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## BMA of America Meeting concludes in Rogers, Arkansas



▲ BMA of America Missions Commissioning Service

By **JERRY FULTON**  
*Baptist Progress Editor*

The 2019 BMA of America Annual Meeting was held May 6-8 at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas. In attendance were 644 people, including 466 messengers and 178 visitors from 218 churches. Churches represented by letter only were 204. Those in attendance received a welcome from BMA of America President Jeff Swart on Monday evening. Following the welcome and worship in music, Swart preached the president's message using the theme of the meeting for its title, "One Lord, One Faith, One Mission," from Ephesians 4:1-6.



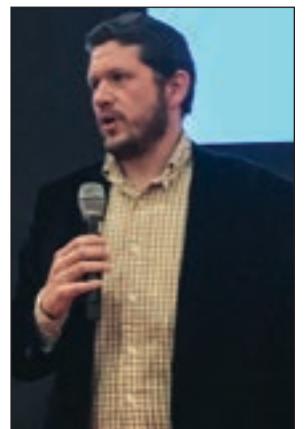
▲ Jeff Swart

New churches welcomed into the association this year included Central Church, Southaven, Mississippi; Daystar Church, Sumrall, Mississippi; Graves Memorial, Little Rock, Arkansas and Mosaic Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Tuesday, a number of breakout sessions were offered for pastors, staff and others in attendance. Then, on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. John David Smith, executive director of BMA of America Missions, preached a message titled "On Mission," from the Book of Haggai. Smith noted that a clear mission establishes our identity and sets our priorities, a clear mission brings focus to the future and helps us avoid the prison of the past, a clear mission produces action and not just activity and a clear mission reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Some statistics he shared were that in 1985, giving to BMA of America Missions was \$8 million. In 2018, giving to the missions department was \$5 million dollars. He also said that 80 percent of every penny given to support our missionaries around the world is given by only 16 percent of our churches. The average church in the United States spends 88 percent of its income on itself. He also stated that from 2018 to 2019, the cost per baptized believer in the Baptist Missionary Association was \$42,316.48.

Later on Tuesday afternoon, a townhall meeting was held in which Aaron Middleton, chairman of DiscipleGuide Board of Trustees explained

what's going on at DiscipleGuide. He said that the trustees had come to the conclusion that having Daniel Springs Camp, conferences, information services and literature under one umbrella was not the best model. He stated, "While it looked good on paper, it was not good in practice."



▲ Aaron Middleton

Sunday school curriculum will now be prepared and provided under the direction of Dr. Charley Holmes, BMA Seminary president. Samples of the new upcoming curriculum was on hand at the meeting. Middleton said that DiscipleGuide trustees were committed to having our own curriculum. With the new adult curriculum, children's curriculum will also be made available in September.

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By **JERRY FULTON**

**ANNIVERSARY OFFERING**

Later this year, *Baptist Progress*, will celebrate 107 years of ministry. During 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 of our anniversary offering is to raise **\$10,000** to meet our budget for the year.

Due to a low United Thanksgiving Offering in November, we are way behind in our projected income for the year. Perhaps your church would see fit to give more than \$107. Whatever you give will be appreciated.

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We appreciate your contribution to our ministry needs.

**REVIVE US AGAIN CONFERENCE**

The first ever *Revive Us Again Conference*, sponsored by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, will take place June 18 at Jacksonville College. The purpose of the conference is to encourage pastors, churches and associations. Speakers include BMAA pastors, associational leaders and educational leaders. Details of the conference are on page 16 of this issue. We hope you will make plans to attend. It's going to be a great day!



▲ Jerry Fulton

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

We apologize that there are no Sunday school lessons in this issue. They were not made available to us by press time.

## BMA Seminary's Sixty-Second Commencement

By **DR. PHILIP ATTEBERY**

*BMA Seminary Dean*

The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville will hold its 2019 commencement exercises on Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. in the Dorman Memorial Chapel on the seminary located at 1530 East Pine Street.

