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BPH Launches New Children's Curriculum

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DiscipleKidz is here! This new and highly anticipated children's curriculum has been nearly three years in the making. Book 1 provides an overview of the entire Old Testament.

DiscipleKidz is unlike anything

else you will find. It is unique in that we designed DiscipleKidz to fit the needs of every church, regardless of size or budget. DiscipleKidz is built to thrive in churches that are often overlooked. We wrote this for the rural church, the church without internet, the church without a big budget or many volunteers and we wrote it to be used on the mission field. All lessons have been written by members of BMA churches, who affirm our Doctrinal Statement.

The goals for DiscipleKidz are simple — proclaim the gospel to children, teach them the Bible is a true story and form them into disciples of Jesus. These goals are met by providing clear and Gospel-focused Bible lessons. Here are some things that make DiscipleKidz unique:

- **Only one book** — This book is designed to be used for all children, grades 1-6. This means you do not have to order different books for different grades. Every teacher will be able to tailor their lesson to the individual needs of their class. Yes, you can use just this one book for your entire children's ministry if you like!

- **Small church focused** — We

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understand most churches only have one or two children's classes, with mixed ages and grades. This book was written specifically with those churches in mind.

- **Affordable** — Besides only needing one book per class, all of our activities are designed to use everyday supplies (such as paper, crayons, play dough, balloons, etc.) that are cost-effective and readily available. We want to provide a curriculum that fits **any** budget and can be used anywhere in the world!

- **Simple** — There is no need for visual packs, student books, craft kits, take-home cards, etc. Simply tear the lesson sheet out each week and teach it! Also, each book will last you an entire year! No need to worry about ordering too many or too few books or ordering children's materials each quarter!

- **Teacher-friendly** — Most children's curriculum provides lessons that are difficult to prepare and teach. Teachers often feel overwhelmed by the demands of the curriculum. Our curriculum is teacher-friendly, as we essentially provide a lesson script to follow each week that gives the teacher the freedom to make each lesson their own.

- **Flexible** — This curriculum can be used for Sunday School, Children's Church, Sunday nights, Wednesday nights, VBS Bible lessons, as a supplement to various auxiliaries or clubs and any other way you can imagine!

In every DiscipleKidz lesson you will find:

- **Bible Reading:** Every lesson includes the reading of God's Word.

- **Truth to believe:** This is the doctrinal point, the main point of each lesson.

- **Lesson:** We provide teachers

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2023 BMA GLOBAL DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
MISSIONS CELEBRATION!
APRIL 26, 2023

Deadline for Reservations Draws Near

By Donny Parrish, Conferences Director • BMA of America

BMA Global Missions has planned a great night to honor missionaries during the 2023 BMA National Meeting called "BMA Dinner on the Grounds." For the first time in decades, all of the BMA US Missionaries will be in attendance for the meeting this year. BMA Global Missions President Dr. John David Smith said, "The evening will be a unique opportunity to meet, encourage and invest in the missionaries we have sent around the world. We have planned this night for our pastors and church members to rally around our global missions team, share a good meal together and fellowship around God's Word. We are certainly expecting a great crowd."

The evening will feature great gospel music, a message by BMA Missionary Buddy Johnson, the presentation of the Gerald Kellar Award by BMA Seminary, a delicious catfish/chicken meal, fellowship with our BMA Missionaries, with a few surprises along the way. The cost for the meal is \$25 per person, and the deadline to register for the event is April 1. Reservations can be made at bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting.

The BMA National Meeting will be held April 25-27 at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway. For more information, visit BaptistTrumpet.com/BMAA2023.



15 Lessons Learned From 40 years of Ministry

By Thom Rainer

One of the members of the Church Answers community started a discussion that I absolutely loved. After some lengthy prefatory comments, he asked the community: "When things are tough and you feel like you have no more to give, what are some of the things that keep you moving forward?"

His post created a great discussion. I jumped in with the realization that I have been in vocational ministry for over 40 years. Those 40 years are divided almost into equal thirds: pastor, seminary dean and CEO of a Christian resource company. Two quick thoughts hit me — I am old, and I've learned a few lessons.

For sure, I've made many mistakes. I hope I've learned from these mistakes more than I have repeated them.

- The spiritual disciplines are not only acts of obedience for me, they are also necessary for my spiritual and emotional survival. When I am not praying, reading the Word or sharing the gospel, I am more likely to be discouraged and

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Baseball

• **North Little Rock, March 7** — Playing each other for the first time ever, CBC hosted the Panthers of Philander Smith College in a doubleheader at Burns Park. CBC (7-10) took both games of the doubleheader; winning the first game 5-2 and the second one 12-3.

• **Little Rock, March 10** — With a conflict on their home field at Burns Park, CBC hosted a doubleheader against Ecclesia (EC) on Comets Field on the campus of Wilbur D. Mills Middle School. CBC (9-10) swept the doubleheader, scoring 24 runs and pounding out 24 hits to crush EC (6-13).

• **Conway, March 11** — Looking for a series sweep, CBC was back on DeJanis Memorial Field at DeSalvo Memorial Stadium for the final two games of their four-game series with Ecclesia. CBC (10-11) split on the second day, dropping game one before taking the final game from EC (7-14).

Track & Field

• **Conway, March 11** — Competing outdoors for the first time this season, CBC was at Young-Wise Memorial Stadium for the Hendrix Alumni Open. CBC had five athletes who competed. **Ally Swaim** won the 100-meter hurdles with her time of 17:40. **Ashleigh Gross-Mitchell** became the first woman ever to compete in the long jump, recording a jump of 4.59 meters (15 feet, 0.75 inches). **Josh Brown** placed 16th in the 100-meter dash, but also recorded the fourth fastest time ever in the 100 hurdles at 17.39. **Jadon Price** notched a 10.89 mark in the shot put, the fifth longest of all-time. **Isaiah Stiger** recorded a jump of 5.73 meters, the sixth longest mark ever.

Men's Golf

• **Maumelle, March 13** — Teeing off for the first time since winning their last fall tournament, CBC opened play in the CBC Invitational at the Country Club of Arkansas. The Mustangs hold a 13-shot lead after round one after opening with a seven-over par round of 295. Individually, CBC had five golfers in the top 10. **Leopold Maes** leads the tournament after shooting an opening round even par 72. **Jakub Slapal** is tied for second, one shot behind Maes. **Kitsakon Jairak** is in a tie for sixth after an opening round 75 along with teammate **Suraprat Pareepart**. **Paul Gomez** is in ninth after opening with a 78.

Women's Golf

• **Maumelle, March 13** — Teeing off the spring portion of their schedule, CBC was on the course at the Country Club of Arkansas for the first round of the 2023 CBC

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The Soundtrack of My Life

On March 5, I had the opportunity to see Steven Curtis Chapman (SCC) in concert. More than that, I got to meet him. As I look over my adult life, there has been one constant musical voice. It has been SCC. As I considered giving my life to Jesus to serve in vocational ministry, he was singing "For the Sake of the Call." When I was struggling, his song "His Strength is Perfect" was an encouragement to my soul. "I Will be Here" was ringing through my ears when I began my marriage. When my father passed away when he was only 61, SCC's song "See" was exactly what I needed to hear. As I trained for my first marathon, "Dive" was on my training playlist. And most recently, as my son faced some concerns with his health again, I found his newest song "Don't Lose Heart." You can tell why it was easy for me to tell him that his music has been the soundtrack to my life.

