

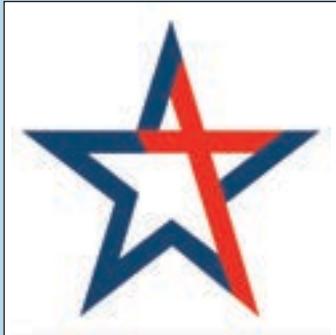
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Recommendations for BMA of America

The following recommendations will be voted on by the messengers at the BMA of America meeting in Rogers May 6-8.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

The committee recommends that the 2022 meeting be held at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri, April 18-20, 2022.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. We recommend that the Daniel Springs Baptist Camp stand as a separate department of the BMA of America. We recommend that Article X — Department of Church Resources of the Principles of Cooperation be amended to read as follows:

Article X—Department of Church Resources

Section 1. This association shall elect a Department of Camp Ministries board of trustees consisting of fifteen (15) members, eight (8) of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The duties of the board of trustees are:

A. To act in its field as an executive of the association between annual sessions, performing all duties entrusted to it by the association.

B. To fulfill the purpose of the department, which is to provide a retreat from outside pressures to focus on spiritual needs through Christian fellowship and evangelical ministries.

C. To be responsible for the physical properties and the establishment of administrative policies relative to the operation of the camp.

2. That if the recommendation concerning Daniel Springs Baptist Camp is approved by the association that the present trustees of DiscipleGuide serve as trustees for the Daniel Springs Baptist Camp with the rules of election and succession conforming to the policy of the other departments.

3. That for one year, both the Conference Ministry and Information Services formerly under the supervision of DiscipleGuide, be placed

under the direction of the BMA LLC with the oversight by the department directors.

4. That the Principles of Cooperation concerning Church Ministries (DiscipleGuide), or any of the following divisions (curriculum, conference ministry, or information services) not be amended for At least one year.

Proposed amendments to the BMA Statement of Principles of Cooperation

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Article X—Department of Church Ministries

Section 1.—No changes recommended.

Section 2

A. Providing a complete course of Sunday School and Christian Growth Ministry (insert) Bible Study literature, and such other literature and publications as the association may deem advisable.

B. No changes recommended.

C. Delete the following – “Developing and coordinating retreats, conferences, student ministries, and special events.”

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MAKING PROGRESS

By JERRY FULTON

NEXT ISSUE TO BE DELAYED ONE WEEK

Due to the BMA of America Meeting being on the same week we would normally prepare an issue for publication, the May issue of *Baptist Progress* will be published one week later. Look for your next issue around May 22.

JUNE IS ANNIVERSARY OFFERING MONTH

Each year, in order to meet our budget, we receive an Anniversary Offering during the month of June. This year, during the month of June, each church is asked to give us an offering of \$107 or more as we will be celebrating 107 years of ministry later this year. Of course, individuals, Sunday school classes, auxiliaries and/or groups may give as well. We appreciate your help.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

A list of high school graduates who are members of BMA of Texas churches will be published in our May issue. Please email a list of your high school graduates to editor@baptistprogress.org by Monday, May 6.



▲ Jerry Fulton

John 21:15-17 – Feed My Sheep

By DR. CHARLEY HOLMES

DiscipleGuide Executive Director

One of my earliest memories of church life is sitting with other children in little chairs circled around our Sunday school teacher (my grandmother). Another memory is going down the hall from Sunday school to church every Sunday and seeing my mother teaching a class of children. A later memory is being in an upstairs classroom of junior high kids and listening to a faithful man (Carl) doing his best to get several 13 to 14-year-old boys to focus on a passage of scripture. Even later I recall my first Sunday School teaching experience. The tables had turned and I was the one trying to corral eight 5th and 6th grade boys for 30 minutes. The last year of teaching that class began with eight boys, half of whom had not been converted. I determined at the beginning of the school year to personally share the gospel with each one after class or at his home. By the end of the year, the Lord had blessed and all of them had made a profession of faith and been baptized. The last one was baptized on the last Sunday of the year.

I hope that little bit of reminiscing caused you to recall a fond memory of days gone by in Sunday School. A common thread of the memories I just mentioned is that they all occurred with a Sunday School book in hand as a student/teacher. Second only to preaching, teaching small groups with a printed guide in hand is the best method for helping others be converted and grow in the faith. Three times in John 21, Jesus commissioned Peter simply to feed the sheep. Feeding the sheep, big or small, is enhanced by having good resources.

The last several years after the Baptist Publishing House became DiscipleGuide, its efforts in providing trustworthy Sunday school and Bible study literature were distracted by also directing conferences, camps and other ministries. As of today, the focus is restored and singular. We will provide Bible study helps in one format. This curriculum will provide student and teacher books suitable for adult and youth study. It will be designed not only to teach the Bible, but also to help the student begin studying the Bible independently. Additionally, the material will help the teacher hone study and teaching skills over time. Along with the singular format, these lessons will have a singular theological approach.

It will be distinctively supportive of associational Baptist doctrine. This is the most biblical structure for churches to carry out the Great Commission. We cannot have a thriving associational work unless the preaching hour is reinforced in the classroom and small group studies. If we, the sheep, feed on food in Sunday school or Bible study which has been written to support another association, convention or philosophy of hyper-independency, the work of the pastor in the preaching hour can produce “indigestion” for all concerned!

The first edition of the new format will be available for classes in the fall. However, we plan to have samples ready for the national associational meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, May 6-8. We invite pastors, adult and youth Bible study leaders to visit our table in the exhibit hall to receive a free sample copy.

The new format is designed for use in four (4) settings: Sunday school, small groups, one-to-one discipleship, and family devotions. It can also be implemented in two ways. One way is for leaders and students or family members to read the passage being studied and trying to answer a few questions whose answers can be found in the passage and the lesson text before they meet together. Secondly, if leaders or group members have little to no time to prepare, they may simply read the Bible passage and lesson text together.

In the meantime, to avoid “indigestion” during the summer quarter, use our current literature. The summer quarterly will be the last reprint of older lessons. If your church has been using literature from another source, order enough of ours to use in your adult and youth classes. The



▲ Dr. Charley Holmes

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Recommendations for BMA of America cont.

D. Delete the following – Offering information services, including statistical data related to the association’s ministries.

BMA SEMINARY

- Affirmation of the proposed budget (\$1,470,536.80)
- Re-affirm the appointment of Dr. Charley Holmes as president
- Each church observe Sunday, May 29, 2019, as Scholarship Sunday with special prayer for our graduates and receive a special scholarship offering to support the training of future BMA pastors and missionaries on that Sunday

MINISTERS RESOURCE SERVICES

- That we adopt the proposed op-erating budget for Fiscal 2020 in the amount of \$124,755
- That we recognize Ray Holland and Kenneth Lott for their faithful service to the MRS board
- That Dr. Steve Crawley stand as a nominee for executive director.

LIFEWORLD

- We recommend that we adopt the proposed operating budget for fiscal 2020 (\$3,440,882)
- We recommend that Sunday, October 20, 2019, be designated as Lifeworld Sunday.
- We recommend that the housing allowance be set at \$2,500 per month for the Director of Operations, Director of Broadcast Equipping, Director of Digital Broadcasting, Financial Advisor and the Executive Director for this year and beyond until amended.
- We recommend that a rising vote of appreciation be given to Lifeworld Board Members Tommy Wallace and Donald Williams for completing their second term of service and to Richard White for completing nine years of service.
- We recommend that Donny Parrish stand as a nominee for Executive Director. The Lifeworld Executive Director salary is \$81,050. Benefits include one half of Social Security/Medicare, health and dental insurance, retirement at 10% of salary and an auto allowance.

Note: The compensation is based on an independent evaluation of the executive director position by Phillip Blount and Associates, an independent compensation consulting firm used by a number of Baptist groups. Compensation levels are determined through a three-step process – job analysis, job evaluations, and extensive market research. The amount is at the 50th percentile level.

DISCIPLEGUIDE

- Adopt the proposed Disciple-Guide operating budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$388,900.00)
- Adopt the proposed Daniel Springs operating budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- That Dr. Charley Holmes stand as the nominee for the executive director for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- That the executive director be paid \$1.00 for the time he serves.

