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BMA Seminary's Sixty-Second Commencement



By **DR. PHILIP ATTEBERY**
BMA Theological Seminary Dean

Nineteen individuals received a degree from the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville during commencement exercises conducted Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Brandon Schinz of Hampton, Arkansas and Billy Jack Smith of Lufkin, Texas received the Associate of Divinity degree.

Tanner Choppy of Houston, Texas; Masoud Edrisameri of McKinney, Texas; Lisa Henderson of Jacksonville, Texas; Cotton Hendley of Canton, Texas; and David Johnson of Yantis, Texas received the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree.

Brittian Bowman of Norco, California; Mary Hull-Lovett of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Laura Soto-Nordquist of Spring, Texas received the Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology)

degree. Johnny Herring of Nixa, Missouri; Karen Karner of Laredo, Texas; Arnulfo Maldonado of Spring, Texas; and Stuart Priest of New Albany, Mississippi received the Master of Arts (Religion) degree. Sam Behnam of Jacksonville, Texas received the Master of Arts in Church Ministries degree.

Joe Drisdale of Early, Texas; Preston Kelso of Greenbrier, Arkansas; Robert Lee of Nacogdoches, Texas; and George Martinez of Lewisville, Texas received the Master of Divinity degree.

Dr. Charley Holmes presented the commencement address in recognition of his twentieth year as BMA Seminary President. Holmes earned the Master of Divinity degree from the BMA Seminary and the Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological

Seminary. Under his leadership, BMA Seminary has experienced substantial growth in all major areas of the institution including accreditation, degree programs, distance education, enrollment, finances, and physical plant. In addition to his duties as seminary president, Holmes has travelled globally and nationally to speak at ministry conferences or to teach at ministry training institutes.

BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture by offering certificates, associate, bachelor, and masters' degrees.



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Baptist Progress Anniversary Offering

By **JERRY FULTON**

Anniversary offering contributions are beginning to come into our office. We are grateful to everyone who has given or will give.

Remember that later this year, *Baptist Progress* will celebrate 107 of ministry. Throughout the month of June, we are asking churches, individuals, classes and groups to send **\$107 for 107 years** of ministry to *Baptist Progress*. The goal for the anniversary offering is to raise **\$10,000** to help meet our budget for the year.

Perhaps you would see fit to give more than \$107. Of course, whatever you give will be appreciated.

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We appreciate your contribution to our ministry needs.



▲ Jerry Fulton

OBITUARIES

MARGARET JEANNETTE GOODWIN

Margaret Jeannette Goodwin, 80, of Warren, Arkansas, passed away May 14, 2019, at the Bradley County Medical Center. Jeannette was born March 14, 1939, in Moulton, Alabama, a daughter of the late Lester Cross and Juanita Sparks Cross. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by brothers Bob and Ray, and sisters Sue and Joyce.



Survivors include her husband Bro. Rocky Goodwin who she married June 14, 1957; two sons, Ken (LaDonna) Goodwin of Warren, Arkansas, and Michael (Ann) Goodwin of Magnolia, Arkansas; one daughter, Mitzi Goodwin of Warren, Arkansas; one brother, Lester Dale Cross of Knoxville, Tennessee; six grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 17 at Calvary Baptist Church, Warren, Arkansas.

Memorials are preferred to Evangelistic International Ministries, 114 Bradley 23, Warren, Arkansas 71671.

LARRY GUY LANSDALE

Funeral services for Larry Guy Lansdale, 68, of Gilmer, were May 29, 2019, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Bro. Ray Thompson, Bro. Leon Ross and Bro. Michael Pool officiating.



Larry was born Sept. 24, 1950, to Gussie Junior Lansdale and Dorothy Mae Saxon Lansdale, in Little Hope, and went to be with his Heavenly Father May 26, 2019, at Medical City Hospital, Fort Worth.

He married Deborah Yvonne Tucker. Larry loved the Lord and had a servant's heart which impacted so many lives. He was a member of the Gilmer Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years serving as chaplain.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Lansdale; son, Thomas Lansdale; sister, Shirley Hoffpauir, and husband, Jack; by his mother, Dorothy Lansdale; and several nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Junior Lansdale and by his sister, Ronda Lansdale.

ALLYNE MORRIS POOLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Allyne Morris Poole, 93, of Gilmer, were May 23, 2019 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Edward Ridge, Bro. Michael Pool, Bro. David Kizer, and Bro. Ray Thompson officiating. Mrs. Poole passed away May 20, 2019 at her home in Gilmer.



In her childhood, Allyne attended the Soules Chapel and Grice Schools. After graduating for Harmony High School as valedictorian in 1944, Allyne worked as a telephone operator in the Gilmer office of Southwestern States Telephone Company.

Allyne was a pastor's wife for 31 years, and is beloved by many as a woman of faith with a generous heart. She and her husband, Bro. James Poole, also served as missionaries in the country of Uruguay.

Allyne's greatest treasures were her family and her church family, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Pittsburg. She loved Bible study, gardening, cooking new recipes and family favorites, and especially enjoyed gospel music. She was a member of Daughter of the American Revolution and enjoyed researching family genealogy.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was always delighted to share photos of great-granddaughters, Molly and Kara.

Those who remain to cherish her memory and testimony are her daughter, Maeva Thompson, and her husband, Ray; sisters, Norma Lyle and Faye Morris; two grandchildren, Melady Thompson, James Paul Thompson and his wife, Meagan; and two great-granddaughters, Molly Gail Thompson and Kara Elizabeth Thompson.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, James Poole; her parents, Comer and Mae Morris; brother, Lacy Morris; and one infant sister.

OLEN RIVERS

Longtime BMA pastor Olen Rivers passed away June 7, 2019. His funeral service was at Camille Acres, Longview June 15, 2019 at 11 a.m. A complete obituary was not available at press time.

Children and their rights—Proverbs 13:4



By **DR. JOHN ADAMS**

Moral Action Executive Director

Dr. Chuck Swindoll said, “Sometimes I meet parents who think that if they love their children enough they will never have to exercise corporal punishment. Few things could be further from the truth. Proverbs 13:24 doesn’t call that love: “Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children.” That may make us gag a little, but that’s what God has said.

