvary in Chickasaw, Ala. He was also instrumental in computerizing the mailing list for the *Baptist Trumpet* and donated many hours to assist this ministry with other computer-related projects.

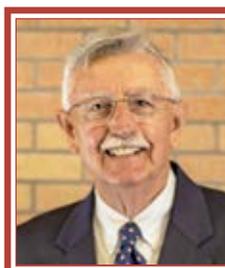
John retired as the Director of Instructional Technology at the Pulaski County Special School District in 2009 and pursued a second master's degree so that he could continue to serve his community in the field of Emergency Management. He worked with both the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management and the Arkansas State Police.

Survivors include: a daughter, Jennifer (Tim) Alexander; two sons, Matt (Gina) Goswick and Rob Goswick; a sister, Kris Grubaugh; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Roller-McNutt Funeral Home in Conway on Aug. 24. Donations can be made in his honor to Central Baptist College (visit cbc.com/give or mail to 1501 College Ave., Conway, Ark. 72034) or Central Baptist Church (3333 Dave Ward Dr., Conway, Ark. 72034 or conway-centralchurch.org/give) in Conway.

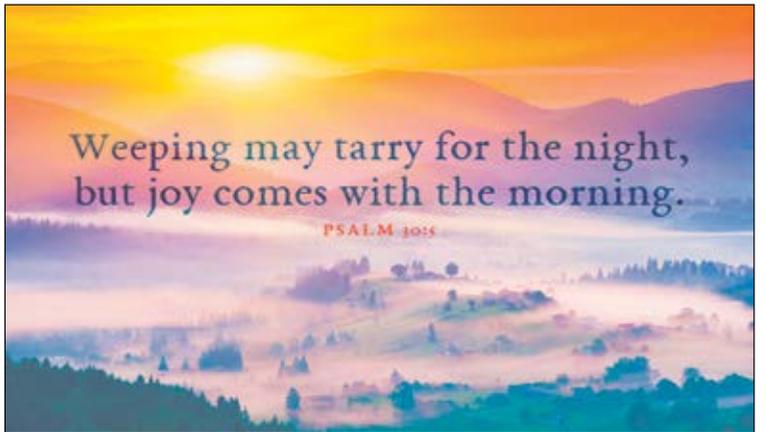
exclusionary policies undermine our democracy, ADF noted. "When the government can needlessly punish people for professing views outside of work on matters of ongoing public debate, that chills everyone's speech and discourages democratic participation."

His case bears some resemblance to the story of Kelvin Cochran, a former Obama administration appointee who lost his job as Atlanta's fire chief in 2015 after he called homosexuality immoral in a self-published book titled *Who Told You That You Are Naked?* City Council member Alex Wan, who identifies as gay, said, "When you're a city employee, and your thoughts, beliefs and opinions are different from the city's, you have to check them at the door." Cochran received



Leave it to Cleaver

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Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

PSALM 104

Joy in the Morning

"Sing to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor, a lifetime. Weeping may stay overnight, but there is joy in the morning" (Psa. 30:4-5 CSB).

Most of us in life's journey have had the long night at the hospital — waiting in the coldness on hard chairs with furtive thoughts regarding a loved one who lies on the bed sick, deathly sick, in unconsciousness. The doctors and specialists have said, "We don't know but will wait to see how it is in the morning." Morning comes, and it comes early to the waiting family. Slowly, without any alacrity or dispatch, the doctors make their rounds hours after the expectant family has been up.

Finally, after delaying for what seems like countless, mind-numbing, soul-hammering hours, the doctors and nurses gather around the pensive family. The chief doctor speaks: "It's good news. Your loved one is awake now. The danger has passed. They are going to be alright. You can go in for a short visit now."

That is good news to an anxiously waiting soul! There is joy in the morning as those words flow from the physician's lips to eager, waiting ears. It is a joy of relief. It is a joy of thanksgiving. Your family member is going to get well! They are going to be able to continue to be a part of your family.

At this point after the ordeal of the long night, there must be pause — pause to remember the Great Physician who brought all this healing and miracle to pass. "Sing to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and praise his holy name." How this event brings us to Him in praise! Even if we cannot sing a note, our hearts sing to the Lord in gratitude for His graciousness in this hour after our hours of deepest darkness — "...there is joy in the morning."



Bonnie Coleman, 81 of Jonesboro, passed away Aug. 28. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church.