That is one of the great things about music — it provides context to our lives and can offer words of hope. Steven Curtis Chapman has been doing that for decades. What music impacts your life and that of your students? Do you encourage your students to find theologically sound and encouraging music to fill up their lives? We can often dismiss the idea and think music doesn't matter, but I would disagree. Music impacts us on an emotional level and if we allow our listening time to be consumed with junk, that is what our minds will be filled with.

There is a great deal of Christian music out there, so how do we help our students find what is of value? It isn't an easy task, but one day your students may be looking back on a life full of encouraging moments in music you helped them find. Here are some suggestions to help point them in the right direction:

• **Know your students' musical tastes.** Simply put, get to know your students. Learn what they are listening to, talk to them and ask questions. Spend time knowing what they like. It will pay dividends in this area as well as others.

• **Listen to Christian music.** You don't have to be an expert on what is out there, but you do need to be able to help your students find artists of different styles and focus. If this is an area you struggle in, do the research. Spend some time looking for help. If you have an adult volunteer that loves music, enlist them to help you.

• **Share music with your students.** It is a simple process to create playlists in things like Spotify, then share those with your students. Or, if you hear something on YouTube, send the link. Ask for their opinion. Don't get your feelings hurt if they don't like what you like. Just keep looking to help them.

• **Play music before and after group times.** This is a great way to introduce your students to a new artist or song.

• **Look at Interlinc-online.com.** This is a resource I used for years that helped me learn what was available and gave me some fun lessons along the way. Their "Youth Leaders Only" kit was a staple of my ministry for years.

Music can play an important and powerful part in the lives of the teenagers in your church. Help them find Christian music that can make a difference. During my high school years, I found "The Collection" by Amy Grant and "The Champion" by Carman to be music that lifted me up and got me excited about my faith. What Christian music excites your students?

Join the conversation at Student Ministry Matters Community on Facebook (Facebook.com/groups/StudentMinistryMattersCommunity).

SPRING REGISTRATION



APRIL 3-28



Adult & Online Registration

Working adults looking for a convenient and flexible college option have another opportunity to enroll in the fourth five-week course of the spring semester in the PACE degree program. Classes are offered in person, online or in a hybrid option. The deadline for new student applications is Monday, April 25.

With eight enrollment periods per year and five-week courses, busy working adults always have an opportunity to get started. The enrollment process begins by applying or scheduling a virtual meeting with one of our enrollment counselors. Visit cbc.edu/apply to learn what PACE can do for you. If you have questions, contact Kayleigh Smith at (501) 205-8940 or ksmith@cbc.edu.

Fall 2023 Registration & Connect Days

Spring is here, and so is fall registration! On Monday, April 3 our current students will be able to meet with their faculty advisors and set their fall 2023 schedule.

Incoming students that are working through the enrollment process will be registering for classes the following week. In addition to creating their schedules, they will also register for an orientation event called Connect Day. This is an extremely helpful event that will prepare students and parents for success. Students can choose from April 25, May 16, June 13, July 11, July 25 and Aug. 1. To learn more about Connect Days, visit cbc.edu/connect.

High school seniors that have not started the enrollment process still have time to apply! Visit cbc.edu/apply to start the application process. Contact admissions at admissions@cbc.edu or (501) 329-6873 with any questions.

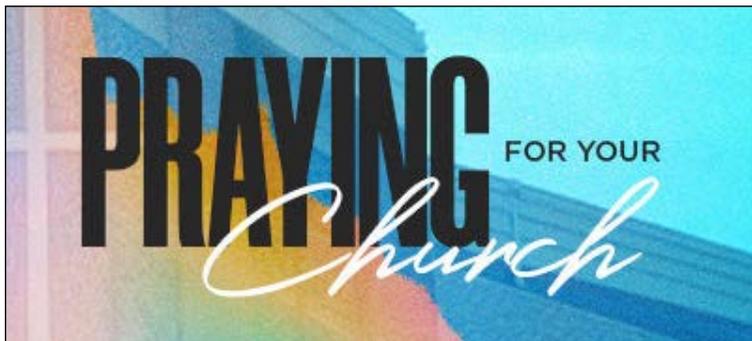
Fourth Annual Scholarship Gala 2023

CBC's Fourth Annual Scholarship Gala will take place on Tuesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. at the Conway Expo Center. The black-tie optional event will be catered by CBC Dining Services under the direction of Chef Billie Rodriguez. The night will be a celebration of "Fearless Faith," and will feature Harry Miller as the keynote speaker. Miller, a former Ohio State football player, made national news when he stepped away from the game due to challenges he faced both on and off the field. Miller is now a mental health advocate who is self-described as "just a guy trying to help." The proceeds from the event will benefit the Central Baptist College Scholarship Fund, which supports institutionally funded scholarships.

Single tickets are still available! To purchase your tickets, visit cbc.edu/gala. For more information, contact Amy Reed at areed@cbc.edu.



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What Should I Pray For My Church?

In our newest church plant in Oradea Romania, our missionary from Brasov, Cristian Martinez, shared four things he always prays for his church plant. He opened our services in prayer and he prayed these four things for Agape as well. Having recently written a lot on prayer, allow me to encourage you again to press into prayer and find the perseverance that can only be produced in God's secret place (Psa. 27:5; Psa. 31:20; Psa. 91:1; Matt. 6:6; Eph. 6:18). Whatever you do in the area of prayer, you cannot quit. In the midst of the journey, you must dedicate yourself to intensifying your pursuit of God.

Cristian asked the Lord first to keep us true to **good doctrine**. Titus 1:9 (HCSB) 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.*" Sound lives are built on sound doctrine, and the Bible is not a resource for truth, but it is the source of all truth. Discernment is desperately needed in order to not be deceived. Marks of deception are seen when people teach other doctrines or disagree with sound doctrine. Typically, they reject doctrine that conforms us to godliness. Titus 2:1 says, "*But you must say the things that are consistent with sound teaching.*"

You are not only commanded to obey sound doctrine, but to teach on right living because the two go hand-in-hand. God's Word gives practical instruction about the things fitting (godly behavior) for sound doctrine. You must be able to discern, detect and diagnose any deviations from God's plan for spiritual health and righteousness. Only the Scriptures equip us to diagnose the deadly disease of false teachings. It requires careful, biblical discernment to see the deception clearly and bring it into the light. Many Scriptures were written to teach us how to diagnose satanic darkness masquerading as divine light!

We were also reminded to ask God to keep us aware of **the love**

of Christ. J.D. Greear stated, "The one thing God did not have that He was willing to go to the bloody cross of Calvary to obtain was you!" Leslie Newbigin stated, "To create the heavens and the earth cost God nothing. But to save us cost Him His very life!" The apostle Paul, in Eph. 1:18 (Paul's prayer), points out that when you really understand how precious you are to God, it will totally transform your life. In Eph. 3:16-19 (another prayer) Paul wanted us to grasp just how much God loves us, but admitted that it was beyond his ability to adequately explain it.