The simple fact is that fair, consistent, biblical discipline confirms your love for your child. Children don’t know how to behave properly without the security that discipline brings. Discipline is essential for learning self-control, but take note: correction and discipline should be given while upholding your child’s dignity and value.

Parents, not the government, have the primary responsibility for the education of their children. The late President Ronald Reagan in an address to the National Commission on Excellence in Education stated; “Parental authority is not a right conveyed by the state.”

The following are radical ideas being upheld by court decisions:

1. Children have the right to divorce their parents and receive alimony.
2. Children are eligible for minimum wages if they do household chores.
3. Children should be able to charge their parents with child abuse if they use biblical disciplinary measures.
4. Children have the right to sue their parents for being forced to attend church or to avoid going places with them.
5. Children and teenagers should have the right to decide whether to have an abortion, quit school, or to hire their own attorney.

The liberation of children by parents’ slackness has been under way for nearly three decades—so gradually that most parents are unaware of it. Christianity teaches that one of the most sacred of all rights and responsibilities of parents is to rear their own children.

I. WHAT RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN DOES THE CHILD RIGHTS MOVEMENT (WORLD FORUM FOUNDATION) SEEK?

John Eidsmoe, author of “God and Caesar” answers this question in behalf of Child Righters:

- A. Freedom from any kind of physical punishment. Sweden already has a law prohibiting spanking.
- B. Freedom from any type religious indoctrination. Parents should not be allowed to compel children to attend Sunday school and church.
- C. The right to divorce one’s parents, arguing that a child should not have to live with his parents if he doesn’t want to.
- D. The right to birth control information and abortion without parental knowledge.
- E. The right to choose one’s own sexual preference.

These so-called kiddie-libbers are certainly not pro-family and it is unique in that it is led entirely by adults. They have been instrumental in that three decades ago

most states set the age of independence of 21, today’s legal coming of age occurs around 14.

II. WHAT ARE THE PRO-PARENTS, PRO-FAMILY POLICIES?

A. Promotion of the traditional Judeo-Christian values instilled in children by solid families and Bible teachings.

B. Advocating the restoring of parents to the overall educational process of children and teenagers.

C. Opposed the government’s role in facilitating and encouraging adolescent sexual activity.

Families, not government programs, are the best way to make our cultural and spiritual heritages perpetrated, and our values preserved. We must be strong on the family unit.

III. WHAT ARE GOD’S GUIDELINES THAT INSTILL STRONG FAMILY TIES?

Some people may ask with sincerity, “What would be wrong with giving children every right of adults?” *The Biblical News Service* publication answers, “Attached to every right is a responsibility! To give children all adult rights is to burden their immature and inexperienced minds with the responsibility of forming judgments and making life determining decisions which are difficult for even the most mature adults. This is child abuse in one of its cruelest forms!

Scriptures of God declare great truth:

Proverbs 1:8, 9 – “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.”

Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 23:13, 14 – “Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.”

Proverbs 29:15 – “The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.”

Hebrews 12:11 – “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

Ephesians 6:1-4 – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honour thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

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—by Pat Quesenbury

Every life is a gift

Raised in the inner-city of Philadelphia, both of Lee’s parents were alcoholics. Her dad spent most of his time in the basement of their home (which was plastered with pornographic pictures) emerging at times in great fits of anger, battering and abusing everyone in his path. One of five daughters, her dad made it clear that Lee was an unwanted child. There was no religious influence in the family, but when the Billy Graham Crusade arrived, she and two friends went “just for a few laughs.” That night Lee heard the gospel and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as her Savior. Her heart was changed, but the abuse in her home continued. After high school graduation, she moved to San Francisco with her mother and two little sisters where she accepted a job as typist. The new beginning she had hoped for suddenly turned tragic when a salesman came to her office one morning and returned that evening to rape her.

Traumatized and in shock, Lee escaped, promising never to share this secret. Dying on the inside, sick emotionally and physically, Lee went to the doctor and what she learned rocked her already turbulent world. Pregnant at age 18, she turned to her mother who told her to “leave and come back when it was all over.” Her girlfriend said this baby would mess up her whole life and offered to take her to Mexico for an abortion.

Looking back, Lee said, “Oh how I thank God there was not a Planned Parenthood Clinic in sight where I could have been tempted to go and get rid of this problem.” Instead, she headed to Los Angeles—crying out to God for guidance. The answer came in a broken down motel where a Gideon Bible lay open to Psalm 139. Relief swept over her as she read verses 13-19 and realized she was not an unwanted child as her father had said. She was an unplanned pregnancy. Suddenly it was clear. “Even though a couple may decide when to make love, God decides when to make life!” Her heart was settled. She would give birth to this baby and trust God to provide a loving family to adopt her. More than 20 years later, mother and daughter were reunited, and together they have shared their story on stage, on television and in a book titled *The Missing Piece*.

I met Lee Ezell in 1999 when she was keynote speaker for our New Life Celebration Ladies’ Conference in Dallas. Her story was compelling. Equally inspiring is the message from Lee’s daughter, Julie: “Yes” she said, “I am the result of rape, but I am so glad I did not get the death penalty for the crime of my father!”

Today as loud voices clamor for the right to take innocent lives, let’s remember that God Almighty is present in the womb, shaping and forming each baby into a marvelous work of art. May this truth ring out with new clarity and with strong resolve calling all people everywhere to value, guard and protect our little ones because every life is precious—a gift from our Creator! (Psalm 139; Jer. 1:5)

(Information from personal interview and Lee’s book, *The Missing Piece*)

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INSIGHTS *for* PASTORS

Killing Sacred Cows

By DR. ALLEN TILLEY

All churches have sacred cows—things that are no longer useful or relevant but are still revered by some in the church. It might be a classroom, a chair, a ministry, an order of service, or some other long-held tradition. Dealing with a sacred cow head-on can be disastrous, leading to the end of a pastorate. Here's how I've learned to deal with sacred cows.

