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First-ever *Revive Us Again* Conference takes place at Jacksonville College



By **JERRY FULTON**
Editor of Baptist Progress

The first-ever *Revive Us Again Conference* took place at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville June 18, 2019. The conference that emphasized the pastor, the local church and local associations was well-attended.

A warm welcome was extended by Dr. Mike Smith, president of Jacksonville College, followed by music from David Yarbrough, pastor of worship at First, Carthage. Dr. Allen Tilley, senior pastor of First, Carthage, then preached a message titled, *Reviving the Pastor*, from Rev. 2:1-5. At the conclusion of his message, a discussion and prayer time was led by Grady Cashion, pastor of First, Blooming Grove.

Neil Dumas, director of music at Cornerstone, Jacksonville, led in singing, followed by a message titled, *Jesus is Lord of the Pastor*, taken from 1 Peter 5:1-11, preached by Dr. Mark Livingston, pastor of Keltys First, Lufkin.

Following lunch, provided by Jacksonville College, Dr. Mike Smith and Heith Mitchell,

director of BMA Texas Missions, led a discussion on the associational landscape. Smith and Mitchell discussed the health of local associations and pointed out various solutions to improve local association interaction and meetings.

Dr. Charley Holmes, president of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, spoke on the history of associational Baptists. Time was then given to four representatives from local associations to present the various models of how their associations function. Presentations were given by Bro. Charles Johnson, representing the Liberty Association; Terry Bolton, representing the Wood County Association; Ryan Burchett, representing the Dallas County BMA and Grady Cashion, representing the Ellis-Hill Association.

Music was then provided by Dr. Blanton Feaster, vice president of administrative affairs at Jacksonville College, and his wife, Jaime. Raif Turner, pastor of LakeRidge, Lubbock then preached a message titled *Value*

One Another, from Ephesians 4:1-7; 12-15).

After a delicious barbecue meal, provided by men from New Harmony, Tyler, music was presented by the New Harmony Men's Quartet. Following the music, Brett Lester, lead pastor of First, Livingston, preached, *Reviving the Church*, from John 11:1-44. A church health discussion was then led by Larry Barker, pastor of Cornerstone, Jacksonville.

The Feasters again sang and the conference was concluded by a message from Todd West, pastor of Oasis Church, one church with multiple locations in Arkansas. The title of his message was *Jesus is Lord of the Church*, Revelation 3:1-8. Following West's message, those in attendance gathered in groups to pray for the Lord to bring revival in local churches.

Interest in more conferences in the future like the *Revive Us Again Conference* was expressed. The conference was sponsored by the BMA of Texas departments.

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Baptist Progress Anniversary Offering

By **JERRY FULTON**

Thanks to the following churches, groups and individuals who gave to the *Baptist Progress* Anniversary Offering in June. We appreciate your partnership in ministry.

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Enterprise, Jacksonville	\$107	Mahl, Nacogdoches	\$107	TOTAL	\$12,538
First, Livingston	\$200	Macune, San Augustine	\$107		
First, Palmer	\$107	New Beginnings, Venus	\$170		

OBITUARIES

GROVER LAIRD

Bro. Grover Laird, 90, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at his residence. He was born January 11, 1929 to the late Thomas Laird and the late Lina Broom Laird. Bro. Laird has been a minister of The Gospel for 74 years. Twelve of those years were in full time evangelism. He was a member of East Fulton Baptist Church. He pastored churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Texas. He served as a state missionary in Texas and Kentucky. For over 20 years he had a jail ministry and spoke on radio stations locally and in the Philippines. He published "The Revivalist" for 44 years, wrote seven Christian tracts and published a book "Sermons, Devotionals, and Thoughts." He was a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College and received an honorary doctorate degree from Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. He was the recipient of Itawamba County's Citizen of the Year Award in 1988.

Services were June 29, 2019 at East Fulton Baptist Church with ministers Dewitt Bain, Roger Laird, Kevin Clayton, and John Lewis.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Ester Mae Laird; daughters: Fran Wolski (Tommy) Thomas of Counce, TN, Evelyn (Tony) Dyer of Crandall, TX, Margaret Sheffield (John) Butler of Fulton, and Nancy (Tommy) Edwards of Petal, MS; granddaughters: Tammy (Tom) Coltharp, Ashley (Billy) Barnett, Lisa (Eric) Darracott; grandsons: Larry Moore, Garrett Dyer, Bruce (Lesley) Sheffield, Dustin Harris, Brady (Heather) Edwards; 11 great-grandchildren. Special thank you to his caregiver Norma Patrick.

Preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Thomas Moore, 5 brothers and 3 sisters, son-in-law, Dan Wolski.

Memorials can be made to the BMA of America Missions Department, PO Box 878, Conway, AR 72033.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.senterfuneraldirectors.com.

KENNETH DORMAN

Merle Kenneth Dorman was a retired BMA pastor and educator who left his mark on so many children and families during his life. He will always be remembered in the hearts of those he touched.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Terry Elaine Dorman; son, Jeffrey Dorman; parents, Charlie and Maggie Bowers Dorman; several brothers and sisters.

Bro. Dorman is survived by his cherished children, Rhonda (Gary) Cooper, Rebecca (Frank) Brown, Cassie (Alex) Bell, Travis (Chrisy) Jackson, and Carla (Shawn) Bales; precious grandchildren, Carrie (Ethan) Wills, Lee (Katie) Tolbert, Kevin (Elizabeth) Tolbert, Lisa (Chris) Underwood, Gavin Dorman, Patrick Dorman, Melanie (Brendon) Secrist, Quinton Marchi, Tracy Montgomery, Eva Montgomery, Rebecca Jackson, Aidan Jackson, Jack Bales, Lincoln Bales; and great-grandchildren, Carlie Day, Kaitlyn Wills, Eiven Wills, Gracie Tolbert, Lorelai Tolbert, Alice Tolbert, Harvey Tolbert, Gryffin Secrist, and Sienna Tolbert; and brother Wiley Dorman.

Visitation and services were held at Heritage Funeral Home, Harker Heights on July 3, 2019 from Condolences may be sent to: <https://www.heritage-funeralhome.com>.

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Are You An A.C.L.U. Member?

By **DR. JOHN ADAMS**

Moral Action Executive Director

You may be a member of the American Civil Liberties Union as you joined 1,200,000 others to protect your voting and civil liberties. Every so often, Americans receive a business reply mail to join this nationwide organization. Moral Action urges you to consider this decision carefully in light of God's Word, the Bible and your defense of the Christian life.

Some A.C.L.U. good attributes are presented in their brochures and writings. The A.C.L.U. is non-profit, non-partisan, and they do not receive any government funding. Member dues and grants from private foundations pay for their work.

A.C.L.U. projects, state-wide and nationally, are issues with AIDS, prison punishments, lesbian and gay rights, immigrant rights, reproductive freedoms, voting, workplace issues, etc., etc.

This group has become liberal and anti-Christian in their views and helps. They have assisted controversial issues and unpopular stands, especially unpopular to Christian men and women that adhere to the scriptures.

They have gone to court for American Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, the Nation of Islam and the N.A.A.C.P. In a recent A.C.L.U. 50 State Survey sent via mail, Americans and Christians were asked 1) Are you concerned about President Donald Trump undermining the rule of law, 2) are you concerned about the American government's harsh treatment of immigrants and their due process, 3) are you concerned about efforts to undermine the Roe vs. Wade abortion law, and 4) are you concerned about President Donald Trump and conservative efforts to deny L.G.B.T.Q. (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer) people their fundamental rights, and on and on with 14 detailed questions. They oppose the death penalty, they oppose government preference for religion over non-religion, and the right for L.G.B.T.Q. people to adopt children and babies. Since 1920 they have harshly promoted and sought to enforce separation of church versus state, have taken court cases in behalf of the Communist Party, and they have a policy in favor of pornographic material about children.

God's churches in this 21st Century now visualize the A.C.L.U. as "the Sometimes Civil Liberties Union", because they have formally reversed its support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Basically, this so-called liberties organization is no longer interested in mounting a consistent defense of all people of Christian



faith...Robby Soave, 06-29-2015.

God's people have promoted and lived by "In God We Trust", "Under God", or "So Help Me God" over the years of our American history. A.C.L.U. wishes to radically remove any religious titles, comments, and inspiring mottos.

Churches of America, especially conservative churches that are Bible believers, have supported Christian businesses and Christian entrepreneurs like Hobby Lobby and Chick-Fil-A, that have fought against the liberal think-tanks and such anti-Christian groups.

Louise Melling, deputy legal director of the A.C.L.U. stated, "We (A.C.L.U.) can no longer support the federal "Religious Freedom" law. This Yale Law School graduate under her leadership since 2015 has led in the Supreme Court decisions to marry same-sex couples as a fundamental right, challenged anti-abortion groups, fought for Muslims to serve in Congress, and to specifically fight against government promotion of church. You can tweet her at Louise Melling @ LibertyLouise to voice your objections as a born again Christian.

