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*"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)*



Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

**No issue the next two weeks due to the Christmas &
New Year's Holidays (next issue will be Jan. 11)
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Church members in Nicaragua gather to hear the message of Jesus **Lifeword Around the World**

By Heather Harrison, Lifeword Writer

Imagine if we could see all God is doing around the world. While our current view of His activity is limited — we might see what He’s doing in our own lives or in our family or community — we know if we could see the bigger picture, we would be amazed!

At Lifeword, we are able to see glimpses of the work of God and His people in many areas. Allow us to take you on a trip around the world, from continent to continent, to give you a quick snapshot of all He is doing through the ministry of Lifeword and the men and women committed to taking Christ to the ends of the Earth.

Africa

In **Nigeria**, God’s Word is bearing fruit in the lives of church members and disciples amid political and economic challenges. A former wizard, Bro. Job has not only come to know Christ, but he is also growing and serving through Bible study, prayer and witnessing! Their discipleship class is growing, and God is working through those who participate.

Many people accepted Christ or rededicated their lives to Christ at their mid-year conference in **Liberia**. The Lifeword producers, pastors and church planters are planning to reach the distant towns and villages where there is no church. They are also using the Word of God to resolve conflicts among tribal groups in Liberia after 15 years of civil conflict. Through prayers and with the help of God, all the divided tribes are once more serving the Lord together in the churches.

The gospel is spreading in **Ghana**, despite the ongoing security threats and difficult living conditions. The satellite churches are vibrant and increasing in membership. The main church has grown so much that the structure could no longer hold all the people who gather on Sundays. Praise God for the new chapel being built. Six mission points have been opened in nearby villages where more people can meet and fellowship.

The team in **Tanzania** is continuing to broadcast the Lifeword program each Sunday for Swahili

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speakers around the world. They are continuing to add to their local languages on the Lifeword Cloud and YouTube.

Our brothers and sisters in **Burkina Faso** are undergoing terrorist attacks and turmoil. Many churches have been closed, causing pastors to come to Ouagadougou with their families to be cared for by the mother churches.

Asia

Some of the videos the Lifeword team in **Lebanon** has produced have “gone viral” — meaning thousands more are hearing about Jesus, and their number of online “followers” are growing. The team is also continuing their work on the one-minute apologetics videos.

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people after watching a social studies video in high school. She had enrolled in Mandarin classes even before meeting a young Chinese-American man, Jack Bateman, who would later become her husband. After their clear calling to serve the Lord in Taiwan, they arrived in November 1953. Already a mother herself, she was heavily burdened for children to understand this extremely foreign concept of salvation. She had the idea to write home and ask people to send old Christmas cards, especially those “of a religious nature.”

Since there was no Sunday School literature to be found, her idea was to use the Christmas cards, backs torn off, to teach the children. She also requested any cards or Bible pictures for visual aids. People back home responded, and she soon had piles of them!

Latrell used the cards to reward attendance and Scripture memory. The children were so proud to receive multiple cards each Sunday. She said, “I don’t use Santa Claus cards or those that glorify Mary too much as other religions do. Most of the cards are blank on the other side, so we stamp a Scripture verse there.”

I don’t think I’ll look at a Christmas card the same again!



Guest Editorial: **Positive Ways Churches Can Show Respect for Marriage**

By Eric Black, Editor • Baptist Standard

Same-sex marriage is not only approved by the U.S. Supreme Court, it is now approved by the U.S. Congress. Congress calls the legislation “Respect for Marriage,” but all Congress has done is define what marriages are legal. It’s up to us to define how marriage is respected.

That leaves churches that do not affirm same-sex marriage with some choices. They can focus on regaining enough cultural and political dominance to reverse laws allowing same-sex marriage, even though the well-organized efforts of the last 40 years toward that end have not succeeded.

They can withdraw from the surrounding society, much like the Amish and some Mennonites, though the success of this tactic is also in doubt.

Or they can winsomely embody their convictions within the surrounding culture. The question many have, however, is how to do that. What follows is just a handful of practical suggestions.

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2023 Legacy Missionaries: On The Cutting Room Floor (Part 1)

By Holly Meriweather

In 2020 BMA Missions began a very impactful tradition of honoring our living and deceased missionaries at our national meetings. In 2023, we will acknowledge Bobby and Ruth Bowman and Jack and Latrell Bateman. (The Bateman children will receive their parents’ posthumous award.) Former Missionary and BMA Global President John David Smith, who understands the impactfulness of our retired missionaries, established this award so their legacies would not be forgotten and our entire association can honor their faithfulness to serve.

Our production team will create a video for the ceremony, which means researching their lives and ministries to create the narration. Doing so is truly a labor of love

as I note the highlights of their service.

The Batemans and the Bowmans served in very different areas of the world; Asia Pacific (Taiwan) and Central America (Honduras). They encountered different hindrances to the gospel and reached the lost in different ways, but they had a common heart and willingness to persevere in extremely difficult circumstances.

There are many stories about these faithful servants that can’t be told in a short video. I will share some of those that had to be “left on the cutting room floor,” so to speak, over the next five months.

