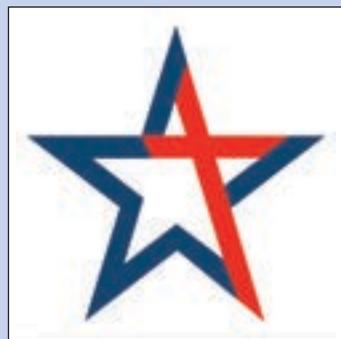


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February 9-10, 2018

Recognizing the classes of  
1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, 2008

## Homecoming 2018 at Jacksonville College

By **RANDY DECKER**

*Jacksonville College Director of Alumni Relations*

Homecoming 2018 is fast approaching at Jacksonville College. On Feb. 9-10, alumni and former students will once again gather to reminisce with old friends, make new friends, and learn about what's happening on the campus of our beloved alma mater.

This year's emphasis is on alumni who attended Jacksonville College in the years ending in 8 (1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, 2008). The program committee invites music ensembles, sports teams, cheerleaders, theater performers, and other groups from these reunion classes to notify the alumni office by Feb. 1 if they want to participate in the homecoming program. Please tell which group you are in and the contact person for your group. Information and names for each group must be received in the alumni office by February 1 to be placed on the program, so contact your classmates now.

You can register for Homecoming 2018 online at [www.jacksonville-college.edu/alumni](http://www.jacksonville-college.edu/alumni) or by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at (903) 589-7135 or [jgalyean@jacksonville-college.edu](mailto:jgalyean@jacksonville-college.edu). For additional Homecoming information and updates, visit [www.jacksonville-college.edu/homecoming](http://www.jacksonville-college.edu/homecoming).

### THE OLD MAIN BELL COMES HOME

On Saturday, Feb. 10, a grand lady will officially return to our campus. The Old Main Bell has been repaired, rejuvenated, and returned to her home. The celebration of the bell's return will be a highlight of this year's homecoming celebration. Our homecoming welcome will involve a short dedication service accompanied by sacred and patriotic music. Later this spring, the local historical society will give homage to this functioning symbol of the heritage of our faith, our school, and our country.

There are rumors (many substantiated) of escapades and pranks involving the old bell. Apparently, the forbidden ringing of the bell was a temptation too strong for many of our former students. In days gone by, the Old Main Bell, the tower at Love's Lookout, and Killough Monument were fertile ground for misadventures.

Join us at Homecoming on Feb. 9-10, and be prepared to share your "bell" stories. You will have plenty of time to visit and reminisce. Register online now at [jacksonville-college.edu/alumni](http://jacksonville-college.edu/alumni).



▲ Jacksonville College's Old Main was constructed in 1899 and razed in 1968 to accommodate modern structures. The Old Main bell was housed in the tower of the building.



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# making progress

## It's a new year

By **JERRY FULTON**

Welcome to 2018! Another new year has arrived and with it come new challenges and opportunities. The best goal any of us can have in 2018 is to become spiritually fit. Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:8 saying, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."



▲ Jerry Fulton

May we all focus on the basics in 2018 by diligently studying God's Word, praying, fellowshiping with other believers, serving, and witnessing. We will grow stronger as we focus on the basics and God will lead us all toward greater spiritual maturity.

Have a blessed new year. May God use you greatly for His glory in 2018!

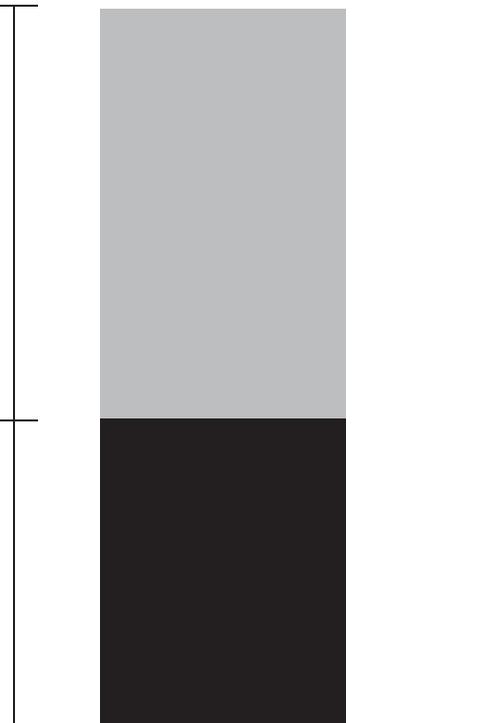
**Update on the United Thanksgiving Offering**

Churches across Texas participated in the United Thanksgiving Offering in November. To date, \$54,683 has been received toward our overall goal of \$125,000. If your church has not yet mailed in your offering, please do so to BMA of Texas, P.O. Box 73, Waxahachie, Texas 75168.

# UNITED THANKSGIVING OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS ARE COMING IN

\$125,000

\$54,683



## Letter to the Editor

On Nov. 7, 2017, in Tyler, Texas at the BMA of Texas Association Meeting, I brought to the floor open discussion. In the past 10 years, our association has had great leaders who have provided support and guidance to our small churches. The backbone of our association is comprised of these small churches who are now much smaller and even having to "close their doors." If they are still operational, they are concerned how they will make it month to month.

I believe our future offers potential for the BMA of Texas but we must re-evaluate how

we should proceed. Major adjustments are needed in our business cycle before we are faced with financial issues. With reservation, I made a motion that our administrative committee conduct an evaluation of each department and present the results at the 2018 Association Meeting. This evaluation was for administrative committee to review departments for implementation of major changes. Follow the criteria used by Jacksonville College which they demonstrated change to their problems. This motion was confirmed with recording secretary Wayne

McKay. The motion was not to conduct an audit. Each department is currently under an annual audit.

My presentation could have been more focused on the specifics, but I felt that a recommendation and discussion would have led to an understanding of my request My desire is for us to seek God's direction through prayer My ultimate desire is that we as an association do what needs to be done to continue offering our services of the BMA of Texas.

*Pastor Dock Lazarine*

# Former *Baptist Progress* Editor Called Home

By PAUL GAUNTT

The BMA of Texas has lost a prince of a preacher, editor, and denominational leader when Bro. William Dale Leggett passed from this life into the glorious kingdom of God, in the early evening of Dec. 15, 2017, in the Pleasant Manor Healthcare facility in Waxahachie Texas.

Leggett was born in Seminary, Mississippi in 1926. He moved his family to Texas in 1953 where he was to embark upon a long and fruitful ministry, being pastor of several churches; Community, Corsicana, First, Italy, First, Joaquin, and College Avenue, Levelland, before accepting the invitation of the BMA of Texas to serve as editor of the *Baptist Progress*, a position he held from 1965-1973. Post *Progress* churches were Wyatt Drive, Fort Worth, Long Creek, Mesquite, and a second tenure at Community, Corsicana, and his final pastorate was Kerens Missionary, Kerens.

One of the memorable experiences of the Leggett family was the trek they made to Anchorage, Alaska in 1965 where he preached in a revival at Bruins Park Baptist Church.

His son Freddy, recalled the trip:

“We left out of Levelland after church on Sunday night, and we slept two nights, traded driving duties the remainder of the time, and arrived in Anchorage at about 5 p.m. on Friday,” Fred said. “It was not only a church revival, but we did some work too -- laying flooring in the new building.”

Dale Leggett was totally committed to providing the BMA of Texas with an excellent product in the *Baptist Progress*. In fact, it was common occurrence for him to be preaching in revivals, but making a few trips back to the office to attend to the process of editing and producing the paper.

“Back in those days, lead type was set up for printing, but sometimes the (first draft) would come out upside down and backward,” Fred said. “But he could perfectly read it and mark the typos in it.” The younger Leggett noted that after it was suggested that he have the entire copy redone, the editor said “that would cost too much money in extra labor.”

There was a special friendship and camaraderie among the denominational leaders 50 years ago. Leggett especially loved to travel with his coworkers, Curtis Carroll of Jacksonville College, Donald Pruitt, State Missions director, Eugene Gauntt of Daniel Springs, Ted Stanley of the Texas Baptist Home,

Gauntt often told the story on Leggett that he was the only denominational worker who could perform the daunting task of making an appearance at all 31 local Texas associations in the fall. With perhaps a touch of homespun embellishment Gauntt would share the story.

“In order to reach his goal of making every association one year, Dale made it to the final one, arriving just as lunch was about over -- he jumped the railroad tracks in his car, went airborne, and landed in the front of the church, jumping out, and racing to the entry to throw a pack of *Baptist Progresses* in the foyer.” Gauntt would quip.

