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New "Total Access" Subscription

By Jeff Herring, Executive Editor

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I believe this is still a bargain price for all you are able to get with a subscription to the *Baptist Trumpet*. With this rate increase, we also wanted to make sure ev-

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- **Baptist Trumpet Archives** — The *Baptist Trumpet* archives contain such a treasure trove of

MOVING with Ministers and Staff

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Anthony Pennington is retiring from the pastorate after 47 years. He will be moving to Albuquerque, N.M. to be near family. He will conclude his time as pastor of Moorewood Baptist Church in Leedey, Okla. on Nov. 27, where he has served for five years, and begin serving as a part-time chaplain with Marketplace Chaplains USA upon relocating.

BMA history. Every time I go in search of something, I will usually find something else interesting along the way also. You can search the history of the BMA through the pages of the *Baptist Trumpet* all the way back to the beginning in 1939 as the *Temple Trumpet*.

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BMA of Arkansas President Michael Battenfield addresses those gathered for the annual meeting held at CBC, Nov. 3-4, 2022.

Brethren of the BMA of Arkansas

By Michael Battenfield, President

I want to express my gratitude to those churches of the BMA of Arkansas, whether you had messengers present for our 73rd annual session or not, but especially for those who sacrificed to be able to attend, I am particularly thankful. While I am my own worst critic, I believe the meeting went off with a surprising smoothness and lack of significant hiccups. I believe we all can agree that it was a sweet blessing to see one another again, fellowship and share these two days together. Our department reports were encouraging, even in the shared needs which were expressed. I pray we, as an association, can step up and meet the needs as the Lord provides. I can honestly take no credit for the positives of this meeting and would like to take this opportunity to give some much-needed thanks:

- To Central Baptist College and Director of Church Relations Duffy Guyton — He can do a much better job of naming the names of the army of CBC personnel, staff and students who contributed an unmeasurable amount of labor and effort to ensure our meetings went off without problems. The hospitality that walked hand-in-hand with the organizational, technological and simple labor enabled us to do what none of us could

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Part 2: That They May Be One, As We Are

By Hershel Conley, Pastor • The Bridge Church, Mountain Home

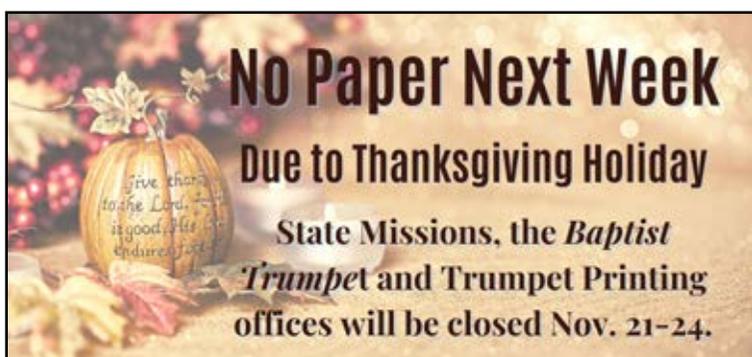
Editor's Note: Part 1 of this sermon appeared in the Nov. 9 issue of the Baptist Trumpet.

I have more young families coming to our church saying they want their children to study the Word of God. There is nothing wrong with having things for children to do, but the church should make sure it is teaching the youth more than songs and games. The carrot that should be dangled in front of our children is the Word of God. That makes future churches grow as well!

What a purifying effect the Word has on each of His churches. I truly love to see a new convert start reading God's Word and see its affect on his life. Some of the best soul winners I have had are new converts, and I attribute this to sincere Bible study with a heart that is open to its directives. Some church members are satisfied and setting in a pew. The Lord sees our actions, and a church that is doing the will of God by going out and searching for the lost will be healthy. I have found out that not many souls are being led to Christ by some of our churches. Start up and go!

I remember when I went to Billy Graham's School of Evangelism class and gleaned a lot from it. But on the last day, the instructor asked us to find someone we didn't know and share the gospel with them. I picked an older gentleman and asked if he would like to do this. He reluctantly said yes,

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10 double-doubles on the season, and also made history by becoming the first player ever to record a triple-double, then repeating that feat again two matches later.

Wrestling

• **Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 10**— On the mat for a dual, CBC took on the Eagles of Avila University inside Mabee Fieldhouse. CBC would drop the dual 38-12 but got victories from three wrestlers and an additional win in an exhibition match. The three winners were **David Corretjer** at 125 pounds, **Brian Mas** at 141 pounds and **Christian Richer** at 165 pounds. Corretjer won by forfeit, Mas won by a 9-6 decision and Richer won by an 11-4 decision. Corretjer also won an exhibition match.

• **Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12**— Wrestling for the second time in three days, CBC was on the mat at the Grand View Open. **David Corretjer** went 1-2 at 125 pounds, winning his first match by fall before losing by major decision and technical fall in the last two matches. **Isaiah Hendrix** won his first match at 141 by technical fall 20-4 before losing by fall in his final two matches. **Guillermo Ramos** lost both of his matches at 149 pounds, **Antwon Singleton** last both of his matches at 285 pounds and **Gregory Pierre-Louis** won his first match by fall before losing by decision and fall in his final two matches at 285. **Brian Mas** lost his first match at 141 pounds by fall before winning an 8-7 decision in the second match and medical forfeiting the third match. **Alejandro Mas** lost his first match by fall before pinning his second opponent, then dropping an 8-0 decision in his final match. **Christian Richer** dropped a 7-5 decision in his first match before winning a 4-2 decision, then dropping a 7-2 decision in his final match. **Darron Harvey** went to double overtime in his first match, losing 4-3 and then dropped a 2-1 decision in his second match.

Men's Basketball

• **Marshall, Texas, Nov. 10**— Playing for the first time away from Reddin Fieldhouse this season, CBC took on the Wildcats of Wiley College at Alumni Gymnasium. In the second meeting in 11 days between the two schools, CBC (3-1) trailed at the half, fought back to retake the lead in the second half and missed a free throw late to seal a 74-73 loss to WC (3-1).

• **Conway, Nov. 12**— Playing for the fourth time at home in their first five contests of the season, CBC hosted the Eagles of Texas A&M-Texarkana (TAMUT) at A.R. Reddin Fieldhouse. CBC (3-2) closed the first half strong, but ultimately surrendered a halftime lead, falling 73-64 to TAMUT (3-1).

earned her second consecutive honorable mention selection, having played in all 22 matches and 81 sets that the Mustangs contested this season. She paced the team in both digs (306) and service aces (26) but also reached a career milestone, becoming just the second player in program history to accumulate 1,000 digs. She also posted a career-high in kills with 107 this season and had two double-doubles. Freshman **Madeline Freeman** recorded an outstanding

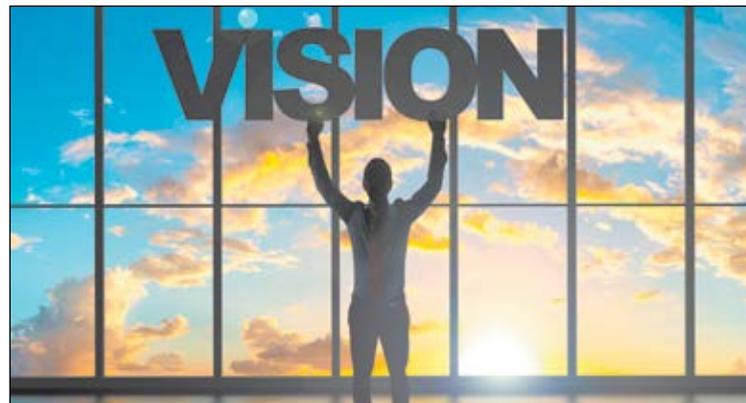


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Creating a Vision for Your Student Ministry in 2023

It is crazy to think, but 2023 is just around the corner. While it seems impossible to think that in a month and a half we will be in a new year, that is our reality. One of the things I love about the end of the year, and the beginning of the next is the opportunity to evaluate where we are and what we need to do to move forward. This is especially important in student ministry. Our world is rapidly changing and so does youth culture. While our message never changes, our methods have to be constantly evolving.