The first one is a Christmas story of sorts. Latrell Bateman was clearly a resourceful woman who had a burden for Chinese

VERSE OF THE YEAR
So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
ISAIAH 41:10
YouVersion

2022 Bible Verse of the Year

By Samantha Kamman, Christian Post Reporter

(via *ChristianPost.com*) The popular YouVersion Bible app, operated by Craig Groeschel’s Life.Church, has named Isa. 41:10 as its most referenced verse of the year amid a sharp increase in engagement with its Ukrainian-language Bible amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The multi-campus Life.Church released the results of its most recent analysis of top data trends on the YouVersion app. There were sharp rises in Ukrainian-language Bible engagement across Europe from 2021 to 2022 as many Ukrainians have taken refuge in European countries.

The YouVersion Bible App offers over 2,000 versions of the Bible in 1,868 unique languages for free. The application is installed on over 500 million devices worldwide, including smartphones and tablets.

“This year, the verse people in Ukraine engaged with most is also the same verse that the global YouVersion Community shared, bookmarked and highlighted most,” a statement from the church reads.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV), which preaches about God’s divine protection, states: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” It was the most popular verse bookmarked and shared in over a dozen countries.

Ukrainian Bible engagement has increased in Poland by 241% and Germany by 733% for 2022. Bible engagement rose 55% this year in Ukraine while also rising by 76% across Europe.

The Russian invasion of neighboring Ukraine began in February. According to Life.Church, YouVersion searches in the Ukrainian language nearly doubled at the beginning of the war compared to the previous

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Reports from the Churches



Marcus Hill, Enola added one by letter; Kim Leach, pastor.

Shady Grove, Prescott welcomed one by baptism and one by letter; Mike Puckett, pastor.

God gives churches and individuals the opportunity to partner with Him and come alongside others to reach our nation and the world for Christ. Ed Stetzer stated, "What is worse than being lost? Being lost and having no one looking for you!" Begin where you are right now!

• **Plant!** Do we really need more churches? Do we not need to just focus on helping what we already have? The answer to both is, "Yes." Even if you live in the Bible Belt, where 25-30% of the population attend church on any given Sunday, that means there are not enough churches to seat everyone if they all showed up. While our goal is not seating capacity but rather sending capacity, it illustrates that, in a city of 30,000 there are, at a minimum, 15,000 to 20,000 people who desperately need Jesus. Alan Redpath has stated this about membership in the average American church: 5% do not exist, 10% cannot be found, 25% do not attend, 50% do not show up on Sunday, 75% present do not attend the prayer meeting, 90% have no family worship and 95% have never shared the gospel with others. This is an outcry to start new churches and strengthen existing churches.

• **Parent!** This requires a much larger commitment from the church. It could be a larger amount of financial support and a closer relationship with the church planter/missionary family, but it could also involve raising up, discipling, assessing, training and sending a team out of the church to birth a daughter congregation. A parent takes full responsibility for their children, but usually needs some partners (brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandparents) to help with the nurturing of the new baby. The Churches Planting Churches (DCPI) track is a must with a lesson on "Determining Your Involvement" in the church plant. Every church ought to multiply. Some say, "We are not healthy enough to multiply!" Then your goal should be to become healthy enough so you can multiply!

The truth is you cannot disconnect church planting from New Testament missions. It was not always the result of their discipling efforts, but it was always the goal. Maturity is the ability to reproduce, and the Lord's work deserves that you work hard to provide your church with an easy process for a disciple-based church multiplication movement. Let's get moving!

Just Thinking...

By Dr. Tom Mitchell

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It's a Matter of Time

I was just thinking — this year is quickly coming to a close, and we will be entering a New Year in just a few days. It seems the older I get, the faster time flies!

Time — what a unique word! We use the word time to describe seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries and millennia. We can add to that birthdays, anniversaries and holidays.

It's a Matter of Time

We are in the midst of what is commonly called "the holidays." It's about saying, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." For some reason, many are offended if someone greets them with "Happy Holidays."

However, in my opinion, that shouldn't be. The etymology of the word "holiday" is eye-opening. It comes from the Old English word "halidaeg," meaning "holy day." The celebration of Jesus Christ is definitely that of a holy day! On the other hand, "Christmas" comes from a word coined in 1038 A.D. It referred to the Mass of Christ or "Christ Mass."

So, whether we greet one another with "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays," it's a matter of time — the time of celebrating the birth of the Savior of the world... a special Gift at a special time.

That night in Bethlehem 2,000+ years ago was a "holiday!" Oh, there was no cessation of work, no football games and no rest. It was, as is often being sung in churches at this time of year, a silent night — a holy night. In the darkness shrouding the hills, shepherds heard an angelic choir proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14 NIV).

It was, indeed, a matter of time — just the right time! "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship (have the full rights of son)" (Gal. 4:4-5).

A New Year That is a Matter of Time

This is my last column for 2022, and it has been an honor to share my thoughts this past year. I am grateful to Executive Editor Jeff Herring and Associate Editor Allan Eakin for the opportunity to do so each week. I am also grateful for the many who have texted, emailed or called with kind words and encouragement.

Time flies by! It seems we just recently entered 2022, and now we are approaching 2023! I remember, in January, thinking, "Could this be the year Christ returns for us?" I will likely ask that again next month. Why? Because it's just a matter of time!

Happy Holidays!