The event is open to the public.

The 2019 graduating class will be the seminary's sixty-second. Graduates will receive Associate, Bachelor and Master's degrees during the ceremony.

Dr. Charley Holmes will present the commencement address. Holmes is completing his twentieth year as president of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. Holmes earned the Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Master of Divinity degrees from the BMA Seminary. He also earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. Under his leadership, BMA Seminary has tripled its enrollment, gained accreditation with the Commission

on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, added distance education and degree programs, and enhanced its Christ-centered curriculum.

Holmes, a native of Limestone County, is married to Diane Holmes. They have two children and five grandchildren. He is also a member of the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville. In addition to his duties as seminary president, Holmes currently serves as executive director for the Baptist Publishing House, and has traveled globally and nationally to speak at ministry conferences associated with the Baptist Missionary Association and other biblically and theologically-conservative entities.

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.

## OBITUARY

**C. BARNWELL ANDERSON**

C. Barnwell Anderson, longtime Baptist pastor and retired professor of history and government at Jacksonville College passed away May 10, 2019. A funeral service for Anderson, age 86, of Jacksonville, was May 14, 2019 at Autry Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville with Dr. Edwin Crank, Bro. David Moore and Bro. Wayne Thompson officiating.

Anderson was born August 26, 1932 in Hornersville, Missouri to Campbell Barnwell Anderson and Vera Lee Edwards. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Religion, and Masters of Arts. He attended BMA Seminary and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree. He was a professor for 35 years at Jacksonville College. During his life, he preached the gospel for 63 years and pastored churches 50 of those years

in Missouri and Texas. He lived the best life with the best wife.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Campbell Barnwell Anderson and Vera Lee Edwards.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 63 years, Annabelle Anderson; sister, Jane Jamerson, of Hornersville, Missouri and many nieces and nephews.

Rather than customary condolences, gifts may be made to Texas Southern Gospel School of Music, 305 Trailwood Drive, Crockett, Texas 75835; Jacksonville College 105 B.J. Albritton Drive Jacksonville, Texas 75766 or a charity of your choice.



# Demonism—2 Corinthians 2:11



By **DR. JOHN ADAMS**

*Moral Action Executive Director*

Christians have taken a tongue-in-cheek approach to the issue of demonism. We should boldly and confidently recognize Satan's intimidation and his mastery of tricks.

## **CAN CHRISTIAN PEOPLE BE DEMON POSSESSED?**

Evil forces are not discriminating with regard to which body they may inhabit. If the "gate is left open", the demon sees this as a walk through. We read II Cor. 2:10-11: "To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us for we are not ignorant of his devices."; I Cor. 5:5: "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.", and Luke 22:31 "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat".

The believer has the Holy Spirit within him, so the demon force cannot claim ownership of the Christian. He is still a child of God. But the evil force can work havoc within the life and body, bringing evil and extreme thoughts. This explains why some believers fall into such horrible sins and how some even commit suicide.

## **WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE DEMON POSSESSED?**

The demons of Satan can block out the true consciousness of man temporarily, and speak and act through the victim. Luke 8:26-28 says, "And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.'" Often the person will possess incredible strength, a wild temperament, a blasphemous tongue, a vulgar character, and can carry out sadistic-brutal acts.

Some of the things to look for that might reveal demonism are:

1. Sudden and unreasonable changes of mood,
2. Aggressive expressions of hate and hostility,
3. Unnatural attachment to charms, fortune-telling and involvement in the occults,
4. Drugs and alcohol addiction, and
5. Extreme habits of sexual immorality, perversion, evil tongues, and mockery.

## **CAN DEMONS BE RESISTED?**

Charles Swindoll, author, gives a simple biblical process to follow:

1. "Vocally declare your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Openly acknowledge that He is your Master and Lord.
2. Deny any and all allegiance to the devil and his

demonic host.