Leggett was a kind hearted, rather soft spoken man, who always maintained his ministerial dignity, and many of his friends marveled at what a sharp dresser he was. But he always found opportunity for lighthearted fun

-- like the time he and Gauntt skied all over Lake Murvaul near Gary, with large globs of moss on their heads, creating quite a stir.

On a personal note, my earliest memory of Bro. Dale was one spring day in 1959 when I went with my Dad to what was known as the old “Ford School House” on an oil top road we called the Smith Road -- because mostly Smiths lived on it. We met up with Dale and Freddy, and together, we began tearing the antiquated building down. The lumber was to be used to build a large storage building at the new facilities of Daniel Springs. Leggett was pastor at Joaquin at that time, and my Dad was pastor of First, Gary. Even back in those days, Bro. Leggett had an unwavering passion to help our Baptist work in any way possible. Years later when he was editor of the *Baptist Progress*, he would drive down to Gary and help Dad with some projects around the camp.

I recall Dale’s special attention to young people, especially those entering into church vocational ministry. So it is no surprise that his three children, Freddy, Debbie, who went to be with the Lord a couple of years ago, and the youngest, Cherrie were always included in his ministry, and each grew into great servants of the Lord.

When he was with us in revival at First, Gary, many years ago, he stayed with my folks at Daniel Springs. I enjoyed taking swims with him in the camp pool in the evenings after church services. I relished the times talking with him about the Lord, about the pastorate, and about our BMA work. There was hardly anything going on in the denomination in which he wasn’t well versed. He had an uncanny knowledge of our work as well as a deep love for it.

He was an avid fan of motor vehicles since the majority of his ministry was either spent behind a pulpit, or behind the wheel of a car going to a preaching appointment or to represent the *Progress*. Once he purchased a police cruiser in Mississippi many years ago, and drove to the Gary revival in it. He knew it would be the thrill of a lifetime for a 20 year old boy when he asked me to try the cruiser out on Farm-to-Market 999 at Gary.

The BMA of Texas and the BMA of America are richer today because of men like Dale Leggett, whom God placed in leadership. In his latter days, he enjoyed his home in Blooming Grove, and his fellowship with First Baptist Church and his pastor, Grady Cashion. He often commented on how gracious the people there were to him and wife Velma. When it became obvious that he was going to have to have home care, he moved to Frisco to live with daughter Cherrie and her husband Larry. Although he was grateful to them, he longed for his home and church friends in Blooming Grove.

Cherrie was by his side during his final moments on earth, and ministered to him by singing and reading scripture to him.

I ask everyone to remember Freddy and Cherrie and their families during this time of temporary separation of their loved one.



▲ William Dale Leggett



## March On!

Bad news! Moses is dead. He had completed his assignment, but God wasn’t finished. Now it was time for the children of Israel to move out and claim their inheritance. That meant war. Though massive in number, this unorthodox band of warriors were untrained in conventional warfare and crossing over into Jordan was a big deal. Often described as a “cesspool of evil,” the Canaanites were a formidable foe and hearing their name struck fear in the hearts of the Hebrew people. Who would lead them? No hesitation on God’s part! Joshua was the man, and this was God’s promise: “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” And with those words, everything changed! Like a cheering squad before a football game they rallied to the cause with one voice: “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.”

First order of business: Send out spies. This was no ordinary day—at least for two men making their way into enemy territory! Sneaking into Jericho would be scary for the bravest warrior, but these two spies were on assignment and there was no turning back. Even as the words of Joshua must have rang in their ears, I wonder if they waffled a bit on their promise to GO where he had sent them, and to DO what he had commanded. Whatever their doubts, Scripture says they went and that’s what matters.

The two spies survived because one woman KNEW about God-- BELIEVED in God—and OBEYED God! Rahab was no super Christian hero with a long history of walking by faith. Quite the contrary! She was a harlot confronted with the truth; a woman who embraced it and jumped into God’s plan without hesitation.

Rahab was an ordinary woman tasked with an extraordinary assignment from God. With no Christian family or local church to teach and support her, and no answered prayers to reflect on, she still knew a lot about God and believed He would keep His promise. Her response brings conviction to my heart. I’ve had all of the above and sometimes I still doubt, still fret over WHAT I don’t know instead of trusting the ONE I do know. This new year is uncharted territory with paths we’ve never been down before. Some assignments will be difficult; others will seem impossible and we may even beg to be excused. To a frightened Joshua who must have been quaking in his boots, God said (my summary):

- Be strong.
- Read My words.
- Meditate on them day and night.
- Do what I say.

Everything God promised the Israelites came to pass. And He will do it for us today. So let’s march on! Strong. Resolute. Believing. Empowered by His words. And as we do, prepare to be amazed. God’s in the business of knocking down walls and defeating enemies. HOW He does it, and WHO He picks to use may be surprising. But one thing we know for sure: He always keeps His word and delivers on EVERY promise!

(Joshua 1 and 2)

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# BMA of America



## Liberty Association hosts rally for BMA of America Missions

By **CHARLES JOHNSON**

*Pastor of Rosewood, Gilmer*

The Liberty Baptist Association met at Pritchett, Gilmer for a rally promoting International and North American missions Dec. 14. Sixteen churches were represented at the meeting.

Terry Caffey, pastor of Pritchett, welcomed the messengers and guests to the meeting. Association moderator Wayne McKay presided over the business session. The 2017 minutes and yearbooks were distributed and approved. The association voted to add another widow of a deceased BMA minister as a monthly supplemental income recipient. Liberty is currently assisting nine retired ministers and widows.

Bro. Phil Knott, director of international missions for the BMA of America, was the guest speaker. He gave an insightful report on how mission dollars are used to carry the Gospel to the world. He also brought a challenging message from Romans 15. An offering of \$4,081 was received for BMAA missions.

Following the meeting, the host church provided a delicious buffet meal in their fellowship hall. Liberty Association's next meeting will be a rally for Jacksonville College and will meet with Rosewood Baptist Church on Thursday, Jan. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Dr. Mike Smith will be speaking, and singers from the college will be in concert. A meal will be served before the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

## SOAR 2018 First Look

It may be the dead of winter, but DiscipleGuide is bringing the excitement of summer a little early this year with SOAR 2018 First Look.

On Jan. 31, the SOAR team from DiscipleGuide will be hosting this free event on the SOAR Conference Facebook page as a broadcasted event. Tune in at 6:30 p.m. to get important details about this summer's SOAR conference, including introducing the featured speaker and getting a "First Look" at the lessons he will cover during the sessions.

We want people to get excited about the upcoming conference, not only because we love to see students worshipping together, but also because we believe the topic of this year's conference is so important.

Register for this free, online event in order to be entered in to a drawing for one FREE SOAR registration. Register at [gosoar.com/firstlook](http://gosoar.com/firstlook), and don't forget to tune in to the SOAR Conference Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 31. Registration is open through Jan. 31.

The SOAR 2018 First Look will be an online event we hope church youth groups from all around the country will attend.

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# MONEY WISE

## Happy New Year

By **JERRY BURNAMAN**

Have you discovered anything new for 2018? Along with the Baptist Missionary Loan Association trustees, I bring you greetings in the New Year. With these few thoughts, I'm sharing with you the past year, and asking for prayer concerning the needs of 2018.

We are very appreciative of the 275 or more individuals, churches, and auxiliaries that support the ministry of the BMLA. For 2017, our assets increased \$2.2 million. It was a very good year, and we give God the glory.

Your investments provide funds for growing churches. Presently we are working with 23 projects: established churches and missions to purchase properties, remodel buildings, and build new ones. The ministries of these churches have resulted in many people experiencing salvation, and many other lives have been changed. Think about it: your investments last for eternity.

The New Year will swiftly pass and what is done for Christ is

the only thing that will last.

It's vital for believers to make personal growth plans, spiritual growth plans, and money plans. The great philosopher Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you are going, you may end up some place else." If you have extra funds and would like to use them for an eternal reward, then an investment with the BMLA is an excellent choice.

A few churches invest with us with interest free accounts to help other churches. We understand that most individuals and churches desire an interest-bearing account to help with financial needs. We have a share account with an initial investment of \$5 that pays 2 percent interest.

Our Investment Certificates have an initial minimum investment of \$1,000.00, paying 2.5 percent interest. These certificates are for one year and we automatically roll it over at the end of your year of investment, unless you request the funds. If for some emergency, you need the funds before the year's end,

we will send it to you without penalty. This one of the perks we provide our investors.

Our desire for this year is to provide more loans to churches. We have money to loan and it would be a blessing to help churches with funds to purchase property or build buildings. Write this need down in your prayer list.

If you would like for me to share the BMLA ministry with your church or auxiliary, just give me a call at 972-923-0758. It would be a joy visit with you.