God's love becomes real when He enlightens your spiritual eyes, through His Word and prayer, to see how long, high, wide and deep His love is for you. Understanding what God has done for you in Jesus and how much He loves you is infinitely more important than recognizing what He has done in and through you. How long is God's love? It is from eternity and for all eternity. How high is God's love? It expands beyond His universe. How wide is God's love? It encompasses everything He created. How deep is God's love? It makes a wretch drenched in sin God's treasure. Ephesians 1:18 (KJV) says, "*the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*"

The third thing we were challenged to pray for was **unity**. Have you ever seen an individual tune their guitar? An electronic tuner enables someone to tune each string to the exact tone and note required for their instrument to play beautifully. However, if you tune one guitar to the next then to the next, after three or four lines, the last guitar will probably be out of tune with the first guitar. If you want your church to be in unity and to play beautiful relational music of spiritual unity, everyone must be tuned in to the Master Tuner, Jesus Christ, not any man — Apollos or even Paul. I Corinthians 12:13 says we were all baptized into one body.

Disunity is guaranteed when your gaze is no longer on Jesus but



Opening ceremonies for the Arkansas Galilean Spring meeting.

Arkansas Galileans Meet

By Anthony Hoke, Historian

Arkansas Galileans held two meetings over the past few months. The first was the annual Fall Fellowship at Camp Beaverfork and the other was the Basketball Tournament Retreat at Central Baptist College.

Fall Fellowship

The Arkansas Galilean Fall Fellowship was held at Camp Beaverfork instead on your own personal preferences, styles and views. In prayer, God's secret place, you can gaze on God's beauty, splendor and grandeur. The author of Hebrews challenged us to look to Jesus, the "*author and finisher of our faith.*" Christians are not called to "be" themselves but rather to deny themselves. Christians are not called by Christ to live for themselves but rather to die to themselves, daily. Unity comes when you surrender to Him as Lord of your life, your family and your church and everyone is in tune with Him.

Then we were challenged to pray for **holiness**. The Christian life is a call to holiness with the awareness that you are in this world, but you are not to be of this world. There is the danger of extremes from legalism to license but a good standard to follow is that if God said "no," He meant no and with your best interest in mind. Today, we are told that God loves us with no conditions. Yes, He loves you, but there are biblical standards and guidelines He expects His children to obey and follow. One social media post recently said, "Sorry if the church ever hurt you. That was people, not God." It caused me to stop and ask, does God ever hurt anyone?

What about Jacob, Miriam (Moses' sister), Ananias and Saphira and, most of all, Jesus? Yes, He Loves you and He loves you enough to discipline you. According to Heb. 12:6 (HCSB), "*For the Lord disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He receives.*" Pray for a holiness that is driven by the holiness of God and that will settle for nothing less than God's plan and God's best. This is a healthy prayer that builds up and develops healthy Christians who will build up and multiply healthy churches!

Beaverfork on Dec. 2-3, with three churches represented: Antioch in Conway; Grace, Russellville; and Village Creek, Mabelvale.

The theme for 2022 was "**Faithful Through the Fire**" (Dan. 3:17-18), with sub-themes for each of the three camps during the year:

- "**Through Temptation**" (Genesis 39, I Cor. 10:13),
- "**To the Gospel**" (II Cor. 11:24-29, Acts 5:40-42) and
- "**Through Trials**" (Acts 6-7, Daniel 3).

The speaker for this meeting was BMA of Arkansas State Missionary Jake McCandless. Jake is also the executive director of Stand Firm Ministries (standfirmministries.com), a ministry devoted to helping believers stand firm to the challenges of their faith. Bro. Jake's message was from the book of Ezekiel. He gave us a picture of what heaven would look like and also the millennial kingdom. On Friday morning, we had time to ask him questions.

We elected our 2023 state officers. The following 2023 state officers were elected: President Austin Herring (Antioch), First Vice President John Ellington (Grace), Second Vice President Alex Hoke (Grace), Secretary Ethan Nichols (Village Creek), Historian Anthony Hoke (Grace) and Song Leader Riley Sellers (Antioch).

Basketball Tournament

The Galileans also held their annual Basketball Tournament at Central Baptist College on March 2-3, with three churches represented: Antioch in Conway; Grace, Russellville; and Village Creek, Mabelvale.

Our theme for 2023 is "**Love God** (Joshua 22:5) **exclusively** (Matt. 6:24), **with everything** (Deut. 6:5), **including your actions** (John 14:15; I John 3:16, 18)."*"Love God"* serves as the main

theme and the three sub-themes will be the focus for each meeting — "exclusively" (spring meeting), "with everything" (summer meeting) and "including your actions" (fall meeting).

Chris Vines was the speaker for Friday night's service, with Riley Sellers leading in the worship. Bro. Chris's message was from Luke 7:36-48, and he challenged each of us to remember all that we have been forgiven and to let that be what guides us in our relationship with God and others.

After the message, Chris joined the sponsors for the annual Sponsors vs. Sr. Galileans basketball game. The Sr. Galileans pulled out a narrow victory over the Sponsors with a 25-23 win.

Saturday morning began with a devotional from President Austin Herring. He read from Joshua 22:5, and challenged us to love God by pursuing a daily relationship with Him, being obedient to Him and holding fast to Him.

After breakfast, we had the Galilean Tournament, where we were split up into three teams:

- Team 1 — Riley Sellers, Will Miller, Alex Hoke and Mason Brandon;
- Team 2 — Anthony Hoke, Carsen Hoke, David Portillo and Isaac Paul; and
- Team 3 — John Ellington, Luke Paul, Ethan Nichols and Adam Carnahan.

Riley Sellers played exceptionally well, and it paid off as Team 1 held on to win in the championship game by 2 over Team 2.

During this meeting, candidates were interviewed for Arkansas Mr. Galilean. Will Miller, from Village Creek in Mabelvale, was selected as Mr. Galilean. He will represent Arkansas at the National Galilean Camp for a chance to be selected as the National Mr. Galilean.

The other officers and I hope to see a group of boys and men from your church at our next meeting! Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar for the young men in your church:

- **National Galilean Camp** will be June 23-26 at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville.
- **Arkansas Galilean Summer Camp** will be July 28-30 at Ponca Bible Camp.
- **Arkansas Galilean Fall Fellowship** will be Dec. 1-2 at Camp Beaverfork in Conway.

For further information, contact Arkansas State Promoter Dan Williams at dwilltwelve@gmail.com or (501) 336-4586 (call or text).



President Austin Herring welcomes the speaker, Chris Vines



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Homeschool Bills to Watch

A bad home school testing bill has been filed at the Arkansas Legislature. HB 1587 by Rep. Jim Wooten (R/Beebe) requires home schoolers to take a nationally recognized norm-referenced test every year in order to receive any form of public funds. The way this bill is written, home schoolers in Arkansas would have to test if they receive any type of public assistance or any type of grant or scholarship paid for with state or federal funds. The testing requirements in HB 1587 do not seem to be connected to the LEARNS Act that Gov. Sanders recently signed into law.

The LEARNS Act creates a voluntary school choice program in Arkansas, and it requires private school and home school students to take a norm-referenced test each year in order to participate in that voluntary school choice program. Most home schoolers would not be eligible to apply to be part of the LEARNS Act's school choice program until 2025.

HB 1587 would take effect this summer, and it would require home school families to take a state-mandated test in order to receive any type of public funds. It seems highly unlikely that HB 1587 will pass in the Arkansas Legislature — especially with less than a month left in the 2023 session. However, it is worth pointing out that the State of Arkansas used to require home schoolers to take a state-mandated test.