Churches must know that we are to stand for our Savior and to defend the faith, whoever the opposition may be. So, where do committed, truly dedicated believers of Christ take their Christian stand? Christians are against liberalism; we are supporters of Christian teachings, Israel, and we support the church. Where in the Bible? God's Word states:

- 1) I Peter 3:15, a true defense,
- 2) II Corinthians 10:4-6, mighty champ of God,
- 3) Philippians 1:6-7, confident, and
- 4) I Kings 18:36-39, God's Elijah, and on and on!

Believers, we are commanded to use apologetics in as many or more places as we are told to preach the gospel. A powerful writing that enhances our younger church people with courage is "Apologetics Study Bible for Students, Trade Paper", Dr. Sean McDowell and "The Apologetics Study Bible" by Holman. May we take our faith—stand against such anti-God programs as "the A.C.L.U." Are you a member?

Dr. John M. Adams is the executive director of BMAA Moral Action. Contact him at Moral Action - BMA of America . P.O. Box 305 . Mantachie, Mississippi 38855 or visit www.macbma.net for more information.



What? Grabbing the remote control, I replayed the news story, and this time I paid attention. It was true! Ten tall yellow banners displaying the words "In No God We Trust" decorated both sides of Main Street in downtown Fort Worth, Texas! This was not a hoax or prank. To the contrary, Mayor Betsy Price explained that leaders of an upcoming seminar for atheists had completed the process, and met all legal requirements to advertise their upcoming convention. Complaints were rolling in, but even though the mayor disagreed with the message, the banners could legally remain in place for a limited time.

Two days later, on July 4, I was still thinking about those banners. Sometimes the price of freedom is shame and embarrassment when what we hold dear is publicly ridiculed; other times, fear threatens our very existence when bullies take their "freedom" to the streets to intimidate and assault the innocent. Freedom for some often restricts freedom for others.

In the mayor's closing remarks, she reminded us that thousands have sacrificed their lives so that we ALL may have freedom of speech.

In spite of the price, many have served freedom's cause. They left. They gave. Some did not return. My cousin, Wallace Brown, was one of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. He lived in the Shady Grove Community in Panola County, Texas and was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church where his father was a former pastor. In a letter dated April 24, 1943, he assured his friends that he was praying for the light of his church to shine throughout the world to all who have been called to serve. He went on to say that he was ready to die, if necessary, and was satisfied that he had had a small part in preserving liberty in the country he loved. June 12, 1944, Cpl. Wallace Brown was killed in action in Finchhoffer, New South Wales.

Over 240 years ago, an unquenchable thirst for freedom ignited the spirit of brave men to give all they had to insure "liberty and justice for all", carving out a government based on Christian principles and morals. Not all were believers, but many of our founding fathers recorded evidence of faith and made direct quotes from the Bible. President George Washington summed it up by saying: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

In June of 1863, a few weeks before the battle of Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln said: "I do not rely on the patriotism of our people, the bravery and devotion of the boys in blue, the loyalty and skill of our generals, but the God of our Fathers . . ."

May this same spirit and message ring out across our land today because our faith is firmly planted . . . "In God We Trust"!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." Psalm 33:12
God Bless America!

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.



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Yellowpine-Macedonia, Hemphill to host quarterly meeting with BMA Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes

Yellowpine-Macedonia, Hemphill will host Dr. Charley Holmes, president of the BMA Theological Seminary for the quarterly meeting of the Original Bethlehem Association. Dr. Holmes will bring a message of the gospel as well as information from the seminary.

The service begins at 7 p.m., July 26, 2019, and will be followed by fellowship.

Yellowpine-Macedonia is located at the intersection of State Highway 87 and Farm to Market Road 2343 in the Yellowpine community south of Hemphill.

Pastor: T.A. Lane, 409-584-1144 or 936-275-0125



▲ Dr. Charley Holmes

Less Vision, More Scripture

By JORDAN M. TEW

Pastor of Eighth Street, Grand Prairie

A word we often hear in today's ministry world is "vision." Pastors, church planters, and missionaries often use this word to speak of the plans for their respective ministries and the direction they will take over the course of time. As a pastor, I've noticed that this word has caused two primary reactions: 1. Some are invigorated, as they consider exciting ministry endeavors and strategies to fulfill them, 2. Some cringe, as the word "vision", brings to mind charismatic experiences and extra-biblical revelation. How should we view the use of this word, and more importantly, the theological implications of it in our ministries?

First, I think we need to understand there is nothing at all wrong with planning ministry endeavors well. The Apostle Paul often made plans, raised funds, and communicated his ministry goals to the local churches. That is a healthy practice and lends itself to organization, efficiency, and productivity. God gave us brains, so there's nothing wrong with using them to make plans. He gave us mouths, so there's nothing wrong with communicating our plans to others. Communicating our plans to others, especially our local church, also lends itself to accountability. Perhaps, at times, our "vision" is not entirely Bible-based? The local congregation is able to hold us accountable, as we are transparent about our ministry intentions.

Second, we must understand God is not giving us any new revelation. The Scriptures are closed. There are no new verses or pages to write. Hebrews 1:2 reminds us that the final revelation of God is the Person of Jesus Christ. We have to be careful not to place our ministry goals on the same plane as God's revealed Word. I don't believe most are doing this within the BMA or other conservative Christian groups and denominations. However, there are many who do this regularly, claiming God has "given them a word" or "given them a vision for the ministry." These "words" and/or "visions" are regarded as authoritative and placed side-by-side with Scripture as the driving force of the ministry.

In fact, these ministers will often commandeer Scripture in an attempt to proof-text the so-called "words" and "visions" they have claimed to receive. That's a dangerous place to be. As the old pastor and theologian John Owen said: "If private 'revelations' agree with scripture, they are needless, and if they disagree, they are false."

Finally, we need to remember that the vision for the church, church plant, mission field, etc. has already been given. The Bible clearly lays out God's vision for His church. Jesus did not ascend to Heaven without giving us a clear-cut plan for His church or the ministers who would serve her.

His vision includes the following:

- Operating under the authority of Christ and His Word
- Making disciples of all nations
- Baptizing believers
- Teaching the Word of God

This short list is taken directly from the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28:18-20. In addition to this, we can add several things such as: observing the Lord's Supper (Mark 14:22-25), caring for widows and orphans (James 1:27), bearing one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), financially-supporting missions and pastors (1 Timothy 5:17-18), practicing Christian accountability/church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20), and many others. What all these actions have in common is that they are drawn directly from Scripture. That is a good thing.

Outside of the 66 books of the Bible, there is no other vision for the church worth pursuing or implementing. There is no way to improve God's plan, nor is there a need to try. The Gospel is extremely relevant and that relevance is not bound by time, culture, race, or place. There is nothing we can do to make the Gospel ministry more relevant or effective. We need only to be faithful to God's Word. He will bless His Gospel, His Word, His ministers, and His churches. We don't need more vision these days. We need more Scripture.



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10/40 Window

By RALPH IZARD, M.D.

Director of BMMI

If you were going to partner with a gospel missions effort to reach as many with the gospel as possible, where would you begin? If you could locate a place on the map where millions and millions of people live in a very concentrated area, where two-thirds of the world's population live on just one-third of the earth's land mass, would that seem like a logical place to focus your efforts? There is a place that matches that description. It's called the 10/40 window.

The 10/40 Window (10 and 40 degrees north latitude) is where nearly 2/3 of the world's population, almost 4 billion people, is located. It represents the heart of the Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Animist and Atheist religions of the world. The people living there have very little or no access to any Christian resources. In fact, most of the governments residing in the 10/40 window are hostile to Christianity.

Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI) has been led of the Lord to focus our ministry efforts working with BMA Missionaries to reach the people in the 10/40 Window. By taking much-needed medical care to the underserved people living in the

10/40 window, BMMI is opening doors for BMA Missionaries to plant new churches and make new disciples for Christ.

The average cost of caring for a patient in a BMMI Clinic is approximately \$20. That \$20 can change a person's eternal destiny. That \$20 makes it possible for a BMMI physician to care for a patient, pays for his/her airfare to the field, gives him a modest place to stay, allows for food expense, provides all of the medicines needed, pays for language translators, gives eyeglasses for patients who need them and provides for an evangelistic team to share the love of Jesus with each patient who comes to the clinic. On each BMMI trip there are over 1000 patients who are ministered to. That's 1000 people who are given medical care and introduced to the Good News of Jesus... all for only \$20 per patient.

How can you be a part of BMMI's effort to reach the 10/40 window? First, please pray daily for the ministry of BMMI. Second, volunteer to be part of a BMMI team! You don't have to be a medical professional to go on a BMMI Trip! There are many places where you could be a real blessing! Your greatest qualification is

a desire to see people come to faith in Jesus. Finally, help supply medicine, eyeglasses or support someone who has a desire to go on a trip by giving a generous offering to this ministry.