William Wayne Smart, 84 of Magnolia, passed away Aug. 22. He was a member at First Baptist Church.

Rheta Mae Keck, 92 of Siloam Springs, passed away Aug. 21. She was a member of Weddington Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Dale Lee Walker, Sr., 77 of Siloam Springs, passed away Aug. 20. He was a member of Weddington Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Jane Reed, 96 of Manila, passed away Aug. 17. She was a member of Milligan Ridge Baptist Church.

Peggy Jean McFarland Cargile, 76 of New Edinburg, passed away Aug. 14. She was a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church.

a \$1.2 million settlement from the city for the ordeal in October 2018. (washingtonstand.com)



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 Newsum, pastor.

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

Lemonwood, White Hall, Oct. 7-9; 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-Sunday; Jamie Coulter, evangelist; Ronnie Johnson, 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.



The Great Deception Trap is Set (Part III)

Revelation 13 provides an overview of the end-time scenario hinted at throughout Scripture. In this chapter, the Apostle John shares a vision of a beast coming from the earth and a beast from the sea. It's easy to get lost in the beast terminology, but the details are consistent with end-time prophecy elsewhere. The first beast, or beast from the sea, matches the details of the Antichrist, while the second beast introduces a new figure — the false prophet. Beyond his actions, the description of this second beast points to him being a deceiver, and I believe his role leads directly to the great deception.

Hopefully, you've caught the previous articles as we've been building toward this frightful possible end-time scenario. We began identifying through countless biblical evidence that the Antichrist will be from the Middle East and will likely be the leader of a revived Ottoman Empire or Islamic Caliphate. Then we examined how there would be a Great Deception at the time of his rise. There is ample scriptural evidence of those things, but they've led me to do something I try to avoid — speculate.

I'm speculating the possibility that the "one world religion" of the Antichrist isn't something new that pops up in the final seven years. Instead, I believe it's highly likely the religion of the Antichrist will be Islam. Therefore, the Great Deception would be related to Islam, and we may have insight into what this delusion could be through Islamic eschatology. Their end-times teachings present three figures like Christianity, but their figures are the exact opposite.

In Christianity, we have the Antichrist, the False Prophet and a returning Jesus. They have a Mahdi (their Messiah), a returning Jesus and the Dajjal (their Antichrist). In the last article, I shared how their Messiah matches the Antichrist. The matching is uncanny — an obvious counterfeit. You can see

what a deception this would be if a man who was truly the Antichrist came, was received by the Muslim world as their Messiah and then non-Muslims would begin to think maybe Islam was the truth all along. Adding to this would be that non-Muslims would be beheaded for not converting, and there will be the greatest deception the earth has ever seen. Difficult indeed.

This brings me to what I believe is the most deceptive part of this scenario.

As stated, Revelation 13 is where we learn about the False Prophet. We read he will perform great miracles and wonders on behalf of the Antichrist. He'll draw the world in to worship the Antichrist because of these wonders. Matthew 24 and II Thessalonians 2 point to the deception these counterfeit miracles will bring — even before the details of the False Prophet's description gives his nature away.

"Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon" (Rev. 13:11 NIV). Think about what John saw in this vision representing the False Prophet. He saw it looked like or presented itself as a lamb. The lamb, of course, is what Jesus is referred to throughout Scripture, but especially in Revelation. Then John said, though he appeared as a lamb, he spoke like a dragon. Within Revelation, John refers to Satan as a dragon. At a minimum, we draw that the False Prophet will not be whom he claims.

John also reveals his actions: *"It (the False Prophet) exercised all the authority of the first beast (Antichrist) on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast... And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth..."* (Rev. 13:12-14). So this prophet who

pretends to be good, but is really doing the work of Satan, performs miracles and leads the world to worship the Antichrist.

Now within Islam, Jesus is considered a prophet and is said to return. He returns at the end of the age, and he does exactly what John said the False Prophet would do. Check out this list from Joel Richardson's *Islamic Antichrist* on Islam's view of Jesus:

- Jesus is said to return to the earth in the last days near a mosque in Damascus.
- He will arrive at a time when the Mahdi and his army will be preparing to pray.
- The Mahdi will ask Jesus to lead the prayer, but Jesus will decline in direct deference to the Mahdi, whom Jesus declares to be the leader of the Muslims. He will then pray behind the Mahdi as a subordinate.
- He will be a faithful Muslim.
- He will make a pilgrimage to Mecca.