To each of you, Karen and I wish the very best of God's blessings for you and yours. I urge you to be with your church family on Christmas Day, worshipping the Lord. I also urge you to start 2023 off right — worshipping God, exalting Christ and submitting to the Holy Spirit. Who knows? It could be the year when Jesus comes again! **It's just a matter of time!**



P5 Multiplication

Healthy churches reproduce. The healthiest and most biblical method of church planting is churches planting churches. In *The American Church in Crisis*, David Olson stated that over 600,000 churches will need to be planted by the year 2050 just to keep up with population growth and to replace the 3,000–4,000 churches that are closing their doors every year. Our vision at Healthy Church Solutions is to start new churches while strengthening existing churches. The vision for BMA Missions is "to see every partner church around the world engaged in the process of starting a church."

The initial reaction is to rationalize why we cannot be a part of that vision. "We are too small!" "We do not have enough money!" "We do not know how or what to do!" Yet, every church is commanded to carry out the Great Commission and we desire to help your church determine its level of involvement in this church planting, church strengthening movement. Every church, big and small, can and should be involved in church multiplication. It begins by multiplying disciples, then multiplying leaders, which leads to multiplying churches. The opportunities are everywhere, and our associational structure gives us a pathway of cooperation.

• **Pray!** While I realize this is understood by most, we must be careful to not overlook this all-important step in the process. In our DCPI Essentials training (which is Bible-principle based, not a model), there are four phases. The first phase is The Macedonia Phase, which is God to you. This step must involve discerning what God is asking you and your church to do and how He desires you to accomplish it. You must set aside scheduled times and days that are dedicated to prayer and fasting as you seek His vision for your

church. Consider looking into our Church Prayer System training by emailing us (heidi@bmaam.com) and asking for the three levels of training. Manley Beasley stated, "The mark of a godly man or church is that everything they do is God-initiated."

• **Prepare!** The preparation phase is so important to the church, the church planter and the missionary. This is where you, as a church, must put into practice a biblically-solid discipleship pathway and begin developing a leadership pipeline. Consider how you will train your people in evangelism/discipleship to make sure you are practicing what you are preaching. This training could include our Multiplication Workshop, which teaches the simple reproducible process of making disciples that make disciples. You should also consider looking into the Good Soil Training. It reminds us that gospel information, apart from a relationship with a real live Christian, will have very limited results. With our eyes on the Great Commission, we must develop transferrable methods that empower ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

• **Partner!** Church planters and missionaries could not accomplish what they are accomplishing without partners who have committed to praying, encouraging, visiting and financially supporting them. They must be willing to give the rest of their lives to suffering for and serving the church. Money is not the limiting factor — leadership is! We must create a culture where we answer the call to the mission, not salary. If we rely on external motivation (a paycheck) to reach the world, it will never happen. There must be an internal motivation and passion to live out God's calling and do whatever it takes to be obedient to His will.



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By Executive Editor
Jeff Herring



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Wrapping Things Up

As we are now less than a week away from Christmas Day, it is a time when we generally look forward to spending time with family and celebrating the greatest gift ever given — Jesus!

For many of us, this time of year also brings memories of those that are no longer here to celebrate with us. I still find it hard to believe that five years ago was the last time we were able to celebrate with dad and my Grandma Stacy. So much life has been lived in those five years that they were not a part of, but at the same time, they still were. I have no doubt that I would not be the person I am today without the influence of my dad and my grandma in my life over the years. (The same could be said for so many others they touched as well.) So in that way, they are still a part of all of the things that have taken place since they left their earthly dwelling to spend eternity with the Lord.

Do I still wish I could call Dad and talk about things or just go and grab lunch at Arby's? Do I wish I could go to Grandma Stacy's and help her cook for the big day and enjoy the time with her at an early breakfast? Of course! Those are the memories we cherish as we look back, but I also get excited about the reunion we will one day experience in eternity as we celebrate our Savior face-to-face together!

As you begin to wrap up things for this year, will you make time to be intentional about spending time with your loved ones? We are not promised tomorrow, and I have many friends who, like me, never realized the last Christmas with those we love was the last one on this side of eternity.

Thanks For Understanding

This is the last issue until Jan. 11, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We are using that time to begin the transition to our new subscription management system. For the most part, you won't notice anything different — the mailed paper and E-Trumpet will continue as normal.

By Jan. 1, we hope to have the new system up and running, alongside our current system so we can double-check and work out any issues that are found before going "live" with the new system. When we do go "live," the biggest difference will be a new website that will look very similar to what we have now but will provide access to the new customer portal that should be more functional than our current system.

We appreciate your patience during this time of transition. Our goal in all of this is to provide all of you with a better experience as an individual subscriber or as a church plan manager.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry. On behalf of my family and Allan's family, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We pray that God will bless you as you faithfully serve Him!

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What Churches Shouldn't Do

Following the Obergefell v. Hodges decision in 2015, many churches that oppose same-sex marriage sought to avoid participating in same-sex weddings. They amended their bylaws to include a definition of marriage and a

prohibition against their clergy performing same-sex ceremonies, as well as prohibiting their facilities from being used for the same.

Some of those churches thought these bylaw amendments were all they had to do in response to same-sex marriage. They were wrong. Some also thought updating their governance was all they had to do to demonstrate their estimation of

marriage. They were equally wrong.