Help change the life of someone needing life-giving medicine and the life-giving message of Jesus by partnering with us financially at [bمامissions.org/bمامi](http://bمامissions.org/bmmi) or by mail at BMMI, 611 Locust Street, Conway, Arkansas 72034.



TEXAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Perspective

By **JASON CURRY**

So many people struggle with a variety of things when it comes to saying “yes” to helping kids. Most of them are things that can be overcome with training and a change of perspective. But sometimes there are things that we have experienced in life that can be so difficult that we feel overpowered by it. Trauma from one's past is a clear example. Perhaps you experienced something so traumatic that you feel it prevents you from stepping up to help. This is hard and something that only God can help you heal from and know complete healing will only happen in eternity. But we can start a journey today to give our pain to God; we should not be afraid to seek out Christian Counselors or Pastors to help us walk through this.

The lives of the kids of Texas Baptist Home for Children revolve around this reality. When they come into our care, every child is evaluated and is invited to talk about their past. Understanding what has happened to them is the first step in anyone's healing. TBHC is always trying to provide the highest care possible for our kids. But some of our kids can't begin to rationalize what they have experienced or understand that it's not their fault. Every foster parent at TBHC is therapeutically trained to listen to their kids and to hear what they are saying, not just the words they use. There is always something beneath the surface. Pray for discernment in our

foster parents. It's hard to hear traumatic events in a child's life and then turn around and do all the paperwork, reports, and continue to give the highest quality care. I know each one works hard to give their best care for TBHC kids.

So, imagine if everyone in your church had experienced trauma or neglect. What would your church look like? Well the truth is that most people have experienced trauma in some form. The way one ministers and loves people changes when our perspective changes about people. We listen to what people are saying instead of the words they are using. “How are you today?” “Good. You?” This sounds familiar and beneath the question and the answer you find the truth... don't be afraid to go there with people. Let's make church a place for the hurting and find healing. Thanks for helping TBHC be a place for kids of trauma to learn to triumph. God bless you and thanks for helping bring kids home.

Jason Curry is the president of the Texas Baptist Home for Children. Contact him 629 Farley St, Waxahachie, TX 75165, 972-937-1321 or jcurry@tbhc.org. For more information, visit www.tbhc.org.



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CHURCH HEALTH

Relationships matter

By **LARRY BARKER**

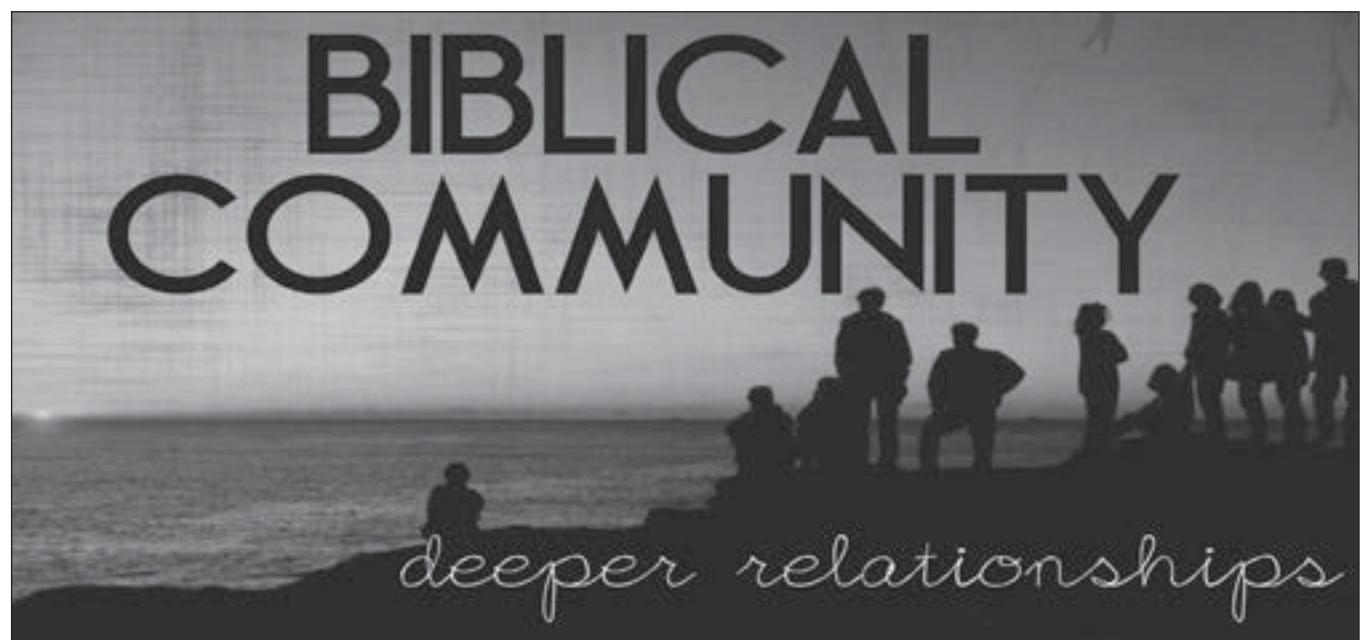
Jesus is the Lord of His church! That means that He is the boss and He calls the shots. Jesus challenges us to be a church that is biblical, relational and missional. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 make it clear that the connecting ingredient that made His churches bring Him glory was when they recognized Him as their Lord and Master. Six of the seven churches of Asia received some kind of compliment from Christ. As you read His admonitions to these churches it becomes apparent that all of His churches are important and all are significant to Him.

The biblical mandate is for a group of believers to join together in a local church to carry out His Great Commission. Thankfully, believers are not expected to do this alone or to be transformed alone. Christ has always desired for us to live, grow, and serve in community and fellowship with others. When Saul was saved in Acts 9 the Lord told Ananias to go get him and help him. It has been said that, “Transformation is a communal experience, not an individual exercise.” The greatest potential to grow in Christ is realized in community with other believers.

Surveys tell us that when we connect attenders to small groups that they are five times more likely to still be faithful to church five years later. That is a great thing to know and we should believe in and promote the benefit of small groups but we are not driven primarily by pragmatism. Jesus came and focused His time on a small group where He built relationships and did life with twelve men. The reason we should be sold on small groups is far more theological than just the fact that it is effective. Small groups are biblical and critical to our spiritual growth.

The power and the benefit of community is a biblical fact and not just a passing fad. Think of how we are commanded to meet together. Even the Greek word for church, *ecclesia*, is plural and means “called-out ones.” It is not the called out one or individual but overwhelmingly refers to that local congregation of baptized believers who are doing life together in order to live on His mission. The importance of being a part of a local congregation cannot be overstated. It is essential to our growing and maturing into whom Christ wants us to be.

If we choose to grow on our own by ourselves that growth will be much slower than it was meant to be, at best, and it will be very warped growth, at worst. We must teach with confidence a theology of community. We were created for community and there is no way we can fulfill the over thirty “one anothers” (pray for, comfort, forgive, etc.) without community. God’s plan is for every one of us to find a biblically sound group of committed



believers to fellowship with and carry out His mission together.

Small groups are where real and lasting transformation can occur. They do not guarantee spiritual growth but are a tool that Jesus used and challenges us to use at well. The goal is not a method that generates numeric growth but rather an environment where every person in the church can become a mature disciple of Jesus Christ! Small groups should not be seen by your church as an option but rather seen as a biblical mandate for returning us to the environment for which God created us. Hebrews says clearly, “Not staying away from our worship meetings.”

Worship is what connects us to the Lord while small groups connect us to one another. Then we are connected to the mission He has called us to carry out. You cannot deny the truth that we need one another, we are better together, and God intended from the beginning that we never follow Him alone. We should always be willing to proceed alone if required but we should never have to. It is not God’s primary mode of operation. Community is the structure that God has always intended for His churches in order to care for and shepherd one another.

Hebrews 10:22-24 gives us three plural admonitions, “Let us.” Verse 22 says, “Let us draw near.” The beauty of seeking Him together is having a community of believers where we can love and be loved, know and be known, serve and be served. In verse 23 we are challenged, “Let us hold on to the confession.” We lean on one another with a willingness to bear one another’s

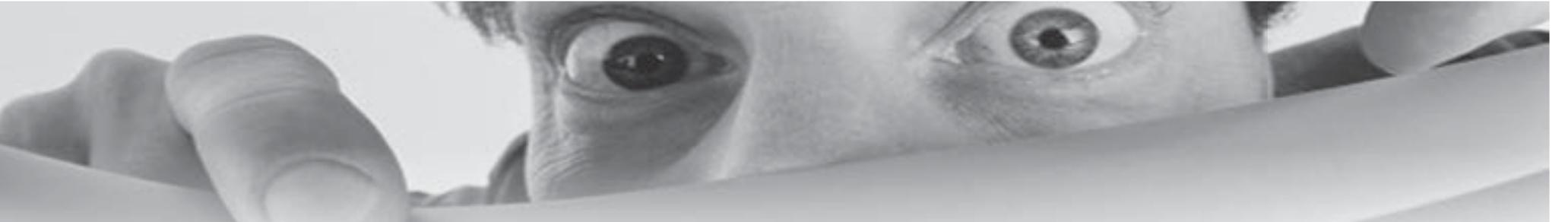
burdens. When we have a church family we know that we have the support of others who have our back. They understand the struggles and spiritual battles of following Christ.