In 2009, Arkansas' home schoolers performed better on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills than 61%–80% of the students who took that test, nationwide. According to the 2013–2014 Home School Report from the Arkansas Department of Education, in 2014 home schoolers in grades 3–9 scored anywhere from the 51st percentile to the 65th percentile on that same test. In fact, home schoolers in Arkansas performed so well on standardized tests that the Arkansas Legislature finally ended state-mandated home school testing in 2015. There is simply no reason to bring home school testing back.

Homeschool Sports

On March 8, the Senate Education Committee passed a bill expanding interscholastic opportunities for home schoolers. SB 361 by Sen. Matt McKee (R/Pearcy) and Rep. Cameron Cooper (R/Romance) amends Arkansas' "Tim Tebow" law that lets home schoolers participate in athletics and other interscholastic activities at their local public schools. The "Tebow" law is named after former NFL quarterback Tim Tebow who was able to play football as a home schooler thanks to a similar law in Florida.

SB 361 makes it easier for home schoolers to participate in an activity in a neighboring school district if their local district doesn't offer the activity. It also clarifies requirements in the "Tebow" law about enrollment in public school classes and about the waiting period for students who withdraw from a public school to start home schooling. As we said when lawmakers passed it in 2013, the "Tim Tebow" law is about school choice. It empowers families by providing children with interscholastic options as well as educational options. That's how it should be.

Last summer, Family Council obtained government data showing at least 463 home schooled students utilized the "Tim Tebow" law in 2021. The "Tim Tebow" law is a good law that Family Council has been pleased to support over the years.

New Bills Filed

On March 13, lawmakers at the Arkansas Legislature filed HB 1605, a bill that would legalize Delta-8 THC, a cannabinoid found in both hemp and marijuana plants. Unlike medical marijuana, Delta-8 is currently unregulated under Arkansas law. Because it, like marijuana, impairs users and poses a danger to children, several states have passed laws making the product illegal. Instead of making Delta-8 illegal, HB 1605 regulates it by making Delta-8 legal for persons over age 21.

HB 1605 is a bad bill. How

many times will voters have to tell lawmakers that they don't want recreational marijuana in any form? They made this very clear at the polls last November when they soundly rejected recreational marijuana. The people are smart enough to know that Arkansas does not need another drug problem.

The marijuana industry failed at the polls last November. Now they are trying to succeed by walking the halls of our State Capitol and influencing our elected officials. Right now, Arkansas law does not specifically address drugs like

Revivals

Fellowship, Walnut Ridge, April 16-18; Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Mon.-Tue. 6:30 p.m.; Danny Bradley, evangelist; John Durham, pastor.

Charity, Ward, April 16-19; Sun. 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m.; Martin Jameson, evangelist; Keith Lewis, pastor.

Milligan Ridge, Manila, April 17-21; 7 p.m. nightly; Mike Colvin, pastor.

Union, Rosston, May 29-31; 7 p.m. nightly; Jim Moss, evangelist; Joe Brown, pastor.

Fourth St., West Helena, Oct. 1-4; Sun. 5 p.m., Mon.-Wed. 6:30 p.m.; Michael Hight, evangelist; Lance Madden, pastor.

Delta-8 THC made from industrial hemp. Instead of prohibiting drugs like Delta-8 THC, HB 1605 enacts regulations that let wealthy companies manufacture and sell these dangerous drugs under the state's industrial hemp law.

The regulations in HB 1605 are not sufficient enough to protect Arkansans from drugs. This bill puts the Tobacco Control Board in charge of drugs made from cannabis. Our state has had enough problems with underage drinking and underage smoking that we know this bill's regulatory framework won't protect kids from being exposed to these other drugs as well. Lawmakers could pass a measure that would actually restrict drugs made from industrial hemp. About a dozen other states have made it illegal, but this bill takes Arkansas in the wrong direction.

All Arkansans need to make their voices heard on H.B. 1605. Over the past decade we have seen drug problems worsen in states that have legalized marijuana. Now is not the time to legalize drugs in Arkansas. We are urging voters to contact their legislators in the Arkansas House of Representatives and in the Arkansas Senate and politely ask them to oppose H.B. 1605, the bill to legalize drugs made from cannabis. There is simply too much at stake for voters to sit this one out.

Another bill filed at the capitol on March 13 would help protect religious freedom and rights of conscience in Arkansas. HB 1615 by Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R/Elm Springs) and Sen. Gary Stubblefield (R/Branch) makes important clarifications to the state Religious Freedom Restoration Act that lawmakers passed in 2015.

It also helps safeguard the ability of religious people and religious organizations to operate according to their deeply held convictions. The Free Exercise of Religion and the right to live according to our deeply held convictions are fundamental rights that our laws are supposed to safeguard. HB 1615 is a good bill that helps protect those liberties from encroachment by the government.



By Executive Editor
 Jeff Herring



"God is Faithful"

As I set out to write this journey article, I thought about how to frame this Special Emphasis update as we are just getting started. The faithfulness of God came to mind as I have seen Him work in my time here at the *Trumpet* and I can also look back over the years and see how He carried this ministry through difficult times. Personally, I know the faithfulness of God as He has helped me and my family through difficult times as well. But then I thought, "I always say, 'God is Faithful.'" For a moment, I began to try and think of another direction to go with this update, then I had the thought, "That's because He is always faithful!" So here I am, reminding myself and you — "God is faithful!"

As we have begun our annual time of Special Emphasis, I am not worried about meeting our goal this year, because I know that God is faithful! I also know Allan and I have spent time praying and evaluating what we believe the needs of this ministry are both now and in the future. Since God led us to this goal, we are going to trust His provision according to His timetable.

If you have any questions about our time of Special Emphasis or if you would like for me to come and share about this ministry, please reach out to me at editor@baptisttrumpet.com. You can also call the office at (501) 565-4601.

Below are those that have already given toward our Special Emphasis. We are already above 10%!

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Milligan Ridge, Manila	\$1,000
Jim/Paula White	\$100
Anonymous	\$1,000
Springhill, Greenbrier	\$1,000
Lance/Martha Madden, West Helena	\$200
United WMA	\$100
Pat & Diane Spriggs	\$300
Total	\$3,700

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The Lingle family stands in front of the Phanom Rung temple in Buriram, Thailand.

Brandon & Brittney Lingle • Thailand

Hey everyone, thanks for your support and prayers. We want to give a summary of what we have been doing in Thailand and share with you that we are planning a ministry transition in the near future.

• **What have you been doing in Thailand?** We moved to Thailand in 2013 and focused on language learning for the first two years. That makes it eight years now we have been working to help start North Bangkok Church (NBC) with Jo and Jessie Yaebeang. During those eight years, we have also been helping publish books, videos and other things Thai people can find and benefit from. It's been a joy to be a part of those resources, and we hope to keep helping produce more.

It's bittersweet because we are going to miss the people there so much, but NBC is getting to the point where they don't really need us. It's the goal of missionaries to work themselves out of a job, so, in the next year or so we plan to start making sure everything is ready for us to move on to the next work.