Make it a matter of prayer. Overcoming sentimental attachment is difficult. In your prayer time ask God to reveal any ill-will on your part, to help you see things from the other viewpoint and to help you handle things with grace. Then pray that God would soften the hearts of those who are attached to the sacred cow. Do not proceed until you saturate the situation with prayer. Only God can change hearts.

Is it worth the fight? When I was younger, I made everything a test of faith. Now that I'm older and battle-scarred, I realize that sometimes the best course of action is to take no action at all. If it doesn't affect the health of the church, leave it alone. Stirring up people for small or insignificant incidentals doesn't impact the kingdom. Your goal as a pastor is to rally the people to join God in doing something significant in your church and community.

Whatever you do, do not place yourself in a position where it's me against them. If you do, you will lose because many people see the pastor as being temporary.

Start alternatives. If you meet an immovable object, then don't move it. Begin other programs or activities that will eventually replace it. That way you won't be accused of killing off a sacred cow. Those who are ready to move forward will join you, and eventually the results will be evident to all concerned. When starting something new, be sure that it is not seen as an alternative or competition but another source of ministry or avenue for doing ministry. This will diminish any pushback from the other side.

Let it die. If left alone, sacred cows tend to die of natural causes. Just remember no one can champion a dead cause forever. Time has a way of erasing many of the problems and problem people that we face in ministry. The problem comes when we try to rush the situation. Again, if it isn't hindering the gospel and you can wait it out, then leave it alone. If it is causing a problem, then follow the other steps I've outlined in this column.

Enlist others. Before confronting a sacred cow, always build a consensus. However, don't form an attack group. Unruly mobs seldom do things in a godly way. Instead,

find faithful prayer warriors and influencers who share your vision and who can help you in circumventing the sacred cow. If you can't find vocal allies, then you may be the problem.

Point out why the cow needs to die. If you can't leave the sacred cow alone, then lovingly and biblically show why the cow needs to be removed. Explain the benefits of killing the cow and how ministry can be more beneficial without the cow. Understand that not everyone responds logically, especially if they are tied to the cow out of sentiment. Be patient; give the Holy Spirit plenty of time to work. By moving slowly, you give people time to grieve. Losing a cow can be heartbreaking.

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National Brotherhood report from the annual meeting

By RICHEY HESTER

National Brotherhood Editor & Promoter

The National Brotherhood met in Rogers, Arkansas at the National BMA Meeting May 7, 2019. A theme verse was given by President Mark Jones. The verse was James 1:22; *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."* The 2019-2020 officers were presented and elected. They are as follows:

President - Mark Jones
1st Vice President - Van Widger
2nd Vice President - James Laminack
3rd Vice President - Hank Burroughs
Secretary/Treasurer - Roy Caldwell
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Jimmy Thompson
Editor & Promoter - Richey Hester

Galilean Director - Kenneth Colvert
Assistant Galilean Director - Dan Williams
Song Leader - Bill Thornton
Assistant Song Leader - Matt Hudson

The national project was up for discussion. Moral Action was nominated, and it passed.
65% - Moral Action
25% - Galilean
10% - Brotherhood

The Brotherhood officers want to encourage everyone to send the project offering into Bro. Roy Caldwell. We hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer.

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Teaching Responsibility

By **JASON CURRY**

Responsibilities are one of those things that don't come naturally. Have you ever noticed that? You never have to teach a child to be lazy or not do what they should do. It's so important to help our kids know responsibility.

At my house it's that time of year for more outdoor responsibilities. My yard is growing tall like trees with the rain and each of my kids has a job to keep the yard in good shape. It can be a challenge keeping everyone safe and busy when they are drastically different ages. And let's face it, the yard will never look as good if I'm doing it myself. But the opportunity to teach new skills and equip my sons for manhood is worth the effort.

At church, there are kids who "want" to learn responsibility. Is there a job that one of your kids can do? Greet people at the door, take the offering, young believers opening the service in prayer, taking a role... kids are craving opportunities to have a job and feeling trusted to do it.

So, one very simple thing you can do is give jobs away. And remember it will not be done perfectly. But the opportunity to teach new skills and equip children to serve in the church as followers of Christ is well worth the effort.

Our kids at TBHC want so badly to have self-respect, self-worth and self-determination. Our foster and adoptive homes are trying to teach kids that it is not the "self" that establishes

us. It is God who gives us our approval, value and purpose.

An important aspect of this is helping our kids learn life skills and how to make healthy choices that are best for them, not just what they want in the moment. Teaching responsibility, and how to do a job well, are all part of raising kids to be a part of our world.

Our kids don't know how valuable they are to God because most of the people they know (that are supposed to be God's ambassadors) have "proven" again and again they aren't wanted. No one wants any child to feel this but it is a reality we face each day in foster care.

Join us in helping kids know that God has a great job for them, that they are wanted and matter. TBHC is taking opportunities to help kids know they are worth every effort! Thanks for helping bring kids home!

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National WMA chooses new project for 2019-2020

By **KELLY WILLIAMS**

National WMA Project Promotion Committee Chairperson

When the National WMA met in Rogers, Arkansas, we celebrated reaching our goal for last year's project, We Are FREE. The National WMA gave \$60,000 to We Are FREE to furnish the first resident's home (which houses 12).

There were two projects nominated for the 2019-2020 National WMA Project. They are the remodeling of the Baptist Missionary Association of the Philippines printing building into a training facility for national missionaries, and the Missionary Care Ministry led by Bro. Jerry Kidd. The ladies chose the Missionary Care Ministry for our new project.

The project promotion committee, as well as several national officers, met with Bro. Jerry and Mrs. Sue Kidd regarding how we can help this year. Bro. Jerry shared what the Missionary Care Ministry has been doing and what they would like to be able to do in the future for our American as well as our national missionaries around the world.

This ministry provides coaching and counseling to

missionaries on an ongoing basis in order to help them stay longer on the field. They also have provided conferences for the missionaries so that they can meet one another and be trained further.

