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LEGAL DO'S AND DON'TS concerning political involvement of pastors and churches

By **JERRY FULTON**

Baptist Progress Editor

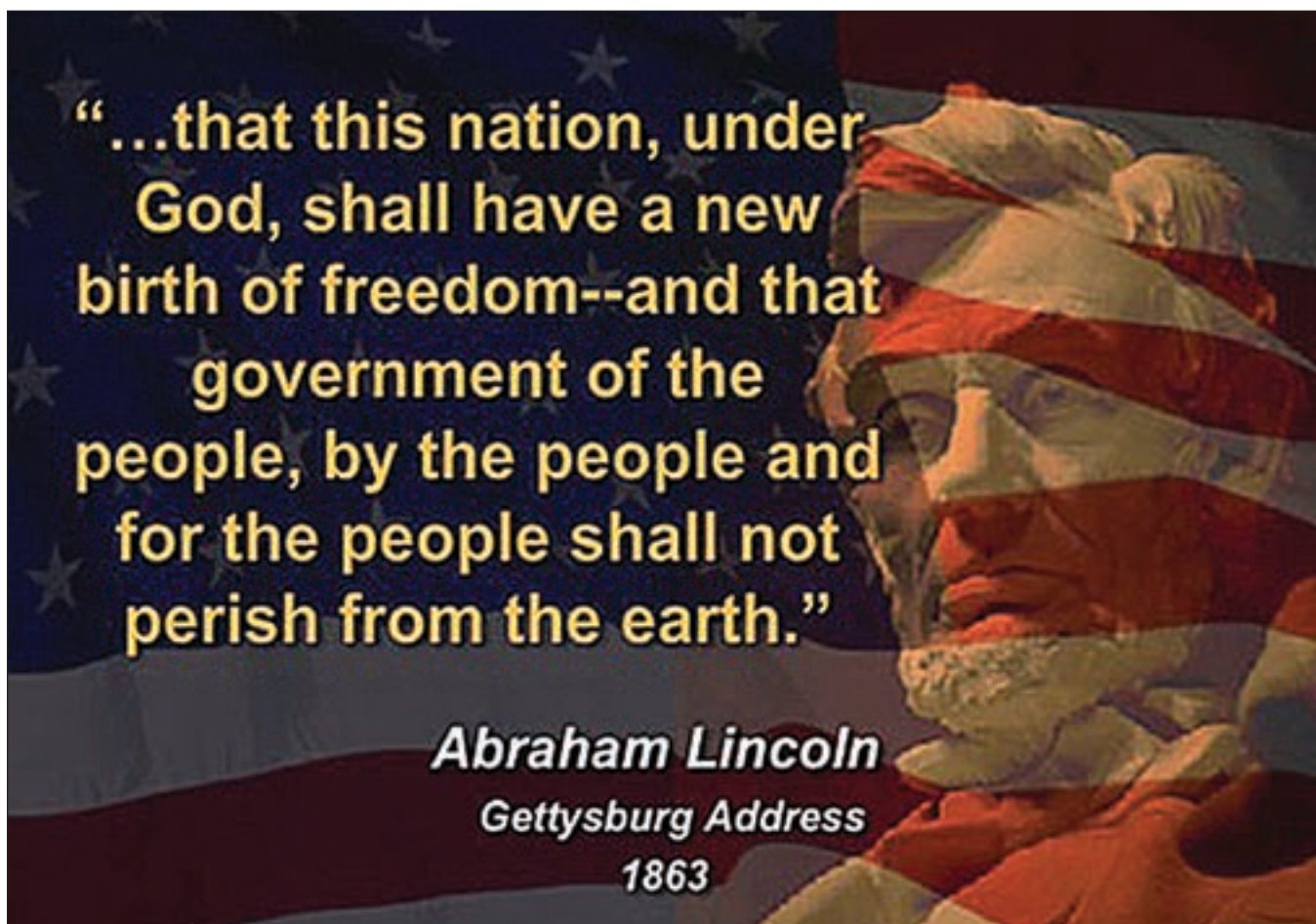
There are those, who believe that “separation of church and state” means that churches and pastors should not become involved in politics. Such a belief is incorrect.

In his book, *Bible Answers for Almost All Your Questions*, Dr. Elmer Towns explains that in spite of the rhetoric common to revisionist historians, our founding fathers did not seek to eradicate religion in America. In fact, nowhere in the Constitution of the United States do the words “separation of church and state” appear. So, where did the idea originate?

The idea of church/state separation came from a letter penned by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson’s cause was to protect religious liberties from an intrusive government. In no way did Jefferson or any of the other framers of the US Constitution seek to restrict Americans’ religious activities. His desire was to keep churches in America from falling into the hands of government as churches had in Europe.

Towns wrote, “When the state heads the church, the integrity of the gospel is all too easily compromised. Likewise, civil servants living on tax dollars are unfit for serving as pastors, for their loyalties are divided between the One who calls them and the other who feeds them. Such compromises do not belong in the pulpit. Let the government build roads, and let Christ build His church.”

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Is God calling you to serve Him in ministry?

By **BRANDON COX**

PASTORS.COM—First of all, it's a big YES.

God draws lost people to himself to save them, and his desire is that all saved people serve people. So, if you're a believer, you are called! Obviously, however, there is a kind of "calling" that sets certain individuals apart for positions of ministry leadership. The New Testament refers to some people as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. And they are given to the church to teach, preach, shepherd, equip, and instruct.

It should be noted before moving any further that everyone within the body of Christ is of equal worth and importance. We may serve different functions, but the gap between "clergy" and "laity" is an imagined one. All believers are "ministers" even though a few may receive a special calling to lead and to take responsibility for the health and welfare of the flock as undershepherds who follow Jesus.

Some of these leaders are paid and some are not. Some work for churches full-time, some part-time, and others on a volunteer basis. Regardless of their formal relationship with a particular church body, they are called to a higher level of responsibility for the maturing of the body of Christ. So they preach, they lead, they counsel, they give oversight, and they cast a vision for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Here's the million dollar question among those who grapple with this subject: Is the call of God to ministry leadership discerned mystically? Or practically? Is God's call heard supernaturally? Or naturally?

And again, the answer is YES.

I have friends who testify that God showed up in a moment of their lives in an unusual way and made his presence known to them in the moment of their calling. But this isn't always the case.