One of the main things is to install more elders and deacons. Please pray for the future elders and deacons of NBC. We also hope to help find a place for the church to meet (right now they are still worshipping in a conference room in the hotel). Pray for us as we contact the owner of a property near us where we can see NBC meeting. I hope everything works out and this is where we/they can gather. We may also have NBC registered with the government if the church is ready.

There are lots of things to do, so

please pray for us and the church. Also, pray for me as I start to preach through the book of James on March 19.

• **Where are we going next?** From the beginning, we have prayed while serving at NBC that God would raise up people in the church that would want to go back to their hometown and start a work. So far, we have two people like that, Rot and Jay. We shared about them in our last report. We are not exactly sure where we will be going, but last month we went to Buriram, a province five hours east of Bangkok, to visit Rot in his hometown.

We had a great time with Rot in his village. Our kids didn't want to leave and, just in that one day, some of the kids there made our kids promise they would come back. It was a very short trip. But thankfully, we got to see some of what life there would be like and the needs there. Brittney asked some of the children there if they had ever heard of Jesus. They said "no." Rot is the only Christian in his village. Even if we don't move to Buriram, we definitely want to make trips there and help Rot as he shares the gospel and plans to start a church. Buriram is one option and place we have in mind to begin serving.

The other place that is a possibility is in a province called Ubon, which is eight hours east of Bangkok. We plan to visit that village March 27-31. We will be going with Jay and his family. His wife is from there, and they do not have a church anywhere in that area. People from that village often ask her about what NBC is like, what they teach and what we



The Lingles with children in Buriram

Reports — from the — Churches

Center Point, Nashville added one by letter; Jaron Tipton, pastor.

First, McNeil welcomed one by baptism and one by letter; Ken Williams.

Laneburg, Prescott rejoices over three by baptism; David Hampton, pastor.

North View, North Little Rock gained two by baptism; Mike Cantrell, pastor.

Oak Grove, Jonesboro received one by letter; Wynndel King, pastor.

Pine Crest, Fordyce reports two by letter; Everett Smith, pastor.

Providence, Hope witnessed one by baptism; Casey Curtis, pastor.

believe. It's like they are curious and waiting for someone to go share more. I don't know what God has planned for Jay's family and ours, but I hope this upcoming trip helps us know more.

So that's where we find ourselves. There are actually a few other places we have been invited to go and serve in, but we are not sure yet. To be honest, it can feel a little uneasy not knowing what province/house/village we will be in someday. I like to plan, but times like these make us slow down, pray and seek wisdom and guidance. Please pray for us as we try to exit NBC well and start serving somewhere else someday. Pray that God will give us clarity on where and when to go.



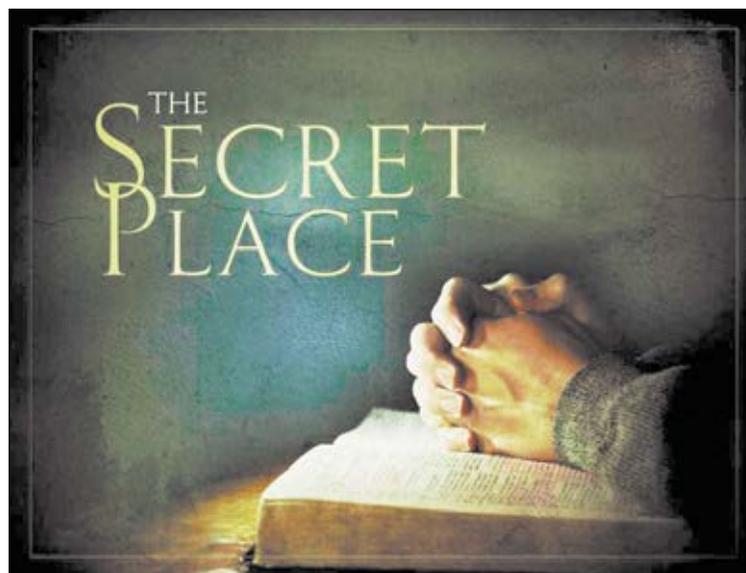
• **Fern and her baby** — Something happened recently that we didn't expect. We signed papers to help foster. A lady named Fern recently started visiting our church. She has a two-month-old and doesn't have much support. She ended up having to go to a government place for assisted living. She can't go to church from there and wanted to get out. These kind government workers came to inspect our house and ask us questions. We told them we are ready to help her find a place near us and help her as much as we can. As I was typing this report, I received a call from them, and they said we are approved and can pick Fern and her baby up on March 15.

We are praising God because Rot will be completing his six-month internship this month. He plans to move from Buriram back to Bangkok to continue his internship in person at NBC before starting a ministry in Buriram. We are thankful to God for your ongoing financial support so we can be here and do what we do. (brandon.thaimissions@gmail.com)



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Living in the Secret Place

"The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty" (Psa. 91:1 CSB).

What a grand statement of life on the highest plane. It has been translated several ways all with the profound meaning of life at its best. It could be translated in this way: *"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"* (ASV). Or it could be translated this way: *"One who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will lodge in the shadow of the Almighty"* (NASB). Moses, the man of God wrote this Psalm. Some think Psalms 90 and 91 are linked together as one Psalm. The readings in both Psalms 90 and 91 show the extraordinary life the Lord provides His followers.

Did Moses have a "secret place, a place of protection?" Did Moses have a place to dwell in the sheltering shadow of the Most High? Yes, oh yes, he did! The story is in Exo. 33:7-11 regarding the secret place of Moses. He had a tent placed outside the camp of the Hebrews, and he would go there to pray. In that tent, the Lord spoke to him. His administrative assistant, Joshua would not allow anyone to interrupt Moses while he was in the shelter of the Most High.

Remember as a child you had your "secret hideouts?" No one knew of "your place" except you. It is true that those who spend time alone with God in their personal secret place do dwell in the shadow of the Almighty. Where is your hideout where you go and go alone to be with Him? Where is your place of daily communion with God? On busy and exasperating days, those who experience His protection in their secret place feel with assurance the shadow of the Almighty hovering over, under, around and through their lives.

Mount Vernon Brotherhood Meets

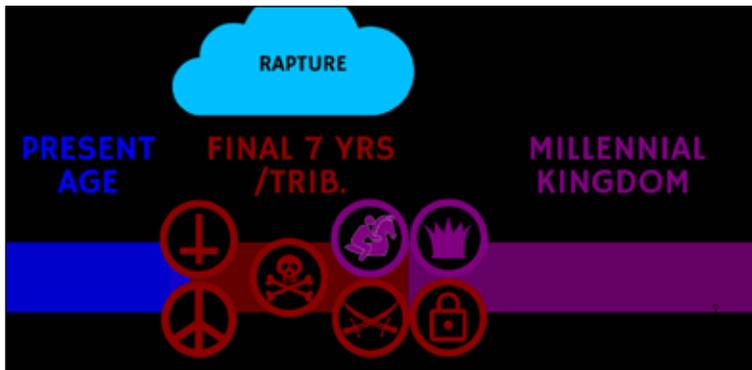
By Lance Madden, Reporter

The Mount Vernon BMA Brotherhood met Monday, March 6, at Rondo Baptist Church in Rondo for our quarterly meeting. We had 34 members, and 18 visitors present, for a total of 52 in attendance with 10 churches represented. We collected an offering of \$415 for Central Baptist College.