Community is essential to our spiritual growth and Hebrews 10:24 says, “Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works.” The theology of community throughout the scriptures makes it clear that we need the church and the church needs us. Let us encourage one another daily and lovingly hold one another accountable. Romans 15:7 says, “Therefore accept one another, just as the Messiah also accepted you to the glory of God.”

Yes, small groups work and they are beneficial to individual growth and the entire health of the church. This is the biblical mandate and this is God’s plan. One author puts it this way, “We’re not saying growth doesn’t happen apart from community. But we don’t think it’s possible for formation to fully occur without community.” When we get into biblical community we are returning to what God intended from the very beginning!

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INSIGHTS *for* PASTORS

A pastor's prayer life

By DR. ALLEN TILLEY

You know you should pray. Your people expect you to pray. But a pastor's life is busy, so you put off the important to handle the urgent. Meanwhile, your prayer life slows to a trickle. Does that describe you? It described me when I was a younger preacher. I thought I had to be a man of action, constantly with my people, tending to their every need.

If I could give any advice to my younger self, it would be to spend more time in prayer. What my people needed wasn't me, but Jesus in me, working through me. To be our best, we must spend time with the Father. Here are some ideas on how to have a more effective prayer life.

Start each morning with prayer. If you are too busy to pray, you need to examine your priorities because the most important thing you can do as a pastor is pray. Instead of charging out the door, recharge and let God fill you first so you can meet the demands of the day in His strength.

When it comes to prayer, I'm often asked, "Which is more important? Quality or quantity?" The answer is you need both. As a pastor, you're always engaged in spiritual warfare, battling against the forces of darkness. Just remember, Jesus never hurried his prayer life. If you're having trouble finding time to pray, start

your day earlier when the rest of the world is still asleep.

If you're having trouble finding things to pray about, here are some ideas on getting started. **Pray for God's will to be done.** Since you answered His call by surrendering to ministry, the most important thing you can do is His will. **Pray for the Lord to empower you.** Ministry is hard. You can't handle it by yourself; invite the Lord to give you what you need for the challenges ahead.

Pray for your family. Satan knows the quickest way to derail your ministry is by attacking your family. Ask God to watch over them and protect them. **Pray for your people by name.** More than your words, they need the guidance, conviction, and comfort that only He can give. **Pray for God to bless your church.** I believe God wants all of His churches to grow. Many of us never receive because we never ask.

Pray for the lost by name. Only when we develop a burden for the lost will God trust us with their souls. **Pray for willing workers.** Growing churches need lots of volunteers. Ask God to give you a people who will join you in fulfilling His vision. **Pray for your community.** Most people in your community are living in darkness. Stand in the gap for them, asking God to keep sin at

bay. **Pray for missionaries and other churches.** The God you serve is a global God, caring about the entire world.

Energize your prayer life. If your prayer life is in a rut, here are some ideas on how you can restore your passion for praying.

Pray scripture. Try praying the prayers of Jesus or the other Bible characters. Let their words show you how to pray. **Pray at the altar.** Sometimes a change of scenery works wonders. Because you ask people to come to the altar, try it yourself. **Prayer walk.** Walk around your campus, asking God to work mightily through your church.

Don't rob yourself of your greatest spiritual weapon. Spend time with the Father.

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Disaster Relief Efforts

By HOLLY MERIWEATHER

BMA of America Missions

BMA of America Missions is partnering with Just the Crumbs ministry in disaster relief efforts. Led by Bro. Lavon Haden, we are calling this ministry BMA Disaster Relief. Just the Crumbs has been serving in disaster relief for many years. This is an effort to coordinate all of our BMA churches to serve together in Disaster Relief.

WE NEED YOU. Right now, BMA Disaster Relief has set up at Immanuel Baptist Church in Greenbrier, Arkansas, to serve the communities affected by the flooding there. We need teams of volunteers to cook, package and deliver meals to people working along the river. Clean up crews are also needed to help.

VOLUNTEER: If you would like to volunteer to serve with us during the next two months, let us know. We have living quarters set up for you at Immanuel Baptist Church. You will need to bring your cot or air mattress, and all meals will be provided. For more information, check out our website, bmamissions.org/disasterrelief, or call/email Lavon Haden (601-522-6055, jtcops@gmail.com) or Angela Rice (501-455-4977, angela@bmamissions.org).

DONATE: To make a donation to BMA Disaster Relief/Just the Crumbs, donate online at bmamissions.org/disasterrelief or send donations to PO Box 878 Conway, AR 72033.

We are also in need of the following supplies:

- Napkins
- To-go containers
- 20 oz. cups
- Paper towels
- Dishwashing liquid
- Bleach
- Baby diapers
- Baby wipes
- Ziplock bags (gallon, sandwich, and quart)
- Paper lunch bags
- Toilet paper
- Hygiene products
- Cleaning supplies

****Drop off at BMA Disaster Relief C/O BMA Missions Office, 611 Locust St., Conway, AR 72034 or BMA Disaster**

Relief C/O Immanuel Baptist Church, 61 GreenValley Dr., Greenbrier, AR 72058. These supplies can be ordered online from Walmart or Amazon and shipped to us.**

BE A FIRST RESPONDER: If you are interested in being a "Disaster Relief First Responder", fill out the information on the website to receive the latest information from BMA Disaster Relief/Just the Crumbs on how to get involved.





A word from your missions office

By HEITH MITCHELL

The first (but hopefully not the last) Revive Us Again Bible Conference was a true blessing. It was sponsored by the BMA of Texas, hosted by Jacksonville College last month, attended by 100 Texas pastors and church members, and most importantly God worked in hearts and lives. The theme was health. For the pastor, the church, and each association three things were focused on:

- Jesus is Lord
- He has a mission for us
- We are to accomplish it together

I enjoyed the fellowship, testimonies, prayer requests and the time we spent praying together. I also enjoyed all the time in the Word brought to us by each faithful messenger through the day. Men, thank you for preparing and sharing and adding us to your busy schedule.

Brothers and sisters, this is association at its best. We all need association with other believers and our mission demands it. This passage really speaks of the danger of isolation.

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment. - Proverbs 18:1 NKJV

This passage reflects a dangerous progression that I have seen lived out many times in pastors and missionaries.

We isolate. After all, we're independent Americans. We convince ourselves that we will thrive accountable to no one. The Word of God and the examples all around us provide warning. It's a bad thing when we isolate. Why?

We begin to seek our own desires. This isn't usually malicious. We believe we know right. The problem is we will eventually lead outside of God's will and we will lead an organization out of balance toward our preferences, passions, and desires.

We begin to see Godly counsel as a threat. Loving christian rebuke, correction or instruction is no longer welcomed or received. Our organization is now doomed to fail at the points of our own blind spots and weaknesses. We now find ourselves in opposition to God and His mission thanks to our pride.

You see this danger? It breaks my heart to see the isolation among Baptists today. Our mission success requires that we associate well and often. Our future demands that we build better and stronger association and reject this culture of isolation.

Will you join us in praying and working toward:

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 begins 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

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Let us continue united in this great work and have hands to work. God has fulfilled His promises and continues to do it. Our part is to believe them and remain firm in his Word.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for the time of waiting. It is a time where God is working in silence in the hearts of people and I need more than faith and patience. I need to believe God and hope He will.



▲ Jaime Garcia



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"...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). We rejoice in the baptism of Artemio and Esperanza. God has graciously brought them from death to life through Jesus. They have obediently given public testimony of that reality in their baptism. Please pray for them



▲ Cristian Martinez

to persevere in the faith and bear much fruit. We continue to disciple them to follow Jesus and equip them to multiply disciples with their relationships. On July 12 and 13 we will intentionally sought to reach their neighbors through door to door evangelism and a block party. Eight Street, Grand

Prairie, and Lakeridge, Lubbock, are helping us to gather the harvest in this place. Please pray for a clear preaching of the gospel and people to respond in repentance and faith in Jesus. We thank God for all your support.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for my wife's pregnancy. Pray for us as we recruit disciple makers. Pray for new disciples to persevere and bear much fruit. Pray that I will have opportunities to preach the gospel. Pray for many conversions.



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It is my desire this month to reach out to the existing BMA churches in the area in a very intentional way and to that end I have been very encouraged so far!