MORAL ACTION

- That Dr. John M. Adams, Executive Director, represent the BMA of America in Washington, D.C. by encouraging

and contacting our United States Senators, Congressmen, and other Christian moral/political organizations such as American Family As-sociation (AFA), Focus on the Family, and Alliance Defending Freedom

- That our Baptist Missionary Association of America reaffirm and approve these five Moral Action resolutions and that they are mailed to the President, United States Senators, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Supreme Court
- That we humbly request that these resolutions be printed in all our BMA State newspapers after this meeting.
- That we embrace and support the National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2019, and the Sanctity of Life emphasis on a designated Sunday in January 2020 – That we go to the town halls, city halls, county courthouses and join other Americans in prayer for our nation and that on this day we recognize May 2, 2019 as Holocaust Remembrance Day and pray for the Jewish people
- That our local associations, our local and state WMA and Brotherhoods and our local churches give either a monthly or a yearly financial gift to Moral Action
- That the Moral Action “Freedom Offering” is set for Sunday, June 30 or July 7, 2019, in our churches and that military memorials and honorariums are encouraged
- That Dr. John M. Adams stand as a nominee for executive director of Moral Action
- That the 2019 proposed budget be approved (\$66,839.98)

BMA FOUNDATION

- That the proposed 2019-2020 operating budget be approved (\$117,915).
- That the executive director’s salary be set at \$10,200 and that he be paid a \$400 Christmas bonus in December
- That Charles Attebery stand as a nominee as executive director
- That BMAA church members prayerfully consider including the BMA Foundation in their estate plans—

An undesignated bequest will benefit all BMA of America departments and agencies or individuals may designate their bequests as desired.

BMAA MISSIONS

- We recommend the election of Candra Barnett as a BMA missionary (Romania).
- We recommend that Michael and Laura Strong receive a monthly stipend for church planting (Minneapolis, Minnesota).
- We recommend the election of Cris and Alicia Samson as BMA Missionaries (Philippines).
- We recommend that Jesse and Rebecca Hales receive a monthly stipend during a sabbatical period in which he will begin an internship with Antioch in Georgetown, Texas.
- We recommend that Wael Dawahir receive a monthly stipend for church planting (Arabic speaking people) in the Chicago area.
- We recommend the 2019 budget as presented by the Missions Department (\$6,271,198).
- We recommend the re-election of Dr. John David Smith as the executive director of BMAA Missions.
- We recommend that the executive director’s salary be set at \$57,000 and all director’s housing allowance be set at \$24,000.



No Strings Attached!

With two ministry assignments complete, I was a bit restless; uncertain and even unsure what my next step might be when I discovered the prayer of Jabez in I Chronicles 4:10. I was captivated and amazed! Was the prayer of a sheepherder thousands of years ago God’s answer for me?

Part one of the prayer was easy and I was totally on board when Jabez asked for God’s blessings; not so excited, however, about his second request. With two little boys 13 months apart, current ministry obligations and a business to build, I was not about to pray for my “borders” to be enlarged. My plate was full, and adding new territory was out of the question, so I quickly moved on to parts three and four of the prayer which I could totally embrace. I definitely wanted God to be with me and to keep me from evil. So, I prayed the prayer of Jabez (omitting part two); believing—waiting—and watching for the big blessing I was sure to receive.

Imagine my surprise when the pastor of a Dutch Reformed Church from Michigan called saying he had heard my husband teach a workshop, read my brochure and wanted me to speak at their ladies’ retreat. This was NOT what I had prayed for, and I was pretty sure God had nothing to do with expanding my territory. I loved “retreating” with ladies I knew, but this was way outside my comfort zone. I wanted to say no but my husband encouraged me to go, and I’m so glad I did! Not because every part of the journey was easy; it was not! Satan showed up before our flight left DFW, stuffing my mind with doubts, fears and half truths. He never gave up, but he didn’t win. From the beginning of that retreat to the end, I watched a powerful God at work in hearts and lives—including mine! I’m so grateful He gave me what I needed and not what I asked for.

Beyond family connections, we know little about Jabez; only that he was an honorable man who prayed for God to: Bless him real big—Enlarge his territory—Stay close—Protect him from evil (my summary). It was a packaged deal and God granted all four parts. There’s nothing magical about the prayer of Jabez. He recognized his inabilities, and went to the right source for help.

Crying out to God makes sense. He’s the only One who has the big picture, knows what’s best and can fill every need. May this example from Jabez encourage us to pray boldly with renewed personal confidence as we remember: God wants to bless us. God will never leave us. God will enable us. God will protect us. And while we watch and wait, help us to say: The final decision is yours God—with no strings attached!

Pat Quesenbury has been active in ladies’ ministry for years. She is a pastor’s wife, mother and active member of the Women’s Missionary Auxiliary. Contact her at pquesenbury@gmail.com.



Gospel Music's Russ Taff at BMA of America Meeting

By DONNY PARRISH

Lifeworld Executive Director

The winner of six Grammys, 18 GMA Dove Awards, and inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame, Russ Taff has been hailed by Billboard magazine as, "The single most electrifying voice of Christian music." His success stemmed from his stints with bands such as the Imperials, the Gaither Vocal Band, and many solo ventures. Russ Taff will be sharing his music and his testimony at the BMA National Meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 3:30 pm.



A recent movie made about the life of Russ Taff, "I Still Believe," traces his iconic four-decade career, as well as the childhood trauma he suffered at the hands of an alcoholic father and abusive mother. Unable to overcome this shame for many years, Taff himself turned to alcohol, distancing his family, threatening his career and jeopardizing his life. "I Still Believe" also shines an important spotlight on Taff's wife of 42 years, Tori. Her tough love, fervent prayers and unfailing devotion helped her husband find freedom from his past through God's mercy.

Come and be blessed by one of gospel music's greatest voices and the story of a life redeemed by God's grace.

Catch the vision: Reaching out in Service

By CHARLES JOHNSON

Pastor of Rosewood, Gilmer

May 6-7, 2019 is fast approaching. You are invited to the 2019 National WMA meeting to be held at John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas.

The National WMA Business meeting will be at this convention center on Monday afternoon, May 6, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The WMA officers meeting will be prior to this meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the convention center.

Tuesday morning, May 7, the National Ladies Conference sponsored by the National WMA will be held at Temple Baptist Church, 1812 S Dixieland Rd, Rogers, Arkansas 72758 beginning 8:30 a.m.

A taco buffet meal will be provided by a cater that the WMA has hired. You must respond to President Jodi Rhea (jodigrhea@live.com) or call 501-472-9490 and leave a message if you plan on eating. You may pay the \$15.00 at the door.

Speakers for this conference are Judy Wallace, Belinda Caudle, Robin Tyler, Valarie Fish, and T'Shana Everett. Hope to see you all in Arkansas!

Lifeworld debuts The Table

By HOLLY MERIWEATHER

Lifeworld Media Ministries

We've been talking about it for a while now, and it finally happened on March 28...the taping of the pilot for an Instagram show called *The Table*.

In 2017 Executive Director Donny Parrish began to formulate the idea for a way to speak into the lives of college students and millennials about absolute truth.

He says that, "Lifeworld is determined to follow God's leading. In America and most of the world, the people we want to reach are living on the Internet. For the majority of their day, they're looking at smartphone screens for information. For college-age kids, we want them to know that there IS absolute truth and the Bible is where they can find it. If they're on social media like Instagram, that's where Lifeworld wants to be."

Moral relativism, the belief that everyone's beliefs are acceptable despite the morality of them, has permeated modern society. Lifeworld's goal for this one-minute show is to let students know that the alternative, absolute truth, is valid and can be found in God's Word.

To tape the pilot, the table was set up in the middle of the Central Baptist College campus, and students were interviewed about their opinions on trending topics like abortion and living together before marriage. As BMA Productions got their equipment ready, curious students asked what was going on, then signed consent forms agreeing to answer questions from Director of Internet Broadcasting and Digital Strategy Jon Dodson.

Their answers were very interesting: Some students said that anything is permissible depending on one's own beliefs and opinions; others turned immediately to biblical truths.

Four groups of students were interviewed and taped, then the responses will be edited to one-minute videos with scripture passages explaining what God's Word says on the topic.