The host church fed us a delicious meal of catfish, chicken, all the fixings and desserts. After congregational singing led by Bernard Evans and Rose Kemmer, Paul Clardy sang "When He Was on the Cross." Then a medley of songs was played with Joe Kemmer on the accordion, Rose Kemmer on the piano and Hershel Ferguson and Eddie Kelso on guitar, and Hershel Ferguson sang, "I'm Gonna Live in Heaven Now."

Eddie and Joy Kelso, of Know the Truth Prison Ministries, then presented their ministry. They led congregational songs they sing in services they hold in prison, shared testimonies of prisoners who have been saved and shared about what they do with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, community prisons, homeless shelters and faith-based rehabilitation facilities. Bro. Eddie preached a powerful and convicting message from Matt. 25:35-36.

The next meeting of the Mt. Vernon BMA Brotherhood will be Monday, June 5, at First Baptist Church in Caldwell at 6:30 p.m. Our offering goal will be Roberto Marcilleti, BMA of Arkansas missionary and Hispanic church planter in Rogers.



End Time Views: The Rapture (Part 4)

This article wraps up a series on the different end-time views. We started by looking at the nature of prophecy, then the nature of the millennial kingdom. With each of those, I presented the views and then the “ruling on the field.” By ruling on the field, I’m applying a football officiating term to the interpretation of the Bible. In the NFL, officiating calls are reviewed by video, and the call on the field can be overturned if there is clear evidence. In interpreting the Bible, we can look at the view of the original audience as the historical ruling on the field and the plain reading in context as the contextual ruling on the field.

The last view in this series is the timing of the rapture. We recognized that, when it comes to the historical ruling on the field, the predominate view of today (the pre-tribulation rapture view) isn’t the view of the original audience and didn’t become the mainstream view until the mid-1800s. That’s the historical ruling on the field.

In my last article, we began looking at the most important ruling on the field, the contextual ruling. When it comes to the plain reading in context, I’m encouraging you to work through the verses yourself. I hope you will take this article and the one from last week and compare those notes. In last week’s article, I shared the leading passages in support of the predominant view of today. Unfortunately, they don’t provide much in terms of timing. The only timing stated from that list comes from I Thess. 4:16-17, which shows the rapture occurs at the same time as the resurrection.

Please hear me, my goal is not to say that anyone is wrong for accepting a particular view, or even side with a view, but to speak fairly to which view was accepted the most in mainstream Christian history and go to the Scriptures to determine what they say. Toward the rapture, I love to echo the words of my friend, Nelson Walters: “Hope for the best,

but prepare for the worst.”

In this article, I want to provide the passages and their context for you to work through and for you to ask:

- **Does this passage explicitly give a timing of the rapture?**
- **What is the explicit, plain reading of timing given for the rapture?**

In case you do not have access to the previous article, here is the list of those verses: Rom. 8:1; Rev. 3:10; Rev. 4:1; I Thess. 4:16-17 and I Thess. 5:1-3. I encourage you to read through these and ask the above questions.

With this second set of Scriptures, let’s start with one from the last article: “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (I Thess. 4:16-17 NIV).

Does this passage give an explicit timing of rapture? Yes, it does!

What is this explicit timing? First, there is the last trump and resurrection, then the rapture, followed by the gathering!

Though this next passage doesn’t provide an explicit mention of the rapture timing, it does give a clear timing for the resurrection. Revelation 19 talks about Jesus returning with the “army of Heaven” at Armageddon, then Revelation 20 talks about establishing the Millennial Kingdom on earth. Here’s the passage: “And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized... Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones... and I saw the

souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years” (Rev. 20:1-6).

Does this passage give an explicit timing of the resurrection? Not the rapture, but it does explicitly tell the timing of the resurrection, and we know from the previous passage that the resurrection precedes the rapture.

What is this explicit timing of the resurrection given in this passage?

This next passage is debated, but I feel is very clear on a ballpark timing of the rapture: “Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.” (II Thess. 2:1-3).

The context is almost comical. The believers in Thessalonica felt they had missed the “gathering together” (which, if you remember, is the resurrection, rapture and gathering to Jesus). For help interpreting the passage, it mentions “the rebellion,” and there is debate on what that means. But it also mentions “the revealing of the man of lawlessness,” which is the revealing of the Antichrist, which Jesus indicates in Matthew 24 to be the abomination of desolation done by the Antichrist.

Does this passage give an explicit timing of rapture? Not the rapture, but the gathering together, which happens at the rapture.

What is this explicit timing of the gathering together given in this passage?

There’s one other passage that sheds clarity on the rapture timing, and that is Jesus’ Olivet Discourse recorded in Matthew 24. There is debate as to whether Jesus was speaking chronologically in it, but there is definitely chronological language throughout it. So, if that is the case, when does He speak of the rapture, resurrection and gathering? Please read Matthew 24, paying close attention to verses 30-31.

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What is this explicit timing
See RAPTURE, Page 8



Wife of Former BMA Pastor/ Missionary Dies

Charlotte Winifred Turner, 84 of Hughes Springs, Texas, passed away March 10. Her husband of 66 years, Ray Duane Turner, is a former BMA of America interstate missionary to Denver, Colo. and BMA pastor of many churches in Texas. He also served as the director of ministry development at the BMA Texas Baptist Home for Children and as the National Galilean Director.

Mrs. Turner was the first to preside over the election of officers when the National Girls Missionary Auxiliary (GMA) was organized in 1964 and served as director/superintendent for the GMA National Camp for many years.

Survivors include: four children, Candy (Ricky) Thompson, Cherri Eichel, John (Angela) Turner and Theron (Cindi) Turner; two sisters, Brenda (Tommy) Shuttlesworth and Nell (Jim) Buchanan; one brother, Randy (Betty) Thompson; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 14 at Ebenezer Friendship Baptist Church in Pittsburg, Texas, with interment at Ebenezer Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Erman Smith Funeral Home (ermansmithfuneralhome.com) in Pittsburg.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Texas Baptist Home for Children (tbhc.org) and/or Jacksonville College (jacksonvillecollege.edu).



Mt. Vernon Youth in Harvest, March 20, 6:30 p.m.; Fourth St., West Helena.

Mt. Vernon WMA, April 1, 10 a.m.; Harmony, West Helena.

United District WMA, April 1; Hattieville, Hattieville.

Jonesboro District WMA, April 4; 5:30 p.m., meal; 6:30 p.m., meeting; Prospect, Jonesboro.

Central Ark. Brotherhood, April 10; 6:30 p.m.; Landmark, England.

Southwest District WMA, April 11; 10 a.m.; program-Chandra Barnett; Spring Lake Baptist, Texarkana

Jonesboro District Brotherhood, April 11; Immanuel, Jones-



Widow of BMA Pastor Dies

Helen Ann (Howell) McDaniel, 87 of Corsicana, Texas passed away on March 6. After high school, she married the late Travis Austin Steadman, who pastored churches in Texas. After he passed away, she married the late Jack McDaniel, who pastored Farley Street Baptist Church (now Pathway Baptist Church) in Waxahachie for 22 years as well as other churches in Texas.

She is survived by: a sister, Marie (Tiny) Herring; two sons, Terry (Kim) Steadman and Tim (Kim) Steadman; stepchildren, Jan Ward and Kenny McDaniel; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 13 at Pathway Baptist Church, with interment at Hilltop Memorial Park in Carrollton, Texas. Arrangements were by Wayne Boze Funeral Home (waynebozefuneralhome.com).