Personally, I would describe my own experience of God's calling in three phases:

I was hungry. I couldn't get enough of the Bible, and I couldn't seem to read enough about ministry or ask enough questions of my mentors. This hunger grew over several months as I found my way back into a local church. (As an aside, we ought to pursue this calling in the context of a local church community and under the mentorship of our pastors and leaders.)

I was convinced. I came to a moment when I simply knew that God wanted me to spend the rest of my life in full-time, vocational ministry leadership. It was on a bus ride to Louisville, Kentucky when I was a senior in high school. I jotted in the margin of my Bible the phrase, "3-1-95 Called to Preach." I wrote it next to Jeremiah 1:5, which I was reading that day...

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

I became confident. Once I knew God was



calling me, sadly, it took another seven months for me to find the guts to go public. In October of 1995, I preached my first, rather pitiful eighteen-minute sermon. But that experience lit a fire under me that burns to this day, and I still can't hold it in.

While I believe God can and does often speak his calling into our lives in precise and unique ways, I believe that there should be some practical confirmation of that calling. After spending twenty years talking to younger leaders just getting started, I've developed a sense for those who are serious and those who aren't – those who will go far because they lean into God's grace and launch out in faith, and those who squander their time and energy on the sidelines.

When someone expresses an interest in ministry or talks of a calling, there are several questions that are quite appropriate to be asked, and through which a prospective leader can and should be screened, and I would divide them into five areas.

1. YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Are you presently walking in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit? Are you soaking in God's Word, praying regularly, and growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus? And does it show in your closest relationships? Would those nearest you (especially a spouse) describe you as Spirit-filled?

2. YOUR HEART

Do you WANT to lead the church? Do you crave it? Hunger for it? Is your appetite insatiable enough that you cannot be stopped? Do you desire to do the work of a Pastor?

3. YOUR ABILITY

Obviously we should never attempt to serve merely in the power of our own flesh, but to be effective, we must be sharpening our skills and abilities. This is why teachability is one of the

most vital characteristics of ministry leaders. When you stop learning, you will stop leading.

4. YOUR PERSONALITY

Your unique personality doesn't really determine whether or not you're ready to lead in ministry. Rather, it relates to HOW you should lead. One of the most beneficial exercises I've ever gone through is the DISC profile (or one of dozens of similar personality and temperament assessments). I'm laid back (a high "I"), so I have to work at communicating clear expectations. I hate conflict, so I have to be intentional about confrontation. And I'm an introvert, so owning this and being at peace with it is important.

5. YOUR EXPERIENCES

A decade and a half ago, Angie and I started to go plant a church, and had we done so, it would have been disastrous. I only know that because of all that we've encountered in the last five years that I would have been totally unprepared for back then. All of your past experiences – the good, the bad, and the ugly – prepare you for what is next in your life.

If you've come to a place in your Christian walk where your hunger to serve and your conviction that God wants you to serve line up, and you have the maturity, the desire, the ability, the personality, and the experience necessary to prepare you, then GO FOR IT!

Every believer is "called." We're all called to serve others, to share the gospel, and to glorify God. And we're all called to do these things "full time." But thank God for granting the special opportunity for some to be fully immersed in the life of leading the body of Christ forward for the gospel's sake!

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Church Health

A leader worth following

By LARRY BARKER

Leadership is all about influence. True leaders earn the right to lead because of who they are and not the title or position they hold. The best leaders are those who understand who they are and that God has called them to serve others. Mark 10:45 is a very familiar verse, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many.” We know the challenge that is given, but have we really looked at the context of this passage?

Jesus opens up this discourse in Mark by saying, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and their men of high positions exercise power over them. But it must not be like that among you.”

Our leadership “style” should be different from the corporate world, upper management, and the survival of the fittest mentality. Jesus set the example for us by humbling Himself, washing the feet of His disciples, and always thinking of others first.

Before you can lead others you must first be able to lead yourself. Here is a great question to ask yourself: What is it like to sit across the table from you? How do people react when they see you coming? One of the greatest tools we need to have is self-awareness. All of us have blind spots but we must have self-awareness of our strengths and weaknesses. You must know yourself, know the skills you need to have, and most importantly, know Christ intimately.

You must lead yourself before you can ever lead others. The natural progression should be to lead yourself, then lead others, and then to lead leaders. As a church, think of it this way: You want to stay centered on God, connected to one another, and concerned about your community. If you are in a leadership role never forget this; “Speed of the leader, speed of the team!” As a leader, it is your responsibility to take care of your spiritual walk and then to continually point others toward the Lord.

Staying centered on God requires developing faith habits to focus us on loving God more. Then staying connected to one another requires developing love habits that build a strong community of strong believers. We desire to love people more. Then, when we are centered and connected we need to remain concerned about our community. We need to develop hope habits that bless people who are far from God and demonstrate the love of God to them in practical ways. We want to love more people.

How do you become a leader worth following? Proverbs 4:23 says, “Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life.” You must develop faith habits that draw you close to God and continue to build your relationship with him. As a church you must keep your people focused on walking with the Lord. Do you have a clear path for people in your church



to continue to grow and develop in their Christian walk? Have you thought through processes that will keep you and your people moving forward?

First, what daily discipleship engine will you use? There are many good daily devotional books and Bible reading programs. There are phone apps and multiple other resources but you might want to consider a plan that everyone in the church can participate in together. One such personal discipleship engine is S.O.A.P. It is a journaling Bible study method that focused on Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. Consider providing a schedule for everyone to read the same scripture daily.

Second, how are you promoting prayer? You must teach and disciple people on how to pray. The daily discipline of talking and listening to the Lord must be developed. Think of the word P.R.A.Y. Begin by praising him (“Our Father which art in heaven”), then repent (“forgive us our trespasses”), then ask (“give us this day our daily bread”), and then yield (“Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”). The best way to learn to pray is to hear a prayer partner pray.

Third, focus on worshipping God. Have you developed an environment that causes everyone to look upward? From the opening of the service to its conclusion everything must point to the Lord high and lifted up. It is wisdom to have a worship planning system in place that strives to be Holy Spirit directed in every part of the worship service. Teach your people the importance of individual worship but also of worshipping together as the body of Christ. Let us offer up the sacrifice of praise.

Fourth, how will you connect people to the church?