What is your vision for your student ministry in 2023? Now let me be clear, your mission is defined by your church. Your mission is that purpose that the entire church moves forward with. However, your vision is applying that mission to your context. It leaves us with questions about how we are going to pour into our students and reach students in our community. Have you taken a few minutes to consider how God would have you fulfill the student ministry at your church in 2023? If not, now is when you need to do it for the upcoming year. This will allow you time to meet with other leaders within your congregation and then be able to communicate that vision to your students. As you seek to determine your vision for 2023, here are a few things to consider:

• **What is the mission and vision of your church?** We often neglect to think about our ministry as a part of the larger whole. At the end of the day, student ministry is an auxiliary of the church. It is not an entity unto itself. We need to make sure that we are in alignment with the rest of the congregation in leadership.

• **Where is God working in your community?** Henry Blackaby is known for pointing us to this concept. Find where God is working and join him there. We should look at our vision in the same manner. How is God using your students now? What could you do to help them? What does it look like for your ministry to make that sort of investment?

• **Is our vision God-focused?** It is important for us to strive for greater numbers, because they represent people. However, if we are not careful, we can become man-focused rather than God-focused. In those cases, it becomes about what "we" did rather than what God did. Pour into the important stuff: Bible study, evangelism, prayer, service, and worship.

As you seek to figure out the direction of your ministry in 2023, I'm sure you have other things you will also consider. Join us in our Facebook group (Student Ministry Matters Community) to share some of those things. We would love to hear from you.

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Registration is Open For Spring 2023

• **Traditional:** Spring registration for traditional students at CBC opened on Monday, Nov. 7. Advanced registration is for our current students who will be returning for the spring semester. Current students are encouraged to make an appointment with their advisor to begin the registration process. Advanced registration ends Friday, Dec. 2. For more information, contact the registrar's office at (501) 205-8817 or visit us online at cbc.edu/traditionalregistration.

For more information about beginning or completing your college degree, or to begin the admissions process, visit cbc.edu/apply. For questions, contact one of our personal enrollment officers at admissions@cbc.edu or (501) 329-6873.

• **PACE:** Class registration for the PACE (Professional Adult College Education) program at CBC will open for the spring 2023 term on Monday, Nov. 14. The PACE program offers students a flexible way to earn their college degree while still working full-time. Classes are five weeks each and are offered in-class, online or a combination of the two in a hybrid format. With eight enrollment periods each calendar year, there is always a class starting soon ☐ sign up today!

For more information about beginning or completing your college degree through the PACE program, or to begin the admissions process, visit cbc.edu/pace. The CBC PACE program is accredited, affordable, online and flexible. It's your time to begin or complete your college degree. Contact a personal enrollment officer at either admissions@cbc.edu or (501) 329-6873 for more information or to get started today.

Spring Block One classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 and the registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 2. The enrollment deadline for Block Two courses, beginning Feb. 13, is Monday, Feb. 6.

Did you know that 99% of CBC students qualify for some type of financial aid? Take advantage of our new \$1,400 PACE Scholarship, our \$500 BMAA Grant that applies for all students who attend a BMAA church, the Ministry Tuition Grant, Student Referral Grant or the Veterans Tuition Grant.

Volleyball

• **St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 8**— The American Midwest Conference has announced their all-conference selections and a pair of CBC Mustangs were selected to the Honorable Mention teams. Sophomore **Mikayla Lawrence**



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How to Handle Difficult People



Toxic, Difficult Or Something Else?

Biblically, toxicity must be removed, one way or the other, from your congregation, either through resolution and reconciliation or by confrontation and exclusion. It is not easy, nor is it any fun, but it will be necessary at times. (Remember, just because someone disagrees with you, or has a different opinion, does not mean they are toxic.) The ingredient necessary for dealing with difficult people is meekness. Jesus said in Matt. 5:5, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." Although it is not the leadership style of the world, Jesus told us not to seek dominion over others but to be willing to serve others.

Meekness is defined as "humbly patient or quiet in nature, as under provocation from others; overly submissive or compliant; tame." People of that day, and most likely today as well, define meekness as weakness, but Jesus didn't. He said the meek were the ones who would inherit the earth. When dealing with difficult people you must remain humble and meek but what exactly does that mean? All scripture is God-breathed by the Holy Spirit, and He purposely picked specific words to convey what He meant in a passage.

The word meek, given to us here, gives us three descriptive pictures of what Biblical meekness is:

• **The first picture is of a wild horse that has been broken.** It is a picture of power under control. A horse that has not been broken will not allow you to ride them and displays power and energy that is out of control.

• **The next description of how the word meek was of used was a soothing medicine.** It is the idea of being angry but not sinning. Being meek means that we strive to remove the pain out of the situation. We defuse, not escalate the problem. That is difficult because some people make the solution more painful, not less.

• **Meekness is also a picture of a**

gentle breeze on a hot summer day.

It is refreshing wind instead of being a tsunami or hurricane whose winds destroy and devastate everything in their path. Remaining meek while enduring angry gale force winds is not easy and requires the Holy Spirit's comfort, guidance and wisdom. That is what the Lord offers to us in Matt. 11:28-29, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek (same word) and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls." When you are meek, you are like Jesus.

Meekness does not mean you are a doormat, weak and spineless. It also does not mean you are arrogant, overbearing and domineering. One person described it as being "appropriately assertive." Titus 1:9 says, "Holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it." The word "encourage" means to exhort, urge and beseech. It describes an advocate who pleads the cause of the accused. The word "sound" in this verse is defined as hygienic, and pictures being healthy and wholesome. You must be concerned about the spiritual well-being of others.

Before you begin to think that meekness is weakness, notice the word "refute" in this passage which means to speak against. You are commanded to speak against any teaching or behavior that contradicts healthy, life-protecting, life-preserving doctrine. Every pastor, leader and child of God is obligated by God to give other believers an understanding of the truth that will create the discernment necessary to protect them from false doctrine, heresy and damaging teachings. Refusing to compromise biblical convictions, while also refusing to compromise biblical love. Ephesians 4:15 still says, "Speak the truth in love."

The extremes are truthless love or loveless truth, and the meek will

Opportunities For Service

Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resumes to Immanuel Baptist Church Search Committee, P.O. Box 212, Nashville, Ark. 71852.

Calvary Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes may be sent to resumes@calvarybaptistarlington.org or Pastor Search Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, 2021 S. Davis, Arlington, Texas 76010.