- He will visit Muhammad's grave and salute Muhammad, whereby Muhammad will return the salute from the grave.

- He will destroy Christianity.
- He will repeal the **jizyah** tax, thus leaving Jews and Christians with the only options of conversion to Islam or death.

- He will establish Islamic **sharia** law throughout the entire earth.

- He will kill the Dajjal (the Muslim Antichrist) and his followers, made up largely of Jews and women.

- He will remain on the earth for roughly 40 years, during which time He will marry, have children and then die.

Can you imagine if one believed to be the Muslim Messiah was accepted? Then he brought peace and prosperity. Then one believed to be Jesus appears and does miracles but declares the Mahdi to be the true Messiah. A great deception. Possibly, a trap that's already been set.

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)



Banks, Banks added one by baptism; Jerry Burress, pastor.

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

Pinecrest, Fordyce reports four by letter and one by statement since last report; Everitt Smith, pastor.

Pleasant Springs, McCaskill gained one by baptism; Jarod Hendry, pastor.

Providence, Hope rejoices over four by letter and three by baptism; Casey Curtis, pastor.

Spring Lake, Texarkana welcomed two by baptism; Randy Shepherd, pastor.

A Sip From The Saucer

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Stop Scrolling, Start Listening

Every day I scroll through my Facebook feed for a few minutes and see what news I can catch up on. Sometimes I will leave a quick "congratulations," "look how much they have grown" or "praying for you." Yesterday, as I started to type the latter phrase, I heard God speak to my spirit. I had to look up the verse because I couldn't remember the exact words, but it was James 2:15-16 — if your brother is without food or clothing and you say "go in peace" but you don't give them what they need, what good does that do?

It's so easy to just keep scrolling. Don't get involved. You don't know the whole story. They should have planned better or done this or that. It's not my problem. I have my own struggles. I don't have time for this. I don't even know this person; we're just acquaintances.

But I couldn't pretend that I didn't hear the Holy Spirit talking to me. So, I sent the private message and became a part of her messy reality. I didn't have much to offer to solve the problem, but I listened and let her get out her frustrations and fears. Then I did what I was able to do — I reached out to a church leader in her area and shared the need.

I don't have the finances to dig her out of the hole she is in, but I do know people and I am pretty good at articulating and connecting the people God wants to use to bless others and show them His love in action. God connected the dots to let me be in the right place at the right time to give her some much-needed encouragement and to spotlight to her that God was listening to her pain.

Before we ended our conversation, she told me she was thankful I had reached out because it helped to just be heard. It allowed me to the opportunity to let her know that it wasn't me that was listening — it was God. He heard her. Then He told me to be His ears and His hands in her chaos.

I don't know what will happen with her obstacles, but God knows. I don't know if she will respond to God's gifts or acknowledge His working in her life. She may not ever go to church or join a small group. That's not my job in this scenario. God just told me to stop scrolling and listen.

Your gifts are different from mine for a reason. Maybe you are the person with the gift someone else needs. It could be financial or influential, obvious or covert. Whatever the action, whatever the task, when God speaks to your spirit and says "do" then you would be smart to jump in and follow His lead. You might be surprised by what He can do through you.

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All Churches are Welcome on God's team!

I sometimes wonder what happened historically regarding the planting of new churches. When I was growing up in the local church, and even in my initial days of pastoring, there seemed to be little to absolutely no emphasis given to planting new gospel churches. Therefore, it seems as though we are behind the curve in penetrating the lostness of our world — locally, in our state, nationally and globally. New scriptural churches help penetrate that lostness. We are blessed to have an association that loves lost souls and seeks to be seed sowers.

A church that is involved in spreading the gospel — regardless of size or the amount they can contribute — will find that helping others to help others is a powerful way of revitalizing their church. It doesn't matter if it is \$100, \$1,000 or \$100,000 a year, every contributing church becomes a serious and needed partner in fulfilling the Great Commission. From the smallest to the largest churches, we can all find our place in planting new scriptural churches. May every church, regardless of size, don the uniform of a "seed sower for God."