The group set a goal for this new year of \$85,000. All the national WMA Officers, as well as the committee, are willing to come and speak to your district or local group about this project. Bro. Jerry also stated he is willing to come and talk about the project.

The video will soon be available on the National WMA website (nationalwma.org) for you to download and show your group. There will also be a pdf file of the brochure available soon there as well.

If you have any questions, or you would like someone to come and speak, please contact Kelly Williams, -project promotion chairman, at kelgirl0805@gmail.com or 214-534-9875.

An expression of everlasting love

Many of our friends choose to honor or remember a family member, a friend or an associate with a gift for the children of the Baptist Home. Texas Baptist Home for Children, in turn, notifies the appropriate person. Listed in capital letters are those honored or remembered from May 1-31, 2019.

ENDOWMENTS

MYRA STOKES: Bill Stokes

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GAYLE AYERS: Leon & Johnnie Ross

KENNETH CLINE: Jerry Null

LEVI JOHNSON: Leon & Johnnie Ross

MOLLY LOFTIS: Leon & Johnnie Ross

ANNETTE MCCOWN: Leon & Johnnie Ross

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ANDI YOUNT: Danny & Diane Yount

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ADRIAN MARTINEZ: Concha Rouse

JEAN MCCONAGHIE: Mary Dunavant

SHERRY MEEKS: R.A. Corbell

PAUL & JEARLENE MIZE: Jerry & Sheree Mize

TRULA PENNINGTON: Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Mineola

DON ROUSE: Concha Rouse

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THOMAS WALTERS: Mrs. Thomas Walters

SAM & JO WHITE: Jerry & Sheree Mize

FAYRENE WILKERSON: Charles & Charlotte Johnson



A word from your missions office

By HEITH MITCHELL

If God calls us to follow him in doing something we can expect a few things to be true:

1. The task will be true to the Word and reflective of the heart and mission of God.
2. The task will be God-sized and not something we can reasonably tackle.
3. The task will directly highlight our weakness and his glory.
4. The task will require faithfulness and faith.

I see all of these realized in your Texas Missions Movement and especially as we labor and pray towards 100 new churches in Texas by 2029. Let's examine each:

1. Your Texas Missions Movement is squarely focused on the mission God has left us with. We are focused on sharing the gospel and making disciples all over this growing state among the current generations. This is our focus and that focus results in new churches being started and existing churches being revived. We are focused on this while being true to the principles and instructions given to us in the Word of God.
2. God always asks us to step out in faith and follow Him in doing God sized things, not us size things. We are not left to ourselves. It is a faith journey we are on and our faith grows when we trust. It grows when we see the power of God on full display. When we realize our limits are not our limits in Christ. The story of every Bible character is an example of this. All of us involved in your Texas Missions Movement are aware that we are engaged in a God-sized task, wrestling territory that the enemy controls for the King and His Kingdom. This is dangerous, overwhelming and defeating work. But we have victory in Christ Jesus!
3. I set at my desk writing this overwhelmed with the truth of this. My weakness is really the only useful thing I have to offer God. It is useful to Him because when He shows Himself mighty through me and there is no danger that I will rob Him of his glory. Doesn't God always use the least likely? Again every character in the Bible is an example of God showing himself through an unlikely candidate. I do not doubt what God can do through an East Texas farm boy or the motley crew of missionaries and support workers he has assembled. None of us are a gift to God but we are a vessel He can use to make Himself known.
4. Your Texas Missions Movement is constantly stepping out in faith while seeking to be faithful. There are currently 28 church planting engagements while the Lord continues to open new

doors. We know that our role is to remain faithful to the mission and to care for each mission and each missionary while serving each of you. We believe that the path to 100 churches is a path of faith and faithfulness.

Will you join us in prayer and commitment to:
PROJECT 2029
100 New Churches/10 years

That we see an aggressive multiplication movement of churches who make disciples, equip and release leaders and start churches for the glory of God and the advancement of his Kingdom Mission

That each new mission begin with a plan to begin three new churches in their first 10 years

That pastors and churches of the association be encouraged and equipped to start new churches

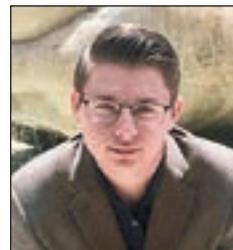
That we connect, evaluate, identify and train new prospective church planters

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

A WORD FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

**SPENCER SIMPSON—
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Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. Summer is off to a great start for us with our membership classes going, and tremendous spiritual growth being seen in our discipleship groups!



▲ Spencer Simpson

Prayer Needs:

Continue to pray for the hearts of our regulars and future members that the Lord would prepare them to be actively seeking out and making disciples. Pray as well for the hearts of those who confess Christ but express no desire to know Him more. Pray for us as pastors, that we would be patient with them and lean on the Holy Spirit's work in their hearts and not on our own efforts. We are also still looking for someone to help us lead worship, so prayer for that is greatly appreciated.

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time you will know that you have done the right thing.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for the family of my wife and my father-in-law, who is in the hospital.

Pray for the event we will have on June 19, that God would work and souls would be saved.



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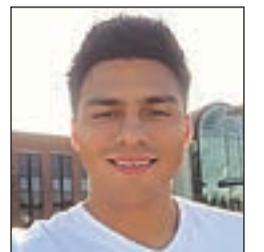
Thank you for your support in all aspects, moral, economic and spiritual and continue to pray for us. Pray for more contacts to evangelize and disciple. Pray for growth and the strengthening of family small groups.

Prayer Needs:

1. For the immediate attention of the converts to be disciplined
2. A house, own or rented, to reunite those who are disciplined
3. For greater follow-up of the Hispanics in attending the meeting place and time to visit them in their homes...for the level of Discipleship 1, 2, 3... initial, intermediate, and advanced.