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

Revivals

First, No. Lewisville, Nov. 20-23, 7 p.m.; Eric Barbaree, evangelist; Jerry Evans, interim pastor.

seek to be appropriately assertive. Do not expect your correcting them to always be well received. It will often be seen as unloving, judgmental, divisive, unkind and archaic, but you must stand on truth. People pleasers will always try to keep others happy, almost at any cost, going along with them no matter what. People lovers are those who love you enough to not tell you what you want to hear and affirm your decision, but to tell you what you need to hear. Titus 2:1 says it well, "But you must say the things that are consistent with sound teaching."

Church discipline may become necessary, and you should follow the outline of Matt. 18:15-20, but make sure you have exhausted all opportunities to restore them first. Confront them with a specific plan of what needs to be done to correct their attitude and/or behavior. Proverbs 6 says there are six things God hates, and seven are detestable to Him. One of those is the one who sows discord among the brethren. Create a value in your congregation by stating this, "We talk to one another, not about one another." Teach your people not to listen to the "discord" being sowed but for them to point them to the person they need to be talking with.

The goal is restoration and reconciliation, not sweeping it under the rug or ignoring it and just hoping it will go away. This may sound contradictory, but be patiently proactive. Seek to have a sit-down conversation with them to see what the problem is and how it might be resolved. Transparency produces accountability and accepting unacceptable behavior should never become acceptable. The goal is not confrontation but rather a plan to a more biblical and spiritually healthy relationship. Remember that word meek? Galatians 6:1 refers to it again and says, "You who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit."



By Dr. Tom Mitchell

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(L/R) Current Director of Daniel Springs Camp Jason Prewitt, Andy Comer, Matthew Prather, Baptist Trumpet Executive Editor Jeff Herring and Former Director of Daniel Springs James Speer in Bacolod, Philippines while on a trip in 2011 to serve at the youth camp started by Bro. James.

Remembering a Fellow Servant

I was just thinking that, during a span of 36 years, boys, girls, men and women were impacted by the personality and ministry of James Speer. That's because he, along with his wife, Barbara, greeted thousands of campers at Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment in Gary, Texas, where he served as executive director of BMAA Camp Ministries.

I met James when we were students at Central Baptist College in 1964. He was an upperclassman, and I was a freshman. Another fellow freshman was his talented brother, Paul. The three of us formed fast friendships that lasted for decades.

No one ever met James Speer that was not soon laughing. The man had an uncanny sense of humor. He had a dry wit that was accompanied by astute wisdom. I think that is what made me like James so much. I could tell many humorous stories of things he said and did, but I want to focus on his true devotion to serving Christ.

The man was much more than a delightful personality. He was a devoted preacher and teacher of God's Word. In keeping with all his family of nine siblings, he was a talented singer. He sang bass in the CBC Men's Quartet while in college and later he did so with the Churchman Quartet at his church in Carthage, Texas.

He loved kids of all ages. No one can be a camp director for 36 years and not have a deep love for children and teens. One of the reasons for his love was his concern for their souls and their spiritual walks. That was the primary reason for his long tenure at Daniel Springs.

Under his leadership, campground facilities were improved and many added. To move from a few small cabins cooled only by window fans, the director called on men and women from several states to transform those abodes into comfortable air-conditioned facilities. That included the previously open-air tabernacle, where so many lives were touched by the ministry of the camp. All that sure made a difference in the serene setting amid the sultry East Texas climate.

When he rendered his annual reports to the meetings of the BMA of America, his thrill was to tell how camp changed lives. He beamed when he told of those who had been saved, those who had surrendered to missions and of those who had answered the call to the ministry. Those where highlights every year for James Speer.

My friend and fellow preacher for 58 years received his heavenly promotion Thursday, Nov. 3. I have a feeling he is enjoying the reunion with his family who are there. But I know what his greatest expectation was, and it was fulfilled when he saw his Savior Who changed his life years ago when, like so many to whom he had ministered, he put his trust in Him.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us a fellow servant in James Speer. You have blessed so many through him, and we are grateful.



Beech Street, Crossett added two by statement; Donnie Dubose, pastor.

Broadway Ave., Bay rejoices over two by baptism, one by restoration, and one by letter; Rick Jensen, pastor.

First, Damascus gained one by letter; Daniel Williams, pastor

North View, NLR welcomed five by letter and one profession of faith; Mike Cantrell, pastor.



Kaye Don Wooley, 84 of Magnolia, passed away Nov. 6. She was a member of Antioch East Baptist Church.

Ronnie Mack Bryant, 76 of New Edinburg passed away Oct. 30. He was a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church.



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and then he explained that he had been a deacon in his church for 30 years and had never led someone to Jesus. I looked at him and told him I was glad that the Lord convicted him to finish well and we became friends. So many today are not sharing the gospel and it is showing up in our churches and communities, as well as our country!

(John 17:21) Jesus said He wants us to be one with us. I love to hear of our people that are going out and sharing the gospel and also the ones that are living a life that is pleasing to the Lord. To experience a healthy church, just like the human body, it must be given the right spiritual nutrients. A good helping of daily devotion and prayer unto the Lord with a great deal of love abounding and a heart that is full of gratitude so much, will influence your whole life. Then the “want to” gets in gear!

The last part of this verse tells us the reason for our actions and lifestyles! *“That the world may believe that thou hast sent me”* — good enough!

The Lord expects fruit from a church. *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”* (Matt. 5:16). Dwight L. Moody once said “Out of 100 men, 1 will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian.”

Do you want a healthy church? Be as one. Make sure you equip your church. Teach hands-on witnessing. Go and show. Find

places like the laundry mat and put in a few quarters. They have to sit there, so share the gospel with them. Grocery stores and WalMart are great places, and so are at the gas pumps, in the hospital surgical waiting room and down at the intensive care waiting room.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (I Peter 3:15). One time a few years ago, I went to Highland Hills Baptist Church where Paul White was the missionary. He formed a team of men to go out and visit every home in the surrounding area. One particular day, I had someone upset me and I didn’t want to go. The van was waiting for me, and Dude came over and said, “Aren’t you going?” I said, “No, my heart isn’t in it today.” He insisted that I go and just drive them. So I went and the longer I sat in that van, the more the Holy Spirit convicted me that I was wrong in not going. I looked down at the clipboard, grabbed it and remembered a home about a quarter mile back we had missed. I reluctantly knocked on the door and the lady of the house asked if she could help me. I said, “We missed this house, and I walked back here to share Jesus with you and your family.” She looked at me and said, “My husband and I were just talking, since we now have a child, that we should learn more about church!” I knew the Lord had planned this from the start. I started talking with her, and

her husband came home from work and walked by me. Then a neighbor walked in and took the children in another room. To make a long story short, I led both of them to the Lord! Never back away from the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

(John 17:22-23) Christians will know unity in the church if they are one with God. Jesus told His disciples “the lost will see your oneness in the church body.” Fellowship is powerful for evangelism in a church. When a lost world looks at your church, do they see people just going through the motions or true love abounding and unity that draws people to Jesus and His church? Powerful things will happen when the church follows these instructions. It won’t be because of great preaching, but the love, encouragement and kindness shown by the people. With this in mind, won’t it be wonderful to see someone come and enjoy the fellowship at your church and be drawn by true love and then hear the gospel and be saved?

There have been two large churches in Mountain Home that have split recently because of a lack of oneness. As a church, get all your people and educate them about the attacks of Satan and how he wants to cause trouble in God’s church. *“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”* (I John 4:4).