Prayer Needs:

Pray for guidance and provision as we begin.



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Please pray that we have a great month of outreach as July is block party month at Cross-Work. July 14, 21 and 28 we had/will have block parties in different locations each week. Pray that we engage our neighborhoods, build relationships, share the Gospel and connect them to Sundays.



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Thank you for your prayers, support in the process of cooperation, evangelization and discipleship of Hispanic

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JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

Remembering JC Professor C. Barnwell Anderson

C. Barnwell Anderson, long-time BMA pastor and retired professor of history and government at Jacksonville College, passed away on May 10, 2019 at the age of eighty-six. He would have been surprised to see the crowd at his funeral service since he had retired from teaching almost twenty years ago. However, those who knew Bro. Anderson could never forget the impact he made on their lives and on the lives of countless others.

A preacher for sixty-three years and a pastor for fifty of those years, Bro. Anderson was brave in his proclamation of the gospel, and he was always ready to defend his faith. He had a brilliant mind and a humble spirit.

Bro. Anderson was a strict teacher, but he was compassionate. He loved his students, and they loved him. He was known as an encourager, and many students considered him their mentor. He lived a life of service, and he always gave more than he received.

Bro. Anderson taught at Jacksonville College for thirty-five years, and his wife, Annabelle, served as the College's librarian for thirty-eight years. The Andersons were actively involved in the lives of many JC students, and they shared a special love for international students.

David Heflin considered himself an international student when he first enrolled in the College in 1971 because he had grown up in Costa Rica as a BMA missionary kid and his first language at the time was Spanish. He would have had a much more difficult college experience without the kindness of Bro. Anderson. He explained, "I left my home and my family in Central America to come to Jacksonville College, and Bro. Anderson was the mentor I needed at the College. He was a wonderful example of a Christian man, and he always had a positive attitude. He encouraged me, and his influence gave me confidence in my studies and in my life. He made history come alive for me, and he was the teacher I wanted to become one day." Dr. Heflin now serves as Spanish professor and director of public relations at Jacksonville College, and he gives much credit to Bro. Anderson for his love of teaching and his love of Jacksonville College.

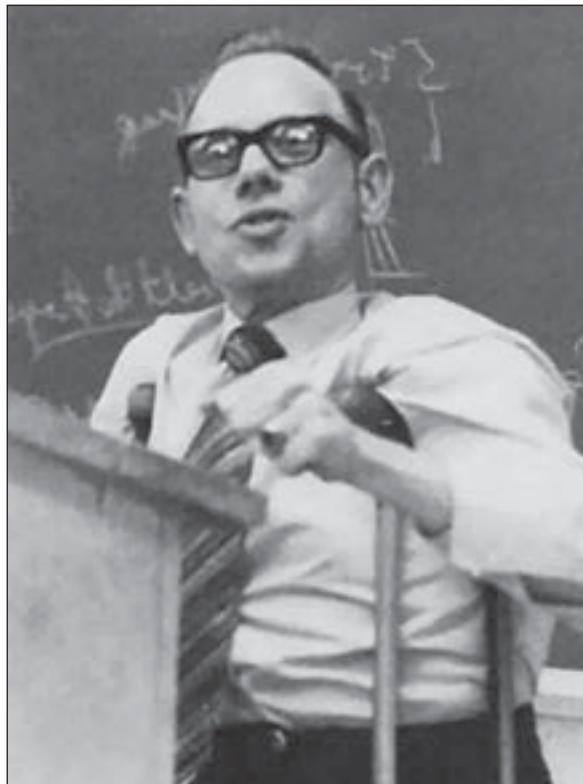
The 1998 Jacksonville College Guiding Light Yearbook was dedicated to the Andersons as they entered retirement. On the first page of the yearbook, Dr. Edwin Crank, then president of the College, wrote, "Barnwell and Annabelle Anderson are two of the finest people God ever gave the world. Their bright outlook on life is contagious. They fill everyone around them with joy. They are some of God's finest and choicest people. . . . Their presence will be missed, but their influence will remain for an eternity."

Barnwell Anderson touched countless lives, and those who had the privilege of knowing him were not at all surprised by the large number in attendance at his funeral service. His was a life well lived, and his legacy will live on because he invested so much in the lives of others.

Bro. Anderson's loving spirit came from a deep and abiding love for his Savior, and he is now free of crutches and free to enjoy being in the glorious presence of his Lord.

If you would like to make a contribution to Jacksonville College in memory of Bro. Anderson, please send your gift to Jacksonville College, 105 B.J. Albritton Drive, Jacksonville, TX 75766.

Former students of Barnwell Anderson gathered at a local restaurant after the funeral service to share favorite memories of their much-loved professor.



▲ Barnwell and Annabelle Anderson



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Fun and fellowship at “Girls’ Night Out”

By **GLENDA CHAMBERLAIN**

Texas WMA is hosting a night of fun and fellowship for GMAs and all girls 3rd-12th grade Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. The theme is “More of Jesus, Less of Me”. The event will take place at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1720 S Bolton, Jacksonville.

Registration begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. with worship at 7 p.m. Snacks and breakfast will be provided. We will dismiss around 11 a.m. Saturday morning. The event is free; just bring your sleeping bag and Bible.

Email cindylynn90@gmail.com to register. It will be a fun night with lots of activities, you and your girls won’t want to miss out!!

GALILEAN NEWS

2019 National Galilean Camp was held at Stone Ridge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas June 21–24. Texas churches attending were Coffeerville, Coffeerville; Old Tyme, White Oak; Rosewood, Gilmer; and Enon, Gilmer. There were a total of 12 Galileans and six sponsors present. Neal Aga of Old Tyme was elected National Secretary. Garrett Grandgeorge of Rosewood served as the Texas Mr. Galilean Jr.

Camp pastor was Zach Rhodes. He is the middle school pastor for Antioch, Conway Arkansas, and a native Texan of Rockwall.

The camp theme was “Called.” The key verse was 1 Peter 2:21 “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps”.

Devotionals were given by the camp officers on Repentance, Disciples, Purity, Fools for Christ, Suffering and Ambassadors.

One of the highlights of camp was a video tribute honoring Galilean leader Al Walker of Coffeerville, Ore City, for his devotion and service to young men and boys in the Galilean program.

National Camp 2020 will be held June 19-22 at Stone Ridge.

The Texas Galileans met at Bob Sandlin State Park on Oct. 6, 2018 where they hiked, fished and had other activities. Officers elected were Luke Davidson, president from Enon; Ben Turner, vice-president from Coffeerville; Neil Aga, secretary from Old Tyme. Tommy and Sara Rose, BMAA missionaries to Mexico, were selected as the project. The Texas Galileans raised \$1065 for their project.

On April 6, 2019 Texas Galileans met at Rosewood Baptist Church in Gilmer. They had a fun rod and reel casting contest in the parking lot and other activities in the gym. Later they enjoyed grilled hamburgers and sausage for lunch. A devotional was given on encouragement.

The next scheduled meeting will be Oct. 12, 2019 at place yet to be determined.

For information on starting a Galilean program in your church please contact David Price, Texas Galilean Promoter, price@etex.net.

TEXAS RETREAT FAST APPROACHING

WMA Fall Retreat will be held Sept. 20-21, 2019. The host church is Antioch Baptist Church, 7391 Giraffe Road, Gilmer.

Keynote speaker is Suzie Umbel. Suzie is a Singer, Speaker/Teacher with a passion for the Word of God. In addition to her speaking engagements, Suzie has recorded Christian CD’s, leads worship and facilitates Women’s Bible Studies

The theme for the Retreat is *More of Jesus, Less of Me*, taken from John 3:30. The cost for the Retreat is \$25. You can register online at TexasWMA.com, click on the events tab at the top of the page, and then click Events Registration. You can also register by contacting Ava Pool through Antioch Church, or by email at avanpool1956@gmail.com or phone at 903-790-5598.

Overnight accommodations can be made at Executive Inn and Suites, 920 US 271, Gilmer, 903-843-6099.

BOOK REVIEW

Kristi Key, Texas WMA 3rd vice president, provided a book review for a wonderful bible study: *In the Middle of the Mess* by Sheila Walsh.

The trials we face in this life can feel overwhelming. Life often seems broken—shattered into a million pieces—and at times we may wonder if our mess is “too big” for God. We can convince ourselves we are too far away from God’s grace for it to reach us where we are.

Sheila Walsh knows this feeling all too well—and the hiding and shame that result from it. But in this six-session video study, she shows how using spiritual disciplines such as confession, prayer, and meditation on Scripture helped her break free from this cycle of despair and experience newfound joy as a child of God—fully known, fully loved, and fully accepted.

She reveals that while we will never be completely “fixed” on earth, God’s power can be made perfect in our weakness. He is waiting to accept us—having already promised to love us, heal us, and carry us through to the end. Our brokenness can be the beginning of something beautiful, and accepting the fact that we are broken can be the key to finding God’s strength in the middle of the mess.