**CRISTIAN MARTINEZ—
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Thank you for faithfully partnering with us in the labor of making disciples in Lubbock through your prayers and financial support. This month we were able to see the fruit of three people who turned from their sins to trust and followed Jesus. Two of them are a couple that have read the Bible with us for almost one year. The other man is a research scholar at Texas Tech University that is originally from China. God opened his eyes to see Jesus as his only God and Savior after one month of reading the Bible. He came to the US not knowing about the Bible and Jesus. He will go back to China in six months



▲ Cristian Martinez

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Just The Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief to respond to flooding in Arkansas

Just The Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief will be responding to flooding in Arkansas. We plan to be there at least two months. We will need volunteers and donations of supplies such as cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, food supplies, water, Gatorade, etc. Financial assistance is always a need.

The address of our location and a starting date will be forthcoming.

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Isaacs honored for 70th wedding anniversary

Robert and Ruth (Locke) Isaacs were honored May 18 at a reception marking their 70th wedding anniversary. The event, which was held at First, Jacksonville, was hosted by their children and grandchildren. The Isaacs, who served for many years in BMA Missions Spanish Publications ministry, were married May 15, 1949 in Odell.



Liberty association hosts BMMI rally

By **CHARLES JOHNSON**

Pastor of Rosewood, Gilmer

The Liberty Baptist Missionary Association held a rally for Baptist Medical Missions International at Camille Acres Baptist Church in Longview May 16. There were 11 churches represented at the meeting.

Pastor Thomas Ayres read scripture and welcomed the messengers to Camille Acres. Following a brief business session presided over by assistant moderator Michael Pool, Dr. John Ladd, M.D., assistant BMMI director, and his wife, Shirley, gave a demonstration of a simulated BMMI clinic.

Johnnie Ross, acting the role of a foreign patient, was taken through the various steps of registration, triage screening, examination and diagnosis, prescription, evangelism and pharmacy which was quite informative to the audience. Mrs. Ladd also demonstrated how reading glasses and sunglasses are prescribed and fitted. An offering of over \$3,500 was received for BMMI.

The next meeting of Liberty Association will be Aug. 15, 7 p.m., at Coffeerville Baptist Church, 10766 Thistle Road, Ore City. This will be a rally for Lifeword Media Ministries.

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“Dive In” to Texas Sunbeams

By **GLENDAM CHAMBERLAIN**

The Texas Sunbeams are preparing to “Dive In” to their annual Houseparty. All Sunbeams and other children’s groups are welcome to attend this exciting Houseparty on June 28-29, 2019 at Jacksonville College. Registration fee is \$15.

They will be “diving” into God’s Word as they explore God’s sea creatures and Bible stories. The Houseparty will be “submerged” under the sea! The Sunbeam “Divers” are preparing for the “Dive” by praying for Houseparty preparations, inviting their friends, and saving money for their project—Water For Christ.

The Sunbeams want to help dig a well for a mission field. Bring all project offerings to the Texas Sunbeam “Dive In” located at the Jacksonville College Student Union Building

You can find more information by clicking on the Sunbeam tab on the State WMA website, texaswma.com. Elvera Koonce, State Sunbeam Promoter and Shirley Hoffpauir, Assistant State/ National Promoter are planning a great Houseparty. Register today.

NATIONAL GALILEAN CAMP

Galileans from across several states will be gathering June 21-24, 2019 for National Galilean Camp. The camp is held at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville Arkansas.

Dr. Jason Aultman from Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas is the featured speaker. There will also be a special service in memory of Al Walker, recognizing his dedication and long-time service to Galileans. Please be in prayer for the young men and sponsors as they attend camp.

MORE OF JESUS, LESS OF ME

Come join the Texas WMA ladies for a weekend of refreshment and restoration as we focus on Jesus and off of ourselves. The Retreat is September 20-21, 2019. The host church is Antioch Baptist Church, 7391 Giraffe Road, Gilmer.

The keynote speaker is Suzie Umbel. Suzie stated, “My goal is to motivate women to spend time in God’s Word, for that is how they will transform to His likeness.”

Suzie Umbel 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. Suzie feels called to take women deeper into the word because that is how lives and households are transformed.

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 by contacting Ava Pool through Antioch Church, by email at avanpool1956@gmail.com or by phone at 903-790-5598.

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

NATIONAL WMA MINISTRY CONFERENCE

National WMA met May 6-7, 2019 in Rogers, Arkansas. Last month in *Baptist Progress* we reported on the National WMA Business Meeting which was held on May 6. This month we are focusing on the Women’s Ministry Conference which was held on May 7 at Temple Baptist Church, located just a few miles from the convention center.

As each lady made her way through registration she received a beautiful hand-carved piece from Ghana, Africa.

Sabrina Clayton, song leader, led the ladies in a beautiful selection of songs. Brenda Hornaday, Second Vice President, gave a heartfelt welcome to all attendees.

Lane Flint, GMA/YLA Promoter, introduced Autumn Herring the National Miss GMA. Autumn led a moving devotional based on Joseph and how God places us in situations to show His glory and radiate His love to others. She also shared her life verse, Romans 8:28.

Judy Wallace, Jerene Reddin, Marita Yerton, formerly of the Lifeword Trio, sang a beautiful rendition of *Be Thou My Vision*.

Keynote speaker Judy Wallace brought a wonderful Spirit-filled message titled *Be Thou My Vision*. She spoke about how our Heavenly Father needs to be our vision at all times and in all things. So we can continuously be reminded of who He is, who we are, what He has done for us and what we need to do for Him. Scripture was read from Isaiah 6:1-8. Judy also shared an alphabet of praise to God which stirred our very souls. You can see a video of Judy’s message on the WMA website, www.nationalwma.org/national-meeting.

Charlotte Johnson, first vice president, had a special presentation to Minister Wives and Widows. She spoke of their dedication to the Lord’s work and the blessing they are to many people. She presented each lady with a beautiful blessings jar. Janet Widger, assistant treasurer, prayed over these special women.

A delicious catered taco bar, with all the fixings, was served for lunch. Lunch was followed by four breakout sessions: Missions by Belinda Caudle, Benevolence by Robin Tyler, Youth Auxiliaries by Valarie Fish and Service to Ministers’ Wives by T’Shana Everitt.

Brenda Hornaday announced the theme for the coming year “Share the Vision.” It was reported just over 200 ladies were in attendance for the event.