Rely on the Lord for He is in you and we are in Him. Nothing can defeat a church that completely relies on Jesus! We have overcome the world with the One who is

always with us. May we always believe together as one!

A Church that is as one with the Lord God will have power. It is not of men, but of God. The early church didn’t wait on someone to walk in the door, they put shoe leather on the gospel. The church today needs to get up out of the pews and start sharing the gospel with the lost or it will not be of the same mind.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Act 1:8). Jesus, before His ascension, told His disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit. This power from the Holy Spirit will start a person on his way to being a soul winner and a person who follows Jesus steps. This power can fill us with works for the Lord and abilities we didn’t know we had. There is no greater power! This power is for equipping us to carry out witnessing for the Lord God!

The one thing I know is that before I go anywhere, I must have enough power to get there! I grew up a mechanic’s son working on cars and trucks. One of the main concerns of a doctor we knew was whether his car would pull his new boat. Looking at his car, we most certainly knew that old Bonneville just didn’t have enough power to pull that boat. He later asked me to work on his eight-track player under the dash on his Bonneville. I asked him what was wrong with it, and he said, “My boy, the car took a dip. It couldn’t pull that big boat up the ramp, so I guess it has water in it. I drained everything else!”

When we, as a church, look at our work that is to be done, we can be sure of the power supply given to us by the Holy Spirit. When people see the church and the power it has to accomplish the work of the Lord, it attracts them, and favor of the people will show by the souls that are saved.

It is not from lack of power; it is from the lack of love and devotion to the work of the Lord that stops Christians in the work. I always bring up Heaven when I am teaching a soul winning class. It is our love for Jesus paying our way on the cross that stimulates me and others. My friends, we have Heaven waiting on us with no more sickness pain or sorrow. Complete happiness awaits us. Why do we not work? Has this become weak in our minds or just knowing a guarantee of Heaven? This same power that raised up Jesus is with us now. We should be so committed to sharing the gospel that we would die for this cause. The word “witness” (Greek, *martyros*, mar-too-reh-o) is the same word as martyr.

Each one of you possesses the Spirit and power in your life and a nature to be witnesses unto the Lord, the example was Christ. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. We will not do it standing in the stagnate waters of mediocracy. The only way we will see the church flourish is when the church decides to go everywhere with the gospel.

Please let the Holy Spirit lead your heart. You will never regret following the Holy Spirit’s inspiration! May all of our churches flourish with new converts and with much Bible training and discipling them and they may be one as we are!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving Meal, Nov. 19; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Center Grove, Cord; Barry Anderson, pastor.

Fish Fry, Nov. 25; Kingsland, Kingsland.

BMA of America, April 25-27, 2023; Antioch Baptist Church, Conway.

National Galilean Camp, June 23-26, 2023; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville.

SOAR Student Conference, July 3-5, 2023; Gaylord Texan Hotel, Grapevine, Tex.

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Doug & Diane Lee • The Philippines

At our recent staff and faculty meeting, Pastor Ricky Gicano, who is our student intern coordinator, reported 1,032 professions of faith this past year through our student internship program. Praise the Lord and all glory to God! Doug challenged and commended our students for their hard work and love for the lost. They are truly God's mission force to the mission field! They are the **FORCE** behind the Great Commission in the Philippines — Faith (Prov. 3:5-8), Obedience (Rom. 6:16), Rejection (Deut. 31:8), Compassion (II Cor. 2:4) and Endurance (Heb. 12:4).

A Night to Remember — On Sept. 15, after the completion of my radiation treatments, my oncologists released me to return to the Philippines. It was a long, 27-hour trip, but I was excited when I reached the Manila airport. It was wonderful to be back in the Philippines, and I could hardly wait to be reunited with my hubby. I waited at the luggage carousel for what seemed like an hour for my bags — the last ones to come down the carousel. There were more delays as I went through Immigration and Customs. Little did I know that Doug was outside in the parking lot in an airport shuttle bus going through the Roman Road, step-by-step with the driver. The driver asked Jesus to come into his heart and be his Savior. Delayed? Yes. Frustrated? Yes. But God was present outside in an airport shuttle bus, dealing with a young man named Alfie, who became a child of God that night. God's delays are divine appointments in our lives!

Baby Freedom — Jack and Angie Albes joined our missionary support group about four years ago. Jack is my "go-to guy" when we need something done with our mission points. Their baby boy was born with a heart problem. The vein going into his heart must be replaced. This replacement surgery can only be done in Manila at a hospital there, and the cost is about 500,000 pesos or \$10,000 US dollars. If you would like to help with Freedom's surgery, you can send donations labeled Doug & Diane Lee "Freedom's surgery" to the BMA Missions Office, P.O. Box 878, Conway, Ark. 72033 or to our home church, Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11 Old Kiln Road, Picayune, Miss. 39466.



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Mindanao Conference — The Mindanao Association-wide Bible Conference in GenSan, Mindanao, has finally become a reality. This conference was scheduled for July, but because of medical problems, we had to postpone until this month. Diane and I were both speakers, and what a great time we had! There were 90-100 present.

The island of Mindanao is located in the southern Philippines. Traveling there meant having to take a boat over from our island where we live to another island. We then caught a flight from there to Gen San. We checked into a hotel and hurriedly changed clothes and caught a "pedicab" to the church. It was a great time in the Lord, with an opportunity to see many dear friends and graduates from the Bible College. We had five lectures and were the speakers at the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute graduation. There were three young ladies and three young men who graduated. It was much hotter there since it is closer to the equator, but the fellowship was sweet, and we made many new friends. One young man from one of the villages who attended said, "I have never seen an American before, only in movies! But they answered my many questions."

College choir sings at BMAP Association meeting at Tangub Baptist Church — Our BMABC choir was invited by Pastor Pete Etabag to perform for the association meeting and conference. We have 62 choir members, and it was quite an undertaking to get them transported to the church. Jeepney and bus rentals helped us achieve that goal. Their performance was inspiring and spirit-filled, and we are thankful for the dedication of each one. It was 9 p.m. when they arrived back at the college, but our cook had dinner waiting for them and they all made it to class on time the next day! We rewarded them by serving ice cream after chapel on Wednesday.

Stan & Donna Scroggins • The Philippines



Darlene Carey Christian Academy — School has been going great at the academy. In November, we will proceed to full-week classes as normalization continues here. Two years of schools being closed is exhibited in teachers expressing how behind the students are in all subjects and even in their discipline and general politeness.

Masskara 2022 — Filipinos love a celebration, and after two years of cancellations due to COVID, who can blame them for going all out for this year's Mascara 2022 Celebration? Everywhere you go you find

mask, dance, parade, singing, food and display competitions. Bacolod is filled with visitors from all over the Philippines and the world.

BMA Bible College — During the recent Teacher Appreciation Week, our students simply outdid themselves by honoring all our teaching staff. We've finished mid-terms and now it's on to the countdown to finals. We are so thankful for our partnership with the BMA Theological Seminary, which helped us finish classwork with four of our teachers for degrees in Pastoral Theology. Steve Abalos, Nick Gomez, Ricky Giacana and Joemel Samsom completed all classwork. These four will focus on their exit exams to be completed by March in time for April graduation. What started as an effort to get four teachers accredited degrees, ended up

with over 20 students participating in master-level classes over the past seven months. Plans are in the works to help these students finish as well.