New life sparks life! Just imagine being able to share a strong testimony about how your church is involved in reaching the lost world — through your church bulletin, with stories about lives being changed or a special offering time. You can give ongoing reports of what God is doing. You can even take some people from your church to this new church to help them over a week or even a weekend. May we penetrate the lostness of our world by planting new churches. **Your church can do it!**

From Our Missionaries

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, "Friday and Saturday from 6:30-9 p.m., 24 people from our congregation participated in the missionary conferences organized by the Hispanic churches of Central Arkansas.

"We heard from Keynote Speaker John Michael Poulin. BMAA Hispanic Church Planting Director Elvis Garcia told us about his plan to reach Hispanics in the United States for Christ. BMA of Arkansas Hispanic Coordinator Michael Hight told us about his strategy to reach Hispanics in Arkansas. Roberto Marcelletti talked about his plan to reach Hispanics in Springdale and surrounding areas, and German Galindo spoke of plans to reach his community in Mexico City. Bro.



(L/R) Maricela, Oscar and Belen Gomez with Juan Carlos Posadas as they pray at the dedication of Belen.

German is currently a member of the Great Commission Mission, trained at El Faro church, and now plans to return to his country of Mexico as a missionary. This is a great reason to give glory to God! The event was a blessing and gave us the opportunity to share with members of the other Central Arkansas Hispanic congregations. We are already praying for next year's conference.

"At the Sunday meeting, Oscar and Maricela Gomez dedicated their third daughter, Belen, to the Lord. I thank God for this couple. They are doing a good job in raising their daughters and guiding them in the way of our Lord. Let us pray that they continue to do this good work.

"Starting next week, our Sunday meeting will start at 11 a.m. We hope that changing our hours will not negatively impact congregational attendance. Thank you for praying this congregation."

Ebenezer, West Little Rock: Ruben Isturiz writes, "I thank God that we were able to return to congregate in the temple in Chenal. For two weeks, we had to broadcast our services via zoom. We suspended our face-to-face services, all the workshops we had and my baseball chaplaincy time because of COVID-19. My family and I were sick. Kory started, then I followed and then our children. The first week was difficult, and the second week was a little easier, but

without being able to have contact with people or places where there were a lot of people. We complied with all the recommendations for the protection of other people. Keep praying, especially for my health. I have a recurrent cough and hope for complete healing.

"On Sunday, Aug. 28, it was a blessing to see the brethren and to be able to praise and glorify God with testimonies, songs and the edification of the Word of God. After finishing the celebration service, I went to the stadium for my chaplaincy time and one of the players made his decision for Christ. Now we have a celebration in the kingdom of Heaven.

"This week, we will be busy with workshops on Monday and Wednesday. We will also have the start of classes for the 'Instituto Teológico Bautista Misionero de Arkansas' — ITBMA, (Arkansas Theological Institute of Missionary Baptists). The Hispanic congregations of Central Arkansas decided to start the Institute because of the need to prepare the leadership of our congregations en Español. It is a joint effort of the five Hispanic congregations.

"Thank you for your prayers and support. Without you, it would be very difficult to be at the forefront of the spiritual battlefield. To God be the glory!"

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, "We had a great week at Faith Chapel — God is so good! Our numbers are still very good, and we are going to try to rearrange the chairs this week to see if we can fit a few more in.

"We are busy trying to 'count the cost' of a new building. That is tedious work, but Bro. Paul is helping with that, and we treasure his experience and perspective.

"Karen and I had a very nice visit with Dana and Kimberly Williams from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lowell. They were just passing through and stopped for lunch with us to tell us that Cornerstone had voted to help support us. They also gave us a very generous gift for our building fund. We love those folks over there, we love all of you and are humbled by the loving support we receive from so many of you.

"We thank you for your prayers — for us, Faith Chapel and for Flippin. Please continue; the Lord is answering them."

The Table, Springdale: Clinton Morris writes, "We are getting a lot

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Calvary, Marvell	\$1,100.00
Calvary, White Hall	\$1,805.00
Friendship, Greenbrier*	\$425.00
Highland Hills, Highland	\$2,000.00
Immanuel, Sheridan	\$2,409.00
Letona, Letona	\$900.00
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Tenth Street, Paragould*	\$162.50
Woodberry, Hampton	\$200.00
Worden, Bald Knob	\$500.00
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of work done. There is a lot of public awareness for both the church and our board game convention — TableCon. We had three first-time visitors because of TableCon, which was exciting to see.