This study guide includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and in-between session study materials that will help you practice the spiritual discipline Sheila is discussing each week as she leads you and your group members through the journey of brokenness.

Sessions include:

- Brokenness Is the Beginning
- Brokenness Is Hard
- Brokenness Is Loud
- Brokenness Is to Be Shared
- Brokenness Is the Path to Healing
- Brokenness Is Temporary

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National GMA Officers Want to Serve

By **LANE FLYNT**

National GMA promoter

Our project for 2019-2020 is the Freemans’ BMA of the Philippines (BMAP) Ministry Building Renovation Project. We are raising money to help them renovate the building so it can be used as housing and meeting facilities for missionary training.

The national officers also want to do service projects when they have planning meetings. Our first service project will be helping to paint, decorate and renovate one or two rooms at the Mississippi Baptist Children’s Home. If anyone would be willing to support us in these great works, that would be wonderful!

Please send any financial support to National GMA, c/o Kristin Herring, 207 Hidden Valley Loop, Maumelle, Ark. 72113. We would love your support of both projects. We’d like for any money that is isn’t needed for the service project to go to our national project. If this is also your desire, please include that information with your donation. Thanks so much for time and support!



▲ 2019-20 National GMA officers (L-R): Secretary Abigail Fairley; Song Leader Abbie Clark; Alt. Jr. Miss GMA Saidee Walley; Miss GMA Sara McGee; Jr. Miss GMA Lilli Medlin; President Rachel Webb; Historian Karo Buck; First Vice Pres. Emily Henry; Alt. Miss GMA Hannah Varnado; Instrumentalist Emily Gentry; Second Vice President Lydia Dunlap.

Something Old, Something New

WHY not GMA?

Girls Missionary Auxiliary, or GMA, has been an established program for girls for many years. It has disciplined and led numerous girls to Christ and on to lives of service in local churches as well as around the world. Discipleship is a lifelong process and this program is an excellent starting point.

GMA is experiencing a revival and would love for girls and ladies in the BMA to join in. The ministry is still one of the most exciting endeavors for girls in the fourth through twelfth grades in the BMA. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary, or WMA, has been the traditional sponsor of the GMA but many churches today continue GMA programs without a local WMA. GMA is a program that takes a girl step by step into a relationship with Jesus. It promotes growth in a relationship with Christ and develops a genuine love for God. Through the GMA Forward Steps girls learn how to be a positive Christian witness in their homes and communities and they learn all areas of missions. GMA introduces learning-by-doing experiences that involve the girls in a myriad of service opportunities, allowing them to help others by using their talents in special ways in their community and their local church. Not only are they learning how to show God's love, but they

are learning how to be good citizens. (GMA Counselor's Guidebook)

WHY NOT GMA IN YOUR CHURCH?

There are no perfect programs and each one has their own strengths and weaknesses. GMA is a BMA program that has been proven to help in the training of our young ladies to be better mothers, minister's wives, church leaders, missionaries at home and abroad, and more. The GMA curriculum is continuing to be updated and is currently available online at www.nationalgma.org. It has been revised in a way that young ladies are taught to study and apply the Bible, not just to memorize - even though GMA does believe that it is important to hide God's word in your heart. There is no other program available that adequately teaches our girls what we believe and why.

WHY NOT GMA FOR YOUR CHURCH?

It takes a church that loves its girls to pursue GMA and ladies that are willing to follow God's will to become a GMA counselor. GMA groups may be large or small but each one involves girls with souls and lives that are important to God. Many times, the world

makes Christian girls feel alone but GMA gives our girls a network of Christian girls across many states and around the world. These girls make relationships with counselors and friends that last a lifetime. Our young ladies need direction, mentors and leadership. Let's do our best to keep the world from leading them down the wrong path.

SOMETHINGS OLD? SOMETHING NEW?

Yes, but most of all GMA involves ladies disciplining, teaching and training our girls to be FIT FOR THE KING!

If your church is considering reviving GMA or starting a new GMA don't hesitate to contact the National GMA. We have officers that would love to assist you.

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Activating churches in Texas

By **HEITH MITCHELL**

BMA Texas Missions Director

Church planting and established churches, when healthy, have everything in common! That's been the biggest discovery as my focus has transitioned over the last four years from the world of established church to the world of church planting. I didn't see that coming. I always saw church planting as something else, something foreign and mysterious. The reality is, both a church and a church plant must submit to the same head (Christ) and be about the same mission. They both are to make disciples by sharing Jesus within their culture, in this generation, and equip them for the work of ministry. They must be taught to walk with God, function in the body, and be equipped and released to engage their relationships as missionaries. See, no difference!

The existing church gets in trouble when they get caught up in other agendas, or just get wrapped up in their weekly, monthly and annual schedule. They coast a while until Christ's Mission is no longer their central mission that permeates everything they do. This church is now sick. If it remains here, Christ will be dethroned and death is coming. The beauty is, no church has to stay here or even get here. We serve the God of second chances and third, fourth. He is the God of restoration, revival, **revitalization**.

This is why I'm passionate about Activate. This is why the BMA of Texas Missions helps fund Activate. This is why I'm an Activate huddle leader. This is why Activate is making a difference in churches that are connected and walking faithfully through the system.

It's only a tool, but a good tool that's friendly to BMA life and culture. It equips a pastor and church to step off the hamster wheel of busy and really evaluate where they are. It helps them re-engage the great commission assignment in their community, now.

I've witnessed the positive healthy effect of this on churches of all kinds. Urban and rural, large and small, and churches that are five years old and one hundred and fifty years old. Every church benefits when it takes occasional breaks from the work of ministry to work on their ministry engagement. We may want to argue that this isn't necessary but we all will acknowledge the absurdity of driving while never looking up. We might get somewhere, while having accidents, but will it be the right somewhere? We only get one lifetime of service and we only get one chance to make disciples of this generation. We must be good stewards of the opportunity we have.

I know many pastors are nervous of outside help. It does take faith and courage to admit that there's work to be done and then to lead out in process. Activate is not focused on style, methods, preferences, and taste. It focuses squarely on mission and the systems necessary for its implementation. Activate provides tools that empower the pastor and church to discover and lead out in the process. It's only as scary or messy as anything worthwhile in the Kingdom of God. We are called to messy ministry, right?

You may ask, "Why does an organization like BMA

Texas Missions with the responsibility of church planting invest in church revitalization?" Texas has had the long belief that in order to see a New Testament type Multiplication Movement of disciples, leaders, and churches in our State, we will need "Healthy pastors, leading healthy churches, who start healthy churches." Our Missions constitution mandates that we invest in the health of our family churches. This is one of the ways we are doing this. I also see Activate as a critical tool to help a supported church plant transition to self sustainability. This is a dangerous time in the life of a young church. It feels like an arrival moment. It's easy for this church to climb on the hamster wheel at this moment and stop the missional things that have helped them get there. Reality is, we are always church planting or dying. Until now this church has been carried along by the vision and leadership of the planter. It is critical that the church now own that vision. Activate helps this young church set the course for their next five years together.

I encourage you to give Activate a try. You have nothing to lose. You will control content and pace. Level one is a blessing to everyone that engages it. You will get the interaction of others on the same journey through the Activate huddle. Everyone in the huddle I'm part of will testify that the huddle itself is enough reason to be in Activate. I encourage you to prayerfully consider. If you have disengaged, come back. Activate is alive, well, and better than ever!

BMA Texas Missions cont.

Americans, who are very grateful for everything they do for us.

Prayer Needs:

Pray that we will obtain a vehicle to cover the requirements of evangelization and discipleship.

CHRIS DRIVER - WEST TEXAS MULTIPLICATION NETWORK/ TEXAS MISSIONARY CARE CJDRIVER316@GMAIL.COM

June was cotton planting season here in west Texas. The seed is in the ground and already there are shoots of cotton breaking through! But it's a long way from harvest. There is a lot to do between now and then. I feel the same way about our vision to reach 100 towns here in west Texas. The guys here are so busy in the Father's fields. We are seeing so much progress and it is really exciting, but there is still so much to do. West Texas has the Missions trailer, that was donated by our amazing Texas WMA, for all of July and all of our planters have an event scheduled to use it! Please pray for each of these events that they would be more than entertainment. Pray for a harvest of souls on the way to a harvest of towns!

RONNIE MILLS— KINGDOM CHAPEL MISSION, SAGINAW/NORTH FORT WORTH RONNIE@KCHAPEL.ORG

Hey, BMA family! We're getting closer to our launch date of August 25 and we would love for you to pray for us. Things have been going really well for us, and we praise God for that. I want to thank you all for your prayers and your support! We love you guys!

Prayer Needs:

Pray for our launch on August 25.