Churches that do not affirm same-sex marriage ought to make their convictions clear, whether in bylaws or otherwise. No one should have to guess where a church stands on something as significant as marriage. But churches should not think state and federal laws and church bylaws are sufficient for expressing respect for marriage.

What churches should not do is formalize their convictions in governing documents, then wash their hands. They also should not go back to business-as-usual pre-Obergefell and the Respect for Marriage Act. This amounts to a sort of head-in-the-sand approach to the world as it now is — or worse, a grumbling do-nothingism unbecoming of Christ's church.

What Churches Can Do

By contrast, churches must follow the example of Jesus, who took on human flesh and lived in this world as it is. He walked into difficult situations more often than He avoided them. He touched people the religious establishment despised. He ate with them, and I'm certain He laughed with them. He told them to sin no more, and He forgave them.

Churches of every stripe can live more like that. They also can practice their convictions about marriage in positive and practical ways.

• **Premarital Counseling** — Churches that value marriage need to enable the best possible start for each one they have the privilege to foster. One way they can do this is to invest in premarital counseling.

Often, the pastor is the default premarital counselor, but a church that values marriage ought to have a more robust program than that. It ought to carve out money in the budget, time on the calendar and space in the building for couples to receive the best preparation for marriage a church can provide.

It ought to enlist as mentors some in the church who have demonstrated years of faithful marriage through the trials and triumphs of life — whether those people are still married or not. A widow or widower has much to teach a young couple about marriage "until death do us part." And it ought to be offered to couples inside and outside the church.

What sort of premarital counseling or mentoring does your church provide?

• **Marriage Enrichment** — Churches that value marriage need to look for ways to enable couples to strengthen and possibly revive their marriages. Marriage enrichment programs and events can accomplish that.

For marriage to stand the test of time and all the trials time brings, married couples need support from others. They need cheerleaders and coaches. They need accountability and community. They need the resources marriage enrichment can

provide.

Like premarital counseling, marriage enrichment should be built into a church's budget, calendar and space requirements. It should be held by the church as an ongoing commitment and should be offered to couples inside and outside the church.

Not every church on its own can afford marriage enrichment programs and events. Not to worry. Churches can join together — like local Baptist associations do — to put on events or facilitate an ongoing program.

What is your church doing to enrich marriages?

• **Childcare** — Churches that value marriage need to look for ways to enable couples to maintain the health of their marriages. One way to do that is to provide childcare on a regular basis for those with children so the couple can spend focused time together.

Once again, childcare needs to be built into the church's budget, calendar and space requirements. For churches unable to afford to provide child care, there's good news. Just like with marriage enrichment, churches can join together to share the investment and joy of childcare. Churches can make a profound statement about the significance of marriage by providing a young couple with periodic nights of childcare.

How is your church enabling young couples to keep their marriages strong?

Disagreeing with the Respect for Marriage Act is one thing. Showing respect for marriage is another. There are positive and winsome ways to do so. Let's invest more in them.

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Pastor's Wife Dies

Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Smith Jones, 60 of Laurel, Miss., passed away Dec. 11. She met her husband of 41 years, BMA Pastor Corbey Jones at Southeastern Baptist College. She loved to play the piano and sing with her family.

Other survivors include: her mother, Mrs. Arthur (Shirlene) Smith; three children, Carey Jones, Cera Thompson and Bethany (Patrick) Hinton; three siblings, Lisa (Matt) Hudson, BMAA President of Missions John David (Kim) Smith and Rhonda (Steven) Tilly; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at Good Hope Baptist Church in Stringer, Miss. by John David Smith, Collin Jones and Matthew Hudson officiated. Interment followed at Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Soso, Miss. Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Chapel Funeral Home (colonialchapel Laurel.com).

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The Greatest Gift

By Jeff Swart, Senior Adult Pastor
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I always have the same problem at this time of the year — what to give my wife for Christmas. In the past, I have spent hours picking out clothes, just to see her return every single article of clothing because she didn't like them. I have given her jewelry, just to have it set in her jewelry box and never be worn. I've also learned that giving your wife a gift card to the local car wash or a garage door opener isn't a good idea either! Yes, over the last 50 years of marriage, I've given my wife many gifts she has never used.

Several years ago, my wife finally decided that I needed some help in buying her a Christmas present, so she began to tell me what she wanted for Christmas. I appreciate her help, I really do, but the problem was that it was the Fourth of July, and I didn't exactly have the Christmas spirit when it was 100 degrees outside. Consequently, I didn't pay real close attention. (I now realize this was not the smartest move I've ever made!) So, about two weeks before Christmas — okay, about two days before Christmas, I have to ask her again what she wants for Christmas. This time, I know I must pay attention because the life I save may be my own!

I have to publicly confess that I'm a failure when it comes to giving my wife gift. But I know someone who is an expert gift giver — God the Father. God gave this world the greatest Christmas gift of all — Jesus Christ! It was Jesus Himself who said, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). The word “gave” means “to give of one's own accord and with good will.” The greatest gift that has ever been given to this world was freely given by God. No one coerced God to do this — He did it because of His great love for helpless sinners.