"Drew just finished up his series in the Child of Light and will be joining me to finish up my Hebrews study. Drew is prayerfully considering which book we will begin for an exegetical study. One of the things we have become aware of is that we may need a secondary service time to be able to meet all the people that would like to come. The Sunday evening one does meet the needs of most of the people, but there is a growing part of the congregation that cannot make Sunday evenings. We are prayerfully considering what to do.

"Next week, we will be expanding into the martial arts studio for our kids' ministry, and we are looking forward to crafting this ministry. We will be using the Good Soil Kids Program for our teaching resources."

Faith Journey, Benton: Bryan Clay writes, "Everyone had a great week at Faith Journey! This week has been a busy one, with school starting back full force and getting back into a routine. We are praying for blessings and protection for our students this school year.

"I had opportunities to get out in the community and share the gospel with a few people that God brought into my path. There are so many people within our area with needs, and we want to be available to help meet those needs. I also reached out to our local city government to see what types of opportunities we may be able to become involved with to help meet those needs.

"We are going to try to get our name and mission out into the community by setting up a tent and table at different events in our city. There are more events this time of year, so we want to take full advantage of the great weather and lots of people! We will hand out information about who

Faith Journey Mission is, as well as a few promotional items — pens, cups, etc. — to get more of our presence out into the community. I hope everyone has a blessed week!"

Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA: Roberto Marcelletti writes, "Reading Psalm 13, I could observe something that is a key in the life of believers who live on this side of eternity. We live in a world that has been stained by sin and, by that sin, exposed many times to pain and anxiety. We can see in the Psalm as David passes from anxiety — the impatience, despair, anguish and doubt for the 'silence' of God — that leads him to ask three times, 'until when, Señor?' (v. 1-2).

"Since, as he said, anguish took hold of him. He told him 'not to forget me, do not split your face from me,' but we see how he goes from this state of anguish and despair to prayer. Prayer in discouragement leads him to open his heart to the Lord and he frees himself from all these feelings and experiences liberation and confidence that his God is a merciful God (v. 5). He remembers what true joy is for every believer.

"Like David, we must rejoice in the gift of salvation that has been given to us, and he ends with praise song of joy and joy to remember the most precious gift that human beings can receive — salvation. That Christ would take our place and die in place of a rebellious sinner like me, give me his righteousness and adopt me as a son is a great gift. In difficult times of anguish and doubt, how good it is to remember what we have in Christ.

"This week, we are still on mission. A motto we have is that we live the mission of God and that has led us to make new connections with a woman with whom we were eating and then we took her to the airport.

"We had seven people in our apartment this week who were

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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.
Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Sept. 13; Fairview, Jonesboro.
Central Arkansas — Sept. 22, 10 a.m.; El Faro, Little Rock; Gary Lambricht.
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.
Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Oct. 11; Lorado, Jonesboro.
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.
Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Nov. 8; Center Hill, Jonesboro.

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being disciplined, and we talked about 'the holiness of Christ.' A new person joined the discipleship. "Patty started a new job and made three new contacts that we are going to invite to come to an evangelistic film next week. "Friday, we were in Little Rock participating in the First Missions Conference of the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas, with the workshop — 'the planting of Hispanic churches in the Northwest of Arkansas.' We spent a beautiful time, where we were challenged to live the mission of God where God has placed us. It was said that the mission belongs to all believers, that the call is to make disciples and that the best method of evangelism is the planting of new churches. There is a great need for missionaries for South America and the Hispanic community throughout the continent." **Pea Ridge:** Jake McCandless writes, "Our heart is to reach our neighborhood and help others do the same, then see these groups unite in a church on mission. We took advantage of my daughter's birthday to invite all our neighbors who had kids. We had neighbors come and had some great conversations. Our family and Connection Group helped connect with our neighbors, too. A few days later, we were included in helping with a love offering for a neighbor. God is opening doors to care for our neighbors!" "Continuing with how we got here, I shared how fascinated I became with the church in Iran.

From there, I dove into what they were doing and how that would look in the West. My journey began in 2012 with Stand Firm. It introduced me to how the church around the world and in history responded to difficulty, this gave me an interesting

viewpoint during COVID's impact on the church. The longing to see a movement like in Iran here, and feeling we shouldn't be the same after experiencing COVID, shifted my thinking to replicating Iran's model using Discovery Bible Studies."

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