From Stan — We are in Israel! On Oct. 23, Donna and I left for Israel to join friends from First Baptist Church in Magnolia on a tour of the Holy Land. I traveled here back in the 1980s when I was a young music and youth pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Camden. It has been fun to meet up with friends from First Baptist and also those from Rison and North Alabama.

From Donna — This is my first time visiting Israel. It has been such a great experience. Once we get back to the Philippines, it will be time for our annual health check-ups in Manila. Please pray as we will have to deal with lots of "red tape."

Brandon & Brittney Lingle • Thailand

Before we share anything we just want to tell you thank you. So many of you have called us, sent letters, messaged and even sent money in memory of Judah. We are so thankful to God for so many great friends and the amount of support we have received the past few months. Thank you so much for loving our family and caring for us.

• Judah's Funeral and the Flood — I tried writing this newsletter a week or so ago but, when I came to this point, I had to stop. Actually, after that, the whole week was full of weighty emotions — God is good, God loves us, and He is sovereign. Just simple, but profound, realities like this have sustained us and even given us joy in the midst of sorrow.

Judah's funeral was so difficult. Just knowing his little body was up there on the stage and not in our arms, and all the while singing "It is well with my soul." It really was in that moment. It still is. Singing brought so many tears. Just remembering that moment is bringing them back now. What a sweet moment to worship. I'll never forget singing and believing that "because He lives, I can face tomorrow." Oh, how we long for Heaven even more where we can sing while holding Judah in our arms.

We are so thankful for friends here in Thailand helping us with the funeral. Jo did a great job coordinating everything and preaching. The funeral just happened to fall on the same morning our area was flooded. We woke up that morning thinking we had to call it off, and if our van was any lower to the ground, we would have had to. We were sad most of our neighbors couldn't go to the funeral with us.

After we came back home from the funeral we felt better, sorrowful but rejoicing. The water slowly started to drain, and the kids went out and had

fun catching all the fish that were in our yard and street. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't think about Judah. Some people that saw Brittney pregnant are meeting us for the first time since and asking where he is. We have had, and I'm sure will continue to have, many conversations about life, death and God. Again, we are so thankful to all those who checked on us, encouraged us and prayed for us.

• Rot's Internship — I want you to meet Rot (pronounced like "wrote"). He is doing a six-month internship with our church. He has shown a great desire to help serve and teach the Bible. His internship consists mainly of reading the Bible and other Christian literature, then sharing with us what he is learning and how those things are shaping and preparing him to serve. It's been a joy to watch him grow. We are so thankful for him and his commitment to the Scriptures. It is our desire to come alongside him however we can to help him start a church or serve in one in his home province.

• Pastor's Conference — Jo and I have been dreaming and praying about this opportunity for years. North Bangkok Church will be hosting its first Pastors Conference on Dec. 10-12. Rot and other men are already signed up, and we are all eager to gather and talk about preaching and the preacher. The number of churches in Thailand is very few, and even fewer than that are the pastors that faithfully preach God's Word. God's people need God's Word more than anything. We look forward to meeting these men and building relationships and partnerships with them.

• Children's Book Published and Printed — The Biggest Story is finally printed. It has been a joy to hand this book out (free) to others. This children's book summarizes the whole redemption story from

Genesis to Revelation. Our kids have enjoyed it and now they can also give it to their friends to read.

• Moms Coming to Visit — Another thing that has been a joy is visiting with Jessie's mom and sister while they were here. Brittney and I enjoyed their company so much and it made us get even more excited because our moms are planning a trip to Thailand to come visit us soon!

• New Office — I'm thankful for a new space to work in and for some good helpers who got it ready. This room is located in our neighborhood and all the neighbors are asking when I will start to teach. (I'm guessing they are thinking teaching English.) We hope to open it up, have activities and maybe do some teaching in the near future.

• Birthday Days (8 and 3) — Josie turned eight Oct. 20, and little Joy turned three Nov. 7. We love being their parents. I want to go on expressing my love for these girls, but I'll stop myself from getting too mushy and go on to the next subject.

• Loy Krathong — Last night was a big Thai festival (Loy Krathong) and they celebrated it in our neighborhood. They make a "Krathong" (pronounced more like "Gratong"), then they light it up and put it in the water for it to float away. We just watched. Christians here don't participate in that part of the festival because they send out the Krathong "to thank the Goddess of Water, the Hindu Goddess Ganga." I've heard a lot of our Thai friends say it's more like saying "sorry" because of polluting the water and things like that.

We had some good conversations that night with neighbors. Little Joy surprised us and said out of nowhere, "I wanna go on the stage too." So we walked her up and she was a star. The neighborhood was eating it up when

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False Messiahs

In the list of the “beginning of birth pains” in the Olivet Discourse found in Matthew 24, the first sign is of the appearing of false christs or messiahs. There’s a simple detail there that’s easy to pass over but needs to be pointed out — christs or messiahs are plural, which means more than one will appear. I feel I must address this plurality in light of my many articles on the rise of the Antichrist and the possibility of Islam’s Mahdi (their messiah) being him, because those expecting the universally revered revived Ottoman Empire caliph and Islamic messiah could be tripped up when another appears first.

The Olivet Discourse given by Jesus and found now in Matthew 24 and 25 came as an answer to the question of the disciples — “What are the signs of your return and the end of the age?” Jesus then walked through a list of signs.

Jesus began with what He called the “beginning of birth pains” and then He discussed the actual birth pains, which include the reign of the Antichrist, the abomination he commits, his deception and the great tribulation he brings. The “beginning of birth pains” is an unspecified amount of time that runs from whenever it starts until the abomination that leads to desolation, which is when the Antichrist sets himself up to be worshipped in the Jewish Temple. This moment is the midpoint of the final seven years of this age. First century Jews recognized the “birth pains” to be the Great Tribulation at the end of the age.

Biblical prophecy doesn’t give us much on the timing of the rise of the Antichrist other than that there is sequence to his rise, which is found in Daniel 8 and Revelation 17, and that he is in power at the start of the final seven years. Therefore, if there are multiple false messiahs and the Antichrist is one of them, he’d likely be the last. It

also means these false messiahs would begin to rise much earlier than the final seven years.

I’ve written that it seems clear the final empire of the Antichrist is a revived Ottoman Empire or Islamic Caliphate, and he will then likely be recognized as the Muslim messiah which, in reality, is a false messiah. That checks off one of the false messiahs, but Jesus said there would be many.

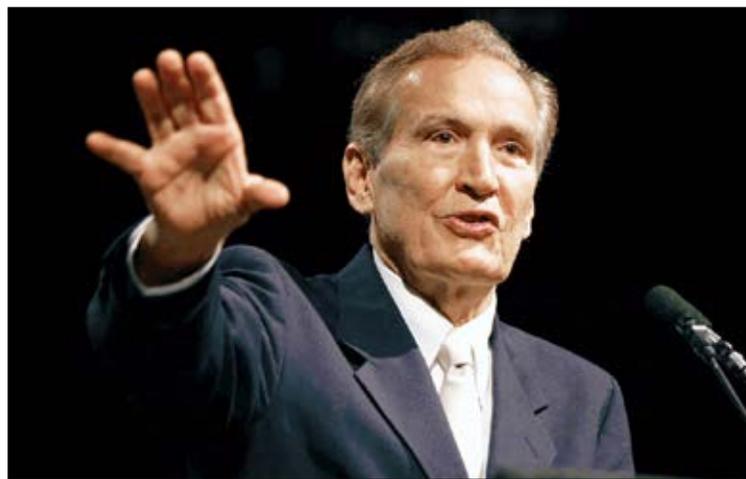
Do you see the possible confusion?