MINISTERING TO KIDS THRU WATER FUN

We have a chance to make a difference in the lives of children staying with Texas Baptist Home for Children.

Texas WMA has selected the Texas Baptist Home for Children as their project, the campus community swimming pool is in desperate need of repairs. The pool currently requires repairs costing approximately \$30,000. We need your help to reach our goal of \$12,500 to assist in these much-needed repairs. You can make a difference in the lives of these precious children by giving to this project. Please be in prayer for ways your WMA can help fill this need.

Send offerings to: Jo Strong, 149 NW Suzanne Terrace, Burleson, TX 76028. For more information please contact Diana Morris, Texas Project Promoter at 903-288-7575 or at grammydi1013@msn.com.

Glenda Chamberlain is the Texas Women’s Missionary Auxiliary (WMA) editor. Contact her at gcham33@yahoo.com. For more information about the Texas WMA, visit www.texaswma.com.



Attention Texas Sunbeams

Dear Texas State Sunbeam Divers,

We hope you are planning to “Dive In” to Jacksonville College at the Texas State Sunbeam House Party June 27-28. Registration begin Friday at 4 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 per person. Three meals are provided. We hope you can donate to this year’s project, “Water for Christ.”

You will need to bring your own bedding for our sleepover at Collin’s Hall (girl’s dorm). All house party information/ registration is located at www.texaswma.com under the Sunbeam tab.

The Jacksonville College Student Union Building will become our Sunbeam Underwater Basin, filled with sea creatures, a submarine and an under-water cave. Divers will receive a sea creature mask, a sea photo booth name tag and a goody bag.

Let’s “Dive In” to God’s Word, music, Bible lessons, sea creatures, lessons, crafts, personal recognition, talent time, snacks, move time, games, water activities and fun, fun, fun!

See you there! Bring a friend!
Ms. Koonce and Ms. Hoffpauir

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Power over possessions

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: July 7, 2019
TEXT: 1 John 2:28-3:3

THE HOOK

Let's get to know the writer of the epistle in which we study this quarter. The author is the Apostle John—the author of John's gospel, the three epistles of John and the Book of Revelation. In his latter days, John was banished to Patmos by the Roman government, and according to tradition, as presented in the writings of Tertullian, it was not before he was boiled in oil while in Rome. But he suffering nothing from it. It was on the Isle of Patmos, that he received the Revelation of the end times and a fascinating word picture of Heaven. John was a witness, alongside Peter and James, of Jesus' appearance on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah. This same John never mentioned himself by name in his gospel, only to

refer to the "apostle that Jesus loved." He was reclined nearest to the Savior, and the Savior loved him to the extent that He left his mother under the watch care of John (John 19:26-27).

These wonderful epistles of John were obviously addressed to believers in Christ as he addressed them as "my little children." They were words of comfort as well as exhortation to abide in Christ.

THE BOOK

1. He exhorts us to ABIDE in Christ (2:28-29). This cannot possibly be an inference that to fail to abide in Christ is to lose salvation since believers cannot be separated from Christ (Romans 8:38-39). Rather he is challenging us to live a lifestyle which will result in our being confident—without fear—at His coming. But John is also emphatically stating that practicing a lifestyle of righteousness is indication that one has, indeed, been

genuinely saved. A genuine believer can have his or her life on earth cut short because of failure to obey Christ (the sin unto death—1 John 5:16).

2. He encourages us to be ASSURED of the Father's love (3:1-3). (a) God has extended His love to us through Christ Jesus; (b) He has granted us the blessed identity in Him by naming us "The Children of God;" (c) He has given us a way to be assured of our relationship with Him by reminding us of our alienation from the world (1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2-3).

3. He assures us that we shall ASCEND into glory to be with him forever (3:3). We shall see Him face to face.

THE LOOK

Always be cognizant of your identity in Christ—you are a child of God: Always insure that your life exemplifies a life of righteousness in Christ, and that you are assured that you will not be ashamed at His appearing.

Say no to sin

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: July 14, 2019
TEXT: 1 John 3:4-10

THE HOOK

There are at least three basic attitudes toward God: (Acts 17:32-34) There are the **rejectors**—those who reject His grace, delighting in delving into sin. Their every activity celebrates and obsesses over a sinful lifestyle. They arise in the mornings longing to sin some more. They have rejected God (Romans 1:25-26). Secondly, there are the **pretenders**: They will seek to postpone a confrontation with God. They have no knowledge of God, but are just play-acting the role for selfish gain or to escape the pressures of overbearing parents or friends; and then there are the **believers**: those who answered the call of the Holy Spirit to be saved, and who strive to walk with Him, and feel overwhelming guilt and remorse when they stumble in their Christian life.

THE BOOK

1. Sin is the transgression of the Law (verse 4). For the lost, it is a lifestyle, but for the believer who still wrestles with the flesh, there is a Spiritual Compass within us, pointing us to Christ, and sensing the need to confess sin.

2. Christ is the answer to our quest to hopelessly live uprightly in the energy of the flesh (verse 5). Christ, being God incarnate in the flesh, took upon Himself the load of all sins which were committed from Adam on down to the final human born on earth. He was the God-Man—100 percent God—100 percent man. He knew no sin, yet he was tempted just as we are, only more intensely.

3. Whoever abides in Him seeks, at all cost, to avoid sin and its effects (verse 6). We do not acquire salvation by living a sinless life of perfection—but the salvation of the Lord enables us to live a life void of the practice of sin.

4. Whoever abides in Him, will be confronted by a spiritual warfare (Romans 7). The Apostle Paul knew the struggle very well. Anyone who strives to walk in the righteousness of Christ will have this internal turmoil. It is an effective indicator that one has passed from death unto life. The devil's crowd is not in his cross-hairs—he already has them; but the devil has his scope leveled on God's beloved.

THE LOOK

Are you a child of the King? If so, it is not revealed in a sinless life of perfection, because none of us can accomplish that. But it is in persevering against the wiles and temptations of the devil gaining continual victory in Christ. Every victory over our flesh gives us additional spiritual strength. This is known as God's sanctifying work in His beloved children.