Do people know what the “next steps” are for them to take as a part of the church? Is there a clear path for them to get connected with a small group (Sunday School class, Bible study, etc) that will care for them, love them, and minister to them? If people are not able to connect with a small group they usually will not stay connected to the church. They will most likely begin to become disinterested, drift away, and eventually drop out.

Fifth, provide people with entry level service opportunities. Once again they need to know not only what the “next steps” are for connecting but also for how they can serve and get involved. Make people aware of how they can help and that they can “kick the tires” on different ministries. Allow them the opportunity to see if a particular ministry fits their gift mix, and if not, help them find them one that does. Have everyone fill out an information sheet so they can sign up for what interests them.

Remember, we must first be leaders worth following so that we can lead others to Jesus and a walk with Him!

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GOD'S GIFT

HEAVEN IS A FREE GIFT!
It is not earned or deserved. No amount of effort or good works can earn a place for you in heaven. Why? Because . . .

MAN IS A SINNER.
"For all have sinned . . ." (Rom. 3:23)
Because of this, man cannot save himself.

GOD.
On the one hand, God is merciful and does not want to punish us. Yet God is just and must punish sin. God solved this problem for us in the Person of . . .

JESUS CHRIST.
He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and rose from the grave to purchase a place for us in heaven—"the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).


THE GIFT IS RECEIVED BY FAITH.
Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life. It means resting on Christ alone and what He has done, rather than what you or I have done to get us into heaven. "Believe on (or trust in) the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

SO MAY WE ASK . . .
Have you received God's free gift of eternal life? The Bible assures us in 1 John 5:13 that we can know we have eternal life.

Do you know for sure that you are going to heaven when you die?

The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." If you are willing to repent (turn away from your sin and to the Lord Jesus) you can receive the free gift of eternal life by simply praying:

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, forgive my sins, and save me. I am now placing my trust in You alone for my salvation, and I accept your free gift of eternal life.



DiscipleGuide

CHURCH RESOURCES

SOAR 2016 is on a mission



July 6-8, 2016
Dallas, TX
Hilton Anatole

DiscipleGuide

By DONNY PARRISH
DiscipleGuide Church Resources Conferences Director

On July 6 more than 2,500 students will gather for three days at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, for SOAR 2016. This year's conference theme, "Global," will focus on God's heart for the nations.

"We are praying for 100 students to give their lives to missions this summer," explains DiscipleGuide Director Scott Attebery. "Whether they become overseas missionaries, North American church planters, international student hosts, faithful prayer warriors, or lifelong supporters, we are praying that they embrace God's global heartbeat for the rest of their lives!"

Each session of SOAR 2016 will feature keynote speaker Clif Johnson, pastor of Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope, AR, while Aaron Williams and the SOAR band will return to lead students in praise and worship.

This year's SOAR Village will provide an opportunity for hands-on learning and mission work. Attebery explains, "Our goal is to provide students and youth groups with opportunities to get involved in God's mission while they are at the conference and give them ideas to take home for continued mission engagement."

Registration for this year's conference is \$110 per person, and hotel rooms at the Hilton Anatole are \$129 per night (4 person occupancy). For more information, visit gosoar.com.

"Who knows," states Attebery, "perhaps God would be so gracious as to start a missions revival in our churches through SOAR 2016!"

Churches and individuals are invited to begin praying now for God to raise up 100 students with a heart for missions at this year's SOAR conference. Let's all pray!

The Great Escape Conference

By DONNY PARRISH
DiscipleGuide Church Resources Conferences Director

The Great Escape conference recently set sail from Galveston, Texas, on a five-day Western Caribbean cruise. The Great Escape is a time for children and youth leaders to get away and get recharged. During the conference, leaders are given the opportunity to hear valuable teaching and to connect with fellow leaders. Jeff Herring, associate pastor at Oak Park, Little Rock, Arkansas, has attended almost every Great Escape. This is how Jeff describes it.

"My wife and I have attended The Great Escape conference for as long as I can remember. I believe the only one we missed was when we were expecting our third child during the time of the conference. We have always enjoyed the conference, but we have especially enjoyed it since it has moved to a cruise ship-based conference."

"When The Great Escape was previously held in a hotel/conference room setting it was beneficial to attend simply because of the content of the conference, but the awesome side benefit of having the conference on the cruise ship is the down time you get to spend with others that are in ministry like you and share concerns, struggles, victories, etc. In the previous hotel setting, you would attend the conference and usually break to go eat with people you already knew then come back to the conference. On the cruise you are all thrown in together and you get to know others you might not have had the chance to meet otherwise."

"We not only attend now because of the conference and whatever content will be shared, which is usually very practical to ministry, but also so we can continue to meet others and spend time with our ministry friends that we have made throughout the years. Every year we leave refreshed and encouraged as a couple to continue in ministry. Many times The Great Escape has become a place where we have been able to give godly counsel to other ministers as they are facing difficult circumstances back home or we have been on the receiving end of that godly counsel. I believe The Great Escape conference not only provides some practical teaching on ministry, but it also provides invaluable time when 'iron sharpens iron' as we glean from the experiences of others."

Mark your calendars for The Great Escape 2017, which will be Jan. 14-19. Visit discipleguide.org for additional information on The Great Escape and other DiscipleGuide conferences.

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LEGAL DO'S AND DON'TS

concerning political involvement of pastors and churches cont.

The author continued, “Another bit of nonsense being force-fed to the public is the notion that men and women of faith have no business in politics.”

The idea of church and state is not that the churches should have no influence with government, but that government should have no influence where churches are concerned.

John Jay, first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court said, “Providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as privilege and interest of a Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

In recent days, as it is with each election cycle, pastors have become criticized for speaking at candidate rallies, or for that matter, sharing their political opinion in any setting. So the question arises: "What may pastors and churches do?"

Using information compiled by documents supplied by The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), Liberty Council, The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), Focus on the Family, Family Research Council, and The James Madison Center for Free Speech, Restore America, an organization founded in 1999 to encourage Christians to vote, has posted on their website, RestoreAmerica.org, “Churches and pastors have First Amendment and statutory rights to speak out on the moral issues of the day, even if those moral positions mention or touch upon a political campaign or candidate.

“Simply becoming a Pastor does not mean you give up your free speech rights under the First Amendment.