Flowers and/or donations may be made to Alzheimer’s Association (act.alz.org/donate).



Mitchel Dean “Mitch” Thompson, 64 of Jonesboro, passed away March 12. He was a member of Cathedral Baptist Church.

Floyd Sanders, 88 of Magnolia, passed away March 11. He was a member of Brister Baptist Church in Emerson.

Molly Waller, 72 of Emerson, passed away March 7. She was a member of Brister Baptist Church.

J. M. DuVall, 93 of Cleveland, passed away March 3. He was a member of Hattieville Baptist Church, but regularly attended Cleveland Baptist Church.

Southwest District Brotherhood, April 11; meal – 6 p.m., program-7 p.m.; Ed Phillips, pastor.

Greenbrier District WMA, April 13; 10 a.m.; lunch to follow; Immanuel, Greenbrier.

Central Ark. WMA, April 15; Landmark, England.

Mt. Vernon Youth in Harvest, April 17, 6:30 p.m.; Bethel, Forrest City.

Jonesboro District Brotherhood, May 9; Prospect, Jonesboro.

Mt. Vernon District Mtg., June 5, 6:30 p.m.; First, Caldwell.



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Prayer Request

Saturday while attending the Jonesboro District Brotherhood, Johnny Shew received a phone call that they had found his younger sister deceased. It appears she passed in her sleep. Please pray for the family during this time of sorrow.

Celebration Sunday

It was my privilege to be with Johnny Shew and the Faith Chapel family Sunday as they celebrated their third anniversary as a mission. The Spirit was present, and the building was full. I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for Faith Chapel once they get into their own building. The slab should be poured this week, and the Master's Builders are planning to arrive there on April 3.

Skips in Our Rows

"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

It is necessary for the follower of God to stay focused on the task at hand. As a young boy, I helped my dad plow our fields. Being a mere child of about 12, I had a lot to learn. One year, we were getting behind cultivating the cotton and dad borrowed a Ford tractor from a neighbor with a rear attachment cultivator, which I had never seen since I was raised around MT, A and B John Deere's. Dad said, "Son, once you start, you are committed." On the front end was a pointer set to center over the row to keep the plows where they belonged. It was extremely hard for me to put my trust in that pointer; after all, if it was not set right, it would mean disaster for the plants. I could not resist the temptation, from time to time, to look back over my shoulder to see if everything was all right. But, every time I looked back, I would swerve and make what was called a skip in the rows, plowing up the good plants for a few feet.

It was later in life when I read this verse and saw how much the comparison was for me of what Jesus meant in this verse. In earlier verses, several had made excuses about following the Lord. While they said they would, they then hesitated to do so.

How many of God's children are in this same position? Having started out serving God like a house on fire, only to find later they have become one of those who look back. This verse deals with commitment, taking up our cross, which I believe does not mean we are to carry it but instead we are to get on it and follow Him. We do not want to be like the seed that sprang up and soon withered.

If you are finding it difficult to follow God, just maybe you are spending too much time looking back.

From Our Missionaries

w "We are glad for the prayers God has answered regarding the Friday night meetings. This encourages us and maintains a fervent desire to continue seeking the Lord in a corporate way. We have several families being attacked by the enemy. Please pray for spiritual firmness and for non-believing spouses to become Christians.

"I beg you to pray for my father-in-law as he is in very poor health. Sayra will travel to Honduras on March 23 with the purpose of staying with him for a few weeks and presenting the gospel to him again. Let us pray for his conversion to the Lord and for his recovery of health if it is God's will."

Ebenezer, West Little Rock: Ruben Isturiz writes, "It has been a challenging week with some sick Ebenezer members. Please pray

especially for Avelina Santos, she is our oldest founding member at 87 years old. She is the most faithful in attendance and service to the Lord. All of us at Ebenezer love our sister, and she inspires us. Pray for her health.

"Both the schedule change and some sickness caused our attendance this week to be down, but it was a good opportunity to continue to talk and learn about what a church should be — our family of family. It was a very interactive service, with worship and time for questions and answers. Thank God that, since its founding, at Ebenezer we have had harmony and an environment of God's grace.

"I see how during this time people have come for healing, spiritual and emotional restoration of lives — people who were disconnected from the church and

who would not be accepted in other congregations. I thank God for the restoration of lives.

"Thank you for your prayers. Pray for our membership meeting and training plans that will begin this month. To God be the glory!"

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, "What a busy week we had at Faith Chapel! The building is progressing slowly but surely. The plumbing has been roughed in, and the floor and septic are scheduled for this next week if the weather cooperates.

"I attended the North Arkansas Association meeting at Pleasant Grove Saturday and shared with them a little about the mission. From there I went to the Jonesboro Association's Brotherhood meeting at StoneRidge Camp and had a great meal and fellowship. I found out while I was there that my younger sister had passed away, so that meeting quickly turned sad. But I know she was saved, I know where she is and I know she is not hurting anymore. Praise God, she got to go home to be with Jesus.

"Sunday morning, we had our third anniversary service, and Paul White came and brought a very fitting message. After the service, we had a good BBQ meal, then I had to make a quick round trip to North Little Rock to be with my family.

"Thank you for your prayers for us, Faith Chapel and for Flippin. Also, please pray for my mother, my sister's children and grandchildren and the rest of the family. We really do appreciate all of your prayers!"

The Table, Springdale: Clinton Morris writes, "The week flew by in a flurry of meetings, meetups, leadership moments and discussions of new ministries. It is so good to see the people of the church interact and the potential for the future.

"Please pray for Clement. He is thinking of starting a midweek conversation Bible study that we are considering naming 'The Coffee Table.' This will be such an amazing asset to the church and future discipleship.

"On Sunday, we put together blessing bags for our local homeless population. We often see homeless people standing on the side of the road in our communities or sitting by themselves in isolated places. We wanted to create a way to engage these people with the gospel while also meeting some of their physical needs. The church

Opportunities For Service

Beacon Baptist Church in Taylor is seeking a bi-vocational youth minister. Interested applicants need to mail a resume to Attn: Youth Search Committee, P.O. Box 94, Taylor, Ark. 71861. Call Pastor Karry Easley for more information at (870) 299-2751. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Calvary Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Resumes may be sent to resumes@calvarybaptistarlington.org or Pastor Search Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, 2021 S. Davis, Arlington, Texas 76010 or Jay Juarez at (214) 762-9807.

East Foothills Baptist Church in Lindale, Texas is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Resumes, including references, may be e-mailed to eastfoothillsbc@gmail.com or mailed to Marilyn May, 13107 CR 431, Tyler, Texas 75706. For more information, contact Josh Richardson at (903) 316-3047.

folks brought in essential items — Bibles, water bottles, oatmeal, applesauce with spoon, granola, washcloths, toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene helps and a few other items. It is so beautiful to see the hands and feet at work for our community. So many people are being encouraged through the ministry of this church. Please continue to pray for protection for those of The Table."

Faith Journey, Benton: Bryan Clay writes "Faith Journey is enjoying the beginnings of the spring season. We sure do enjoy having the extra daylight, which means we can search for land in our target area for a little longer in the day. We were able to meet with a landowner in that area to try to get some leads. Please keep praying that God will open the doors to where He wants this mission to be planted.