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## Do you really know Who God is?

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

*Pastor of First, Palmer*

Recently, network news carried a story of a member of Congress who is commonly known as the most hated in Washington D.C., and who is famous for throwing her weight around, and accosting people who would dare confront her, arrogantly asking them, "Do you know who I am?"

So I pose the question, "Do you really know who God is? Do you picture Him as this bright, shining, character, peering over a giant cloud, with white flowing hair and a beard? Does he have kind, grandfatherly eyes, or are they red with rage and judgement?"

Many people have conjured up this image of what they would like for God to be to them. Many view him as a cosmic Santa Claus, and the sum total of their prayers are nothing but a laundry list of things they want.

Many regard God as a buddy — someone they consider to be on equal footing with them. Most sermons they have heard about him only deal with his kindness, mercy, provisions and friendship. He is there to lend comfort, companionship and counsel. They perceive him as this "tag along" who is there just for you, if and when you happen to need Him.

But today, fewer and fewer sermons deal with the awesome, dreadful, terrible power of God. We have laughed at the joke about a mom who sternly tells her son, "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

God did — and He can - with just a thought.

There is a myriad of scriptures that attest to the overwhelming, awesome, dreadful power of God, but I will cite one, found in Daniel 9:4-5.

"And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:"

Did you notice the phrase, "the great and dreadful God?" How can a loving, caring, forgiving God be placed into the category of "dreadful," or "terrible?" The answer is simple! A God, who can breathe into a lump of clay and make it into a thinking, feeling, productive human being with a soul, speak the world, sunlight, constellations, galaxies, and massive ocean waters into existence with a simple "Let there be. . ." is a God not to be taken flippantly. That same God who spoke the world into existence, some years later spoke another word, and washed it clean of sinful man through a flood. This is the God who caused the Red Sea to stand up straight, giving the Israelites save passage from Egypt and then collapsing upon Pharaoh's army. This is the God who walked into a fiery furnace with three Hebrew children, and they came out "cool as a cucumber." This is a God Who can whisper to a whale and command him to swallow His prophet and transport him to Ninevah,

The eighteenth century preacher, Jonathan Edwards, when preaching his famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" at Northhampton, England on July 8, 1741 describes the wrathful, terrible and just side of an awesome God of absolute power.

"The bow of God's wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready

on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart. .the mere pleasure of God keeps the arrow from being made drunk with your blood."

"The wrath of God is like the great waters that are dammed for the present. .there is nothing but the mere pleasure of God that holds the waters back."

Also, in the sermon, Edwards refers to "the God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider, or some loathsome insect over the fire. . ."

This sermon caused many in the crowd to shriek with fright, faint, and scream out loud, "What must we do?" — to which Edwards replied from the pulpit, "Pray until thou art saved."

This describes the overwhelming, absolute power a mighty, awesome, dreadful, terrible God has over us. Yet, this same dreadful God, Himself, came to earth in the form of a human — Jesus Christ, and died for you and me, in order that we could escape that fiery pit. That is the mercy side —the loving side of an awesome God.

If you saw the epic movie, "The Titanic," you will remember the arrogant drivel of an engineer of the massive ship, who said, "Not even God in Heaven could sink this ship."

Wrong! God let it crash into an iceberg and sink to a watery grave — but He didn't even need that. God could have just given it a slight thump, much like you would thump a tiny fleck of dandruff off of your shoulder.

It would behoove each of us to constantly study, meditate, and furthermore ask the awesome God of Heaven to help us not to misunderstand Who He is, and what He is capable of doing.

# Church health

## Be the Light of Jesus

By **LARRY BARKER**

Tony Dungy is well known as an NFL player, coach and now commentator. In one of his books he shares that when he was still coaching he was often asked how he could justify working in the football “world” and be a Christian? They would point out how violent the game was, how bad the language used was, and that it was played on Sunday. His answer was, “I try to be careful to bring Christ’s light to that “world” without getting swallowed up by it!”

That is a great answer because God can only use us in the “world” if we are in fact “in” the world. There will be much debate and tension created in different scenarios of when we cross the line (and by the way, who determines that line?) and go too far. This will require godly wisdom that is only found in listening close to His leadership. Maybe we should focus on where we draw our own lines instead of judging and criticizing other people who seemingly cross the line. Check out Mark 3.

The world God has placed you in is exactly where you are to shine as His light. God gives you a platform from which you are to share Him as you allow your light to shine. Are you taking advantage of the opportunities you have to influence and add value to the lives of others? People need to see the light of what a person looks like who is abiding in Christ. Have we lost our focus on how God wants us to be His light? Have we even forgotten that we are called to be light?

Today’s reality is that so many churches seem to have forgotten why they exist and there is very little evangelism going on. It seems that all too often our focus, even in church planting, is finding those already in the family of God instead of those who are outside! In *Barnabas Factors*, J. D. Payne says, “Since biblical church planting is evangelism that results in new churches, team members will naturally spend the greatest amount of time with unbelievers prior to the birth of churches.”

Most agree that church plants need to see at least 50 percent of their growth come from new converts but all too often it is not even close. Before church planters think that this is an attack on them, the fact is that it is even worse in most established churches. We seem to be more focused on those we can get from other churches and who are already believers instead of pursuing the unsaved who are far from God. How

intentional are you being in building relationships with unbelievers?

**The first step must be to pursue a passionate and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.** If we are truly in love with Jesus then we will love others and have compassion on the multitudes as He does. It is out of our intimate and individual walks with God that we are able to minister to those outside the kingdom effectively. Unless we abide in Jesus, we really have nothing to offer others. Our inner life with Christ is what will determine what our outer work will look like.

**The second step is to begin building relationships and friendships with people who are far from God.** One suggestion would be for pastors and those on staff to spend one day a week hanging out with unbelievers. Where could you volunteer or what hobby could you develop that would put you in the middle of unbelievers? Start with your neighbors and invite people into your home for a meal.

**Then make sure you are praying for them regularly.** Are you daily praying for 10-15 people by name to which you are personally trying to show the light of Jesus? Why not? Sometimes we just want to hang out with the believers we are comfortable with and already know. In Mark 5, a man who had been freed from demon possession wanted to stay with Jesus. But He told him, “Go back home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you.”

**The fourth step would be simply - Just do it!** One version of Mark 5:19 says, “Tell them how much the Lord has done for you.” Just do it and allow God to bless your efforts to let them know that Jesus loves them. The reality is that most will probably never feel ready to share Christ with others. The best news though is that God is bigger than all of our inadequacies, fears, and mistakes. So even if you cannot quote the Romans road just tell them how much the Lord has done for you!

**Lastly, you must remember that your light will only shine brightly as you walk with Him and abide in Him.** It is out of our inner lives that we do our outer work. Who you are on the inside is as important, actually much more important, as what you do. You cannot give what you do not possess and you cannot



help but give others what you do possess. If you are full of anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness it will come out. But if you are full of grace, love, and forgiveness it will be given also!

Your light shines brightest when you are walking with the Lord. Abiding in Christ is the best way to ensure that our best intentions turn into consistent action. Our close communion and connection with Jesus is what produces vibrancy and vitality. When we drift from Him we become spiritually dysfunctional and our lights begin to flicker. How we serve Christ and how we love others reflects what is tucked away in our hearts. It is a mirror that reveals who and what we really love.

Be the light that Jesus intended you to be! Bring Christ’s light to “your” world without being swallowed up by it! Matthew 5:16 says, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

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# insights for pastors

## Hallmarks of Great Leaders

By **DR. ALLEN TILLEY**

Dan Southerland said, “The difference between a leader and a martyr is two steps. A leader stays one step ahead while a martyr is three steps ahead.” Sadly, most pastors understand this all too well. To keep from being a martyr in your church, here are eight leadership tips for pastors.

**Walk intimately with Jesus.** Don’t make the mistake of leading on empty. Only by inundating yourself with Jesus will you find the strength and courage to lead wisely. Each day, spend ample time in prayer, Bible study, and personal worship. More than you, your people need to see Jesus in you.

**Develop a compelling vision for your church.** Inspire your people with a God-sized dream. Although most don’t admit it, people long for divine challenges. Dreams unify; bring your people together by setting your sights on lofty but achievable goals. To get the momentum started, start small, celebrate, and then plan your next step.

**Serve as a role model.** If you want certain behaviors to be evident in your church, you should be the one modeling them. Practice generosity, forgiveness, and patience. Most of all, be a soul winner. Let your example stir the fire within the hearts of your followers. Remember, a picture is

worth a thousand words.