Indeed, there are clear First Amendment rights for Christians to share information with one another on issues of public policy. Although a church’s tax status under current law, does limit the amount of political activity in which it may engage, it does not prohibit a church from encouraging citizenship, including voter registration and voter turnout.

“Organizations and churches are encouraged by the state’s election division to engage in voter registration efforts, provided they are neutral and are not conducted on behalf of any candidate or political party. The following comprises what churches may and may not do under current law with regard to political involvement.”

So, here’s a list of do’s and don’ts concerning church and pastor involvement in the political process:

WHAT CHURCHES MAY DO:

- Conduct non-partisan voter registration drives.
- Distribute non-partisan voter education materials, such as Christian Coalition Voter Guides and scorecards, Right to Life and Family Council Voter Guides.
- Host candidate or issue forums where all viable candidates are invited and allowed to speak.
- Allow candidates and elected officials to speak at church services.
- Educate members about pending legislation.
- Lobby for legislation and spend no more than an insubstantial amount of their budget (five percent is safe) on direct lobbying activities.

WHAT CHURCHES MAY NOT DO:

- Endorse candidates directly or indirectly from the pulpit on behalf of the church.
- Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees.
- Distribute materials that clearly favor any one candidate or political party.
- Pay fees for partisan political events from church funds.
- Allow candidates to solicit funds while speaking in church.
- Set up a political committee that would contribute funds to political candidates.

WHAT PASTORS MAY DO:

- Endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens – A pastor does not lose his right to free speech because he is an employee of a church.
- Participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church.
- Lobby for legislation in their private capacity.

WHAT PASTORS MAY NOT DO:

- Endorse candidates directly or indirectly from the pulpit on behalf of the church.

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 Jan. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2016.

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JANE TRAYLOR: Little Flock Baptist Church

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NEXT MINISTRY CONNECTION WORKSHOP, MARCH 31, 2016



Baptist Progress will host the second Ministry Connection Workshop of 2016, Starting Ministries for Those With Hurts, Habits & Hangups (Celebration Recovery, DivorceCare & GriefShare), Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Alan Rogers, care pastor, The Avenue Church, Waxahachie and former president of Texas Baptist Home for Children will facilitate the workshop.

The workshop will be conducted at BMA of Texas Building, 632 Farley Street, Waxahachie from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register email editor@baptistprogress.org or call 972-923-0756. You may also preregister for future workshops by visiting <http://www.bmatexas.org/registration.html> or calling the number above.





New dean of students

By **DR. MIKE SMITH**

Jacksonville College President

Jacksonville College is pleased to present Donny Sadler as the new Dean of Students at Jacksonville College. As dean, Donny will not teach any classes. Instead, he will be responsible for developing, maintaining, and overseeing student activities. He will be highly involved in campus life and will spend much of his time talking and listening to students.

Born and raised in New London, Texas, Donny joined the United States Army at the age of 17, and he stayed in the army for 10 years. He attended The University of Texas at El Paso, as well as Jacksonville College.

Donny has been married to his wife, Staci, for 12 years, and God has blessed them with four beautiful children: Seth, Nathan, Mathew, and Ellie. The Sadlers share a love for the Gospel and a desire to serve the Lord.

As a preacher with a passion for evangelism, Donny encourages other believers to share their faith. Donny served as associate pastor of Latch Missionary Baptist Church in Gilmer for 1 ½ years, and as senior pastor of First Baptist Church in New Summerfield for five years. He spent 3 ½ years as associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville before he was called to Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Jacksonville, where he has served as pastor for the past four years.

With a desire to share God's love and truth with college students, Donny has been very involved in outreach at Jacksonville College for a number of years. While at First Baptist in Jacksonville, Donny started a college ministry called Vertical, and after he was called to pastor Woodland Heights, he continued his ministry to college students with F.U.E.L. (Finding Unconditional Eternal Love). During weekly F.U.E.L. meetings, students gather on the Jacksonville College campus for a time of Bible study, worship, and fellowship. In 2015, Donny also volunteered to serve as JC Chaplain.

Students love and respect Donny, and they know they can trust his counsel because it is founded on the Word of God. Donny's love of Jacksonville College students and his desire to see them become Christian leaders with strong moral values made him the ideal candidate for the position of Dean of Students.

Donny explains:

"I feel that my position as Dean of Students is just an extension of those college ministries. I am looking forward to playing a more intricate role in the lives of our students. Studies show that students leave church and set aside their faith during their college years, and most either return in their thirties or they never return at all. My goal is to bridge that gap and to keep them plugged into their faith during their time at Jacksonville College, and to equip them to be stronger church members in their home church when they leave us. I want to take advantage of possibly the last opportunity we have before our students go into the world and begin their families and careers, to touch them with the Word of God and help them start out in the right direction. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to be Dean of Students at a faith based college like Jacksonville College."

Jacksonville College is blessed to have a man with a passion for the Lord and a love for our students as Dean of Students. Last August when Donny spoke in Chapel, 37 students responded to the altar call. When Donny addressed students during the opening Chapel of Spring 2016, he used Hebrews 12 to challenge students to trust God for endurance in their studies and in their faith. At the end of the message, over 90 percent of the students present stood to affirm their commitment to trust Jesus even when times are difficult. Pray with us that God will continue to work in a mighty way through Donny in his new role at Jacksonville College.



▲ Donny Sadler (far left) and the JC Ministerial Alliance stand in front of the three wooden crosses that now stand to the left of the College's main entrance. The crosses were purchased with funds raised by the Ministerial Alliance



▲ Jacksonville College students gather for F.U.E.L, a college ministry led by JC Dean of Students Donny Sadler.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jaguar Capers Talent Show