3. Claim the full armor of God, based on Ephesians 6:10-11: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Read the passage orally with emphasis.

4. State firmly your resistance of demonic influence. James 4:7-8 is a very practical instruction, with hocus pocus or secret code. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." It means what it says. We are to not allow Satan's forces to stay in us. The blood of Christ drives these forces away.

## **CAN I WIN THE WAR OVER SATAN?**

There is an appropriate and victorious thought from Revelation 12:11. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." There is no need to be afraid for we have overcoming power through Him who died that we might live. In the book "Satan is Alive and Well", it states, "Using Jesus' name reminds the believer that the conquest of Satan was Christ's victory, we are only conquerors because of Him. If we dare to step out from behind the cross of Christ and try to battle Satan in our own strength, we will lose!"

Writer Mark Bubeck gives some dos and don'ts.

1. Don't seek information or allow any wicked spirit to volunteer you information.
2. Don't assume that one victory is the end of the warfare.
3. Don't rely upon bold confrontation as the main way to victory, but apply daily prayer, scripture memorization, and a walk of praise toward God to help.
4. Do put on the whole armor of God.
5. Do take back all ground you may have given Satan by willful sins, and this is done by a simple prayer of faith.
6. Do force the wicked spirit to admit that because you are sealed with Christ that you and Christ have full authority over them....Ephesians 1:21-22- "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."

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—by Pat Quesenbury

## **They Need Us**

Stop the wedding! That's what I wanted to shout—but didn't; instead I swallowed my words, listening in horror as the bride spewed ugly, hate-filled words suggesting that her soon to be mother-in-law might like to leave. When no one moved, the photographer jumped into action to capture this "once in a lifetime" event for future generations. What future? If they survived the ceremony, how long would it last?

I wondered what caused the big explosion. The proverbial mother-in-law jokes lead us to believe it's her fault every time. Not true; in most situations there's enough blame to go around. For these two women, something big was missing and both responded badly.

This might have been Judy's story. Her family was broken in many ways, and the home in which she grew up did not foster intimate relationships. She knew Jesus as her Savior, but somehow the mentoring and discipleship never happened. At age 17, Judy met a woman who would not only change her life but also the lives of her children and grandchildren. With no formal training and no study book to follow, Arlene Patterson welcomed her into her home and into her heart, pouring love and truth into this starving soul.

I asked Judy what made the difference and her quick response was: "It all started around the kitchen table where we spent many hours together. Arlene (and her husband James) accepted me even though they might not agree with my clothes or some things I did. Never negative, they loved me anyway, inquired about my day, cared deeply if I was hurt and celebrated even small victories. I wanted to spend time in this home because they made me feel special. They loved me like I was their own child."

Three years later Judy married Mike, Arlene's oldest son, and it's been an ongoing process I've loved watching. Today Judy is intentional, creative and committed to passing on what she's been taught (and since learned) to their two children, their spouses and 4 grandchildren, as well as to the girls and women in churches where Mike has pastored for more than 37 years.

In 2005 James passed away and Arlene went to live with Mike and Judy where she remained in their loving care for the rest of her life. What she had so graciously invested in her daughter-in-law was returned in full measure during those 11 years and is a remarkable testament to one woman's willingness to share. I too have been the recipient of her love and kindness because Arlene Patterson was my sister, an important role model for me.

This month we honor our mothers. What a great time to remember other ladies who have also invested time, love and wisdom into our lives! No family connection required—no age limit imposed, women need each other. And, as my mom once said to me: "We have to go; they need us." (Titus 2:3-5.)

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# BMA of Texas minute books online

Dear BMA of Texas Family,

We are pleased to inform you that your BMA of Texas has taken the step of using technology to better serve you in providing the minute records from our Annual Association Meetings. We have created a link on our website to a pdf of the new 2018 minute book along with the 2017 and 2016 books. Here is why this is good:

You will have 24-hour access to these records through any device (phone, tablet, computer).