Jon said, "@Lifeworldmedia now has over 11,000 followers and growing on Instagram. Stats tell us that sixty percent of Instagram users are 18-24 years old. That means in 2018 there were roughly 63 million college-age users on Instagram in the United States alone.

"The average Instagram user spends an average of 53 minutes daily on their phone in this app. Lifeworld will soon be communicating the absolute truths of the Bible through relevant conversations at *The Table* with a huge new audience.

"We are asking people to pray with us for this new media venture. We are looking forward with great expectation to the ministry God has for Lifeworld on Instagram and beyond."

The Table will visit more college campuses throughout the spring and summer months with the show's debut in August or September. Please join us we pray for changed lives in this critical age group through this initiative.



EIM sends out praise and thanks

By FONDA NORRIS

EIM Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Coordinator

Over 15,000 Shepherd's Bags left EIM's storage warehouse recently! Will you say "AMEN!" with us? Bro. Tim Tyler, director of Water for Christ Ministry came with his truck and they were loaded, bound for Ghana, West Africa. EIM is partnering with WFC to combine our shipment with theirs in order to allow these bags to be sent to Bro. Moses Adjekwei, our EIM director in Ghana. These bags will be used to open doors to allow the gospel of Christ to be preached in many villages and schools.

We praise the Lord for allowing EIM to use the Shepherd Bags in preaching the Gospel around the world and pray He gets all the glory. Heaven will be richer! A very special thank you to WFC's Tim Tyler and Luke Ryan for driving to Warren to get the bags as well as help Bro. Rocky, and the workers to load the container. And we especially thank all the churches and individuals who support and give so faithfully that we can continue making Shepherd's Bags to bless children with a gift that contains the Plan of Salvation in their heart language. Many of these children have never received gifts. As a little girl in Ghana overcome with tears said to her father after receiving a Shepherd's Bag, "I have never received anything so nice." As we've said many times before, those who give, pray and help us in this wonderful children's ministry really are EIM's Partners in sharing the love of Jesus. You are dear to our heart!

Here is our latest 2019 Update: Since we assemble bags year around, we are already working on our next shipment of Shepherd's Bags. This shipment will be going the Philippines to be used in evangelism and ministry there. The total cost of making one unisex Shepherd's Bag and shipping it overseas is only \$7. That's \$6 for the supplies and \$1 to cover shipment costs. Each bag is identical and all children receive the same items. That's less than most fast food meals. Statistics say for each three bags given, one person comes to know Christ. I'd like to think it's the gift that keeps on giving and pray even more come to saving faith!

If you'd be interested in learning more about EIM's Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ we'd love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have at 870-226-3626, email us at fnorris@eimworldwide.org or you can find more information online at our website at: www.eimworldwide.org "our ministries" link.



▲ Bro. Rocky Goodwin, EIM Director, Ken Goodwin, Kurt Goodwin, Tim Tyler, WFC Director and Luke Ryan

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An Interesting Tuesday

By **JEFF SWART**

President of BMA of America

Tuesday morning, May 7, will be an exciting one at the BMA of America annual meeting. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary will be having their Women's Conference at Temple Baptist Church in Rogers that morning, starting with registration at 8:30 and the program, "Catch the Vision," at 9 a.m. Judy Wallace will be the speaker, and special music will be provided by Sabrina Clayton.

At 8:30 a.m. (at a different location to be announced), the BMA Orientation to New Pastors & Churches will be held, and will include pastry, coffee and "Meet the Directors."

The National Brotherhood is also scheduled to meet that morning at 9 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

At 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., seven breakout sessions will be offered for all church leaders. The following, in alphabetical order, is a brief description of each session and speaker:

• **Associating for the Future (Dr. Josh Ellis)** — A network of churches working together is better, smarter and more effective than churches working in isolation. God designed believers to work as a collective body of various talents and gifts, and He designed churches to work in the same way. Come discuss how associations can be relevant for future generations.

Josh is the executive director for the Union Baptist Association (UBA), the largest association of Southern Baptist churches in the U.S. and earned a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from Dallas Baptist University.

• **Activate Your Church! (Sam Rainer)** — Activate is a Bible-based, church health process and resource ministry that has partnered with Sam Rainer and Revitalize Network to provide more tools and resources to the local church. Activate offers step-by-step strategies, system trainings, pastor health materials and coaching, along with a network of pastor huddles where pastors encourage each other in ministry and in personal life. Activate is a discovery process for any church, whether struggling or thriving, long established or newly planted, or led by a full-time or bi-vocational pastor. Find out what we have available for you!

Sam is the lead pastor of West Bradenton Baptist Church of Bradenton, FL, and the co-founder and co-owner of Rainer Publishing. He has a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies at Dallas Baptist University.

• **Autonomous But Not Alone (BMA Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes)** — Dr Holmes discusses the Biblical and historical precedence for need for an association structure while respecting the autonomy of each local church. Use this talk to teach your congregation the great need for being part of an association such as the BMA!

• **Preaching Lab (Dr. Clif Johnson)** — Clif Johnson teaches how pastors are to be the lead disciple-makers in the church. He will lead a discussion on how through preaching and pastoring, pastors demonstrate to the church how to learn, love and live the Word of God.

• **Off of The Mat (Drew Cline)** — Pastor Drew Cline

discusses how Temple Baptist Church in Little Rock found itself facing near death, and how God resurrected Temple's vision and ministry and given her new life as South City Church. Learn what steps have to be taken to get your church "off of the mat" and on the road to health!

• **Pastor Health Breakout (Larry Barker)** — According to Barna's State of Pastors Report in 2017: 1 in 9 pastors are at risk of burnout, 46% of pastors struggle with depression and 1 in 5 struggle with an addiction. Barna identified prayerful resiliency as being the antidote to pastoring in a culture of complexity. Resilience means investing in personal wholeness. Soul care for pastors and church leaders is a must!

Join Larry Barker the Director of Activate, a BMA Ministry for Church and Pastor Health, as he unpacks resiliency, the importance of prayer and consistent spiritual disciplines, the sabbath and the sabbatical, and being discipled by a mentor or pastor huddle group. Healthy pastors make healthy churches!

• **Sunday School Breakout (Dr. Phillip Attebery)** — BMA Seminary's Dr Phillip Attebery walks us through the new DiscipleGuide Compass Sunday School Curriculum. See the new style, features and focus that will make the new Compass a tremendous tool for churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the meeting, including a preliminary schedule, watch upcoming issues of the Baptist Trumpet or visit our website at www.baptisttrumpet.com.

National Brotherhood Annual Meeting

By **RICHEY HESTER**

Brotherhood Editor & Promoter

The National Brotherhood will be meeting for their annual meeting at the National BMA meeting in Rogers, Arkansas. The meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. We will be meeting in Grand Ball Room 7 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. The speaker will be named later. We ask that all of our BMA men attend this meeting to see how brotherhood is needed in all of our churches.

The Board of Trustees of the National Brotherhood will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Grand Ball Room 7 on Monday, May 6, 2019.

May God bless your travels. We hope to see you there.

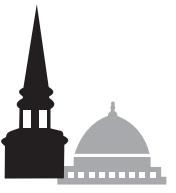
OBITUARY

Former missionary to Brazil dies

Johnny Gerald Price, 83 of Benton, passed away March 26. He graduated from Central Baptist College in 1964 with a BA in Bible, and served as pastor of Faith Baptist Church at Quitman, Arkansas and Macedonia Baptist Church at Greenbrier, Arkansas before being elected as BMA missionary to Brazil in 1967. In order to "reach almost impossible to reach places in the Brazilian jungles," Bro. Price initiated a successful campaign to raise funds and Gold Bond Trading Stamps to purchase an airplane. He and his wife, the late Lois Ford Price, served in Brazil until 1975. They then moved to Lewisville in 1976,

and he worked for Accelerated Christian Education until he retired in 2011. He is survived by son, Danny G. Price; a daughter, Rhonda Temperato; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 30 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel in Ada, Oklahoma, with Ralph Rice officiating. Interment was at Lightning Ridge Cemetery near Roff, Oklahoma.





Religious Freedom—II Corinthians 3:17

By DR. JOHN M. ADAMS

Executive Director of Moral Action

The Word of God abounds with words promoting freedom. We should feel comfortable talking about religion in our country. Our founding fathers prohibited a federal establishment of religion, but there is not a single thread of evidence that they intended to set up a wall of separation between the state and religious belief. The first amendment of the U.S. Constitution was not written to protect the citizens from religion, but was penned to protect religion from governmental tyranny.