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Buckner Chapel

Homecoming 2016: February 19-20

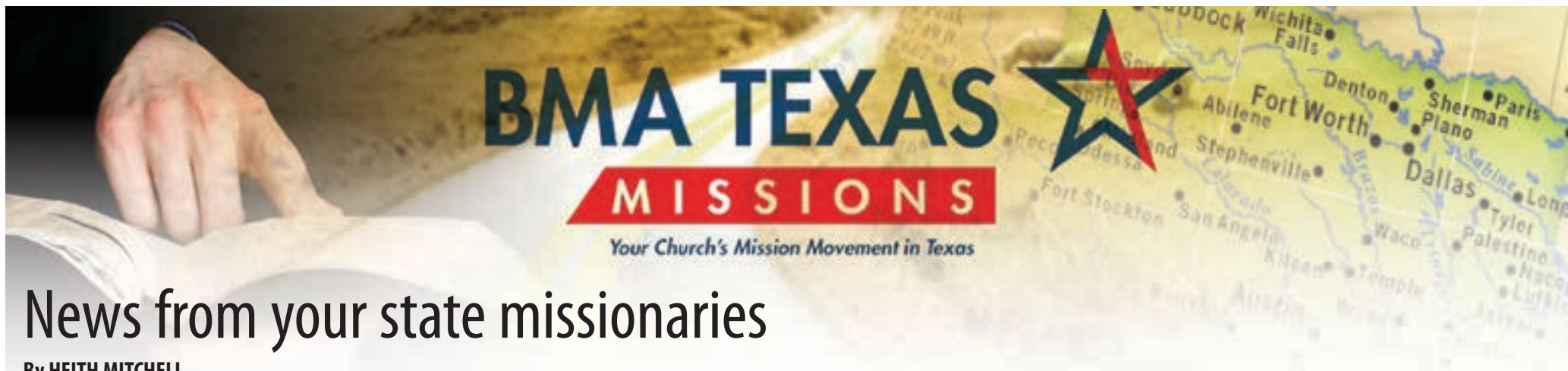
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Jag Jam 2016: Senior Visit Day

Saturday, February 27

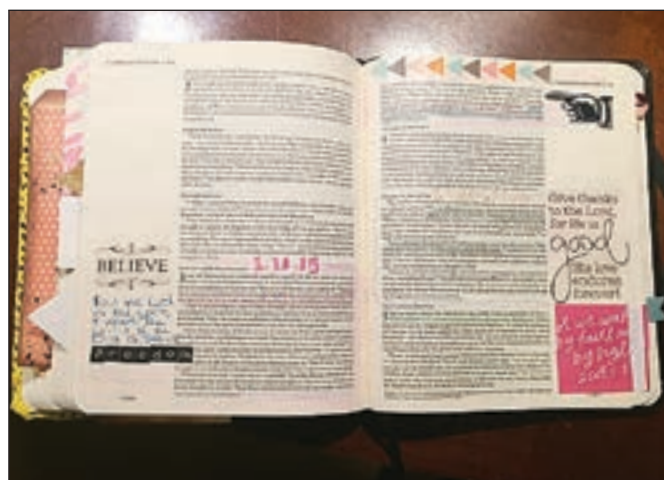
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News from your state missionaries

By **HEITH MITCHELL**
BMA Texas Missions Director

JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALLEN; Cecil Linke, lead pastor—There is no disputing the fact that we live in a generation where knowledge of the Bible is very low. No matter the stage or size of any local work, discipleship are key to growing and maturing a congregation. How does a person grow when most people think reading the Bible is boring. One reason for this is we seldom teach people to engage the Bible in a manner that suits their style of learning. Last Sunday we were privileged to have Tiffany share with our people how she is discovering the Bible in a new and fresh way. Tiffany took her love of scrap-booking to a whole new level when she began to create works of art in the columns of her journaling Bible. She writes keys words or phrases in colorful script as the Holy Spirit talks to her about each passage. How could you encourage people to read the Bible in a manner that helps them discover the message in a new way?



▲ Tiffany's Bible

LIFE CHANGE CHURCH, TYLER; Dewey Davidson & Rick Sydnor, pastors—We are developing one of our men into a pastor and leader. Toby Goodman has been licensed to the gospel ministry. It is our belief that he will pastor one of the churches we are starting. Life Change is delivering Valentine cupcakes from Collin Street Bakery to the elementary school this week for the teachers and staff. Included will be a flyer about the church.

RESONATE COMMUNITY CHURCH, HUTTO; Will Hutchinson, lead pastor—One of our biggest challenges has been to build a team to help us lead worship. Our goal has never been to have the greatest band or the best singers, but to have people who are passionate about what they are singing. As part of that for every song that we add the worship team member that suggests the song writes a half to one page typed explanation of the song. The explanation includes how the song fits in worship with scriptural references, the theology behind the song and

what the song means to the person requesting it. At first, everyone was saying it was crazy and just too much work. This past month, things changed as team members began to share how they incorporated our SOAP Bible Studies into the song selection, and it is now a great Bible study.

TEXAS HISPANIC MISSIONS; Arnulfo Maldonado, Texas Hispanic Missions coordinator—We had a great celebration in the baptizing of 10 new Christ-followers this month at Suburban Wood, Humble. In addition to the church's Anglo congregation Suburban Wood, there are an additional four Hispanic congregations. A recent baptism celebration saw two of the congregations come together to baptize, sing and hear God's Word preached. It was a busy weekend with seven of our Hispanic projects coming together for their monthly vision and strategy training with BMAA Hispanic Coordinator Mike Hight leading them in that development process. We also launched our Hispanic Bible Institute with an orientation training. We are excited to see these pastors creating a discipling process that will raise up solid Bible-based leaders to help us launch new churches in the months ahead.



▲ New Christ-followers baptized at Suburban Wood, Humble

THE CHURCH AT VALLEY RANCH, PORTER; Gary Southard, lead pastor—You never know when, where or how an opportunity will arrive. I meet every week in six different Bible clubs in six different schools. At one school, I have been working on the custodian staff, David and Rita. They look forward to our visit every Thursday. They are a blessing to me and we have become friends. At another elementary school, the head custodian is Hildia. She has four people working under her. They have volunteered to help us set up for our Sunday service on Fridays after school. Because of our presence in the school, I was asked to attend a manners banquet. I was able to connect with students and other school professionals on a different level.



▲ Pastor Gary Southard and students at manners banquet



▲ David, Pastor Gary Southard and Rita

THE REFUGE, TERRELL; Darren Lemons, lead pastor—This year will be a pivotal year for The Refuge. We move off national support and are trying to move off state support at the same time. We are seeing new people added and lives changed. Fourteen ladies recently signed up for accountability prayer and Bible study. In August, we moved into an old church building and have done numerous repairs. Other repair needs include: painting the exterior of the church, a church sign, addressing plumbing issues, and new shelving in our kids' area. We will launch a third kids' area in August. Funds to get the room ready are needed. Please consider donating to help us as we continue to grow. Thank you for your prayers.