No need to maintain physical copies of past meetings. (We hope to archive all past books in the coming years)

We are saving the Association Expense Fund over \$4000.00 annually.

You can print all or a specific page of any of the books.

Here is how to access the books:

Go to [BMATexas.org](http://BMATexas.org) from your browser.

Hover over the "Resources" menu and click on "BMA Texas Minute Books."

You must enter the password to proceed. The password to enter is "BMATVault." The password is case sensitive and must be entered as shown. *This password is necessary to secure financial and confidential information in the books. We want this to be a resource available only within our BMA of Texas family.*

Click on the minute book you wish to view and it will open in a PDF document. From there you can view, download, or print the book.

Our heart is always to serve you and hear from you. Call your BMAT office if we can assist you in any way.

Your servants in Christ,  
BMA of Texas



# BMA of Polk County to host Dr. Charley Holmes to speak on the topic "Autonomous, but not Alone"

By **JOHN HENDERSON**

*BMA of Polk County Moderator*

The BMA of Polk County extends a welcome to other BMA churches to attend the presentation, "Autonomous but not Alone" on Saturday, June 22. Dr. Charley Holmes, President of BMA Seminary, will speak about the difference between the BMA and other groups of Baptists. He will also cover the history and importance of the Association Baptist Movement in the

United States. The presentation will be given at First Baptist Church of Providence, 898 Providence Road, in Livingston. The morning session is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session is from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please call or email John Henderson at 936-327-9228 or [henderson2@livingston.net](mailto:henderson2@livingston.net) with the number from each church to attend.

# Three-dimensional world map donated to BMA Seminary

On Monday, April 15, Don and Bonnie Brown drove from Laurel, Mississippi, to Jacksonville on a mission. Bro. Don is bringing to a close two terms (10 years) as a trustee for BMA Seminary. Bro. Don is a strong supporter of the worldwide mission of BMA Seminary and wanted to do something special for the administration, faculty, staff and students.

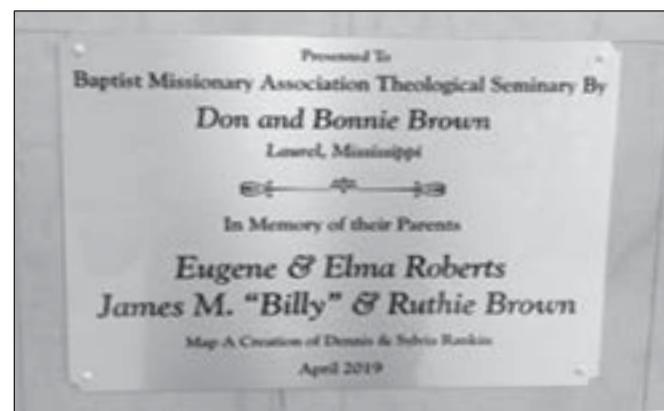
The Browns acquired a three-dimensional world map from Bro. Dennis and Sylvia Rankin (Mobile, Alabama). The Rankins built four of these maps which are handcrafted from various woods and which measure approximately 8' x 12'. Each country is made from a different type of wood and many are represented by a particular wood indigenous to the country. Bro. Don and Bro. Robert Bishop (BMATS Maintenance Supervisor) spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday installing this impressive display.

Bro. Don and Mrs. Bonnie have donated this piece in memory of their parents, Eugene and Elma Roberts and James M. "Billy" and Ruthie Brown.

BMA Seminary wishes to publicly thank Bro. and Mrs. Brown for this generous and beautiful gift. We anticipate that it will become something special in the memories of our faculty, administration, staff and students' lives for many years to come.



▲ Dr. Charley Holmes, Bonnie and Don Brown in front of completed map.



▲ Memorial Plaque

# Dynamic Personalities at SOAR 2019

By **MATI CORBETT**

*BMA of America*

SOAR 2019, to be held July 3-5, will be packed with loads of excitement and learning for your church's youth group! With a revamped SOAR Village, Prayer Teams, Church Time, and much more, your teens will grow closer to one another and to the Lord during the SOAR Conference week.