Bethlehem is not an isolated event in history. Bethlehem happened so that Calvary could happen, and Calvary happened so we could be forgiven and dwell in God's presence for eternity. Christ's death on the cross cost God more than you and I realize. It was the ultimate price that was paid to redeem sinful man from the ultimate punishment.

The reason Jesus Christ is God's greatest Christmas gift is because Jesus is the very best God had to give and the very gift we needed the most! If you have not already done so, I pray that you will receive God's greatest gift into your heart and life this Christmas season. If you do, this will be the very best Christmas ever!



Center Grove Gives Back To the Community

Barry Anderson, pastor of Center Grove Baptist Church in Cord recently shared how they helped give back to their community during the holiday season:

- They fed 148 people for the Community Thanksgiving meal, and
- They did a backpack program for kids that needed meals over the Christmas vacation and prepared 42 backpacks to send home with them.



VERSE

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month, with trending search terms including “war,” “fear” and “anxiety.” But as time passed, the top search term in Ukrainian became “love.”

Bobby Gruenewald, the founder and CEO of YouVersion and a pastor at Life Church, doesn't find it surprising that Ukrainians would turn to God's Word when facing the harsh realities of war. “These families are going through something most of us can't imagine. In the middle of what's likely the most difficult time of their lives, they're turning to the Bible for comfort, peace and hope,” he said in a statement.

This is not the first year that Isa. 41:10 was the most referenced verse on YouVersion. It was also the most popular verse in 2018 and 2020.

Gruenewald believes the verse's popularity is a testament to how people need a reminder that they are not alone in their struggles. “As this verse says, God is our strength, and He's always with us,” he said.

YouVersion amassed over 500 million installs last November. The app was first offered in the iOS App Store in 2008 after initially launching solely as a website. On its first weekend of availability in the App Store, the app was downloaded 83,000 times.

“It's important that people understand that this is something God did, not us,” Gruenewald told *The Christian Post* last November. “We can't take credit for this. God did this through me, and it's so crazy that God would use me. And there's a lot more that God will do and can do in future.”

The ongoing crisis in Ukraine has prompted Christian nonprofits and churches to continue offering prayers and assistance during the country's time of need.

In August, the World Evangelical Alliance and the European Evangelical Alliance called on churches and believers worldwide to set aside time on Aug. 24 to pray for the war's end.

“As we look to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, let us pray for hearts to be changed and for the weapons to be silenced,” a World Evangelical Alliance statement read.

“Throughout history, God has changed hopeless and dire situations in surprising ways, and He can do it once again. And let us also pray for healing and for reconciliation, and that Russia and Ukraine could live in peace as independent, sovereign nations.”

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God is moving among the young people there as Lifeword workers are engaging those who watch their videos and respond.

Lifeword is sharing a devotional in **Nepal** that is growing in participation. Paala Khan and his family came to faith and are now facing persecution, but they are still growing in the Lord faithfully! Because of this testimony, more of those from Muslim families are coming to faith and have opened their hearts to Jesus.

In the **Philippines**, the video “Who is Jesus to You,” has been added in the Blaang and T'Boli languages. Radio transmitters and stations have been installed in strategic places to reach more tribal villages with the gospel. Through these radio stations, people can hear the gospel and grow in their knowledge of Scripture.

People are coming to know Christ in response to Lifeword's ministry on Facebook and YouTube in **Myanmar**. The ministry team communicates with them on Facebook Messenger and continues to discuss and build relationships with them.

God continues to establish Lifeword's work in **Japan**. The local church there is getting stronger despite difficulties. They are currently working on translating the “Who is Jesus to You” video into Japanese.

Europe

As God continues to work through the Lifeword team in **Romania**, they are seeking FM Radio Licenses for Simleu Silvaniei and surrounding areas. A pastor there is helping with this and has connections with the upper-level government decision-makers. They are currently producing Ukrainian programming and sharing the gospel in four additional languages through social media and the radio.

The Americas

In **Nicaragua**, the “Marriage Matters” content has been well-received. It is helping numerous marriages and resulting in many opportunities to share the gospel. Several of those couples are now actively attending church services. Next, they will create a video on parenting to help parents while also sharing Jesus. They will also assist team members who work with children in their churches.

Lifeword in the **United States** is growing and seeing unprecedented numbers. Millions are watching the videos produced, reading the daily devotional blog and participating in social media., “Follow,” the discipleship portal, is complete and in final edits. We can't wait to share it with you soon!

Getting a glimpse of God's work and how He's using Lifeword around the world is astonishing. We praise God for all He's doing and that He is inviting many into that fruitful work. We also praise Him for giving us the ability to see His activity on this side of eternity. We thank God, and we thank you for partnering with us!



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Merry Christmas from the Lifeword Staff!

It has been an amazing year for the ministry of Lifeword. God has stretched our faith and asked us to trust Him as we moved beyond what we could do alone. He has been faithful to us! As we have done our best to seek His will for Lifeword and move at His command, He has supplied our needs!

In 2022, Lifeword has added 10 new languages and is now sharing the gospel in 140 languages around the world. We have expanded our production capabilities by adding new television studios (now providing at least four times the studio capacity and allowing more room for new broadcasts to reach millions with the love of Christ) and continued to make disciples through the internet (with the new Discipleship Portal, “Follow” coming soon).