"We had a lesson at Faith Journey about meeting people and finding our common ground with them. We did a fun, get-to-know-you activity that paired us up to learn about the things we have in common. In I Cor. 9:19-23, the Apostle Paul said we should find a way to connect with people where they are so we may be able to share the gospel with them. The Bible shows us that Jesus continually met people where they were at in their lives, and we should follow His example."

Misión Gracia Soberana (Sovereign Grace), NWA: Roberto Marcelletti writes, "The Lord, by providence, gave us a beautiful week where we continue our work of intentional formation through discipleship. We are preaching our fundamentals to live a life pleasing to God and not failing to teach that each believer has a mission where God has placed him is a missionary. Sovereign Grace enables each member so that they can fulfill that mission



Bus for Sale

Emmanuel Baptist in New Edinburg is selling their 2013 Ford E350 super-duty 15-passenger van with 81,000 miles. For more information, contact (870) 679-0350.

HOMECOMINGS

Union, Rosston; May 28, 10:30 a.m.; Jim Moss, message; lunch to follow; Joe Brown, pastor.

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

The Association of Baptist Students (ABS) at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. is seeking an ABS Director. Send resumes and inquiries to Deryl Jones, 24205 Hwy. 371, Sarepta, La. 71071 or deryl54@yahoo.com. He can also be reached at (318) 423-8540.

with their family.

"We continue our three weeks where the candidates to be baptized attends their essential classes. The first thing we are working on is conversion, which is a true change the Lord produces and it is not by the will of man. There are six candidates who continue Sunday to Sunday with great enthusiasm for learning, thus preparing for baptism.

"Every Friday another group of six people is being disciplined in our home. This week another family joined our discipleship."

Epic Life, Pea Ridge: Jake McCandless writes, "I want to live my life for God now," was what someone told the connection group coach of our newest group.

"This week, I got a glimpse of what Epic Life could be and I feel we're catching momentum. Amanda and I spent nearly every evening at a community event, and we had the chance to share about Epic Life at each one.

"We had a powerful Connection Group Wednesday night, and Thursday I had the chance to share our vision with a ministry student who is moving into the area. He said, 'Sounds like you're trying to live out the Book of Acts.'

"Friday, I sat in on our newest Connection Group and was in awe as I saw the community that had already been built and how great the coach was that led the group.

"On Saturday, Amanda and I had dinner with a couple interested in learning more. They too said, 'This is the type of thing, we've longed for — like the Book of Acts.'

"The week culminated in the most moving worship time I have experienced in a long time. To top it off, we had four first-time visitors!

"It was an exciting week, even after personally spending a day in the emergency room."

CURRICULUM

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with a lesson script/commentary to make their job simpler.

• **Class Discussion:** This gives teachers an opportunity to help students think critically about what the Bible says and have a conversation about the Bible.

• **Activities:** It is okay to have fun while learning God's Word! We provide a simple activity and an alternate for each lesson.

• **Bible memory:** Each lesson features a memory verse.

• **Prayer time:** Every lesson ends with a prayer prompt in response to the Bible passage being studied.

Frequently Asked Questions

• **What Bible translation is used?** We designed this to be used alongside any Bible translation. However, when Scripture is quoted, the KJV is used. This curriculum will be a perfect fit in any church, regardless of preferred Bible translation.

• **How many books will I need to order?** You will only need to order one book per children's class. Everything you need is in the book.

• **Are there any other books available?** Book 2 will release next year and will cover the Gospels and Acts. Book 3 will be released the following year and cover the remainder of the New Testament and Baptist Doctrine. The end result will be a

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Invitational. **Alyssa Hagewood** opened with a +13 85 and trails the leader by eight shots entering the second round. **Laney Crutchfield** is in a tie for third after posting an

three-year cycle that covers the entire Bible and Baptist doctrine.

• **How often will this book be available to order?** All DiscipleKidz books will be available year-round. Order what you need, when you need it.

• **Are you getting rid of the current children's curriculum?** No. Disciple Kids Classic will continue to be offered as a quarterly Sunday School curriculum, as always.

• **Are there any other resources available?** Yes! We are providing accompanying coloring pages and take-home pages as free printable resources. These extra resources are not necessary, but they are available to anyone who would like them, free of charge.

I am so very excited to share this resource with you all. Imagine the impact proclaiming the gospel and teaching the Bible is a true story will have on our children! I hope and pray DiscipleKidz will be a blessing to your church and your children.

Ordering for DiscipleKidz begins March 31. To learn more, visit disciplekidz.com.

opening round 90. **Abby Kirby** shot a 110 on the day.

Athlete of the Week

• **St. Louis, Mo., March 13** — The American Midwest Conference (AMC) announced their weekly awards, and four CBC athletes were selected. **A.J. Serrano** was named AMC baseball player of the week, while **Josh Brown** was named AMC Men's Track Athlete of the Week, **Ally Swaim** earned AMC women's track athlete of the week and **Ashleigh Gross-Mitchell** earned AMC women's field athlete of the week.

LESSONS

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even despondent.

• An optimistic (hope and faith-based, of course) attitude seems to be a differentiating factor for many in ministry who persevere.

• True friends are priceless anywhere, and particularly in ministry.

• It's even better that my sons and my wife are my best friends.

• Comparison to others in ministry is an emotional killer. Don't do it.

• Laughter is a key trait to longevity.

• Apologize and ask for forgiveness quickly.

• Don't be snarky and critical, especially on social media.

• Most crises are not true crises.

Give it a week or so, and your perspective will change.

• Don't make major decisions when

RAPTURE

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of the gathering together given in this passage?

Again, the goal of this isn't to prove a position or point, but to encourage all of us to be "Bereans" and rightly divide the Scriptures. What does our Doctrinal Statement say on the rapture? It actually doesn't mention the rapture, but it does talk about the return of Jesus being imminent, which Scripture clearly talks about the end or the day of the Lord being imminent like a thief in the night. The question then becomes, does "the end" being imminent mean that "the rapture" is the first event of the end that comes quickly like a flood?

— *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)*

you are tired.

• Don't denigrate others. It is a sign of your own insecurities.

• Silence is often the best response.

• Love the church where God has you. The members are not perfect, but neither are you.

• Work hard and work smart. Others are watching you. Set the example.

• Don't forget God's call on your life and your ministry. It will be the single factor that keeps you going at times.



Bluegrass Gospel Singing featuring Lindley Creek (Greer Family), March 19; 5 p.m.; Union, Rosston.

The Believers in Concert, March 26; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Potluck, noon; Concert, 1:30 p.m.; Russell, Russell.

CBC Scholarship Gala, March 28; Conway Expo Center, Conway.

Pastor's R & R, March 28-30; Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville.

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

Hot Dogs and Hot Rods Car Show, June 3; benefits Water for Christ; Lifesong, Greenbrier.

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

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

Arkansas Galilean Camp, July 28-30; Ponca Bible Camp.

Student Ministry Matters Retreat, Sept. 16; Central Baptist College, Conway.

BMA of Arkansas Meeting, Nov. 2-3; Central Baptist College, Conway.

Celebration 2023 (formerly the National Senior Adult Conference), Nov. 28-30; Chateau Resort; Branson.

Arkansas Galilean Fall Fellowship, Dec. 1-2; Camp Beaverfork, Conway.

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