**Be a cheerleader.** Good leaders are always quick to offer words of praise. Nothing will destroy the morale of your church more than feelings of being unappreciated. With a pat on the back, a personal note, or a word from the pulpit, you can increase retention and improve productivity. As John Maxwell said, “People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”

**Model confidence.** People won’t follow leaders who are uncertain or wishy-washy, but they will follow those who carry themselves with an assured demeanor. Never mistake arrogance for confidence. Pride is selfish and self-serving while confidence comes from an intimate walk with Christ and knowing His will.

**Make wise decisions.** Instead of acting rashly or reactively, mull over all your options. Seek the counsel of mature believers. Bathe your decision in prayer, asking the Lord to lead you. Consider the feelings of others, the cost, and anticipate negative feedback. Your people’s trust must be earned first, and that only comes when you make wise decisions.

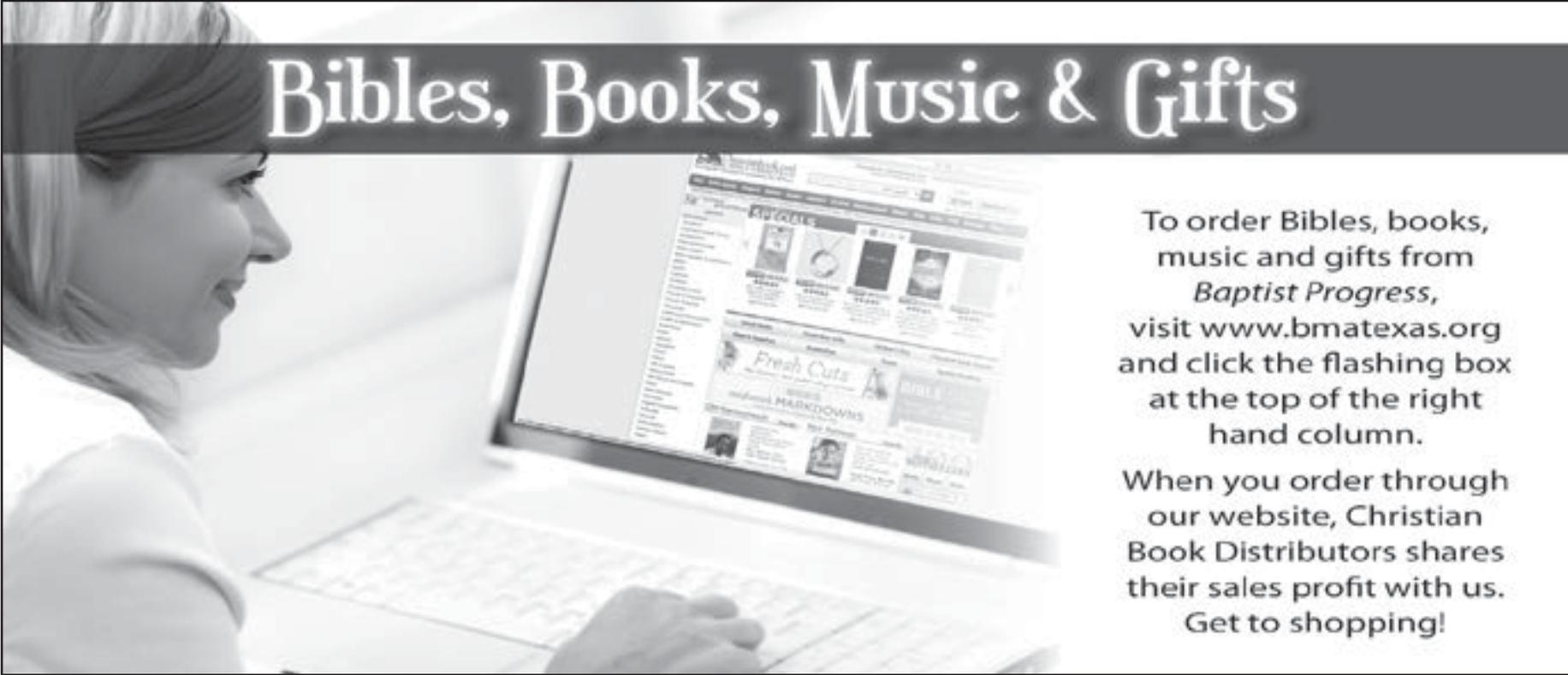
**Listen with your ears and heart.** Great leaders are great listeners. Carefully weigh the fears and concerns of those you serve. Listening also involves watching for subtle signs like body language and what is not said. Being a pastor and a leader means that you always hold yourself accountable to your people.

**Communicate clearly and frequently.** Elmer Towns said that a good leader has to repeat his message at least seven times before the message is taken to heart. As you lead the way, explain what you’re doing, how you’re doing it, and why you’re doing it. More than your words, let them hear your heart.

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By HEITH MITCHELL

**A WORD FROM YOUR MISSION OFFICE:**

Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing what our faithful and loving God has planned for 2018 as we continue to start churches by sharing Christ and making disciples. My prayer is that this is the year we will see mission churches start churches. I want you to know that God is blessing your service, giving, and prayers through your Texas Missions. We are seeing kingdom progress around the state.

Your giving is essential to your church giving movement and increased giving is necessary so that more of the millions of Texans who don't know Christ can hear. Will you consider Texas Missions in your monthly giving and special offerings? Will you consider what else you might give?

I would love to come and share Texas Missions with your church. I have open dates and look forward to hearing from you.

**A WORD FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES:**

**MATTHEW PRATHER – THE BRIDGE MISSION, MIDLOTHIAN/WAXAHACHIE**

It is hard to believe that 2018 is here!! As we look back over 2017, God has blessed The Bridge in many ways. One being that we launched as a new church. As we begin 2018 we are looking to impact our community in even greater ways. We have been busy planning a seeking God as we head into this New Year. We ask that you would join us in praying for us to reaching 20 new families and see 50 people saved in 2018. We thank you for your prayers and support in 2017! We look forward to the amazing things God is going to do in 2018. As we continue to plan 2018 - if you are you or your church is looking to be a part of a Mission Trip please contact.



▲ Matthew Prather

**CLIFF ROBERTSON— CARPENTER'S HOUSE MISSION— LAKE JACKSON/CLUTE**

We are excited about this new year! We are hitting the streets and visiting every home in our areas of focus and that is exciting. Pray for us!



▲ Cliff Robertson

**CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ— NEW MISSION, LUBBOCK**

We continue to thank God for bringing my family and me to the city of Lubbock. It is amazing and humbling to think that God in His sovereignty purposed for us to meet and share the gospel with people in this place that would probably have not been reached by other Christians. God desired to use us and, because of that, we desire to be faithful to Him.

We have been meeting for about six weeks with the Salazar family, studying the gospel of Mark together to learn about who is Jesus and what does it mean to be a disciple of Him. The other day Mrs. Victoria asked us why do we do this for them and she expressed great thankfulness that God had brought us to them. Over the last weeks I have perceived a change in her thinking towards God. Before she was more concerned of what benefits she could get from God. Now, she is more and more seeking God himself, understanding the depth of her sin and need of a Savior.



▲ Christian Martinez

In the middle of this process God has used some difficult circumstances in her life. She has faced problems with co-workers, economical struggles, and dealing with a bipolar son that is going through a severe depression. All this, God is turning towards good. But we ask your prayers for her and her family. I have been able to share the gospel with her son. His name is Joe (age 30). I need wisdom to continue to minister to him.

Besides the Bible study with the Salazar family, we continue to build relationships with people here in Lubbock. We began to build relationships with some of our neighbors and are in the process of inviting them to our apartment to share the gospel with them. Some of them are a family from India. God has brought the nations to us and we must reach them! Thank you for praying for us and supporting us in this great endeavor.

**CHRIS DRIVER— WEST TEXAS CHURCH MULTIPLICATION NETWORK**

God is at work out here in west Texas! He's putting together a team that's going to reach the small towns of West Texas for Christ! God already has one church up and running in the town of Loop that has seen three more salvations since October in a town of about 175 people. He has a "small" group in Whitharral that consistently runs over 25. He has burdened the heart of a young man for the city of Tahoka. He has burdened the heart of a member of our church for the tiny town of Maple. And He has even burdened the hearts of a wonderful east Texas family to move out here and join in the work He's doing! I couldn't have imagined that this vision would impact so many people so quickly! But why would we expect anything less when God gets involved!?