One of the most exciting parts about SOAR 2019 is all of the personalities that will be a part of this year's conference!

First, Andy Comer will serve as the keynote speaker for the conference, talking about the missions-focused topic of "One Lost Sheep." Andy is the lead pastor of Antioch, Georgetown, and this will be his second time speaking at SOAR. His passion is to clearly communicate God's Word to people in a way that they can understand.

SOAR Collective will lead worship SOAR 2019. Every member of the band comes from various BMA churches, and

they all attended or currently attend Central Baptist College. SOAR is excited to host this dynamic group!

The concert for this year's conference will be a band called CITIZEN WAY. They are known for songs such as "When I'm With You," "Bulletproof," and "How Sweet the Sound." The members of CITIZEN WAY consider themselves "musicianaries," or musicians with a missionary-like calling.

Yukon, a Christian rapper based out of Memphis, Tennessee, will host another concert in the SOAR Village. He is an active member at Central Church in Southaven, Mississippi, and is looking forward to performing at SOAR 2019!

Finally, DJ TruStorey will perform throughout the conference, bringing his excitement and music to energize students. DJ TruStorey lives in Conway, Arkansas with his wife, Blayne, serves at his local church, Oasis Conway, and

daylights as a barista. His passions are music, Vine references, corgis and his renovated church van.

If you and your group would like to register for SOAR and get the early bird rate, a free SOAR t-shirt, and a free Paradise Springs waterpark pass, visit [gosoar.com/register](http://gosoar.com/register). The discount and free t-shirt are available until June 1.



# BMA of America Meeting concludes in Rogers, Arkansas cont.

Conferences and information services will be conducted under BMA, LLC, meaning that basically, other department directors will give oversight.

Jason Prewitt, the director of Daniel Springs Camp, will report directly to the DiscipleGuide Trustees and the camp will become its own department in practice.

Recommendations regarding the future of DiscipleGuide from the Coordinating Council and DiscipleGuide Trustees were rescinded at the meeting due to confusion and will be revamped and brought to messengers at next year's meeting.

Other miscellaneous questions were allowed during the townhall meeting.

Tuesday evening's meeting featured Dr. Clif Johnson, of Garrett Memorial, Hope, Arkansas delivering the annual message. Johnson preached on unity, noting, "What holds us together is the treasuring of God's Word so that we can be filled with the Spirit and fulfill the Great Commission."

He continued, "Our unity must come from treasuring God's Word," and "Treasuring God's Word accomplishes missional ambitions."

Award-winning Gospel singer Russ Taff shared his testimony and a concert on Wednesday afternoon of the meeting.



▲ Dr. Clif Johnson

## REPORTS COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Messengers approved a recommendation by the Committee on Arrangements to hold the 2022 meeting at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri April 18-20, 2022. The 2020 meeting will be at Farley Street, Waxahachie April 27-29, 2020.

## BMA SEMINARY

Dr. Charley Holmes, shared that there are students currently attending the seminary from 14 states and 14 countries around the world. The seminary was named the most affordable Christian college online in 2018. It is the only seminary that teaches associational polity.

On Tuesday evening of the meeting, the seminary hosted the annual Seminary Friends Dinner. There was no Kellar Award recipient at this year's dinner.

Instead Holmes was the featured speaker. He spoke about what has happened at BMA Seminary in the last 20 years since he became president in 1999.

In his introduction of Holmes, seminary dean, Dr. Philip Attebery, noted that since Holmes was elected 20 years ago, the seminary has tripled in attendance, housing has increased and the budget has increased.

Holmes said when asked to what he attributes the success of the seminary, "the providence and grace of God."



▲ Dr. Charley Holmes

The president continued that new roofs have been placed on all the seminary's buildings and they are paid for. He added that last year the school ended the year with a 3 percent surplus and is poised to end this year with another modest surplus. The seminary has also recently completed and paid for a \$65,000 remodel of the chapel. The seminary is also debt-free.