I believe we jump to think of insignificant crazies like David Koresh of the Branch Davidians in Waco as what Jesus intended when he warned of false messiahs. Though to the few that followed Koresh he was a false messiah, I doubt he even made the list of what Jesus was talking about. The deception of the last days is extremely significant, and these false messiahs seem to have great reach and potential to deceive many.

When it comes to the other false messiahs, there are many possibilities. Remember, the Jews of today are still looking for a messiah to come, and I don’t believe that Scripture describes them accepting the Antichrist as one. Therefore, the stage is set for a Jewish messiah to come and be accepted. If the case is convincing, then many others, especially including Jews and Christians, are greatly susceptible to this false messiah. Right now, there are whispers in Judaism that the Messiah is alive today and is in hiding. One of the most popular Jewish rabbis in history who passed away earlier this year claimed to have met this messiah.

There is also no reason to presume that there aren’t multiple people who come as a Jewish messiah, but in all truth, they are all false. That’s one possibility.

Within Islam there are two big divisions — Shi’ah and Sunni. They are each looking for a messiah figure.



Nine Teaching Techniques From Adrian Rogers

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

One of my absolute favorite preachers is Adrian Rogers. Although he has gone home to be with the Lord, his preaching continues to impact many all over the world through internet, television and radio. Like many, I have always appreciated his style of preaching and Bible teaching. There is just something about how Rogers presented God’s Word that made you want to listen and learn.

I’ve compiled a small list of things Adrian Rogers did that helped him clearly teach and preach God’s Word. Let us consider these things together:

• **“Open your Bible.”** I cannot find a sermon where Rogers does not begin by asking the congregation to open their Bibles. This

Shi’ah are looking for the 12th Imam and the Sunni the Mahdi. Therefore, there’s likely a false messiah that will rise to claim to be each. This may be why Daniel 8 seems to describe a war with modern-day Turkey and Iran leading to the rise of the Antichrist. Again, there doesn’t just have to be one who arises claiming to be the 12th Imam or Mahdi. Likely there will be multiple ones.

Those are the two easy areas to see possible false messiahs arising from, but there could be many more from different groups who feel they have their messiah. It could be Christians who claim to be a messiah. It could be a pagan who claims to be a messiah. I had information sent to me from a group of 60,000 who believe there is an alien messiah on the earth now.

There are many likely scenarios because Satan diversifies.

As with each article I write, I do so to help us stand firm. In particular, with this article, my hope is that we recognize the reality that there will be multiple false messiahs and that just because someone appears claiming to be a messiah it doesn’t mean they’re the Antichrist.

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)

set the tone for his preaching and teaching, as it clearly established that everything said after that moment would be coming from the Bible. We also should begin every sort of Bible preaching and teaching with the Word of God being read and believed.

• **He went verse-by-verse.** Friends, consider this fact: God did not give us His Word in bits and pieces. He gave us His Word book-by-book. We would do well to preach and teach God’s Word in a way that follows the manner in which it was given to us. There is power in the Word of God, and we would all do well to study, teach and preach it verse-by-verse. Adrian Rogers faithfully preached that way. He was an “expository” preacher. Expository preachers and teachers will present the meaning of the verses being taught as God intends, as opposed to making the Bible say what they want it to say. When we take the time to go verse-by-verse, we are obligated to preach and teach God’s Word as it was given and in the proper context.

• **“Put in your margins,” “Look, if you will,” “Mark it down...”** Another thing Rogers did consistently was asking (or telling) his listeners to look at the Bible. It was not enough to simply open and read it briefly at the beginning of the sermon. Rather, God’s Word was referenced continually throughout the entire presentation. This is a good goal for all of us to pursue. We must not merely make Scripture our “jumping off point” of the sermon or lesson, but it must continually be the focal point.

• **Tell them where you’re going.** Rogers helped his listeners become learners from the beginning of each sermon. He did this by telling his listeners where he was taking them. He would essentially give the highlights of his sermon outline at the beginning of the sermon. That is a good practice, as it helps listeners focus on what is being said, rather than wondering where they are going. Consider doing this as you begin your lesson or sermon.

• **Ask questions.** One of the things that helped listeners stay

engaged to Rogers’ preaching was his use of questions. He did not ask questions that had no meaning or answer, but he asked piercing questions that could be answered by God’s Word. Perhaps one of the best ways to communicate the truths of God’s Word is by asking questions that cause one to think about the truth of God’s Word.

• **He was a slow speaker.** Adrian Rogers’ speaking abilities were, and still are, nearly unmatched. Yes, he had a golden tone of voice and a cadence which could keep even the most sleepy-eyed listener awake. Those are God-given gifts, which only a few have. However, one thing we can all learn and put into practice is the ability to speak more slowly and deliberately when we teach or preach. Most people tend to speak twice as fast when they are speaking in front of others. Try to speak a little more slowly and deliberately and see if it helps your students understand you better.

• **Use illustrations appropriately.** Rogers used illustrations masterfully. His illustrations were powerful because they were relatable, short and pointed people to the Word of God. We are often tempted to make our lessons or sermons 80% illustration and 20% Bible. Our illustrations or stories do not have power. God’s Word has the power! We would do well to use illustrations judiciously and with the intent of pointing people to the Bible. Here’s a good rule of thumb — at the end of your lesson or sermon the people should remember God’s Word more than the illustration used to teach it.

• **He didn’t mind saying the hard stuff...but he did so lovingly.** Christians seem to struggle with extremes. We seem to swing from legalism to liberalism yet have trouble landing where we should. I have had to be careful with this. Believers, and especially pastors and teachers, ought to be willing to teach and preach the truth no matter what. They ought to stand firm on God’s Word and affirm the doctrines of the Bible. However, this must be done with love and even with a smile. Adrian Rogers did that. His consistent, firm and loving preaching is a good example for us all to consider as we teach or preach God’s Word.

• **He kept the gospel primary.** Over and over again, Rogers found a way to clearly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ from the Bible. Friends, this world needs the gospel. Any occasion is a good occasion to tell someone about the saving grace of God Almighty — even in the Sunday School class or worship service! Let us seek every opportunity to preach and teach the gospel.

May God bless you and your preaching/teaching ministry!

If you would like to listen to one of Adrian Rogers’ sermons that illustrate our need to depend on God’s Word, visit tiny.cc/adrianrogers.



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Our goal is to bless you with heartwarming stories in the newsletter, while we continue our weekly reports in the *Baptist Trumpet*.



From Our Missionaries

Hispanic Coordinator: Michael Hight writes, "Last night was an absolute dream come true. German Galindo, the first Hispanic I baptized in the mission work at El Faro, has been ordained to the ministry and God has called him to plant churches in his native Mexico."

"He was at Caldwell last night to present his work and I could not have been prouder of him. He has a burden for his people and has a definite calling from God. He will be leaving in December to start his work."

"Now two men have been ordained to the ministry through the ministry at El Faro. God has been so good to the Hispanic work in Arkansas, and you are a vital part of this ministry. If you would like to have German come to your church to present his work, please contact us. We will provide a translator and you will be encouraged to hear what God is doing!"