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By PAUL GAUNTT

My concept of a pastor's heart differs somewhat today from that of 41 years ago when I went to my first pastorate.

I served under some great men of God, each of whom exuded a pastor's heart. Growing up in the parsonage, my own Dad never ceased to model a pastor's heart to me. Each of them are with the Lord today -- and I look back with fond memories of how each loved their congregations. They loved to see high attendance days -- they each one had trouble concealing their euphoria when the church built a new building, or added to the present one. Each one loved the privilege of preaching revivals each year -- and mixing with fellow pastors at association meetings, on the golf course, or in a fishing boat. But love for their flock was preeminent in each of their hearts.

In one of his books, Dr. Jack Taylor painted a bleak picture of a pastor who had reached the pinnacle of ministerial "success" yet obviously lacking a pastor's heart. His urban church was exploding with growth -- he was in great demand as a revivalist, conference speaker, and denominational leader. He had authored several books, and was becoming a media figure. But his testimony was that he was hollow, empty, actually not wanting to continue living. In fact, he noted that he asked God to take him in his sleep one night if this was all there was to Christian service.

Obviously, he awoke the next morning convinced God wasn't finished with him. He began frantically and passionately to search the scriptures to see if he could find meaning to his empty life. Suddenly a phrase written by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:27 leaped from the page; Paul was explaining heavenly riches, which had been kept secret to Old Testament saints, but now revealed New Testament saints, even among the Gentiles -- and that was -- and is today, "...Christ in you, the hope of glory."

When Taylor discovered this mind-blowing truth, it seemed to cultivate something in his heart that had been basically lacking in the past -- a pastor's heart.

The great Apostle revealed his pastor's

heart in Ephesians 1:15-16 -- "...after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." He then went on to develop one of the longest sentences known to literature, praying that they would (1) Know God; (2) Know God's calling; (3) Know God's riches; (4) Know God's power.

- When a man has a pastor's heart, he is exhilarated when he sees the light come on in one of his flock at the discovery of a spiritual truth from God's Word.
- When a man has a pastor's heart, he is willing to delegate ministry workload to others so he can give himself to the word. Acts 6:3-4
- When a man has a pastor's heart, he grieves, and even weeps over one of his flock slipping into sin.
- When a man has a pastor's heart, he has his flock in mind each week as he pours over God's Word, seeking God's message for the following week.
- When a man has a pastor's heart, he feels duty-bound to wade into uncomfortable truths from the Word, knowing that it will either bring conviction to the flock, or it might draw criticism or rejection from his flock.
- When a man has a pastor's heart, he is less concerned for his own creature comforts --in other words, he is not in it for the money. I Corinthians 9:8-15. Paul explained to the church that although he was scripturally entitled to a living wage, he would never demand it. "Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel." I Cor. 9:15.

Pastors, I have to examine my heart often to make sure it's a pastor's heart. If there is any other motive for doing what we do, then we have two choices -- either go to our knees and ask God to cultivate or renew within us a pastor's heart -- or go do something else.



Blessing others through our uniqueness

By **SHERRY DECKER**
BMA of Texas WMA President

Once again we have begun a new year. It’s a time of reflection of the past for many. A time when we look forward to the future and new goals are set. In our minds we all desire to do better, to accomplish more whether it be spiritually, mentally, or physically. I not only want to grow closer to the Lord and do His will for my life, but would like to see our WMA ladies throughout the state of Texas do the same.

God has called and placed so many of you ladies to serve Him through the WMA work. Your commitment and faithfulness not only honors God, but blesses those that

you have the opportunity to minister to. Because of our uniqueness, we can reach so many different people.

Psalm 139:13-16 tells us that we were fearfully and wonderfully made by God and that “Your eyes saw my unformed substance, in your book were written, every one of them, the days were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

God has had a plan for each one of us from the beginning. No matter who you are, God can use you to serve Him. All we need to do is to pray and seek His direction and then act

upon what He guides us to do. Someone once told me that God does not always call the qualified, but will qualify whom He calls. That is something that I have to remind myself of quite often.

If we have a willing heart, God will bless our efforts. My encouragement to you is to continue to serve God and look for new ways that you can be used. I also would like for us to join together and make a commitment to pray for one another...May God bless each one of you as you serve God through WMA and other ministries this year.

More on enlistment

By **CINDY ALLEN**
BMA of Texas WMA 1st Vice President

Every year, at this time, we begin to think about enlistment—how we can get new/more ladies to join our group? We each recognize the benefits of being an active member of our local WMA, but how can we get more ladies to see the same benefits that we see?

I think our theme for this year is a great place to start, “Open Homes, Open Hearts.” We can reach other ladies by being friends to them. We need to seek ways to make other ladies see their value, encourage them, and just plain “ole” love on them. So many ladies are missing this in their lives.

Some of the greatest mentors I have had were older WMA ladies. Ladies who took the time to write a note, give a hug, share a meal, share a prayer and just let me know that I was important to them. In the fast paced world we live in it takes a lot of effort to reach out to other ladies.

Who has time for that? But doesn’t our WMA song even

encourage us to be “reaching out”? In Proverbs we are told, “a friend loves at all times,” not just when it is convenient, but at ALL times. Even things that we may feel are insignificant can mean a lot to others. So, let’s think of ways we can reach out to others.

Let’s not focus so much on building our numbers at each meeting, but on serving the women around us. Pray and ask God who you can reach out to and what you can do to help. This may not bring others into our WMA meetings, but it will make a difference for God’s kingdom and isn’t that really the point of “REACHING OUT?”

Ask yourself some questions: Are our meetings held at a time that is convenient to a number of ladies? Are our meetings interesting? Do they meet the needs of a wide variety of women? Sometimes newcomers can be overwhelmed by all the formality. Is there a way we can consolidate and move the “have to” parts of the meeting along so we can focus more on the study, mission work?

Could the formation of another group/circle open our group up to more ladies?

Perhaps you could meet at someone’s home in a more informal setting and be more inviting to new ladies. Instead of doing a long study, have a different topic each meeting; maybe a different speaker. This may make women feel more comfortable than thinking they have missed meetings and therefore missed lessons. Have a prayer meeting. Invite ladies to the prayer meeting instead of to a WMA meeting. Let them see that you care for them and that your group has multiple functions. Even if you don’t gain many new members from your efforts, remember when we are “reaching out,” we are the hands and feet of Jesus and that is what He wants us to do. May God bless you and all your efforts for Him this year.