NEPTALY MOLINA— IGLESIA BAUTISTA MISSION, NACOGDOCHES NRMOLINA23@GMAIL.COM

The challenge I have is to win 15 families for this year in Nacogdoches.

Prayer Needs:

1) Spiritual life of the Molina Perdomo Family. 2) Immigration decision. 3) Spiritual growth and quantity in the New Mission Renaco de Nacogdoches. 4) The Youth Camp organized by my son Neptaly Josue and our Church, and counseling of Pastor Arnulfo Maldonado. 5) Our summer Bible School to be held on July 22-26. 5) The evangelistic work during the month of July according to my plan of action.

GAMALIER LUNA— NEW MISSION IN EL PASO GAMALUGA@HOTMAIL.COM

Baptists should wake up, be more committed, more evangelistic, and encourage when we can.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for me, for strength, for faith, for encouragement, for wisdom to have a house for my family.

SPENCER SIMPSON— REDEEMER'S LOVE MISSION, HOUSTON SPNCRSMPN@GMAIL.COM

Thank you for your prayers and support! We are excited to see the Lord bless us with new members this past month, as well as to see Him work in our efforts to reach the diverse people groups in our area of southwest Houston.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for our new members as they are learning how to commit to the church and one another. Pray that those in our discipleship classes would be given boldness as they are sharing the gospel with people in the local community, as well as for fruit in our efforts of going door to door to reach the surrounding community.

CLIFF ROBERTSON— CARPENTER'S HOUSE MISSION—LAKE JACKSON/CLUTE DRCLIFFROBERTSONJR@GMAIL.COM

God is good! We are launching a new plant in West Columbia. We have two families, three volunteers and more coming. It is exciting! Cesar Cantu, our church planting

resident, is off to the races and things are going well!

Prayer Needs:

Pray for our worship team.

MATTHEW PRATHER— THE BRIDGE MISSION, MIDLOTHIAN/WAXAHACHIE MATTHEW@DISCOVERTHEBRIDGE.COM

Summer is going by fast and June was a great month at The Bridge. We have seen five salvations in the past two months. We also just had our first baptism since we moved into our new building. God is good! We continue to see new faces each week. It is exciting to see what God is up to. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to reach Ellis County for Christ. Thank you for your continued support. We could not do what we do without it!

CESAR CANTU— INTERN PREPARING FOR RICHMOND/KATY MATTHEW@DISCOVERTHEBRIDGE.COM

God cares for us. In my own life as I have called on him, he has answered. I believe our calling is His answer to his people. Scripture tells us that «God remembers.» He remembers our plight and struggles as the enemy overwhelms us. As Moses was sent to an answered prayer, so we must continue in our calling. It should inspire us to move in God's will as he reaches out to his people in distress. How many are the cries we need to hear before we take action? If we take the time, God will show us what He is doing in and around us.

Prayer Needs:

My prayer is that we join God in His work, wherever that may be, whether Richmond or Katy.

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Master's Builders help at First, New Caney

BY NELDA MALONE

Master's Builders Reporter

The Master's Builders arrived at First, New Caney to help with replacing damaged sheetrock throughout their church plant June 17. Flooding had occurred in the area and this resulted in damage to the lower two feet of sheetrock in all the rooms. The sanctuary, fellowship hall and all the rooms in the educational building had flood damage. Most of the damaged sheetrock had already been removed and The Master's Builders were asked to come and put up the new.

A smaller, but "mighty," crew of six began work on Monday and finished on Saturday.

The Master's Builders want to thank everyone who had a part in providing the meals for them while they were there. A special thank you for the Fitzgerald family: Bro. Jonathan, Donna, and their six children. They all helped

with the meals but were also very involved with helping in the work. This is always a blessing to our group!

This was our last job of the spring and now we have time to rest and look forward to the fall. On Labor Day, we plan to be in Smithville, Arkansas, at Stoneridge Camp to begin work. We look forward to being with Scott and Myrtie Small and their sweet family. Please continue to pray for The Master's Builders as they travel and work for the Lord.

If you have questions about The Master's Builders or if your church has building needs, contact our office coordinator, Bro. John Mangum, at 318-202-5155 or cell 318-607-4100; or field coordinator, Eddie Sikes, at 903-725-6549 or 479-462-1675 cell.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Recognizing False Teachers

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: August 4, 2019

TEXT: 1 John 4:1-10

THE HOOK

There are two photos circulating—one is of a mega church which meets in a converted sports arena, and is jammed with thousands of people. Another is a church with a small scattering of people with a dark-suit-clad preacher in the pulpit with his Bible in his hand. The caption on the photo of the mega church says, “When you preach what they want to hear.” The caption of the other picture says, “When you preach the truth.” Then the scripture in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 is cited, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Those times Paul wrote to Timothy about are now upon us.

THE BOOK

1. False teachers claim to represent God (verse 1). They are scattered over the earth, seeking to deceive. A false teacher wants to win the confidence of one being taught, and many have enough intellectual knowledge of scripture enough to win the confidence of one who isn't grounded in the Word. The devil has a great head

knowledge of God and His Word (James 2:19).

2. False teachers deny the Incarnation of God into flesh (verses 2-3). The word for the Incarnation is explained in Matthew 1:23 when the angel of the Lord told Joseph that his wife Mary would bring forth a son Who would be called Emmanuel. Isaiah prophesied this in Isaiah 7:14. Emmanuel means, “God with us” — or “God tabernacled with us” There are false teachers and false religions today that deny the truth that God came to earth in the form of man. John says they are of the spirit of antichrist.

3. False teachers will finally fail to influence a genuine believer (verse 4). It cannot be worded any plainer than this: A true believer in Christ has overcome the world because there is a Force in them (The Holy Spirit) who guides us into all truth, convicts us of sin, and comforts us. There is an awesome defense inside a believer against demonic, false teachers.

4. False teachers use the conversation of the world (verse 6). They are of the world—they commune with the world, and the world with them. They walk in the vanity (emptiness) of their minds (Ephesians 4:17) darkened understanding (Ephesians 4:18) Alienated from the life of God (Ephesians 4:18) Blindness of heart (Ephesians 4:18) with a callous heart (Ephesians 4:19) love of uncleanness and greed (Ephesians 4:19).

THE LOOK

It is imperative that the believer become grounded in God's Word, so we may discern God's voice in our lives. Through personal study, sitting under the preaching of the Word, and interaction with others who walk in the spirit, a believer in Christ will continually gain a deeper understanding about the Father, His leadership, His word, and His “still small voice.”

This is greatly illustrated by the command Christ gave the church at Laodicea (Revelations 3:18b, “I counsel thee to. . .anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.” Of course, Jesus is talking about spiritual sight. Also, we see another very vivid metaphor of spiritual sight when Christ sent Saul to the house of Ananias. Saul was stricken blind on the Damascus road—and Ananias laid hands on Saul and said, “. . .Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou comest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost” (Acts 9:17b). The next verse said scales fell from Saul's eyes immediately. This is a type of what happens to a person today. Spiritual sight, and discernment of the Word is come to one who becomes washed in the blood of the Lamb. This discernment keeps us from being caught up in false doctrine.

Free from fear

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: August 11, 2019

TEXT: 1 John 4:11-21

THE HOOK

Two of the most profound experiences of fear I have experienced were (1) as a child, when I was alone in the dark, (2) times when I felt out of control, and was at the mercy of a pilot of a plane, 5 miles above the earth. But when you know Christ, you are never alone, and you can rest assured the controls are in good hands.

THE BOOK

1. We can overcome fear when believers are together (verses 11-12). We cannot see God with our human eyes (verse 12) but our fellowship with Him is magnified as we abide with brothers and sisters in Christ. Do you feel alone? Do you feel that God is far away? It could be because you have removed yourself from fellowship with him by removing yourself from the body of believers (the church).

2. We can overcome fear when we know His spirit abides in us (verse 13). How can we know? Because His Word has been made alive in us—and every time His Holy Spirit moves upon us or leads us, it always according to scripture. The Spirit does not give us any leadership, which is extra biblical. God's Spirit, and His presence with us—and in us, is always in agreement with scripture. Romans 8:16 says, “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

3. We can overcome fear when we have His life inside of us (verse 14). One writer says it this way: “He has given us life from His life.” Because of this, we have a relationship with Him which grows deeper every day.

4. We can overcome fear when we confess Him (verses 14-15). Elsewhere the scripture tells us that whoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed. Luke 9:26 says, “For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and

in his father's, and of the holy angels.” A truly born-again believer in Christ has no inhibitions when it comes to speaking of Him, and publicly proclaiming Him.

5. We can overcome fear because of love (verses 16-21). Because God's love dwells in us, we have boldness, love for God, love and the brethren. Love overrides fear (verse 18). There is a close correlation between love for God and love for the brethren (verses 20-21).