▲ Chris Driver

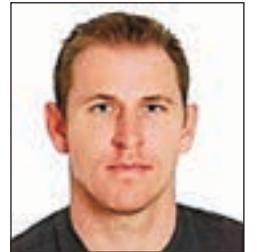
**BRANDON DURHAM— REDEEMER'S LOVE MISSION, HOUSTON**

Happy New Year from Redeemer's Love (Church) in Southwest Houston! January is 'launch' season for us. We're launching our intentional membership process and discipleship

model as well as re-launching our Journey Discipleship Groups. We're grateful to God for my wife's health improvement which has allowed Amanda to get more involved in ministry and relationship building. We greatly appreciate your continued



prayers as we labor to become a diverse church for a diverse city! To God be the glory!



▲ Brandon Durham

**JOHN HARRIS— FOUNDATION COMMUNITY MISSION, BENBROOK**

We are seeing months of prayer and relationship building begin to really pay off. We have new people in our discipleship process, and new people committing to being a part of who we are! Please keep praying! Your prayers are felt and seen in our daily living. Thank you churches, for letting us serve you. We are excited to see what God has in store for this year!



▲ John Harris

**JAIME GARCIA— IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA MISSION, SPLENDORA**

It is always good to enter a new year with the divine protection and direction of His Holy Spirit. It is important to not grow weak with feelings that may hinder our ministry. We place all our anxiety on the Lord and rest in His sovereignty as he controls everything that happens under the sun. Thanks and blessings for all.



▲ Jaime Garcia

**NEPTALY MOLINA— IGLESIA BAUTISTA MISSION, NACOGDOCHES**

We are working here in East Texas in the strengthening of the Baptist Church N.R. Jesús Transformacion y Vida in Nacogdoches. During this month of December, I have had a fruitful work where I have visited several homes and have had good results, restored homes and other earned for Jesus Christ. I am happy to see the glory of God working in our ministry.



▲ Neptaly Molina

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# Mardi Gras Missions



BMA Missions is pleased to join the ministry of Campground Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi to share the love of Jesus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast! Each year thousands of people attend the annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Mardi Gras Parades. The 2018 parades will be Feb. 9-11. Campground Baptist has leveraged this opportunity to serve and share Christ with the people who attend the parades. Pastor Bryan Atwood has invited the people of the BMA to join them in this ministry. This is an excellent opportunity for churches to experience a short-term missions trip that is close in location, inexpensive and very effective.

All BMA churches are invited to join in this effort. However, because of limited space, the first 150 people who apply for each weekend will be eligible to participate.

## TRAINING AND LODGING WILL BE AT:

Campground Baptist Church  
20577 Highway 53  
Gulfport, MS 39503

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Each participant must attend training on the Friday night before the Saturday parade. The session will begin at 7 p.m.
- Cost per participant is \$100. This will provide your lodging, training, Friday evening meal, Saturday morning breakfast, Lunch at the parade, Bibles to hand out at the parade, a Mardi Gras Missions T-Shirt and other ministry outreach items during the parade.
- Campground will provide lodging. Be prepared to bring everything you'd need to go to camp including bedding.
- A Mardi Gras Missions T-Shirt is required for each participant.
- Each participant must be 15 years of age. Because of the sleeping arrangements and the nature of the ministry, no children are allowed on this trip.

You can sign yourself or a group up online at [bmamissions.org/mardigrasmission](http://bmamissions.org/mardigrasmission) or contact Angela Rice, [angela@bmamissions.org](mailto:angela@bmamissions.org) or call 501-455-4977.

# Sanctity of Life— Texas Baptist Home for Children

By JASON CURRY

January brings a sense of newness at TBHC. We have finished celebrating Christmas with all of our families and children and we are ready for the New Year. This month we celebrate Sanctity of Life month by holding our annual TBHC 5K on Jan. 20. This year's theme is *Superhero*.

We have many superheroes that fight for and serve TBHC kids every day. Our awesome case managers and staff who come to work every day looking to protect and serve the children they are counseling and case managing. We have amazing foster and adoption families who want to care for these kids that have been abused and neglected and help preserve a child's childhood. They care deeply for these kids and have stepped up to the front line to help protect that sanctity of life for the 100 plus kids TBHC serves daily.

You can help care for and protect the sanctity of life for our kids by signing up for the TBHC 5K. What does a 5K and sanctity of life have in common? Well, all the funds raised for the TBHC 5K will go to help adoption families who have adopted children that may need extra services after they have been adopted. Our children have been through so much in their short lives and we want to care and give them a hope for a successful future. The families rely on TBHC services and you as the supporter help make that happen. You are one of the many superheroes that take care of TBHC kids and we cannot wait to see you at the TBHC 5K on Jan. 20, Superhero costumes and all.



▲ Photo is from National Adoption Day with two of the eight children that were adopted by TBHC families that day.

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## 50 Years in Ministry

Jerry Browning will be honored for his 50 years in the ministry on Jan. 28, 4-6 p.m. at Keltys First Baptist Church, 2402 N. John Redditt Dr., Lufkin, Texas 75904. For more information, call (936) 634-4019.

Bro. Browning is a native of Hope, Ark. He has pastored several churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, including College View at Magnolia.

He attended Central Baptist College, and received a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) from the University of Central Arkansas and a Master of Religious Education (MRE) from BMA Seminary.



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## Greetings from your state WMA

By **CINDY ALLEN**

*Texas WMA President*

I am the 2017-2018 Texas WMA President. I am very humbled to be in this position but very excited. I have met many of you over the years and look forward to seeing you again. If we have not met, I hope we get to. I am a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, Jacksonville, where my husband, Greg, and I work with the youth. Our sons are out of the youth group but we still feel a pull to work with this group. Pray for the youth of your church and the people who work with them. There are great struggles and great opportunities around every corner.

Our oldest son, Kyle, attends Sam Houston State University. He is studying agricultural engineering. We love tractors and things that are welded. Colton, our youngest, has recently graduated from Tyler Junior College's Fire Academy, following in his father's footsteps. My day job is teaching 4th graders to love to read. This is my 26th year in education.

I have been active in WMA my whole life it seems. I love WMA for many reasons: the main one being the friendships I have formed over the years. You ladies have encouraged me, loved my family, supported me, and mentored me; and I thank you for it.

The State WMA theme for 2017-2018 is "In The Potter's Hands," based on Isaiah 64:8. "We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." What a blessing! We are the work of God's hand. The creator of the universe also created you, to be right here, right now and do something He specifically chose for you to do. As we go through this year I pray each lady can rest in this truth and discover what it is God wants you to do.

Our new project is the BMA of Texas Missions Department. They are wanting to purchase an enclosed trailer and fill it with all sorts of things that will help our church planters and missionaries host community events. I know this will excite our WMA ladies and this project will be successful. To find out more information about the Texas WMA, please visit our WMA webpage, [texaswma.com](http://texaswma.com). It has contact information for the officers, project information and upcoming events, as well as other resources. We are excited that plans for the fall retreat are in the works. Keep watching for details about this wonderful event.

May God bless each of you as you serve Him in your homes, churches, and communities. Thank you for all you do to further His kingdom. Cindy Allen, Texas WMA President. [cindylynn90@gmail.com](mailto:cindylynn90@gmail.com).

### TEXAS WMA OFFICERS

Your State WMA officers are ready and willing to

serve you in your local church and district wherever we are needed. Do you need someone to install your district officers? Any state officer would be willing to do it for you. Do you need a special speaker for a program? We stand ready and willing to help in any way possible. Just contact any of our officers and your requests will be prayerfully considered. Officers for this year are: President-Cindy Allen-903-570-0066; First Vice-Johnnie Ross-903-279-7929; Second Vice-Glenda Chamberlain-903-806-3484; Third Vice-Ann Pugh-903-521-3092; Corresponding Secretary-Jo Strong-817-480-0888; Asst. Corresponding Secretary-Charlotte Johnson-903-790-1385; Editor-Sharon Cole-903-315-8919; Historian-Alicia Johnson-903-721-2019; Project Promoter-Diana Morris-903-288-7575; Recording Secretaries-Jane Meyers-713-775-4003; Elizabeth Midkiff-903-759-4226; GMA/YLA Promoter-Kendra Verhelle-903-284-8583; Asst. GMA/YLA Promoter-Cheryl Hughes-903-340-5457; Sunbeam Promoter-Vera Koonce-281-642-5353; Asst. Sunbeam Promoter-Shirley Hoffpauir-903-843-3388; Song Director-Sherri Walker-469-571-7366; Project Selection Committee-Claudie Thompson-903-560-5980; Lynda Hill-903-865-1301; Stacy Hernandez-281-804-7687; Nominating Committee-Jackie Ricks-903-245-5715; Shawn Norris-903-263-2102; Ann Pugh-903-521-3092.