A strong word from God is given to our liberal-minded lawyers and judges of our day...Luke 11:52, when they try to take away the key of divine knowledge from our lands.

I. HISTORY RECORDS THE LOSS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Anti-God forces have steadily assaulted religious liberty and wicked landmark court decisions have greatly curtailed the spread of the Good News.

II. PRESENT DAY ISSUES CONFRONT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

If we do not start reaffirming our Judeo-Christian values at all levels of government and opposing those who strive to remove our religious freedoms, we may soon be a large country without

freedoms. Russia and China are primary examples of freedoms being removed by alien anti-Christian forces. We cite recent day attacks and changes:

A. Seven fathers were jailed in Nebraska for sending their children to a Christian private school.

B. Lower Lake, California teacher forbids her student to repeat the words “under God” during class recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. (A.P.)

C. A woman in Collinsville, Oklahoma was awarded \$390,000.00 by a jury because her church excluded her from the membership. (60 Minutes)

D. The ACLU through the courts has forced Kentucky schools to remove the Ten Commandments from school classroom walls. (NBC)

E. The courts have forced Gideons in Illinois and other states to end its practice of giving Bibles to public school children. (BNS)

F. The A.C.L.U. sought to establish the unconstitutionality of any Presidential proclamation about religion and church life.

The most aggressive organizations in America against religious freedom are the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties

Union), the A.H.A. (American Humanist Association), N.E.A. (National Education Association), NOW (National Organization of Women), and PAW (Norman Lear’s People for Freedoms.) The A.C.L.U. alone has thousands of active court cases pending, with a budget of \$24 million, and over 4000 liberal lawyers.

III. GOD'S WORD ADVOCATES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The Bible declares in Psalms 2:1-3 that the heathen will rage and people will imagine vain things, as they set themselves against the Lord and his ways. We believe that freedom for all people flourishes when religion is vibrant and the rule of the law of God is acknowledged.

As King David of Israel was dying, his last kingly message was, “He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God”....II Samuel 23:3 and 6,7. Even King Nebuchadnezzar of the renounced Babylonian Empire recognized the need of serving God....Daniel 3:28, 29. “Paul told the Roman Empire that “the creature (human beings) shall be delivered from bondage into the glorious liberty of God”....Romans 8:21.

Religious freedom is being assaulted. May we again raise the “Banner of the Lord” high!

Does the Bible sanction professionalism?

By PAUL GAUNT

Pastor of First, Palmer

Much emphasis has been placed on the importance of professionalism in our culture today. One thing I recall about being in the Navy was the absolute focus on professionalism. Everyone who excelled in his or her specialized field of service must do so with extreme professionalism. The word was the predominant buzz word on the quarterly reports of both enlisted and officers.

While I would never disparage professionalism—after all, it does have its place in society, yet, scripture is not so much interested in climbing the company ladder with professional accolades as it is in stressing doing things from the heart, with excellence, not for earthly rewards, but for God’s glory. Colossians 3:23 says “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.” Paul tells us in Ephesians 6 that our work isn’t to be done “...with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart..” Solomon admonishes us to look to the work ethic of the ant, so as not to be a “sluggard.” But even that truth doesn’t guarantee us a place of high prominence in the company—or Baptist denomination. Working heartily as unto the Lord, and following some worldly steps which means human excellence, are not synonymous.

I’m so thankful God didn’t choose to call me into the ministry after I had jumped through several “professional hoops” and gained human accolades and medals of honor before He could use me. It’s great to know that God does not toss preacher boys on the ministerial ash heap because scholastic qualifications may not have been stellar or because he may not have had the golden voice of George W. Truett, or measured up to the professional prowess of John Maxwell.

This so-called ladder of success in the corporate, educational, or political is not to be a factor in the Lord’s work. In fact, I’m not too sure the illusive “ladder of success” is sanctioned in scripture, and for sure, it doesn’t ascend very high in Baptist work. I am 70 years old, and if there were a ladder of success in the ministry, I’m still stuck on the bottom rung. I’m sure Nimrod came to learn the perils of

climbing such a ladder.

I believe the past few years have proven how insignificant that professional ladder of success is in the political world. There is quite a stir in our nation’s capital right now because we have a president who is anything but a career politician. Never mind the soaring economy, military victories across the globe, and the resurgence of a booming industry under his watch—the guy simply does not possess the professionalism which has been demanded by the Washington elite. In their opinion, the nation is much better off with a faltering economy, giant cities with homeless living under bridges, and breakdowns in safety, security, and morals, as long as there is a professional politician in the White House.

What about the pastorate—something with which I am familiar? While I am not, by any means, discounting the urgency of a minister preparing as much as possible, yet it seems strange, that there have been men with enough degrees to paper a large study, who failed to have the “success” that most churches expect from a professional pastor. I know a pastor today, who will remain nameless, who only had a few sermons under his belt prior to being called to his first (and only) church. I think he would be the first to admit that professionalism wasn’t in his vocabulary. But he moved into the community—genuinely loved the people, and now, 26 years later, that church property takes up virtually one fourth of the downtown area—their ministry reaches to the entire county. He has baptized hundreds of people. In fact, another church which may have seemed more “prestigious” and that enjoyed a long line of doctors in her pastoral history, extended an invitation to this pastor. But God gave him the wisdom to realize he would not be in his element in such a congregation.

I had always heard that a preacher’s first pastorate is the most blessed. I know why now. When we went to our first pastorate—Enon, Iola in 1975, the young, green pastor couldn’t even pronounce the words “Chloe” and “Gamaliel” correctly. In fact, I do not recall

doing much of anything with excellence. But ironically, it is those types of ministries that God seems to honor—I think it’s because that the “still wet behind the ears,” inexperienced pastor realizes he has no other recourse but to be totally dependent on God the Father. Professionalism is woefully inadequate, and feigning professionalism is absolutely foolish. God receives no glory when we lean on our professionalism. Could that be what Solomon was talking about in Proverbs 3:5? “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

The Apostle Paul concurred. All through the first chapter of 1 Corinthians, he minimized ministerial professionalism. “Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” 1 Corinthians 1:20. Then Paul drove the point home in 1 Corinthians 1:21 that “...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” An omniscient God, who is perfect, chooses the foolishness of preaching.

While preparing this article, I received an e-mail from my boy, Derek who said, “I just love what God does with the messes we make!”

So, church member, if you have a pastor who butchers the king’s English, and doesn’t know a lick of Greek, but God is overwhelmingly blessing your church with salvation of souls and relationships and fellowship getting right, and the people are responsive to the word, then I would advise you to stand down, and permit God to do His wonderful work through him.

Yes, scripture stresses the importance of serving God with all our hearts, and for His glory, but not for the purpose of lining our walls with medals, blue ribbons and framed citations displaying corporate, political (or denominational) professionalism.

Faithful servant in the Lord’s vineyard will receive those rewards at the judgement seat of Christ. That gives great comfort and joy to an old preacher boy like me.



INSIGHTS *for* PASTORS

A successful deacon ministry

By DR. ALLEN TILLEY

After growing exponentially, the early church hit a brick wall in Acts 6:1-7. People were still being added to the church, but some felt neglected. Grumbling ensued. Sides were taken. Averting disaster, the apostles overcame the first major crisis in the fledgling church by establishing the office of deacons – godly men who served the needs of those in the church.

Over the years, I've been blessed with deacons who selflessly and joyfully served our people and me. While every church is different, here is how the deacons in my church are making a difference in the life of our church. Because of their sacrificial service, they free me to do what God has called me to do: preach and teach.

On call. Our deacons are servant leaders. That is, they minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our congregation. Because they actively serve and support our family, they've earned the trust and respect of our people. One aspect of their ministry includes two deacons being on call each week. We print their names and phone numbers in the worship guide, making it easier for people to contact them. They sit on the stage and read my sermon text during the service, helping our people to put a face with a name.

Above all, I endorse their ministry from the pulpit, stressing that our deacons genuinely want to serve our congregation.