Please pray with us as we continue to work toward our goal of sharing the gospel in 200 languages and as we seek to find new, effective ways to make the name of Jesus known among the nations.



Biggest Prophetic Event in 2022

I began 2022 by writing about how Russia's invasion of Ukraine wasn't a fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and 39, the Gog-Magog War. Many looking back on this year would write that crisis was the biggest prophetic development this year, but I disagree. We don't know what the greatest unfolding prophetic moment was this year, there's likely something insignificant that will pave the way to an eventual fulfillment of prophecy — something like Caesar's decree for Jews to return to their ancestral homes for a census. This seemingly random act of an emperor in the first century led to the direct fulfillment of the Messiah being born in Bethlehem.

Yet, on the surface, there's an event that happened this year that has grabbed my attention. In September, news outlets shared that certifiable red heifers had been found in Texas and were flown to Israel for further inspection. That sounds strange. There's nothing ground-breaking about a heifer being found in Texas, right? Yet, these red heifers may be the final piece needed for the building of a Jewish temple to begin.

There is some confusion when it comes to prophecies about the rebuilding of a temple in Jerusalem. For groups of Jews today, it is a fulfillment of their flawed Messianic prophecies. For them, the rebuilding of the temple is a great thing — an ushering in of the Messiah.

For Christianity, it's not a positive aspect of prophecy, but it is a sign. There aren't straightforward prophecies about the rebuilding of the temple as a sign, but for many of the clear prophetic events to occur there likely has to be a temple. In Daniel 9, we read of the Antichrist stopping the daily sacrifice. For this sacrifice to start,

there must be a temple, tabernacle or altar at the temple site. In Daniel 9 and Matthew 24, we read of the abomination that leads to desolation, which is something the Antichrist does in relation to the holy place in Israel, likely the temple. Then in Revelation 13, we read that the Antichrist will have an image of himself in the temple.

The temple is necessary for prophetic events to occur.

For many Jews, the rebuilding of the temple is done in conjunction with the arrival of their accepted Messiah.

With the significance of the temple stated, let's go back to the red heifers. In Numbers 19, we find the instruction for the sacrifice of a red heifer for the purification of the priests. Throughout time, Jewish rabbinical teaching in the Mishnah, the red heifer became essential for the purification of a new temple. Jewish tradition holds that nine spotless red heifers have been sacrificed in history and that a tenth and final one will be sacrificed to purify the third and final temple. For centuries, Jewish tradition has pointed to the necessity of a perfect red heifer in the rebuilding of the temple.

As far as Scripture is concerned, the red heifer isn't prophetic. But again, the rebuilding of the temple is, therefore, any move toward that becomes a major prophetic development.

When a friend sent me a video of the red heifers arriving in Israel, it was a surreal moment, because the red heifer was the main missing ingredient in the restarting of the sacrifices and rebuilding of the temple. The only ingredient left is a political agreement to allow sacrifices to be done in the former site of the temple and for construction to start.

The reason the red heifers were



Eva Faye Miller, 81 of Magnolia, passed away Dec. 17. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Marvin Eugene Wynn, 90 of Emerson, passed away Dec. 16. He was a deacon at Antioch East Baptist Church in Magnolia.

Mary Jo Cox, 92 of Enola, passed away Dec. 12. She was a member of Marcus Hill Baptist Church.

Merritt Ruby Schildroth, 6 of Taylor, passed away Dec. 8. She was the daughter of Jordan and Allison Schildroth, members of First Baptist Church.

Tom Dixon, 80 of Morrilton, passed away Dec. 3. He was a member at Calvary Baptist Church.

the near-final piece is that, in 1987, a group called the Temple Institute was founded in Israel to work toward rebuilding the temple. All the elements for the new temple have been rebuilt according to biblical specifications. They're ready to go, just needing a temple. Right now, during Hanukkah, the Menorah for the future temple is on display in Israel. In the institute's work, finding the red heifer was the last step.

They have been searching for a perfect red heifer since 1987, and these found in 2022 are the closest that have been found. The heifers are all under one year old, and tradition calls for them to be three to four years old to be sacrificed. At this point, these red heifers found are considered perfect, but they will also have to remain that way. Therefore, we will know in a couple of years if one of these red heifers is the one. If so, things would move fast toward them being sacrificed.

As you can see, this was a significant event, but only time will tell how significant it was. Along with the heifers maturing, a political agreement to allow the rebuilding of a temple would have to occur. Israel does not have rights to the top of the Temple Mount.

A restart of the sacrifices, and even the rebuilding of the temple, doesn't point to an immediate start of the end times. When it comes to prophetic events, we just know the Antichrist will stop the sacrifices and desecrate the temple. The two could be in place long before he arrives. Though most believe the agreement made between Israel and the Antichrist that will start the seven-year time clock for the final years of this age (Daniel 9) involves rebuilding the Temple. It could, but the Bible doesn't specify.

Again, we come back to the need to be watchful, and our eyes need to be on centerstage of the end of the age — the Middle East, and especially Jerusalem.