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, "We are praying with the youth group asking God for direction in the implementation of the AWANA program. I am pleased by the interest this small group of young people has in reaching other young people with the gospel. We have also invited some sisters to join the work team. We plan to visit another church to observe the program, please pray for doors to open for us."

"I would also appreciate praying for young North American couples who wish to do ministry among Hispanics. Since our neighborhood is multiracial, it is important to have a multiracial congregation that invites everyone in the community to congregate."

"The house group on Thursday

night continues to surprise us. The attendance was 18, even though some did not attend because they were sick. As I have told you before, the most interesting thing is that except for one person, the rest are from a Catholic background. We make sure that the Word is taught without any type of limitation in an atmosphere of cordiality and respect. In this last meeting, we cut cake, sang Happy Birthday and prayed for the people who had their birthday in the month of November."

Ebenezer, West Little Rock: Ruben Isturiz writes, "We had a good attendance last Sunday. I am glad to see that, little by little, new people are coming to Ebenezer. One person visited us on Sunday. It is all a product of the prayers of the saints. Thank you for praying for the missions. Keep praying that God will introduce us to people who are thirsty for Him."

"Next Sunday, we will have our Thanksgiving lunch. I believe it will be a meaningful time of fellowship, sharing food and being fed by the Word of God."

"Pray for me, for wisdom and a spirit of humility; as for plans, my mind is already on the month of January. I want to start our evangelism, discipleship and gospel movement training. I have prayed, and continue to pray, God will show me leaders (servants) within Ebenezer for training. God is leading me to four to six faithful, suitable people to teach others. Brethren, my prayer is that God will be glorified in what we do, the glory is God's, we are only His fellow workers."

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, "Well, the week started off Monday with a sore throat and headache, that progressed to low fever, and head and chest congestion, and a positive covid

test confirmed my suspicions. But it never got worse than a bad cold, and it only lasted until Thursday, when my fever broke, and the congestion started improving. Then Friday, Karen woke up with it, and her fever was much higher, and the rest of her symptoms were a little worse than mine, and her test results were immediately positive. But by today she is improving, and we are trusting that she will be well soon.

"I told you last week about the couple joining us, we praised God! Then while we were sick this week a man that had been coming for the last 3 weeks called me and asked me how to join our church. Well after a good conversation about salvation and beliefs, he assured me that he knows he is saved, but he had gone to church in other denominations and had never been baptized. He also has been attending a bible study with one of our members, a former pastor, and is studying our doctrinal statement, and he wants to be baptized and join our church. So, praise God, that makes us 43 members, and as soon as Karen and I get back we will have another baptism."

"And I want to give a special thanks to Bubba and Michelle Reese from Herman MBC for coming from Jonesboro Sunday and filling in for us, they were able to get someone to cover for them, and come all that way to minister to our mission, and our people loved them, how could you not love those two?"

"God can work anything out, we just have to trust Him, not ourselves. Thank You for your prayers, for us, for Faith Chapel, and for Flippin, please continue, God is answering them. In Christ's Love."

The Table, Springdale: Clinton Morris writes, "The last two weeks were amazing for the ministry. Tablecon2022 was a major success. I am so grateful for my church family who helped put this on. There were 201 people that came to the event. Several great conversations came from our time. We shall see what seeds have been planted in this community from this event in the months to come. I am currently handing off the convention and its planning to Charles, our worship leader. We are working on the next steps for this ministry."

"DeAnna and I are in a stage of transition with the church. Our next steps are finishing up the church's constitution and articles

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Joy did her little shy dance and said in the mic what her name was. Funny thing is every time they asked her questions in Thai she could answer, but when they tried to speak English, she gave them a blank stare.

Last night was a good reminder God has blessed us with a lot of friends in this neighborhood. It also reminded us to continue praying and sharing with them the good news.

Praise

• We praise God that some of our people at North Bangkok Church were able to complete their membership process, meaning we officially have our first 16 members! We are looking to do another class soon for the people who missed the last one.

of faith. We are also finishing handing off the full preaching schedule to Drew Whitton, this will be solidified in the new year."

Faith Journey, Benton: Bryan Clay writes "At Faith Journey this week, we had our Friendsgiving with all the great folks that have been faithfully attending every week. We had all the Thanksgiving favorites—turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls and pumpkin pie! It was a wonderful time of fellowship and gratitude from our whole group. We are so thankful that God has led us to start this mission and are so blessed that He has led these friends to Faith Journey."

"I was able to get out in the community this week by visiting one of our local nursing homes. I had the opportunity of getting to know some of the residents and staff and shared my testimony and the gospel with all who came and listened. I can't wait to be able to go again and see how I can minister to the needs that they may have. We are looking forward to possibly scheduling some outreach activities with them such as craft time, gospel singing and more."

"Please pray that God's love and comfort be with those that He puts into our paths so that we may be a light in their lives."

Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA: Roberto Marcelletti writes, "We are very excited this week as we will hold our first service. Sovereign Grace Church will open its doors to the Hispanic community of Northwest Arkansas. I made a video for social media where I answered the question Why another church in Spain? Because the North West of Arkansas is a strategic area where many people who speak Spanish are arriving. The United States, after Mexico, is the country with the highest numbers of Hispanics in the world. Because Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world. Because there are not many healthy churches in the area. When I talk about healthy churches, I am talking about a church where the Word of God

• We praise God for those who gave in memory of Judah. I'm shocked at the amount that has been given. Brittney and I are praying and thinking about how those funds can be used in his memory.

Prayer

• Please pray for us as we are still searching for a building for our church to use. We might be settling for one soon if we can't find anything better.

• Pray for our moms as they are getting ready to make the big trip over here. Our family is excited to be with them and show them around!

• Please pray for Brittney as she is still recovering from the C-Section and it is taking a lot longer than expected. Also pray for our hearts as we are still grieving.

• Pray that God will bless the Pastors Conference.

is the final authority, preaching is biblical, membership is a regenerated membership and leadership is called by God and qualified because it lives according to God's call, in holiness by showing the gospel with their lives and in their relationships. We are praying and we ask for your prayers because we want Sovereign Grace to be a community where people are exposed to the biblical gospel and transformed into disciples of Jesus who make other disciples of Jesus.

"As I have written, we have two Mission Zones. One in Springdale and the other in Rogers. In the missionary area of Rogers that is in our apartment, we were finishing talking about salvation, and eight people came. We worshipped, prayed for personal requests and I liked that in the end, they asked me a very good question — "How should a Christian family raise its children in these times, where they are trying to change the family, roles and value to life?" What should be the position of the church? I could see their concern and we spent some time answering their questions and reflecting on the position of courage that both the church and every believer should have. I promised them that, in the future, I would give them a study on the subject. At the end we had a meeting to plan our first service."

Epic Life, Pea Ridge: Jake McCandless writes, "We've have good news — we've secured a new place to meet for our monthly worship gathering. We will be meeting at the Pea Ridge Library. They have a large community room and even better — it's provided at no cost with some furnishings! And don't worry the library is closed on Sundays so we won't have to be quiet!"

"We're also so thankful for those who have partnered to help with a work fund. Just this week we received support from First Baptist, Cave Springs and the BMA of the Ozarks. I also want to thank Spring Creek Baptist Church in Springdale and Pastor Jimmy Tollison for allowing me to share about the work in Pea Ridge this past Sunday."