Assimilation. When someone joins our church, the deacon on call will be the first to introduce himself, giving them his card and phone number. This deacon remains in close contact with the new person for six months. The deacon provides the newcomer with a tour of our facilities, introduces the appropriate Bible study leader, answers any questions, and assists in getting the newcomer plugged into a ministry team.

Ministry. Our deacons also oversee our homebound/nursing home and widow ministries. These men make sure that those who paved the foundation for us to enjoy are not forgotten by calling, visiting, and encouraging those who can no longer attend. They celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions while passing along updates to the deacon body and staff. Moreover, the deacons host a banquet each year for our widows, preparing and serving the meal and providing transportation.

Prayer. Before every service, the deacons meet with me just before the service for prayer. They ask for God's anointing on me and my sermon, and that His Word will find a lodging place in the hearts of the hearers. Quite honestly,

some of the most powerful prayers I've ever heard prayed have come from my deacons.

Accountability. Our deacons meet monthly so they can hold each other accountable for fulfilling their ministry. In these meetings, they give reports on their activities, make the group aware of any issues, explore avenues for ministry, and receive additional training by the deacon officers. They are a close-knit group who are passionate about fulfilling what the original seven started.

Because each church is unique, our way of doing deacon ministry isn't the only way. If you would like to know more about our deacon ministry or have questions, please feel free to contact me. Our deacon chairman loves sharing how deacons can fulfill their calling.

Dr. Allen Tilley is pastor of First Baptist Church of Carthage, Texas. He has over 30 years of pastoral experience, and God has continually blessed his ministry with dynamic spiritual and numerical growth. Contact him at allen@firstbaptistcarthage.com.



One Lost Sheep – SOAR 2019

By MATI CORBETT

BMA of America

Get ready, because SOAR 2019 is almost here!

Registration for this year's youth conference is now open! Just visit gosoar.com/register, where you can also book your rooms at this year's venue: the Gaylord Texan.

The theme for this year is "One Lost Sheep." With a deep focus on missions, students will learn about the unconditional love of God and his relentless pursuit of the lost.

"The thought of a shepherd leaving 99 sheep just to save one is pretty outrageous," says Conference Director, Donny Parrish. "Surely that one lost sheep can't be that precious to the Shepherd, right? SOAR '19 will explore the wonder of a God that so focused on reaching people who are lost - people like you and me - that he goes to incredible lengths to find us. And, once he finds us, he gives our lives meaning and purpose by allowing us to get in on his great mission."

Students will hear from the main speaker, Andy Comer, who is the lead pastor at Antioch Georgetown in Georgetown, Texas. Continuing in learning about God's



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heart for missions, students will also hear from BMA Missions Executive Director, Dr. John David Smith, about God's passion for the nations.

For SOAR 2019, the registration price has been lowered from previous years. Additionally, each registrant will receive a free pass to the Gaylord Texan's waterpark: Paradise Springs. Make sure your group registers for SOAR

by June 1 in order to receive the lower price, waterpark tickets, AND a free SOAR t-shirt.

For more information about this year's conference, visit gosoar.com. To register your group, visit gosoar.com/register. To keep up with the latest news about SOAR, make sure to like us on Facebook at facebook.com/SOARconference, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @SOARconference.

BMA TEXAS MISSIONS

Your Church's Mission Movement in Texas



A word from your mission office

By HEITH MITCHELL

The New Testament tells the story of a rapidly expanding church movement. People were being discipled and churches were forming all over the world. We need such a movement in Texas to give every man, woman and child the opportunity to hear about and receive Jesus. Our population is exploding. God is mixing world populations. The nations, tribes and tongues are moving to Texas. The problem is, there are no such movements in any western culture. They exist in other cultures but not the USA or Europe.

ELEMENTS OF A KINGDOM BUILDING MOVEMENT ARE:

1. An understanding that Jesus is Lord of His church, every believer and His mission
2. Disciple Making- invitation to follow, help in following, and released to follow
3. Missional Impulse-a burden that every man, woman, and child can hear and know Jesus
4. Equipping and releasing leaders
5. Healthy Reproducible Systems
6. Risk and Faith

CONTRAST THAT WITH A COMMON WESTERN INSTITUTIONAL MODEL

1. Competing identity and rule
2. Programming
3. Marketing
4. Recruiting and Holding Volunteers
5. Controlling Structures
6. Risk Avoidance

Your Texas missions department seeks to be and promote a movement among the churches we are starting. We are seeing the seeds.

1. We believe Jesus is Lord of each church, this department, each mission, and his mission. Our Value that reflects this is, "Plant unique churches that glorify God while reaching into unique and diverse pockets of lost people." Our efforts are diverse because we leave room for God to call uniquely gifted and prepared men to reach into unique pockets of lost people.

2. Our mission is to make disciples. Every mission has a disciple making strategy. Our value is, "Plant churches that demonstrate a genuine commitment to multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches."

3. Our churches share a burden to see the gospel presented and offered to everyone in their reach. Our value is to, "Plant churches to reach the lost."

4. We recognize that every follower is a minister and proclaimers of the gospel. God has placed them in time, location, relationships in order to make disciples. These people belong to God and he has the right to assign and reassign. The church is to equip and release them for their unique ministry engagement. Again, our value states, "Plant churches that demonstrate a genuine commitment to

multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches." Five of your mission churches have already sent out planting teams. Several existing BMA churches are also currently planting churches. Last week I was blessed to be in a unique send service. Westside Baptist Church in Nacogdoches is currently supporting and hosting the Inglesia Bautista Nuevo Renacer Mission. Last Sunday, the church and mission celebrated together as they laid on hands and sent a missionary from this Hispanic mission to start a new church in Dallas. That is equipping and releasing leaders.

5. We are creating systems that reproduce and are based on sound biblical principles. All of our equipping tools are applicable to any context and we freely give them away. Our value is, "Plant churches with prepared, equipped and cared for church planters."

6. If God asks us to do it, it will be bigger than us. We will be in over our head. We better walk humbly and dependent, right? We better pray and ask others to pray. The goal below is God sized. It will only be God achieved. Through it God can be glorified and His Kingdom can advance. Like anything that matters, we will only see it come about through prayer, sacrifice, and faith. Will you join us in praying, sacrificing, giving and risking all for:

PROJECT 2029

100 NEW CHURCHES/10 YEARS

- That we see an aggressive multiplication movement of churches who make disciples, equip and release leaders, and start churches for the glory of God and the advancement of his Kingdom Mission
- That each new mission begin with a plan to begin three new churches in their first 10 years
- That pastors and churches of the association be encouraged and equipped to start new churches
- That we connect, evaluate, identify and train new prospective church planters

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

A WORD FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

WESKEY BURKE—INTERN PREPARING FOR NACOGDOCHES

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BMA Missions is alive and well in the heart of our nation's capital. I am investing in a local church in Washington DC where Mark Dever is the senior pastor, but I should really say they are investing in me as an intern. I want to challenge all the church leaders who see this that if you have never heard of the 9Marks of a Healthy Church by Mark Dever or never visited 9marks.



▲ Wesley Burke

org then do it now! Grace!

Prayer Needs:

Please pray for Trinity, my oldest. She is asking many questions about the faith so we are sowing deep seed right now.

MIKE WATT—CROSSWORK MISSION, TAHOKA

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Cross-Work is starting phase 2 of our planting process. We are gearing up for Easter and praying God will send us people who need Him. We are investing and inviting our community to come "Try Something Different" this Easter and give our church a try.



▲ Mike Watt

Prayer Needs:

Please pray that the core team sticks to the plan. Pray that I am able to keep the vision in front of them and we can all push towards the goal of every person in Tahoka having a chance to hear and respond to the Gospel and planting a church that plants churches throughout west Texas.

JAIME GARCIA—IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA MISSION, GILMER/MESQUITE

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Let us continue united in doing the missionary work and unite in prayer for all the needs of the servants of God who always have the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts. Pray that they can continue trusting and believing in the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ who said that He would be with us until the end of the world. Amen.



▲ Jamie Garcia

Prayer Needs:

Please and thank you for helping me in prayer so that God continues to use me more and more in presenting his Gospel and that people receive the Word of God with pleasure and simplicity of heart.