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)

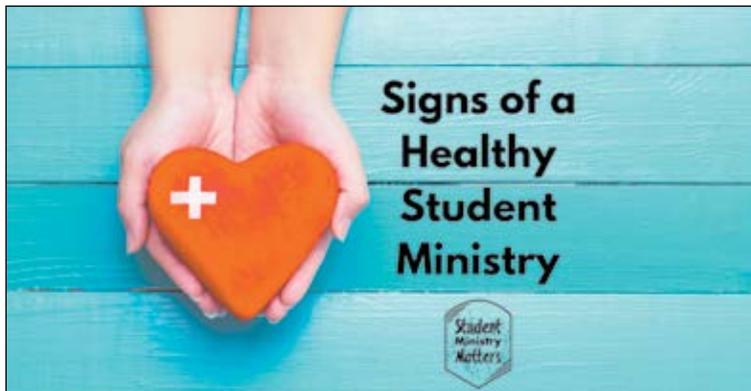


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Signs of a Healthy Student Ministry: Relationship-Driven

Over the past several weeks, we have looked at the characteristics of healthy student ministries. We have talked about being Gospel-Centered, Bible-Centric and Prayer-Infused. This week, we want to look at the importance of relationships in student ministry.

In John 13:34-35 (ESV), Jesus shared about the power of relationships. He stated, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* Our love for one another will let the whole world know we are followers of Jesus.

Our relational mindset serves two purposes. One, it is an evangelistic endeavor as our love shows the world Jesus. Two, our prioritization of relationships is vital as we show students we care about them and invest in their lives. As many have said before, "People don't care what you know until they know you care."

Relationship is important, so how do we make sure that our students know that we care about them and are choosing to build a relationship with them? Here are some ways:

- **Pray for your students.** While we have talked about prayer before, as we seek to build relationships with our students, we want to begin by bringing our young men and women before the Father. As we think about our students and pray for them, our love and concern for them will grow. Always start with prayer.

- **Ask students great questions.** We have a tendency to ask students the same questions. How is school? How was your week? How is work? We fall into a similar pattern with adults as well, but they are used to small talk. Your students are looking for real and authentic relationships. Get creative and ask fun as well deeper questions:

What was your favorite lunch at school this week? What was the craziest video you watched this week? What do you dread about this upcoming week? Is there a teacher you are struggling with this year?

You get the idea. Think outside of the box and move beyond the cliché.

- **Connect and communicate with your students throughout the week.** This can take on all types of different forms. Phone calls, emails, texts and direct messages through social media are all options. The trick is to find the way your students communicate. You may have students that play online video games. Find avenues and be intentional. Connecting with students at their activities, such as band concerts and sporting events, are another way to build those relationships.

You don't have to be the super cool guy to be a great youth pastor. That is definitely a mantra I have lived by because they don't come nerdier than me. I have found success with students in building relationships and enlisting like-minded volunteers. It isn't about the excitement. Ultimately, it is about the relationship.

Join us in the **Student Ministry Matters Community** Facebook group and let us know how you build relationships with your students.



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What Makes Jesus So Precious?

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is more than a Christian holiday or a Christian festival. It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus.

After Jesus was born, a small group of wise men visited Him. They recognized the kingship of Jesus and they “worshipped Him.” You, too, can offer up your worship and thanks to God through prayers this Christmas — prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of hope, love and joy.

While your Christmas this year might look different than in previous years, just remember the true meaning of Christmas doesn’t depend on the number of gifts under a tree or the type of food on your table. The message of Christmas doesn’t change if you are surrounded by family, missing loved ones for the first time or on your own. It is not affected by the house you live in or don’t live in.

God’s love is for everyone. You are not alone. You are loved, and you can feel hopeful and joyful. That is the true meaning of Christmas. If you haven’t accepted Him as your personal savior, I encourage you to do so at this time. While we do not have much, if any, control over the past, the future lies before us. Joy to the world, God has given us a way to enter into a relationship with Him. *“And you will seek for Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart”* (Jer. 29:13).

Merry Christmas from our family to yours. *(Paul and Vicki White)*

From Our Missionaries

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock:

Juan Carlos Posadas writes, “We have had a busy week preparing for the Christmas celebration. On Wednesday, we rehearsed Christmas carols and the rest of the nights we were wrapping presents. Each night, different volunteers arrived with paper and tape, willing to work. Thursday, we went to collect more gifts, the latter was 400, which we will not be able to wrap, but we will deliver them to the children of the community.

“Sunday night, the youth of our church came to visit us at our house for the already traditional Christmas socks party. We enjoyed studying the Word, playing games and eating. It was a good time of encouragement for them. We also managed to prepare 12 Christmas baskets full of groceries and buy winter clothes to share with some people we have identified that are in need of this type of support. We pray these families will remain grateful to God for His provision.

“On Monday, Dec. 19, we began to receive parents and guardians in the temple. After sharing the gospel and praying with them, we will deliver gifts for their children.

“We are taking advantage of all the opportunities the season brings us to impact the lives of church members and our community to share the gospel with them. Let us pray that various people may receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.”

Ebenezer, West Little Rock:

Ruben Isturiz writes, “From Sunday, Dec. 11 until Wednesday, Dec. 14, I was sick. But, thank God, I am now much better.

“Last Thursday, we had our last meeting with my Old Testament students. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and going through the whole timeline from Genesis to the return of Israel after 70 years of the Babylonian captivity to enter the 400-year period of silence.