National WMA and District news

By **SHARON COLE**

Again this year the National WMA officers are hosting a luncheon honoring all minister’s wives and widows. It will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 12:15 p.m. in the Gatlinburg Room of the Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. This is a great gesture of love and recognition to honor these ladies who have faithfully stood beside the man God had chosen for them. You have an opportunity to make a contribution assisting the National WMA in honor of your pastor’s wife, past or present, or in memory of a pastor’s wife who has meant a lot to you. As you send your contribution, on a piece of paper clearly print the name of the person you wish to honor or remember. Make checks payable to National WMA and


before April 12, 2016, send to: Janet Widger, 7409 Rupert Ave. Richmond Heights, MO 63117, or email a response to jawidger@sbcglobal.net.

DISTRICT NEWS

Mt. Olive WMA at Old Center, Tenaha Jan. 26, 2016. After a delicious meal of sandwiches and desserts, the meeting was called to order by President Nelda Salas. After opening and business, the program was introduced by 2nd Vice President Shawn Norris. The theme song, (Christian version) “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” was sung. Our yearly theme, “Building Walls or Building Bridges” was emphasized this quarter with “Bridges

of Love.” This included: Hospitality, Encouragement, Authenticity, Resources and Time. We were challenged to make one new friend during the next quarter and incorporate the above characteristics in our daily lives so that we can build bridges of love. The next district meeting will be at Antioch, Carthage April 26, 2016.

Sharon Cole is the editor for the Texas WMA. Contact her at S9Co@aol.com. For more information on the Texas WMA, visit www.texaswma.com.



EVENTS

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2016
Jacksonville College Homecoming 2016
Jacksonville College,
105 B.J. Albritton Dr,
Jacksonville, Texas
Friday, Feb. 19, 2015, 12 p.m.
& Saturday, Feb. 20, 2015, 10 a.m.

MARCH 17, 2016
Liberty Association rally
for Texas Baptist Home
Fellowship Baptist Church, Pittsburg

MARCH 31, 2016
Baptist Progress Ministry
Connection Workshop: Starting Ministries
for Those With Hurts,
Habits & Hangups
(Celebration Recovery,
DivorceCare & GriefShare)
with Alan Rogers, care pastor,
The Avenue Church, Waxahachie
& former president of
Texas Baptist Home for Children
BMA of Texas Building
632 Farley Street, Waxahachie, Texas
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

APRIL 25-27, 2016
67th Annual Session
of the BMA of America
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Headquarters (Hotel: Glenstone Hotel),
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

MAY 1, 2016
Jaguar Day Across Texas
Annual Offering for Jacksonville College

MAY 7, 2016
Commencement Ceremonies
105 B.J. Albritton Dr.,
Jacksonville College
1:30 p.m.

MAY 12, 2016
Liberty Association Rally
for Baptist Medical Missions
Fellowship Baptist Church, White Oak

MAY 14, 2016
Baptist Progress Ministry
Connection Workshop:
Making the Most of Media,
Design & Communication
with Brandon Cox, pastor of
Grace Hills Church, Bentonville,
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Farley Street Baptist Church Gym
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JOHN HENDERSON is available for pulpit supply. He is a member of First of Providence, Livingston. Contact him at 936-327-9228 or henderson2@livingston.net.

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MUSIC/YOUTH—Lake Highland, Sulphur Springs is seeking a minister of music and youth. Send resume to the church at P.O. Box 441, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483 or call 903-885-9188. ^{3/23}

PASTOR—Myrtle Springs, Quitman is seeking a pastor. Send resume to the church at 2185 FM 2225, Quitman, Texas 75783.

PASTOR—Glenfawn, Cushing is seeking a pastor. Send resume to the church at P.O. Box 126, Laneville, Texas 75667 or call Dean Risinger at 903-404-0292.

PIANIST--New Beginnings, Mansfield is seeking a pianist to play traditional and contemporary style praise and worship music. This is for Sunday morning only, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$100 per week. Contact Pastor Brian at 817-291-6727. ^{3/2}

PASTOR—Grace Temple, San Angelo is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resumes to 105 Guthrie, San Angelo, Texas 76901 or gtm@gtministries.com or call 325-949-0713. ^{3/2}

PASTOR—Blackjack, Troup is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to the church at blackjackbaptistchurch@gmail.com or P.O. Box 605, Troup, Texas 75789. ^{TFN}

PASTOR—First Missionary, Morton is seeking a fulltime pastor. Send resume to the church at P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346 or to jimmysealy@aol.com. ^{TFN}

OBITUARY

WILLIAM TRAVIS PLUMLEE
November 11, 1955 - January 28, 2016

William Travis Plumlee, 60, of Mountain View, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior Jan. 28, 2016 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Travis was born in Fort Worth Nov. 11, 1955 to Bobby Carl and Gracie (Powell) Plumlee. Travis was a Baptist minister who loved the Lord and served him faithfully. He loved his family with all of his heart. He devoted his whole life to strengthening families and furthering the kingdom of God. He was an ordained minister with a doctorate in theology. His goals were always involving restoring the family unit. He received many awards over the years for his service. Travis wrote a column for *Baptist Progress* and other publications about the family for several years. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (White) Plumlee; one son, Austin Plumlee and wife, Amelia; one daughter, Alison Stearns and husband, Josh; one brother, Ronnie Plumlee and wife, Sherry; one sister, Sandra Cersonsky and husband, Butch; as well as two grandchildren, Hudson Stearns and Ava Plumlee. Travis was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby Carl and Gracie (Powell) Plumlee, as well as one infant daughter and two infant sons. Funeral services were Feb. 1, 2016, 1:00pm at Flatwoods Missionary Baptist Church with Bro Tim Smith, Eric Goble and Charles Hunt officiating. Interment followed at Flatwoods Cemetery following the service.