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Our heart is focused on making disciples of Christ, and we are overjoyed to see the spiritual progress and growth of the people in our discipleship groups, which are designed to teach them about being a disciple and how to go and make disciples. Thank you for your continued love, support, and most of



▲ Spencer Simpson

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Master's Builders at Daniel Springs

By NELDA MALONE

Master's Builders Reporter

On March 4, the Master's Builders began work at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary. Camp Director Jason Prewitt had several projects for the Builders to work on during our two weeks there. In the Daniel Dorm and Retreat Center, we were to: build privacy dressing areas for each shower and build larger stalls for restrooms in the sleeping areas, build stalls for the men's and women's restrooms in the large gathering area, run more wire so more outlets could be added in the kitchen counter area and an outlet for a new ice machine. In the office/bookstore area, they built a 20 X 20 addition onto the existing bookstore, put in a window and put tin up on it. They repaired the roofs on two cabins that trees fell on during a storm several months back. They put lavatories and counters in #9 cabin. We tried to do any odds and ends that Jason felt needed addressing.

A big thank you to Jason for all his hard work at the camp.

Bethel, Clayton, needed help with putting a cover over a side entry door to the auditorium and several of our men worked on this one day.

If you have any questions about the Master's Builders ministry or if your church has any building needs please contact Office Coordinator John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or cell 318-607-

4100; or our Field Coordinator Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 for cell 479-462-1675.

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Ladies Spring Conference to become annual event

By GLENDA CHAMBERLAIN

RETREAT DIGS DEEP INTO GOD'S WORD

The first "Small-Talk" Conference for women who love to talk about the Big God we serve is in the books. It was hosted by the Northside Baptist Church, in Conroe, the Tryon District and the Texas Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Saturday, April 6 may have been a stormy, rainy day, across Texas, but it was a beautiful day in the Lord in Northside's attractive facilities. Diana Morris (Union Hill, Brownsboro) said, "As you walked up the walkway, you were made to feel welcome by the host ladies and it continued all day long."

Registration was easy (you could call or email), and there was no cost to ladies who wanted to attend. Lunch was provided by the host church and district, again at no cost. The speakers were primarily state WMA officers who gave their time and effort to make this a "time of learning, full of fascinating and interesting details." Another participant, Barbara Ford (Southline, Cleveland) said, "So much information in such a short period of time ... so well thought out and presented. Breakout sessions were short but to the point and also contained eye-opening information. Hope next year's conference will be this great."

The Texas WMA officers hope that the "Small-Talk" Conference will continue as a regularly scheduled event every spring, concentrating on biblical passages that we are familiar with but containing information that we often overlook in our regular Bible study. The anticipated plan is that the first vice-president will organize the program, utilizing the abilities of the state WMA officers at a church that volunteers to host the group and provide the noon meal. This plan will allow the "Small-Talk" Conference to be free for all participants, scripture-intensive, and hopefully inspire attendees to dig deeper into God's Word. Cindy Allen (Cornerstone, Jacksonville) states that it "was a blessing to all. Even though most of the topics discussed were things we had all heard before, we walked away with a deeper knowledge and new appreciation for God's Word."

This year, the theme was Our Legacy, God's Grace, and Fresh Starts. What can we learn from the genealogies in the Old Testament. The theme, Our Legacy, God's Grace, and Fresh Starts was most appropriate when one considers the main characters discussed. Each individual found in the selected scriptures (possibly with the exception of Enoch) would not have had a very meaningful legacy if it had not been for God's grace, and in most cases, they were given fresh starts through an encounter with the Holy One of scripture. This fact remains true today. Bettye Wilson had this to say about the retreat, "The Mini-Retreat was just great! The program was so good because it made us want to study the Scriptures more than ever. Northside Baptist Church did a fantastic job in hosting the event. The fellowship was sweet and the day was just a great blessing."

During registration time, the 60 ladies and 8 men (from Mr. Pleasant to Dallas, to Houston, and everywhere in between) were

treated to a light breakfast of fruit and pastries as they visited and waited for the program to begin. Lynelle Teas, the Northside WMA President welcomed the attendees and the Northside Praise Team blessed us through music. There were three general sessions, with breakout sessions after each one. The first general session covered the genealogies from creation to the flood. Emphasis was given to age, lifespan, and interactions or relationships between the multiple generations. Questions were posed as to why God would include these details in scripture, and then the breakout sessions addressed what could be learned from the lives of the people in this time period. Breakout Session 1 titles and speakers were: My Three Sons: The Good, the Bad, & the Substitute by Vera Koonce; Hidden Treasures in Genesis 5 by Hayley Rasco; and The First Family by Jo Strong.

Session 2 covered the genealogies from the flood into Egypt. Again, a great deal of the emphasis was on age and lifespan, but there are multiple strong personalities during this time period that were explored. Breakout Session 2 titles and speakers were: The Wishy, Washy Husband Who Became a Spiritual Giant by Lynda Marsh; The Unsinkable Faith of Captain Noah by Diana Morris; and Don't Make Us Come Down There (the story of Babel) by Johnnie Ross. Session 3 included the genealogies of the descendants of Levi and Judah from Egypt to David. The main objective of this general session was to read/study scripture so that scripture supports and clarifies scripture. The third set of breakout sessions included: Their God Did What? (the 10 plagues) by Cindy Allen; It's Not Too Late (the story of Rahab) by Charlotte Johnson; and Handfuls of Purpose (the story of Ruth) by Bettye Wilson. Lindsie Burchett (Northside, Garland) commented that she "really enjoyed seeing the connections of the genealogies and seeing that even the 'boring stuff' was put in the Bible by God for a reason. It was a blessing to see women in our association with a passion for studying and learning more of God's Word."

If your church is interested in hosting the 2020 spring conference contact a state officer.

Johnnie Ross, Texas First Vice President

GMA HOUSEPARTY A WILD ADVENTURE

The 2019 Texas GMA Houseparty, themed "King of the Jungle", was a wild adventure! Friday evening, as girls and sponsors were registering, girls were able to make rain sticks, get their faces painted like animals, and pose for pictures in the jungle photo booth.

The evening session began with a warm welcome by Jenna Schmidt, Texas GMA President and Texas Miss GMA. Mary Key led everyone in some fun songs, then the officers introduced themselves in a creative way by showing everyone their jungle-themed project boxes.

Bro. Orlando Buck delivered the message and spoke about how we are good at coming up with excuses of why we can't go and spread the Good News. He said that when we put our excuses aside,

however, we allow God to use us in mighty ways. Afterward, girls were given a special time to connect with the officers as the officers led 3 small devotional sessions, where the girls were divided up by their ages.

Following breakfast on Saturday morning, girls and ladies gathered together for the business meeting, which was moderated by Jenna. During the meeting, the 2019-2020 Texas GMA project was selected to be "JW", a missionary to South Asia. Following the meeting, Cindy Allen, Texas WMA President, inducted the newly elected officers for the upcoming year. The girls then broke up into age groups for breakout sessions led by Tami Blackburn and Orlando Buck, while the counselors gathered for a session led by Teel Witt.

After everyone gathered together 'in the jungle' again, Bro. Orlando gave a message on letting God be the King of your life. He challenged everyone to consider whether Jesus is just their Savior or whether He is truly their *Lord* and Savior.

The afternoon program was led by Hayley Rasco. The program included 25 girls, each of whom was recognized for accomplishing something in the past year: completing a step, accepting Christ as her Savior, becoming a new GMA member, or any combination of these. There were two young ladies who participated in the Queen program, Jenna Schmidt and Hannah Kizer.

The officers gave a brief preview of the plans that are in motion for Houseparty 2020 and then sang a goodbye song before dismissing everyone to head home.

Hayley Rasco, Texas Asst. GMA/YLA Promoter

NATIONAL WMA

National WMA will meet May 6-7, 2019 in Rogers, Arkansas. Theme is "Catch the Vision, Reaching Out in Service" based on Acts 11:5.

The business meeting will be held May 6 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center. A retreat is scheduled for May 7 at Temple Baptist Church. The retreat features keynote speaker Judy Wallace, with special music by Sabrina Clayton. Break-out sessions will be held after lunch.

Lunch will be a catered event, pre-register for the luncheon by contacting Jodi Rhea by April 27 to jodigrhea@live.com or send a text to 501-472-9490.

Be sure to watch the promotional video, featuring Judy Wallace, at nationalwma.org or on Facebook at National WMA of BMAA.