### GUIDELINES FOR WRITING AUXILIARY PAGE ARTICLES FOR BAPTIST PROGRESS

In reporting past events be brief but informative. Remember, every detail is okay for the minutes, but not necessarily for a news article. To those who send reports of district meetings, please send it email if possible. When sending regular mail, please type; making sure all names are correctly spelled. When you must handwrite, please print names of people and make sure all words are legible.

For district WMA reports the following information will be helpful: Include names of special guest speakers and where they are from and briefly what they talked about. For example; a pastor's sermon title, scripture, where he pastors and a brief statement what he talked about. For those who sing special music, include their name and the title of the song. When new officers are elected or installed, include the name of the one installing and a brief statement of the installation theme, names of the officers and their office. Other things are also newsworthy: new projects and goals, yearly themes, types of programs and activities that generate interest among those

attending, workshops, retreats, seminars and other things you do that create excitement or spiritual enrichment. Always include the place of meeting, date and time.

For local or district GMA and Sunbeams it is equally important to announce and report what is going on in your church or district. Girls and young children like to see their name in print. It gives encouragement for them to know that adults are interested in their activities. Share Presentation/Coronation programs, fundraising ideas, new things that have worked for your group, project/goals, and whatever you think would be beneficial to others. Remember, happy and productive people are an informed people. They become excited about serving the Lord and are encouraged by knowing what others are doing. The things you might think are not important may just be the boost they need to continue and not give up. Consider publication deadlines when sending articles for future and past events. Since there is only one issue per month now, information must be sent as soon as possible for it to be included in the "page."

### PUBLICATION SCHEDULE 2018

Publication issue	Deadline
February 21	February 12
March 21	March 12
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October 17	October 8
November 21	November 12
December 19	December 10

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# Women with a vision

By **CHARLOTTE JOHNSON**

2nd VP National WMA

You don't need a ton of proof to know that more and more WMA groups are struggling to survive. We have one of two options: revive or die. However, there is not one cookie cutter, full-proof and effective strategy in reviving WMA. Having said that, it doesn't mean that it is impossible.

What you need to know about your past to move forward?

The model for women's ministry is very much based off the social circle founded in the conservative south. The growth of traditional women's ministry was based on the time period of 1950 when young women were getting married and starting families before the age of 23.

Fast forward today. They have a desire to partake in evangelism, leadership, and mobilization has grown to include seasoned women in their 60s, business professionals in their 50s, engaged mobilizers with resources in their 40s, passionate women in their 30s, relentless youth in their 20s, and even younger.

I hear many women in ministry sum up their purpose with a simple "I have a heart for the people." But passion isn't enough. We need a clear vision for what we want to accomplish, and we need a plan to get there. We like to say our vision as Christians is to see everyone find their way back to God, but the statistics tell a different story.

The people in Nehemiah's day had no vision. Jerusalem lay in ruins. But along came Nehemiah, a motivated, godly leader who had a vision to rebuild the wall. When Nehemiah heard the wall was down with its gates burned with fire, he wept, and mourned for many days (Nehemiah 1:4). Have you spent time mourning how your WMA or women's ministry has fallen short? Seek direction from God for the next phase of your women's ministry.

How can we have a future filled with passionate, smart, educated women helping advance the gospel?

If statistics are correct, the American Evangelical church is comprised of 61 percent female who are more likely to serve in ministry and more likely to tithe when compared to their male counterparts. But why is the WMA not growing but declining?

I've seen the power of women coming together for the common good and it's beautiful. These women want to love the broken, to feed the hungry, to believe in faith, to heal the hurting and to encourage the saints. Do we continue to separate ourselves from the place where we can find healing and wholeness and community?

I believe women's ministry is an invaluable contribution

to the American church if we move in the direction of: recognizing different life stages and recognizing different availabilities and needs.

**BE RELEVANT:** Offer ways to meet every day needs and issues.

**PROVIDE OPTIONS:** Females who are 18 to 30 years old fall into different categories. Some may be single, some may be newlyweds, and others may be mothers. Grouping everyone into one category will not meet the needs of the young women in your church. Some females may want to be involved with a large group, while others prefer a more intimate setting. Providing options will help your ministry grow and meet the needs of the very women you're trying to minister to.

**MARKET IT:** Make sure you market your ministry well. Push those involved to do word-of-mouth advertising. Include a flyer of the women's ministry in the church bulletin. Make a booth visible before and after the worship service. Think of ways to let the young women of your church know that there are programs offered just for them.

**OFFER GOOD LEADERSHIP:** An effective leader can make all the difference for your women's ministry to succeed. The leader needs to have a passion to reach out and minister to the particular group of women that she's trying to lead. History has proven that leadership can make or break a group.

We need each other, and we need the wisdom of those who have lived life with the Lord a bit longer than we have, but the older women encourage the young women to teach them new technology and ways to reach the younger women.

WMA or Women's Ministry centers on meeting the spiritual needs of Christian women and helping them to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Women's Ministry exists to serve women and to teach women how to minister to others. I think change is good. God even thought so, or why else would He have given us the changing of the seasons.

In 2016-17, the Growth and Development Committee proposed a recommendation to the National WMA and the follow is that recommendation:

Any BMA church that has a WMA or Women's Ministry is encouraged to attend the National WMA meetings. They will be allowed three messengers or voting delegates at the WMA meetings.

At the meeting, this recommendation was approved.

This is an invitation for all BMA ladies to come to the April meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. (See ad on page 16.)

## National WMA Project Committee encourages groups to send their offerings

The National WMA Project Committee encourages each local WMA group to send their offerings in by Feb. 28, 2018. Our project amount is in great need of your offerings. Our project is the BMA Bible College in the Philippines. The College is close to being accepted by the country of the Philippines as a certified college and will be able to accept elementary children as well as college students. God

is blessing the college students as they go out and share the gospel of Jesus to others in many lands. Please keep this worthy project in your prayers.

In His Service,  
*Debbie Clark*  
*Diana Morris*  
*Kelly Williams*

## An expression of everlasting love

Many of our friends choose to honor or remember a family member, a friend or an associate with a gift for the children of the Baptist Home. Texas Baptist Home, in turn, notifies the appropriate person. Listed in capital letters are those honored or remembered from Dec. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017.

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**TIM, MAGGIE, CLAIRE, COLLEEN, JACK SANDERS:** Billy Sanders

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**DUANE & CHARLOTTE TURNER:** Ricky Thompson

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**JS & MYRTLE BASS:** Charlotte Morgan

**WALTER BECKER:** Dennis & Ilona Myrice

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# JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE SERIES

## Homosexuality—The Real Problem

### Romans 1:24-32



By **DR. JOHN M. ADAMS**

*Moral Action Executive Director*

Across the land, pressure is increasing to give homosexuals more and more privileges. They desire access to jobs of every kind (including the ministry), the right to be accepted as foster parents, and the right to marry each other in church weddings. Should they have the right to do something that the Bible convinces us is morally and spiritually wrong? All this is the crux of what is called the “gay-rights” issue.

#### THE CONFLICT OF HOMOSEXUALITY – LEVITICUS 18:22

Can a homosexual be a Christian? What should be our attitude toward persons in the grip of homosexual practice? Twenty years ago a discussion on homosexual rights in our society was unthinkable. Today, many Christians accept homosexuality and lesbianism as a legitimate alternate life-style. Some time ago, Time magazine in an essay, “The Homosexual in America”, made this discerning comment:

Beset by inner conflicts, the homosexual is unsure of his own position in society...A vast majority of people retain a deep loathing toward him, but there is a growing mixture of tolerance, empathy or apathy.

Society is torn between condemnation of the homosexual and compassion for him. The deviates plea is that he be treated like everyone else, yet it is known that he is not like everyone else. In simple terms, a homosexual person is in the grips of Satan’s most vulgar sin.

#### LET’S TRACE GOD’S WORD FOR HIS EXPRESSION:

- A. Leviticus 18:22
- B. Ezekiel 16:49-50
- C. Romans 1:26-28
- D. I Corinthians 6:9-11

The fact that Leviticus 18:22 is followed by a commandment against sexual acts with animals suggests the unthinkable nature of the homosexual-lesbian relations.

#### THE CONFUSION OF HOMOSEXUALITY

In all this, the Bible inevitably has come under sharp attack. Some seek to show by the scripture that the Bible itself justifies the homosexual life-style. Some say that the Word of God should have

a place in setting moral and marital standards. No Christian should be deceived, for the Bible clearly tells us that this perverted lifestyle is without defense. Genesis 19 describes the lusts of men for men of which led to the destruction of the city. What ultimate confusion came from this sin!

The degrading effect is beyond our understanding. The tragedy above all else is that they are letting their lust come between them and the blessing of salvation. Homosexuals are a society walled off from God.