CHURCHES IN REVIEW

JANUARY 31, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
Anthony Drive, Ennis	46	91	
Bethel, Groesbeck	43	42	
Cedar Creek, Teague	14	21	
Farley Street, Waxahachie	489	586	
First, Omen	35	75	
First, Palmer	50	78	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	13	47	2 By Statement
Harvest, Lufkin	50	60	7 By Baptism
Jackson, Joaquin	83	180	
Little Flock, Lufkin	10	10	
Merriman Hills, Sherman	11	11	
New Harmony, Tyler	327	387	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	49	55	
Pine Brook, Tyler	31	68	
Rosewood, Gilmer	145	226	1 By Baptism
Security Calvary, Cleveland	21	40	
Temple, Mexia	39	48	1 By Letter
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	21	30	

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Church	SS	Worship	Additions
Anthony Drive, Ennis		103	
Antioch, Gilmer	51	82	1 By Letter
Cedar Creek, Teague	17	23	
Farley Street, Waxahachie	543	631	5 By Letter
First, Blooming Grove	210		1 By Baptism
First, Omen	41	85	
First, Palmer	53	90	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	18	41	
Harvest, Lufkin	35	35	
Jackson, Joaquin	80	145	
New Beginnings, Venus	40	60	1 By Baptism, 1 By Letter, 2 By Statement
New Harmony, Tyler	300	393	1 By Letter, 1 By Baptism
New Hope, Mineola	69	115	4 By Baptism
Rosewood, Gilmer	124	198	1 By Profession, 1 By Letter
Security Calvary, Cleveland	14	45	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	15	23	

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Sunday School Lessons

Ezekiel—Glory

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: February 28, 2016

TEXT: Ezekiel 1:1; 4-8; 12-14; 28

Ezekiel, who comes from a priestly lineage, began his ministry of prophecy at the age of 30. But rather than begin his ministry as a priest in the temple, the Lord God had another assignment for him. The son of Buzi, a priest, Ezekiel was exiled to Babylon, some 10 years after Daniel was taken into exile with Judah.

In chapters 1-3, God overwhelms Ezekiel with a vision of destruction of Judah because of their evil, rebellious hearts toward Him. Ezekiel's marching orders from God included the dismal news that Judah's hearts would be evil and hardened and no one would listen to him.

In chapters 4-24, Ezekiel delivered God's message of judgement, incorporating parables and graphic illustrations of Judah's demise, including drawing a map of Jerusalem, and dramatizing, with his own body, the destruction of Jerusalem. God even illustrated Judah's hearts which were indifferent and hardened, by commanded Ezekiel to not show mourning when his own wife died. God's aim was going to His chosen nation: "Thou hast borne thy

lewdness and thine abominations, saith the Lord." Ezekiel 16:58

Other nations who also mocked the God of Israel because of their captivity would also realize the judging hand of God -- Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon and Egypt.

Even in the face of the terrible judgement and punishment from an almighty, sovereign God, a message of hope still rings through. "And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest." Ezekiel 37:3.

CONCLUSION:

The scripture is emphatic when it says that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is holy, just, perfect and sovereign. He is also a glorious God, as was illustrated in the awesome vision He presented to His prophet in the first chapter. He is merciful and loving, but He is a God of wrath and judgement. The book of Ezekiel illustrates to New Testament believers the overwhelming priority of God the Father, that His children likewise live holy and obedient, with a heart of genuine worship to Him. Ezekiel is an object lesson of the consequences for failure to do so.

Daniel—Supremacy

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: March 6, 2016

TEXT: Daniel

No matter what trials and persecutions God's people faced while in captivity, God had His protective hand on His servants.

Daniel was one of the exceptional young men chosen by King Nebuchadnezzar to work for him in his palace. The king ordered his magicians and sorcerers to interpret a dream, or else be doomed. Daniel, who received grace from God, was able to interpret the dream not only found favor with the king, but was promoted to an astute position in the kingdom.

The account of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, refusing to bow to the king's idol is noted in chapter 3. Their great faith was demonstrated when they were thrown into the fiery furnace, testifying whether or not their God would deliver them from the furnace, they said "...be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Daniel 3:18. God was faithful to deliver them. (3:25)

Daniel interpreted another dream of the king in chapter 4 in which the king was informed that he would be reduced eating grass as oxen. (4:32) Nebuchadnezzar learned from this humbling experience God is able to bring low, those who walk in pride. (3:37)

Similar lessons in humility were learned by Belshazzar and Darius. Darius's decree forbidding anyone to pray to anyone but himself, eventually showcased the faithfulness of God's servant to give up his own life in a den of hungry lions rather than to compromise his own faith. It served as a vivid object lesson to Darius.

The book of Daniel contains visions of end-time events significant to the Jews. It is also a strong account of the absolute sovereignty and supremacy of God over all nations, no matter how arrogant, evil and self-promoting the leaders may be.

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Emphasis on classes ending in 6
- 1:00 p.m. Tour of campus and facilities
Newburn-Rawlinson House (Alumni Offices) available
for touring and visitation through the afternoon
- 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Family Life Center (210 Philip St.)
Alumni Reception and Registration
Alumni displays: 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006
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Finger foods, cake, and punch
- 7:00 p.m. Alumni Program
Welcome
Introduction of faculty
2016 highlights/accomplishments:
College and Alumni Association
Recognition of the 6's
Accomplishment overviews:
ministers, teachers, nurses, etc.
Alumni music performances: 1956, 1976
Free time: group fellowships on site

Saturday, February 20

- 8:30 a.m. Purple and Gold Breakfast in JC Little Cafeteria
- 9:30 a.m. Buckner Chapel foyer: registration, dues for JC
Alumni Association
- 10:00 a.m. Celebration in Buckner Chapel
Jacksonville College Choir, JC Theater Program
Dr. Smith: highlights and introduction of faculty/staff
Alumni Association reports
Recognition of classes ending in 6
Coming Home Royalty
"Hallelujah Chorus" performed by current and
former JC students
- 12:00 p.m. Chapter Luncheons
Kellar-Laird-Carroll (to 1965)
First Baptist Church Jacksonville:
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Bearden-Bonner-Gaylor (1966-1979)
First Baptist Church Jacksonville:
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Anderson-Orr-Small (1980-1999)
Beverly's Country Cafe: 1712 S. Jackson, Jacksonville
Crank-Ross (2000 to present)
Woodland Heights Baptist Church: 273 Hwy 204 E
- 1:00 p.m. Chapter business meetings
- 4:00 p.m. Curtis Carroll Field House/Gymnasium:
Lady Jags vs. Coastal Blend College
- 5:30 p.m. Recognition of athletes and cheerleaders:
Classes ending in 6
- 6:00 p.m. Jags vs. Coastal Bend College
Coronation of JC King and Queen at halftime



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