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TEXAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Care for kids

By JASON CURRY

I was sitting in a house recently holding my newborn daughter, watching a bunch of kids including my older children, run around the house in a circle. You hear the thud of each kid's foot fall, then you hear a scream. All of a sudden, they all turn and run back the other direction. My baby is staring in wonderment at all this commotion.

Then around the corner comes the culprit of all their fears—a foster dad—with growls and reaching gestures conveying that he is after every kid, intending to snatch each one and gobble them up. The screaming quickly escalates to giggles and belly laughs from many of the kids. They were finding, at that moment, that a man's gruff and toughness is not something to be feared but something to be celebrated and enjoyed.

Many times, children at church, grandkids, or your own simply want to know that spending time with them is something you want to do. Texas Baptist Home for Children kids come from backgrounds that vary and are difficult to comprehend unless you have experienced it yourself or ministered to those that have. Each one is eager for interaction or feeling that they matter, just enough for someone to play with them. So, set some time aside and do it! Play card games, board games, domino games or do something that I

try to do with my oldest, play their video games with them. I hope the fact that I try to care about something he likes tells him I care about him, even if I'm not great at it.

In Lamentations 1:16 it says:

"For these things I weep; my eye, my eye overflows with water; Because the comforter, who should restore

my life, is far from me. My children are desolate because the enemy prevailed."

There is too much at stake for our children to be desolate and left to the enemy's schemes. Let me ask all of you to weep over the children in our care whose lives seem so easily discarded by those who should love them most. Their Comforter seems far from them. Join us in our care for kids as we help them have hope in Jesus, the true Comforter. And thanks for helping bring kids home.

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Liberty Association hosts rally for Texas Baptist Home

By CHARLES JOHNSON

Pastor of Rosewood, Gilmer

Ebenezer-Friendship, Pittsburg was the site on March 14 for a rally for Texas Baptist Home for Children sponsored by the Liberty Baptist Association. Fifteen churches were represented at the meeting. A generous offering was received from the churches for the Home's ministry.

Liberty moderator Wayne McKay presided over the business session. Bro. Jason Curry, Home president, gave a power-point slide show presentation of the ministry of TBHC.

Bro. Curry also brought an inspiring message from John 13:1-17 entitled "Best News Ever." He stressed the following points: Jesus Know His Identity, Jesus Cares for Us Individually, Jesus Washes Us Intentionally, and Jesus Calls Us Irresistibly.



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 for Children, in turn, notifies the appropriate person. Listed in capital letters are those honored or remembered from Mar. 1-31, 2019.

ENDOWMENTS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

The wisdom of waiting

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: May 5, 2019

TEXT: Proverbs 20:22; 17:5; 24:17-20, 29

THE HOOK

Probably the most familiar example in scripture of the perils of failure to wait is found in Luke 15:11-24. The younger brother became restless and demanded his portion of the inheritance from his father. Because of that, he fell into misfortune. (1) Superficial friends that longed to help him spend his fortune; (2) Famine in the land, in which he was reduced to starvation and begging; (3) Finally his spirit was broken and he was willing to settle for being a hired servant in his father's house. Think of how differently his story would have been, if he had waited.

THE BOOK

1. One who waits has great understanding. Proverbs 14:29, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." A patient person has endurance and does not hasten to retaliate.

2. One who waits turns the battle over to God. Exodus 14:14, "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." In the preceding verse, and Moses and the Israelites were standing on the brink of the Red Sea, with Pharaoh's army in pursuit, Moses told the frantic people, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." The Israelites had much trouble throughout their wilderness wanderings waiting on the Lord. And it cost them dearly.

3. One who waits is growing in Christlikeness. Waiting is one of the great attributes of a sovereign God. Psalm 103:8, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." Mercy and grace are glorious products of patience. James says when patience is developed in the believer, completeness, abundance and maturity are the results

THE LOOK

As long as we claim our "rights" and strive and struggle for what we want, rather than waiting on the Lord, we will experience hardships, frustrations, and a total lack of peace. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

Marks of a fool

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: May 12, 2019

TEXT: Proverbs 10:18; 11:9; 12:15-16

THE HOOK

Let us discuss the fool for a moment. The dictionary has many definitions of a fool; "A person who acts unwisely or imprudently." Some synonyms include, idiot, halfwit, nincompoop, blockhead, buffoon, dunce, ignoramus, imbecile. . .you get the point. The world has a myriad of labels and definitions—but what is the biblical definition?

Psalm 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." This is the ultimate definition of a fool. An atheist, by biblical definition, is a fool. An atheist, or imbecile, or nincompoop can accept Christ as Savior—but then immediately the spirit comes in to live in that heart, which renders that person wise—or at least he or she is placed on course toward Godly wisdom. Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."

THE BOOK

1. A fool's mouth is deceptive (10:18a). One version of scripture renders the first part of verse 18, "Liars secretly hoard hatred." A liar, who, being evil and slanderous, is also deceptive and manipulative. The liar is virtually genius at shielding his hatred with flattering, smooth words. Satan hates you, but he doesn't want to overplay his hand until he has you in his grip.

2. A fool's mouth is slanderous (10:18b). The

wisdom of God in a believer brings about life-giving words—words that encourage, comfort, and that casts a person in a positive light.

3. A fool's mouth is destructive (11:9). His tongue is loose, and his agenda is to destroy. John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to kill, steal and destroy. . ." The adversary, the devil, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." One of his agents on earth to render such destruction is the destructive tongue of the fool.

4. A fool refuses advice (12:15). He is headstrong, doing as he pleases, he is full of himself, and in his mind, only his way is right. These are the characteristics of Satan.

5. A fool has uncontrollable wrath (12:16). A fool cannot help but let his short fuse be made manifest to others. James 1:20, "For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. There is no greater demonstration of unrighteousness than an explosive temper tantrum.

THE LOOK

If you are a child of God, the following will be characteristic of your life:

1. You will demonstrate a desire to protect the integrity and reputation of others (10:18).

2. You will demonstrate sincerity, knowledge and a desire for truth (11:9).

3. You will demonstrate a desire to receive godly counsel (12:15).

4. You will not be shaken by verbal attacks and insults (12:16).

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Power over possessions

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: May 19, 2019

TEXT: Proverbs 3:9-10; 15:27; 28:22

THE HOOK

Solomon had quite a perspective on possessions. Take a while to read through Ecclesiastes and you will find that one should own their possessions—not be owned by possessions. Solomon sought pleasure and fulfillment in his vast accumulation of wealth and material goods. He had the best money could buy—men servants, women servants, grape vineyards, water pools, musical orchestras to entertain him, stand-up comedians to make him laugh. But the conclusion he came to was the truth that “all is vanity and vexation of spirit.” Materials just for the purpose of self-fulfillment is but

an empty, meaningless experience. But to glorify God with those possessions which which He has blessed us, brings joy and fulfillment.

THE BOOK

1. Giving your possessions are for God’s glory (3:9). Give God the very best—the first fruits. That means for us today to give God His portion right off the top—the very first thing. Do not care for other matters first, and give Him what’s left over—always being mindful of the fact, everything you own is really His—it’s merely on loan to you and you are to be a faithful steward.

2. Giving your possessions yields increase from God (3:10). Luke 6:38, “Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together,

and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” Another promise of increase from that which you give to God is verified in Malachi 3.

3. Greedy of ill-gotten gain brings troubles (15:27).
4. Pursuing riches at any cost brings about judgement (28:22).

THE LOOK

The Apostle Paul has a great perspective on the right attitude about possessions. In Ephesians 4:28 he says, “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

A virtuous woman

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: May 26, 2019

TEXT: Proverbs 31:10:31

THE HOOK

I know personally, a man who, through unholy influences (including drugs) came to the brink of personal destruction—almost beyond the point of no return. While most women would bail on such a husband, his courageous and precious wife, who refused to let him go under without a fight, came up with a plan. That plan included (1) demonstrating tough love to him: (2) connecting him with a detox hospital and (3) Insisting that he enroll in Teen Challenge—a spiritually-based rehab ministry which lasts a year and includes hard work and intense Bible training. She told him, “I’m not going to divorce you—but you must get this help if you expect to raise your son.” This woman demonstrated all the aspects of the Proverbs 31 virtuous woman. God used her to rescue her family from peril, and God used the program to bring about his restoration. Today the couple is faithfully serving the Lord—the husband is serving as a worship leader in a large and growing church, and the couple now has three beautiful children—son, Knox, and two daughters Nixon and Naomi. The woman is our daughter-in-law Christine, and her husband is our son, Derek. Thank God for a virtuous woman, for God can use her to be the life line and the driving force behind a successful man. (written with permission from Christine and Derek)

THE BOOK

1. The virtuous woman is absolutely trustworthy. Verse 11 says her husband trusts in her “without reserve”—he literally

entrusts his heart to her. Her trustworthiness is such that he would never need any spoil (plunder). Spoils are the goods retained from the enemy after war. It’s a military term. Her provisions never need to be supplemented by spoils. The virtuous woman does her husband good (verse 12).