The preeminence of love

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: July 21, 2019
TEXT: 1 John 3:11-18

THE HOOK

The task of evangelizing the world can be described in five words: "Sharing the love of Christ." But those who live in darkness do not comprehend Christ's love. Everyone is familiar with the three types of love: Eros—erotic, self-serving lust of the flesh; Phileo—brotherly kindness and Agape—unconditional love—a love which loves the unlovely, seeks no recompense, keeps getting trounced upon and yet, continues to love. It is a selfless love. Furthermore, Agape is the love which characterizes the heart of Christ as He gave His all, that we might have eternal life.

THE BOOK

1. The contrast between good and evil (verse 12-13). Cain's hatred for his brother Abel, in Genesis 4, so appropriately illustrates the spirit of love and hate in our world today. An evil heart contains resentment, jealousy, rage, and murder. Cain brought "the firstlings of his flock" to the Lord which was pleasing to Him. But the Lord rejected Abel's insincere gesture of giving of the fruit of the ground.

2. The evidence of a loving heart (verse 14). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." To forsake the

assembly (Hebrews 10:25) should cause one to question his or her own relationship with the Lord when they refuse to fellowship with believers. A loving heart is also demonstrated by sacrificial giving (verses 16-18).

3. The evidence of a depraved heart (verse 15). It is not the act of murder that sends a person to hell—it is the depravity of an unregenerated heart that causes one become unloving or murderous.

THE LOOK

This lesson behooves everyone who studies it, to search our own hearts, and make sure of our calling to salvation.

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Confidence from God's Spirit

By PAUL GAUNTT

DATE: July 28, 2019
TEXT: 1 John 3:19-24

THE HOOK

The Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit, is so absolutely vital to the life of a believer. The precious Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and error (John 16:8); He helps us in our prayers (Romans 8:26); He guides us into all truth (John 16:13); He comforts us (John 14:26).

THE BOOK

John continues to emphasize the urgency for us to be confident before Christ when He returns for us. He assures us in verse 20 that even when we have a heart of conviction, and feel ashamed, God is still greater than our conviction and knows exactly what is in our hearts. Whether we are laden with guilt, or have bold confidence, we can approach God, with a contrite spirit.

In verse 22-24, we are assured that when we come to him in confidence, and obedient faith, with love in our hearts toward one another, we can know that we have passed from death to life because the Holy Spirit lives in us.

THE LOOK

The book of 1 John is replete with verses that can help us to know that we have passed from death to life.

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with the treasure of the gospel and very likely will face rejection and possible persecution. Please pray for joyful obedience and perseverance in the faith.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for conversions, new converts to obey in baptism, pregnancy and moving.

**CLIFF ROBERTSON—
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Pray for us as we walk into the VBS season! Pray that we may be able to reach many kids and their parents for Jesus!



▲ Cliff Robertson

Prayer Needs:

We are beginning the new plant in West Columbia. We are excited and will be announcing more soon!

**MIKE WATT—
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We have big plans this summer for reaching our community. We will have sports camps in June and block parties in July.



▲ Mike Watt

Prayer Needs:

Summer sports camps are next week. Please pray we impact the community for the Kingdom

**NEPTALY MOLINA—
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I went out in different places to preach the messages in public places like Walmart, Michuacana and Lufkin. Recently, I went to preach with my wife Manuela and Sister Micaela Chavez to knock on doors and we visited 15 homes in the sector (with Seale where there is a small Hispanic colony)



▲ Neptaly Molina

of which seven people were interested and wish to be visited again. One person made the decision to accept Christ.

Prayer Needs:

1. Spiritual life of the Pastoral family Molina Perdomo
2. Development of the Mission in Nacogdoches
3. New families that are working for the mission
4. Implementing the Andres plan, an evangelistic and discipleship plan
5. Three new Hispanic places to evangelize and get more families for Christ and for the mission in Nacogdoches
6. For immigration decisions for us

**JAIME GARCIA—
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Blessed be God, brothers, who has given us of His Holy Spirit and who has promised to be with us until the end of the world. I believe that without that promise I would not have the courage to continue doing the missionary work. Now, I understand why Moses and other servants of God wisely obeyed and continued with faith as if they were looking at the invisible (Hebrews 11:27). It is necessary to continue talking about the love and hope of God for humanity through Jesus, but also to understand that not everyone obeys the gospel. But it is necessary to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Some, sadly, by discarding the good news and not obeying the truth will be judged. It is not easy because there is a great opposition, but the Love of God acts in our Hearts to continue advancing. Blessings for all of you brothers.



▲ Jaime Garcia

Prayer Needs:

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. I believe that without your prayers none of this would be happening. Your support of the missionary work is of great importance, and I need you to always include me in your prayers. God is doing great things. Please pray that God continues to open doors above all that hearts be reconciled to God through Jesus.

**RONNIE MILLS—
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We're so excited about our launch in August! We feel that we have built a solid core team, and laid a foundation for us as a church that will make our launch in August so much smoother. Please continue to pray for us. We recently baptized five people who have committed their lives to Jesus, and God is still doing amazing things through our ministry!



▲ Ronnie Mills

Prayer Needs:

Pray our people will carry in them the momentum needed to launch in August!

**MATTHEW PRATHER—
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Summer is here! It is hard to believe how fast this school year has flown by. So many great things have been happening. As I write this, we are getting ready to have our first baptism service in our new building. We have seen several new families attend our newcomers lunch, and new families have been stepping up



▲ Matthew Prather

to volunteer in different areas. We have several different things planned for this summer. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to reach new people. We appreciate your continued support.

**WESLEY BURKE—
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Prayer Needs:

Pray for the Burkes as they move and find a place to live.



▲ Wesley Burke

**CHRIS DRIVER—
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Connect. Connect. Connect. That's what we are focusing on here in west Texas. Church planters are finding new ways to make connections in their small towns, I am finding ways to connect to churches and pastors who might embrace the vision of being a mother church, and the missions department is finding ways to better connect our planters and their families with the BMA work and one another. Please pray for these connections. Every one of them is critical to the success of God's mission here in west Texas and across our state. Who knows, it might just be that you and your church end up being the answer to that prayer. If so, give me a call and let's see what God wants to do!