THE LOOK

Love conquers all. It conquers fear, it enables us to confess Christ before men; it makes us bold in our faith; and it creates in us, a deep desire to be with the brethren. 1 John 3:14 says, “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

A faith that empowers

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: August 18, 2019

TEXT: 1 John 5:1-11

THE HOOK

Most believers today have no idea what kind of empowering faith we have been given. Paul makes it plain in Ephesians 3:20. He explains that that empowering faith, in us, although it is not our power, but His working in us. He did not just say He is able to do what we ask or think—not only all we ask or think; not only above all that we ask or think; not even abundantly above all that we ask or think—but exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. It is His power which is already working in us. It's not our flesh - not our human ability; but it is His power, which He has vested in His children.

THE BOOK

1. An empowering faith makes us mindful of His precepts (verses 1-2). Because we are begotten of

God, He has instilled in us His love. That divine love enables us to walk in obedience to Him and keep His commands. We are identified with him through these acts of obedience.

2. An empowering faith enables us to overcome the world (verse 4). Scripture says we have been made more than conquerors. Romans 8:37 says, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." It is faith which is the driving force that causes us to overcome the world. According to Ephesians, the faith is of God.

3. An empowering faith can only be demonstrated by one who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (verse 5). Then John explains the Person of Jesus and His power. He came by water (most scholars believe this is in reference to His baptism by John the Baptist. He came by blood - referring to His death on the cross through the shedding of His blood for the remission of sin—and the Spirit—Who was given to bear witness to Christ (John

15:26). Jesus said He must go away, but he would not leave them comfortless. He would send the Holy Spirit, Who would comfort, convict, accompany and teach. That same precious Holy Spirit is still among His believers today.

4. An empowering faith means that we have the witness in ourselves (verse 10). We are witnesses by what we have experienced in receiving Christ into our hearts. A lost person can never testify of the goodness of Christ because they have never been with Him.

THE LOOK

The general theme of 1 John is centered around being certain that we have eternal life. John gives us ways that we can know. We know because His Spirit bears witness with our spirit. We know because we love the brethren. First John is directed to believers in Christ. Most chapters begin with "My little children." It is a book of assurance, written to the children of God.

The practice of prayer

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: August 25, 2019

TEXT: 1 John 5:12-21

THE HOOK

Every child of God has a great testimony of answered prayer. After two years at sea, the Navy gave me orders to shore duty, although we did not know where for a while. Carolyn and I prayed earnestly that the Lord would place us within driving distance of a BMA church. We were willing to drive a great distance to one of our churches. The new duty station was Gulfport, Mississippi. So, we took our BMA Directory, and made our "shopping list" of churches to visit along the gulf coast and even as far north as Wiggins and Laurel. The very first church we visited was First Baptist of Orange Grove in Gulfport. The people were overwhelmingly warm and accepting. The music director insisted that we lead the music that night. They elected us to be music director. Our search was done. We instantly knew this was God's place for us. Soon, we rented the parsonage located behind the church since Pastor Harry Tapp lived across the street. Not long afterward, the church purchased an old VFW Hall for fellowship space, which was moved within 10 steps of our house. Within a year, the church called me as associate pastor/music director and ordained me. We broke out into hysterical laughter, as we remembered what we had prayed for— a BMA church within driving distance. But God did far and above what we ever expected—He placed us 10 steps from a BMA church and

gave us a rewarding place of ministry during our last two years in the Navy. This is a sample of how God delights in answering the prayers of His people.

THE BOOK

1. God hears the prayers of His children (verse 14). Experiencing a fulfilling prayer life, and having prayers answered is evidence that one truly walks with Christ and knows Him intimately.

2. God is willing to answer the prayers of His children when our desires line up with His desires (verses 14-15). James tells us in his epistle (4:1-4) that wrong motives for petitioning the Father will not result in power in prayer. But Psalm 37:4 tells us that when we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the desires of our hearts. God has no reason to withhold a "yes" answer from His children, who ask for that which will glorify Him.

3. God's answer to prayers is sometimes "no" (verses 16-17). If a fellow believer has taken a wrong path, that does not necessarily lead to physical death, then by all means, pray earnestly for them. But John says that sometimes a person has committed a sin which is unto death, and there comes a point when prayer is not effective. Some sins do not lead to death, but some actions do—for example, to indulge in a mind-altering drug will eventually create physical sickness which will be terminal. Yes, God can perform miracles—but sometimes people come to a premature death as a result of sin. The Apostle Paul referred to the Corinthians

partaking of the Lord's Supper in an "unworthily" manner which can result in sickness and premature death (1 Corinthians 11:27). Since John is writing to believers, it appears that he is raising the possibility of a genuine believer in Christ dying early as a result of an indiscretion in his or her life. At the same time, John says that whoever is born of God "sinneth not"—or does not practice sinning. It is not a lifestyle.

THE LOOK

Although God already knows what are needs are—and although He knew in eternities past what our needs would be, and although He has an overwhelming abundance, enabling Him to answer any prayer that we pray in faith, and with a godly motive—still, God, in His infinite wisdom, wants us to ask him. He wants us to come boldly before His throne and ask. Do not be afraid to ask Him for that which will glorify Him. Ask Him with a pure heart, and total trust in him.

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EVENTS

BMA OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: November 4-5, 2019

PLACE: Keltys First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas

BMA OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: April 27-29, 2020

PLACE: Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas

Upcoming Events

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Walk-in Registration: July 16 and 30

PLACEMENT TESTING:

August 9 and 12

REGISTRATION:

August 9 and 12

STUDENT ORIENTATION:

August 13 at 2:00 p.m.

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PERSONNEL & POSITIONS

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

PASTOR—Holly Grove, Livingston is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resume to HGBC Pastor Search Committee, 5354 Holly Grove Road, Livingston, Texas 77351, richi@estex.net or call 832-651-2520. TFN

PASTOR—South Park, Fort Worth is seeking a pastor. Please visit spbc.life/nowhiring for more information and to submit your resume. For questions, call 817-293-2760. 7/19

PASTOR—First, Galena, Kansas is seeking a full-time pastor. Parsonage is provided. To send a resume or for more information, email Cliff McQuillen at fbcgalena@gmail.com. 7/19

PASTOR—Cross Roads, Winnsboro is seeking a pastor. Send resume to Pulpit Committee, 1314 CR 4870, Winnsboro, Texas 75494. For questions, call Charles Busby at 903-629-3609. 7/19

PASTOR—Fifth Street, Levelland is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to lbeadles@msn.com or P.O. Box 1212, Levelland, Texas 79336. TFN

PASTOR—Hill Creek, Whitehouse is seeking a pastor. Send resume to Chairman of Pastor Search Committee, 17636 Summer Place, Whitehouse, Texas 75791. TFN

PASTOR—Mt. Pisgah, Mineola is seeking a full-time pastor. Bi-vocational is an option. Send resume to the church at 4995 FM 49, Mineola, Texas 75773 or email to mpmbc.mineola@gmail.com. Audio or video sermon if available would be appreciated. TFN

YOUTH MINISTER—Mt. Olive, Scurry is seeking a full-time (30-40 hours per week) youth minister. Must be called by the Lord to minister to youth. Prior experience a plus. Please email resume to landa@h1pm.com or mail to Search Committee, PO BOX 99, Scurry, TX 75158, or call Landa Taylor at 214-649-5625 to drop off resume at the church. TFN

PASTOR & STAFF CHANGES

BILLY BYRD is the new pastor at Oak Hill, Gilmer.

CHURCHES in REVIEW

June 16, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	51	67	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	16	34	
Jackson, Joaquin	72	121	
New Harmony, Tyler	222	276	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		49	2 by baptism
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	45	68	
Rosewood, Gilmer	105	191	1 by baptism
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	33	64	
Simmons Hill, Diana	27	39	

June 23, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	49	85	1 by baptism, 1 by letter
Glade Creek, Gilmer	18	37	2 by letter
Jackson, Joaquin	82	112	
New Harmony, Tyler	239	315	1 by letter
New Hope, Mineola	86	137	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		44	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	43	66	
Rosewood, Gilmer		167	4 professions of faith
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	40	61	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		53	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	11	38	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	16	20	

June 30, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	60	75	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	13	32	
Jackson, Joaquin	75	125	
New Harmony, Tyler	293	390	
New Hope, Mineola	89	142	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		74	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	40	59	
Rosewood, Gilmer	102	203	1 by baptism, 1 by letter
Security Calvary, Cleveland	21	40	
Simmons Hill, Diana	21	30	

July 7, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	49	74	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	11	30	2 by letter
Jackson, Joaquin	85	116	
New Harmony, Tyler	292	354	2 by letter
New Hope, Mineola	76	138	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		43	2 by baptism
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	45	71	
Rosewood, Gilmer	113	227	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	43	71	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		50	
Simmons Hill, Diana	18	32	

First-ever *Revive Us Again* Conference takes place at Jacksonville College cont.