2. The virtuous woman is priceless (verse 10). Because a fixed market price can be applied to precious stones, their value is limited at best—and the service they render to a man can do nothing but perhaps increase his financial portfolio. But earthly wealth is fleeting, and untrustworthy. But to trust in a virtuous, trustworthy, loving, caring wife brings with it rewards which have eternal value—especially when her Christian influence is the means of bringing her husband to the Lord. Who could put a price on that?

3. The virtuous woman is industrious. She knows how to work with her hands. She is an expert seamstress (verse 13-14) and has boundless energy (verse 17). She arises early and works late (verses 15 and 18). There is no limit to the distance that she will go to provide food (verse 14).

4. The virtuous woman is shrewd in business. She invests in property. She saves up her money and invests it in that which yields further profit (verses 16b and 18). Squandering money for selfish purposes is unheard of.

5. The virtuous woman is protective of her family. She keeps them warm in the winter (verse 21). She watches over her household (verse 27).

6. The virtuous woman is an asset to her husband’s reputation (verse 23). He sits in a prominent place amid the civic leaders of the community. There is a popular modern-day saying, “Behind every good man, there is a woman.” A wife can make or break a man in virtually any profession.

Particularly is that true of the man of God. How many men have fallen out of the ministry because of living with a troubled or unfaithful woman. On the other hand, many men of God have been blessed in ministry because of a good woman. It was said of Bro. C.C. Phillips, who had little education when God called him to preach, that his wife would spend hours reading scriptures to him before he went into the pulpit. Bro. Phillips was used mightily of God in the pastorate for many years.

7. The virtuous woman is full of faith (verse 25).
8. The virtuous woman measures every word (verse 26).
9. The virtuous woman is blessed by her family (verse 28).
10. The virtuous woman has an absolute reverential awe of her Holy God (verse 30).

THE LOOK

Proverbs 31 is the perfect instruction manual for womanhood. Any woman who will put into practice the principles of this blessed chapter, will have more positive influence on society and the world than the greatest preacher, politician or world leader.

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BMA Texas Missions cont.

all prayers as we seek to make disciples in southwest Houston.

Prayer Needs:

Since we have had a semi-public existence on social media and other platforms we do receive numerous guests. However, often some of these guest seem to be at odds with the churches core values, as well as seem to be primarily focused on self, and are not interested in the mission of Redeemer's Love. Alongside this we have a good amount of regulars but the idea of committing to a church is difficult for them since many have church hopped for so long. This stems from the challenge of trying to develop a core team on site, rather than coming in with one. The relationships we have built with other churches/ministries will hopefully alleviate some of this concern, as well as solidify a stronger core team that will survive going public unlike past attempts of public launches.

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Prayer Needs:

1) Pray for the establishment of the New Renacer Baptist Church of Nacogdoches. Pray for new Hispanic families to win for Jesus Christ.

2) Pray for the pastoral family of Molina Perdomo

3) Pray for two new Works in Marshall and Cushing.

4) Pray for legal documentation, a work permit and Social Security. On April 14, 150 days will be met, after the traces.

5) Pray for my theological training, Associate and Master's



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preparation.

6) Pray for the group of disciples to persevere.

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I desire to continue to share with you what we anticipate God doing in Lubbock as we make disciples whose lives are centered on the gospel, passionate for God's glory, and equipped to live out Jesus' mission in everything they do.

Through the church's proclamation and demonstration of the gospel of Jesus, we expect to see God creating new hearts that are passionate for His glory. This transformation will result in new lives that will be equipped to strategically bring the Kingdom of Jesus to their home, workplace, school, neighborhood, the City of Lubbock and through it, the ends of the earth. This vision is inspired by God's greatness (Habakkuk 2:14), God's design to use local churches at the center of His eternal plan (Ephesians 3:10), and God's strategy to spread the gospel in the world (Acts 14:21-23).

Please pray for us in this journey and for more laborers to reap the spiritual harvest in the city.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for unity in my family and among the disciples, for fruit as we proclaim the gospel and make disciples and that Satan will not take the seed of the Word from their hearts but they will obey it, grow, and produce fruit.

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

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We realized that we must continue the work we began at the first to keep growing. I think this is a lesson we all need, whether we are two years old or 20!

Prayer Needs:

Pray that the upcoming projects and opportunities to reach out will be all that God intends them to be!

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Hey, BMA churches! I'm so excited for all the Lord is doing



▲ Cristian Martinez

among us. We're not in our fifth week in our new space, and we're loving it! We ask that you pray for us to continue in faithfulness to the Lord, and that He provides in the area of worship, and youth. Love you all!

Prayer Needs:

Our request is just that we would build a community of believers that love the Lord, and are committed to one another and what the Lord has called us to.

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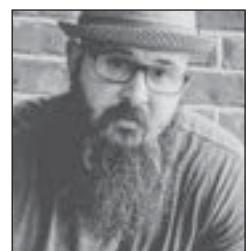
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The new building God has provided is coming along.

Prayer Needs:

Easter Outreach and finishing the new building



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John 21:15-17 – Feed My Sheep cont.

youth will easily grasp the adult material in the new curriculum, perhaps even better than the adults! They are usually smarter than we give them credit for being. Ideally, we adults should be striving to prepare the youth for adulthood rather than contributing to or promoting being stuck in adolescence. Utilizing one Bible Study curriculum from youth through senior adults will unify the families and churches, as well as promote unity in the association. Our families and churches can begin a process of renewal as we use study guides (lesson books) to fortify who we are as associational Baptists rather than

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For answers to your questions about the transition, please call 800-259-5673 and ask for me.

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family devotions by feeding the sheep high-quality, biblically sound, easy-to-use literature that will unite our families and churches.

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We are in the process of returning to the name Baptist Publishing House. Be watching for the change. We also have a children's curriculum that could be in the works for later in the year.

events

BMA OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: May 6-8, 2019

PLACE: Northwest Arkansas Convention Center, Rogers, Arkansas

SOAR STUDENT CONFERENCE

DATE: July 3-5, 2019

PLACE: Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas

BMA OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: November 4-5, 2019

PLACE: Keltys First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas

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FALL 2019:

August 14-December 5

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Anthony Drive, Ennis	63	121	1 by baptism
First, Omen	28	79	
First, Palmer	43	80	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	18	38	
Jackson, Joaquin	76	98	
New Harmony, Tyler	293	346	
New Hope, Mineola	81	136	2 by letter
Olde Tyme, White Oak		57	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	47	71	
Round Prairie, Fairfield	135	201	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	42	85	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		39	
Simmons Hill, Diana	19	30	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	15	27	

March 24, 2018

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	46	73	
Jackson, Joaquin	84	143	
New Harmony, Tyler	278	347	
New Hope, Mineola	87	140	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		47	2 by letter
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	48	71	
Rosewood, Gilmer	120	220	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	44	67	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		55	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	20	30	
Simmons Hill, Diana	15	21	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	13	18	

March 31, 2018

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Omen	44	64	
First, Palmer	50	60	
New Harmony, Tyler	291	369	1 by letter
New Hope, Mineola	90	177	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		65	
Rosewood, Gilmer	152	266	2 by baptism
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	35	64	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		60	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	15	35	
Simmons Hill, Diana	13	28	

April 7, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	49	74	
Jackson, Joaquin	67	116	
New Harmony, Tyler	273	315	
New Hope, Mineola	87	143	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		42	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	40	65	
Rosewood, Gilmer	120	214	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	49	81	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		44	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	13	25	
Simmons Hill, Diana	14	21	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	16	19	

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