From his writings “Homosexuality and The Church”, Richard F. Lovelace states that the confusion of sex can be cleared up from Genesis 1 and 2.

Genesis Chapter 1:22 deliberately notes that the man made in God’s image was created male and female, connecting this with the command to reproduce (Genesis 1:27, 28). In Chapter 2 sexuality is also related to companionship; the loneliness of man is remedied not by the creation of another man, but the addition of woman (Genesis 2:21, 22). The woman became a helpmate suitable for the man. The bond of companionship between man and woman is cemented by sexual union and their togetherness as a family unit. The sexual relationship between male and female married partners continues to be celebrated with unembarrassed candor as a gift of God...such as the Songs of Solomon and Proverbs 5:15-19.

#### THE CURE FOR HOMOSEXUALITY

God has put the cure in our hands as Christians. The Word of God tells us (I Corinthians 6:11-20) that although no one can hang on to homosexuality and be accepted by Almighty God, some former homosexuals in the church at Corinth had found deliverance. They had entered a brand new life by faith in Jesus Christ.

William Barclay writes, “The proof of Christianity lay in its power. It could take the dregs of humanity and make real men out of them. No man can change himself, but Christ Jesus can change him.

#### RECOMMENDED READINGS:

- Facts on Homosexuality – John Ankerberg
- The Gay Agenda – Ronnie Floyd
- The Homosexual Agenda – Alan Sears, C. Oster

## BMA Texas Missions cont.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE FIELD

- We are currently assessing several new church planting teams. Please pray for wisdom and for God to do big things.
- Redeemer’s Love Mission in Houston and Antioch Mission in Georgetown are both launching public worship this month.
- Pray that God provides the funds and the laborers for more evangelistic disciple making churches.
- Several of your missions need specific ministers to help their efforts. Let’s pray that the Lord of the harvest provide laborers.

#### PRAISE REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

- Amanda Durham is feeling much better from her debilitating

- Rheumatoid attack! She still needs your prayers.
- 6 salvations and 1 baptism were reported this month!
- God continues to answer your prayers on behalf of your mission effort!

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# events

## 2018 MEETING OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

**DATE:** April 16-18, 2018

**PLACE:** Jackson Convention Complex, Jackson, Mississippi

**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:** The Hilton Garden Inn and Marriott Sleep Inn & Suites

## 118TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

**DATE:** November 5-6, 2018

**PLACE:** Calvary Baptist Church, Fairfield, Texas

# pastor & staff changes

**STEVE FUTCH** is the new pastor of Sand Flat, Grand Saline.

# personnel & positions

## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

**PASTOR**—Little Flock, Jewett is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to the church at PO Box 897, Jewett, Texas 75846 or call Floris Linton at 903-626-6613.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR/WORSHIP LEADER**—Union Hill, Brownsboro is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor/Worship Leader. Send resume to Steve Goodrich, PO Box 316, Brownsboro, TX 75756 or email to uhbc@embarqmail.com. 1/18

**YOUTH & FAMILY OUTREACH DIRECTOR**—Calvary, Vidalia, LA is seeking a bivocational Youth & Family Outreach Director. Send resume to office@calvaryvidalia.com or 2001 Murray Drive, Vidalia, LA 71373. 1/18

**PASTOR**—Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, Pilgrim Rest #2 Baptist Church PO Box 99 Golden, TX 75444 or pr2bcsec@gmail.com. 2/18

**PASTOR**—Mount Pisgah, Mineola is seeking a pastor. Bivocational is an option. Send resume to dmvaughn@peoplescom.net or mail to Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 4995 FM 49, Mineola, Texas 75773. TFN

**YOUTH PASTOR**—Davis Street, Sulphur Springs is seeking a full-time youth pastor. Send resume to dennis@davisstreetbaptist.org. TFN

**PASTOR**—Hill Creek, Whitehouse is seeking a pastor. Send resume and recorded sermon to Hill Creek Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, P.O. Box 1287, Whitehouse, Texas 75791.

# churches in review

## DECEMBER 17, 2017

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Blooming Grove	206		2 by baptism
First, Omen		75	
First, Palmer	58	93	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	17	35	5 by letter
Jackson, Joaquin	82	122	
Merriman Hills, Sherman	7	16	
New Harmony, Tyler	292	358	
New Hope, Mineola	49	129	1 by baptism, 2 by letter
Olde Tyme, White Oak		48	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	35	41	
Rosewood, Gilmer		354	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	47	67	

## DECEMBER 24, 2017

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Omen	18	53	
First, Palmer		103	
Glade Creek, Gilmer		80	
Jackson, Joaquin	53	108	1 by letter
Little Flock, Lufkin	75	100	
New Harmony, Tyler	233	326	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	29	48	
Rosewood, Gilmer		225	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	38	72	
Simmons Hill, Diana	9	27	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	17	27	

## DECEMBER 31, 2017

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	43	70	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	17	32	
Jackson, Joaquin	53	120	
Pine Brook, Tyler	24	45	
Rosewood, Gilmer	104	175	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	30	47	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	20	23	

## JANUARY 7, 2018

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Omen	28	55	
First, Palmer	59	89	1 by baptism
Glade Creek, Gilmer	23	48	
Jackson, Joaquin	71	135	
Little Flock, Lufkin	50	75	
New Harmony, Tyler	279	335	1 by baptism, 2 by letter
New Hope, Mineola	57	128	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		42	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	33	55	
Pine Brook, Tyler	23	62	1 by statement
Rosewood, Gilmer	120	208	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	47	79	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	14	19	

# obituaries

## WILLIAM DALE LEGGETT

William Dale Leggett, long time Baptist pastor and denominational leader went to be with the Lord on Dec. 15 in Waxahachie, Texas at the age of 92 years.

Born in Seminary, Mississippi December 1, 1925, Dale moved his family to Texas where he embarked upon a life time of gospel ministry with churches in the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. Among his pastorates were Community Baptist Church, Corsicana, First Baptist Church, Italy, First Baptist Church Joaquin, and College Avenue Baptist Church, Levelland.

From 1965 - 1973, Bro. Leggett served as the editor of the Baptist Progress, the official journal of the BMA of Texas. After his years with the Baptist Progress he served as pastor of Wyatt Drive Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Long Creek Baptist Church of Mesquite, a second tenure at Community, Corsicana, and his final pastorate, Kerens Missionary Baptist Church, Kerens.

Dale was an impeccable dresser, and he had a passion to encourage young people, especially young men who felt the call to the ministry. He was a friend and encourager to his preacher-friends, and was a supporter and helper to his colleagues in the denomination. He was always striving for excellence when it came to the Baptist Progress, and he drove hundreds of thousands of miles promoting not only the paper, but other aspects of the denomination.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Alton Lamont and Thelma Allene Leggett, Freddie Lou Sullivan Leggett and daughter Debbie Leggett Graves, a sister, Imogene Ruth Leggett, Velma Leggett, three grandsons, and one great grandson. Dale is survived by one son, Freddy Dale (wife Suzanne) of Oklahoma City, Okla. and a daughter, Cherrie (husband Larry) of Frisco; a sister, Martha Calhoun (husband Don), son-in-law Skeeter Graves, grandchildren Jace Leggett, Chelsea Graves, Rachel Lyons, and Jessica Graves, as well as five great



grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Dec. 29, 2017, at First Baptist Church Blooming Grove, with Rev. Grady Cashion conducting the service. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to make a memorial contribution to the Ellis-Hill Baptist Association.

## MARVIN CLACK

Funeral services for Marvin Wayne Clack, 77, of Streetman, was December 27, 2017, at Hiatt's Lybrand Funeral Home in Wills Point with Rev. C.D. Walker and Rev. Jonathan Fitzgerald officiating.

Marvin Wayne Clack was born August 12, 1940, in Dallas to parents, Robert F. Clack and Sadie Whitten Clack. He was raised in Mesquite and graduated from South Oak Cliff High School and briefly went into the Air Force Reserves. Marvin married Janet Hair in Dallas, on April 27, 1961, and they moved to Duncanville to make their home. Marvin worked for Dallas Power and Light and retired after 23 years. Marvin was an ordained Baptist minister for over 40 years pastoring at Liberty Baptist Church in Gun Barrel City where he was a state missionary for a short time. Also, he pastored at Sunnyvale Baptist Church in Pleasant Grove before he and Janet moved to Streetman for the last 25 years, retiring from First Baptist St. Elmo Church in Streetman. He was a jack of all trades that loved his family as well as fishing, hunting and movies with grandkids.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Janet Clack of Streetman; mother-in-law, Mary Hair of Streetman; son, Larry Clack, and wife, Melannie, of Frisco; daughter, Donna Gutierrez, and husband, Ozzy, of Crandall; brother, Robert Paul Clack of Hobbs, New Mexico; sisters, Marcia Greding, and husband, Eddie, of Harper, and Joyce Kiles, and husband, Robert, of Enid, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Kelli Gutierrez, Ryan Gutierrez, Jillian Clack and Caden Clack along with nieces, nephews and a host of friends.