“We had our Christmas service on Dec. 17, with food, fellowship, a gospel presentation and candle lighting. Our attendance was 33, and we had the presence of 2 visiting families and young people. It was a good opportunity to connect with new people.

“Sunday, Dec. 18, we were with our mother church, Chenal Valley Baptist Church, and enjoyed a united worship service. We heard the Word of God sung and the Word of God preached by Pastor Allen Morton.

“After the service, I was approached by a couple from our mother church to give us an offering for the project we have to support the newly arrived Venezuelan family in need. They had read about it in our *Baptist Trumpet* report. We will be giving a love offering this week to help cover the cost of clothing and Christmas gifts for their children. A thousand thanks to everyone who reads our reports, prays for us and supports us. To God be the glory!”

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, “We had a great week at Faith Chapel! We had a wonder-

ful time of worship Sunday morning. We had a really good number, with several of our members that had been out sick or traveling returning. Sadly though, some are still out sick. There are so many things going around right now, and we just are praying for healing and protection from the Lord.

“Friday night, we had a family/fellowship night with finger foods and desserts and had a great time. We had intended to sing carols and play games, but everyone was having such a good time just visiting with each other that turned out to be the main event.

“Sunday evening, we all went to our mother church, The Bridge, and had a baptism service for Lilly, who I told you about last week. It was extremely joyous! Then we joined them for their Christmas fellowship party, which was also a wonderful time. Two parties in one week! Woo-hoo! All kidding aside, there is nothing like Christian fellowship. It helps us to hold each other up, bear each other’s burdens and show the love of Jesus to those He has placed us with to serve.

“Thank you for your prayers for us, Faith Chapel, Flippin and the people here that we are trying to reach. Please continue as God is answering them.”

The Table, Springdale: Clinton Morris writes, “We had an amazing week. There were many meetings throughout the week with several people that are trying to figure out how they can help our church and a few that were just interested in attending the church.

“On Saturday, Drew and Kaley hosted our church Christmas party and potluck. It was a great time of fellowship. We had a guest visit from one of our church members that had moved out of state. We watched a funny Christmas movie, had amazing food, shared Christmas cookies, caroled to the neighbors, gave gifts and had games. My heart was full.

“One of the big things we did last year was to pray through the month of December. We decided to have several corporate moments of prayer through December. Our first one was Saturday, Dec. 17. My heart was so touched by the amazing prayers of these people at the Table. It was such an encouraging time of lifting up our needs to our Heavenly Father, and to hear the hearts of the other people who attended and participated. The

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

National Galilean Camp, June

prayer time went on for 40 minutes. I had originally thought it would not go as long since it was the first one. It was so beautiful! The Holy Spirit is moving among us.”

Faith Journey, Benton: Bryan Clay writes “We enjoyed a great time of food and fun at our Christmas fellowship this week!

“Over the last month, we have been studying the birth of our Savior and topped it off with dinner and trivia. Our congregation loves the trivia time, and it helps keep the Scripture fresh in our minds.

“We were able to secure some weekly speaking opportunities within our community at a local nursing home and an adult day center. We have really enjoyed sharing and being able to love on these residents. It also gives us a chance to minister to the staff. We are going to also continue speaking at local schools and look for speaking engagements when they arise.

“From our Faith Journey family to yours, Merry Christmas!”

Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA: Roberto Marcelletti writes, “We were able to celebrate our first Christmas service on Sunday, with a record attendance for us — 31 people (12 people visited us for the first time). We are so amazed to see so many people hungry for God. Every week it is so beautiful to see families joining



The group of 31 people that gathered for the Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA Christmas service.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Central Ark. District Brotherhood, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Pleasant Grove, Carlisle.

Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Jan. 10; Bethany, Jonesboro.

Southwest District WMA, Jan 10, 10 a.m.; First, Bodcaw.

Southwest District Brotherhood, Jan. 10, 6 p.m.; Antioch West, Magolia.

Central Ark. WMA, Jan. 14; 10 a.m.;

Greenbrier District WMA, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.; Bethlehem, Greenbrier.

Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Feb. 14; Nueva Esperanza, Jonesboro.

Mt. Vernon District Brotherhood, March 6, 6:30 p.m.; Rondo, Lexa.

23-26, 2023; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville.

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

our mission. There were 15 families from many Latin American countries who sang together the truths about what God did in Christ for His glory and for our good. Then the sermon was a reflection on Luke 2:1-14. We see that the most wonderful hymn of Christmas was the one that the angels sang to the shepherds and there is the purpose of Christmas in two words — glory and peace. At the end, we shared the Christmas dinner with typical dishes from different countries and gave gifts to each family and child.”

Epic Life, Pea Ridge: Jake McCandless writes, “We weren’t too loud, but we still got the boot from the city library’s community room. There is a rule that a church can’t hold its worship service in a city government building.

“So, our monthly worship gathering is now homeless. Surprisingly, we’re now in need of finding a place for our worship gathering and a ‘neutral’ meeting place. After meeting with Bro. Paul about some possible options, I shared the idea of getting a place with our group. I was so encouraged that they hesitated because our vision is focused on building neighborhood Connection Groups. That is still our focus, but we’re leaning toward the need for a visible ‘hub’ we can work out of as well. Pray as we take the steps forward with this.”



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