▲ Chris Driver

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DATE: July 3-5, 2019

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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

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AVAILABLE POSITIONS

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

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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—Davis Street, Sulphur Springs is seeking a pastor. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, 427 Gilmer Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482. For questions, call 903-885-5991. ^{6/19}

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

DAVID PICKARD has resigned as pastor of South Park, Fort Worth.

CHURCHES in REVIEW

May 19, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	46	140	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	15	38	
Jackson, Joaquin	67	92	5 by statement
New Harmony, Tyler	260	210	1 by letter
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	35	50	
Rosewood, Gilmer	107	217	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	41	67	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		36	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	13	42	
Simmons Hill, Diana	22	28	

May 26, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	48	73	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	16	40	
Jackson, Joaquin	78	118	
New Harmony, Tyler	264	313	
New Hope, Mineola	85	148	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		48	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	53	69	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	35	52	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		98	

June 2, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	34	71	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	14	57	
Jackson, Joaquin	59	97	2 by letter
New Harmony, Tyler	262	327	1 by baptism
Olde Tyme, White Oak		37	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	49	61	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	34	69	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		50	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	15	40	
Simmons Hill, Diana	27	34	1 by baptism
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	14	19	

June 10, 2019

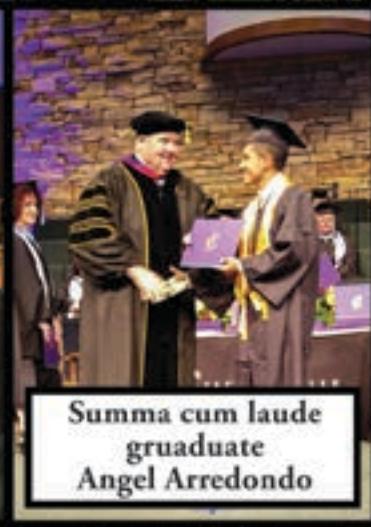
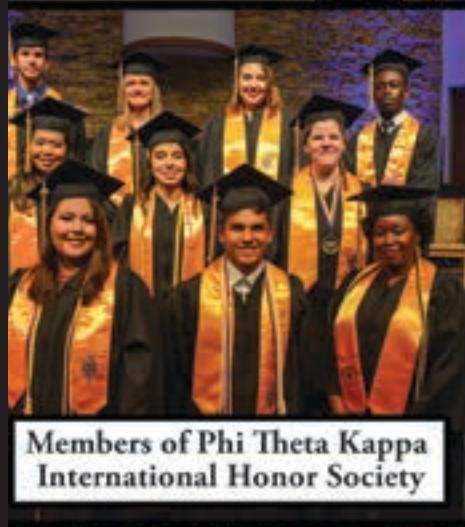
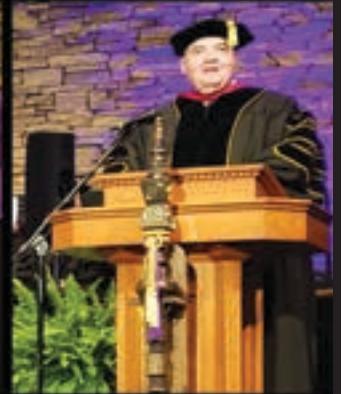
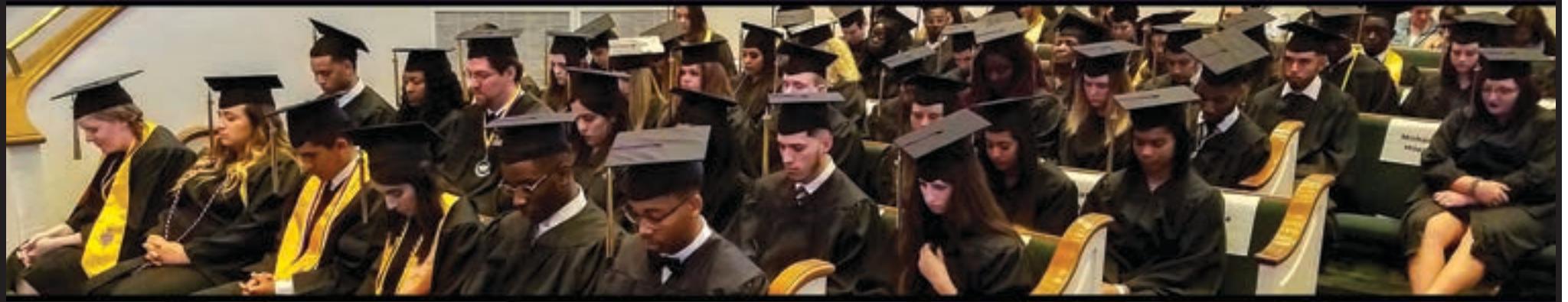
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First, Palmer	45	64	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	17	31	
Jackson, Joaquin	73	124	
New Harmony, Tyler	278	311	
New Hope, Mineola	83	141	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		37	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	47	70	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		55	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	11	24	
Simmons Hill, Diana	14	18	




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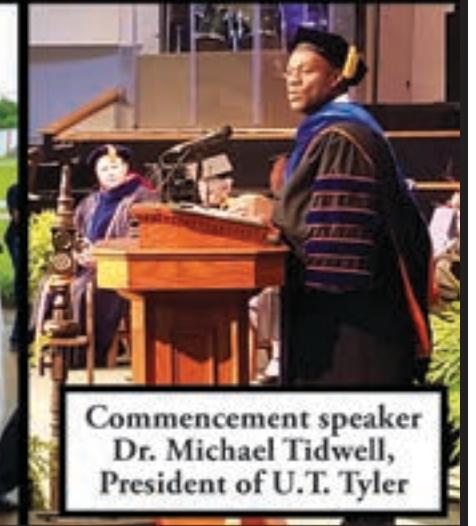
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