# Sunday School Lessons

## I'll meet you in the morning

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

**DATE:** February 4, 2018

**TEXT:** Matthew 22:31-32; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20; Matthew 8:11

### **WE SING ABOUT THAT MEETING:**

The title of our lesson this week is the title of an old gospel song we used to sing in church “I’ll Meet You in the Morning.” The song refers to our meeting “by the bright riverside,” which is that river spoken of in Revelation, which flows from the Throne of God, and planted in the midst of it is the Tree of Life, which bears 12 types of fruit every month. The song also mentions renewing old acquaintances, which is a reference to 1 Corinthians 13:12 which says, “. . . now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

The song also references the “City built four square,” which refers to the “Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming

down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” Revelation 21:2. This 1500 mile translucent gold cubical will be our eternal dwelling place where we shall gather around the throne of God and live in His glory throughout eternity.

### **WE ARE IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING AT THAT MEETING**

Matthew 22:32 tells us that God the Father, Who identifies Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is not the God of the dead but of the living. It is impossible for God to ever die since He is the absolute Source of life. He breathed life into two lumps of clay in Eden, and that life has continued on until today, and those of us who have been transformed into a spiritual person through the death of Christ Jesus on the cross, shall live on throughout eternity.

### **WE SHALL RECOGNIZE ONE ANOTHER AT THAT MEETING**

Matthew 8:11 affirms that we shall know each other, saying we shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven one day. Jesus gave Peter, James and John a foretaste of such glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, when they were permitted to see Jesus standing with Moses and Elijah. Peter was overwhelmed when he said, “It is good for us to be here. Let us make here three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” This gives us a hint as to the glory of being in the presence those who have preceded us in death and are in heaven.

### **WE SHALL REJOICE DURING THAT MEETING**

Paul refers to that great day in glory as hope, joy—crown of rejoicing, when we are in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.

## Mission Earth

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

**DATE:** February 11, 2018

**TEXT:** Revelation 21:1-27

It is impossible for our finite minds to fathom the glories of Heaven. The Holy City is adorned with all manner of precious stones (verse 18-21) — the gates shall not be shut (verse 25) No need for sunlight (verse 23) and there will be no more sin (verse 27)

### **OUR HOME—THE NEW JERUSALEM REVELATION 21:2, 10, 13-18**

At the end of the 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth, just after Satan rallies his forces for one last stand, The Holy City will descend down upon a “new

earth” which has been purged with fire. This will be the dwelling place of the saved throughout eternity. Christ promised us a mansion, which He has prepared for us which will be located inside this 1500 mile cubical.

### **OUR TABERNACLE—GOD THE FATHER REVELATION 21:3, 22**

The Old Testament Jews met with God in the Holy of Holies in the temple (or tabernacle in the wilderness) In the New Testament age, the Holy Spirit dwells in us, who are His Temple. In Glory, God will be our Dwelling—our Tabernacle.

### **OUR Demeanor—NO TEARS:**

#### **REVELATION 21:4**

God shall wipe away all tears. There will be no sorrow, we shall not be besieged with dark memories and regrets of the past. All will be peace forevermore.

### **OUR BLESSINGS**

#### **ALL THINGS NEW**

Revelation 21:5

#### **NO MORE THIRST**

Revelation 21:6

#### **RECIPIENTS OF HIS INHERITANCE**

Revelation 21:7

## Enternity uncovered

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

**DATE:** February 18, 2018

**TEXT:** John 14:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:2

**Jesus affirms His oneness with the Father.** verse 1. Jesus and God are two of the triune Godhead. Jesus was literally God in the flesh—or Immanuel, which means “God with us” or God “tabernacling with us.” God actually “pitched His tent” among us in the form of Jesus Christ.

**Jesus assures His disciples.** verse 1-2. He admonished them to not be troubled. The writer of Hebrews (Hebrews 4:1-4) referred to the place of rest for the child of God. When one places all of their

hope and trust and belief in Christ, there is that place of rest — not a troubled heart.

**Jesus promises to return:** verse 3. He is presently preparing a dwelling place for His children in glory. He promises to receive us, and that we shall dwell with him for eternity. verse 3; Psalm 23:6

**Jesus answers Thomas’ question:** Thomas always needed to have everything explained and affirmed. His logical mind could only conceive Christ simply disappearing without leaving directions. (verse 5) Jesus explained that He not only can show the way, or lead the way—He is the Way. Christ was defined by the

early church as “The Way.” And He is the only way.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

## Don't miss the bus

By PAUL GAUNTT

**DATE:** February 25, 2018

**TEXT:** Revelation 22:12-21

John gives us one final presentation of the urgency to be ready when Christ returns.

**THE REWARDS FOR THE SAVED:** Verse 12 is obviously in reference to the Bema seat of Christ, where the saved will be judged according to works - not to determine whether or not they are saved, but to determine their authority in the Kingdom. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

**THE CONDEMNATION OF THE LOST:** Verse 15. Those outside the gate are those whose lifestyles on earth were earmarked by sorcery, sexual immorality, murder and worship of false gods. It was their lifestyle—their practice, and evidence that they had never known the Lord God through a relationship with Christ.

**THE WARNING WAS SUFFICIENT:** Verse 16. Jesus used the witness of the Church to be a testament of His salvation and His authority. He also issues a grave warning for anyone who distorts and misrepresents the prophecies from this book of Revelation. verse 18.

### JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2018 LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN JACKSONVILLE

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## JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2018

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 11:30 a.m. Alumni Lunch in the JC Little Cafeteria (Cost: \$5 per person)
- 1:00 p.m. Tour of Campus and Facilities
- 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. JAG Store Open, Weatherby Building
- 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Family Life Center (210 Philip St., Jacksonville, TX 75766)  
Alumni Reception and Registration  
Food and Fellowship  
Updated Information and Dues for the JC Alumni Association
- 7:00 pm. Business Meeting  
Program  
Memorabilia Displays, Annuals, Pictures, Recognition of 8's Classes, Music from the 8's  
Free Time—Group Fellowships

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:30 a.m. Purple and Gold Breakfast in the JC Little Cafeteria (Cost: Donation of \$5+ for breakfast)  
Anyone may attend. Proceeds benefit non-budgeted cafeteria upgrades/equipment.
- 9:00 a.m. JAG Store Opens, Weatherby Building
- 10:00 a.m. Program in Buckner Chapel  
Welcome  
Jacksonville College President—Dr. Mike Smith  
Alumni Information Update  
Coming Home Royalty  
Jacksonville College Choir  
Alumni Choir  
Ensembles—Trios, Quartets, Singers from the 8's
- 11:30 a.m. Dedication of Old Main Bell
- 12:00 p.m. Chapter Luncheons and Business Meetings  
Kellar-Laird-Carroll (to 1965)—First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
Bearden-Bonner-Gaylor (1966-1979)—Craft Baptist Church (County Rd. 1629)  
Anderson-Orr-Small (1980-1999)—Beverly's Cafe (1712-D South Jackson)  
Crank-Ross (2000 to present)—First Baptist Church Family Life Center
- 3:00 p.m. Choir Auditions in the Gerald Orr Music Annex
- 4:00 p.m. Curtis Carroll Field House/Gymnasium: Lady Jags vs. Kilgore College
- 5:45 p.m. Recognition of Athletes and Cheerleaders: Classes Ending in 8
- 6:00 p.m. Jags vs. Lamar State PA  
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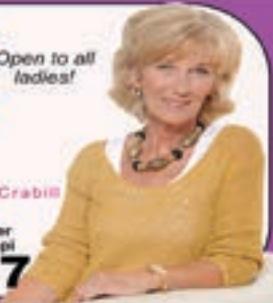
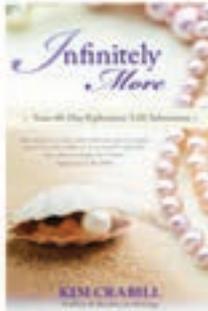
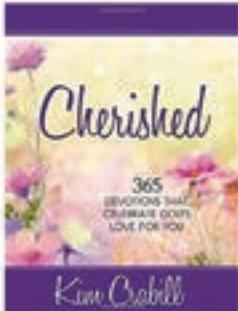
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20577 Highway 53  
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