GLOBAL Care Conference

Be a Missionary Care Giver

By Holly Meriweather

Former Director of Missionary Care Jerry Kidd said, "Our prayer is that we can encourage and strengthen missionaries so they can spread the gospel as effectively as possible, to as many as possible, for as long as possible."

The BMA's missionary care initiative was established years ago by Former International Director Jerry Kidd who has a great love for missionaries and their unique

needs while on the field. During his time leading missionary care, he organized regional conferences, which involved a great deal of planning and outside support, but these conferences were so beneficial for our missionaries.

Bro. Jerry has always dreamed of a global conference for all our missionaries. That goal will become a reality April 27-30, 2023, as missionaries from around the

world plan to come to the States for the BMA National Meeting and Global Care Conference to follow.

Current Missionary Care Director Jonathan Montgomery has a passion for ministering to our missionaries so they can minister to others. He says, "You cannot pump water from a dry well, so our Global Care Conference aims to pour into our missionaries and their families and replenish their spiritual, mental and emotional needs so they can return to their fields with a stronger passion for making disciples and planting churches."

After the 2016 Asia-Pacific Care Conference, one missionary said the conference came "just at the right time" for him and his family. He explained, "We were physically exhausted, spiritually down and feeling all alone in ministry. The messages were encouraging, the songs were inspiring and the fellowship with the other missionaries was exactly what we needed."

Studies show that 70% of missionaries leave the field earlier than planned and for reasons that could have been prevented had there been adequate support and care while serving. Burnout is one key reason missionaries leave the field early, but if provided an opportunity to connect with their peers, there is mutual encouragement, immediate connection and beneficial fellowship.

Our goal is to give every BMA missionary the opportunity to attend this global conference by covering the expense for every missionary family through donations, which will ensure that every BMA missionary has an opportunity to attend. Expenses include international airfare, lodging and meals.

Breakdown of expenses: average meals, \$150; average lodging, \$500; average airfare, \$1,250.

Expenses per family: individual, \$2,000; couple, \$3,500; family of four, \$6,000.

Overall estimated cost: \$250,000.

If you would like to donate to this ministry, please visit bmamissions.org and click on the Global Care Conference banner to be taken to the donation page; select "Give" from the menu, then choose "Missionary Care Ministry" from the list. Checks can also be mailed to BMA Missions, P.O. Box 878, Conway, Ark. 72033. Please write "missionary care" in the memo line.

PRESIDENT

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do ourselves. To get the honor of hearing the CBC band and choir as they led in Thursday evening's worship was the icing on the cake!

To my brothers who the association rightly elected last year to keep me in line, I mean to help in leadership, have been invaluable—First Vice President Tony Crocker, Second Vice President Daniel Williams, Recording Clerks Wes



The EIM 2022 Tanzania Overseas Bible Schools (OBS) with the new church plant members. We had team members from 3 different states — Arkansas, Ohio and Michigan.

EIM Announces 2023 Schedule

By Fonda Norris, Ministry Coordinator • EIM

Have you ever said, "I wish I could do a mission trip," but you didn't know how or with whom? Evangelistic International Ministries (EIM) would like to invite you, our fellow BMAA brothers and sisters, to be a part of our 2023 Global Evangelism Teams that will lead in our OBS (Overseas Bible Schools) ministry. You will have the opportunity to spend several days on a foreign field investing in the lives of children and adults by pouring into them the good news of the gospel.

For over 25 years, EIM has taken teams to work with BMA missionaries and church planters all around the world. We have seen God move and transform countless lives as team members have shared the gospel with people who have never heard. We have several opportunities for you in the summer of 2023. The following are the available OBS trips, dates and costs:

- Ghana, West Africa; June 21-30; \$3,000
- Tanzania, East Africa; July 12-22; \$3,000
- Honduras; July 31-Aug. 5; \$2,200

An online application and non-refundable deposit are due on or before Jan. 27, 2023. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me at the Warren EIM office at (870) 226-3626 or fnorris@eimworldwide.org. You can also visit EIM's website at: www.eimworldwide.org and click on the **Take A Trip** link to view all the requirements to be placed on a team.

Hulvey and Don Embry. Your service is much appreciated, and I look forward to continuing another year in putting together the 74th Annual Session.

To Baptist Trumpet Executive Editor Jeff Herring, who served as a running resource and sounding board, as well as a veritable encyclopedia for questions about previous practice, standards and encouragement. Your servant's heart and willingness to help on a variety of fronts, including graphic art help, was much appreciated.

A special thanks to Wade Allen, who shared with me from his own experience (and documentation) as president of the BMA of Arkansas. I would have been in a much weaker position, especially in trying to work out Thursday's schedule, but also some hints from the business agenda made my planning far more streamlined.

And to the four men who stepped up and shared knowledge, wisdom and their hearts in our breakout sessions — Harold Smith, Larry Barker, Clinton Morris and Dan Carson. Whether you were able to hear some practical and logical ways churches can



Children are the same all around the world. These two wanted to be held, and EIM team member Brooke Camp obliged.

help in the battle for church health, beginning in their own church and extending to other churches, meaningful suggestions and resources to encourage the vitality of prayer in the local church, ideas to reach those we might otherwise think unreachable or practical matters for effective youth and student ministries, I pray you were able to take away something useful.

But more than anyone else, I thank my God and Savior Jesus Christ for the privilege to serve Him at the local church and in the capacity of president of this association. He is the One who gave it all that we might live and serve, and He deserves our very best effort to seek the health of the local church, so that we might have a healthy association of churches to the glory of Christ!

Make sure you have already added Nov. 2-3, 2023 to your calendar for the 74th annual session of the BMA of Arkansas that will again meet at Central Baptist College in Conway, Ark. Make plans now to be a there!

Blessings and grace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!



CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE

Job Announcement: Vice President for Advancement

Reports to: The President

Mission Statement: Central Baptist College is committed to transforming lives through education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

Responsibilities: The Vice President for Advancement is charged with supporting the mission of CBC and elevating the institution's profile through:

- Serving as the institution's chief fundraising officer;
- Developing effective donor, community, and alumni relations;
- Championing CBC through ongoing engagement with alumni, donors and community leaders to continuously maximize the potential for revenue;
- Provide leadership to the Offices of Development, Public Relations, Church Relations, and Alumni Services, working with them to design, implement and direct an integrated and comprehensive development program, with special emphasis on identifying, cultivating, soliciting, engaging and stewarding support to provide long-term financial sustainability for the college;
- A voting member of the President's Executive Leadership Team.

Qualifications: Minimum bachelor's degree; master's degree preferred

- Minimum of seven years of supervision/team leadership
- Demonstrated leadership abilities and strategic thinking
- Ability to manage donor relations with a high degree of professionalism, integrity and confidentiality
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills
- Ability to manage multiple projects/deadlines and possess a service-oriented, team-player attitude
- Fundraising experience preferred
- Travel required, including weekends and evenings.

Candidate must support the Christian identity of the College and demonstrate mature faith, a Christian lifestyle and a strong belief in Baptist Doctrine.

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

To be considered for the position of Vice President for Advancement, interested candidates must complete an Application for Employment at cbc.edu/jobs and send a cover letter, resume (including references) and statement of faith as PDF attachments addressed to Terry Kimbrow, President, at tkimbrow@cbc.edu. Electronic submissions only. Background check required.