Holmes thanked Attebery and Dr. Tony Cleaver who has helped in expanding the seminary's online study program.

He said, "In all my 20 years in leadership of the seminary, nothing has been more at the forefront of my mind than the inerrancy and sufficiency of the scriptures."

Speaking from 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Holmes said, "The teaching of scripture will convert people's souls, continue your sanctification and thoroughly equip you to every good work."

## MINISTERS RESOURCE SERVICES

Dr. Steve Crawley, executive director of Ministers Resource Services (MRS) listed as goals for the next year are to sell Ministers Resource Services' Texarkana property, provide on-going education, increase the number of churches on the department's Choice Plan, conduct a salary and benefits compensation survey, enhance the department's website and conduct due diligence to determine insurance benefits and services the agency may provide in the future.

## LIFEWORD MEDIA MINISTRIES

Lifeword Media Ministries Executive Director Donny Parrish shared that Lifeword now reaches 121 countries and one-fourth of the world's population in 53 different languages. Ten of those languages have been added in the past year.

Goals for the upcoming year include developing the Lifeword app, developing new social media venues and improving Lifeword Community Radio.

Oct. 20, 2019 has been set aside as Lifeword Sunday across the BMA of America.

Following his report Luis Ortega, of Lifeword Media Ministries, presented Rick Russell with a plaque and his wife, Angela, with flowers, as Russell is retiring after 30 years as Lifeword's program director.

## DISCIPLEGUIDE CHURCH RESOURCES

Dr. Charley Holmes spoke about the new Sunday school literature that will be available in the fall. He said that it will be accurate because the material will be based on biblical exposition. He continued that the material will be easy to use by teachers and students and that the materials will be faithful to Associational Baptist principles.

Holmes noted, "We are who we are because of what we believe."

Holmes, who was recently appointed interim director of DiscipleGuide was elected as executive director.



▲ Rick and Angela Russell are recognized for 30 years of service to Lifeword

## DANIEL SPRINGS CAMP

Jason Prewitt, Daniel Springs Camp executive director, shared that over 1,700 campers attended one of the many camps offered during the summer of 2018. Of those 65 made professions of faith and 20 surrendered their lives to the gospel ministry.

## BMA FOUNDATION

BMA Foundation Executive Director Charles Attebery noted that the foundation exists to develop a significant endowment fund for the benefit of the various departments and agencies of the BMA of America. He asked that BMA church members prayerfully consider including the BMA Foundation in their estate plans. An undesignated bequest will benefit all BMA of America departments and agencies or individuals may designate their bequests as desired.

## MORAL ACTION

In the absence of Moral Action Executive Director Dr. John Adams, who could not be present due to foot surgery, Moral Action trustee John Smith gave the agency's report.

Dr. John Adams represents the BMA of America in Washington D.C. by encouraging and contacting U.S. senators, congressmen and other Christians moral/political organizations.

Moral Action "Freedom Offering" Sunday was designated June 30 or July 7, 2019.

## BMA OF AMERICA MISSIONS

In his report, BMA of America Executive Director John David Smith said, "Making God's name known to the nations is our mission, discipleship is our mechanism."

Candra Barnett was elected to serve as a missionary to Romania. Michael and Laura Strong were approved to receive a monthly stipend for church planting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Cris and Alicia Samson were elected to serve as missionaries to the Philippines. Jesse and Rebecca Hales were approved to receive a monthly stipend during a sabbatical period in which he will begin an internship with Antioch, Georgetown. Wael Dawahir was approved to receive a monthly stipend for church planting (Arabic speaking people) in the Chicago area.

Elected to serve five-year terms on the Missions Advisory Committee were Dr. Gary O'Neal, Lincoln Dial and Preston Burton.

As always, a missions commissioning service for newly elected missionaries was held on Wednesday evening of the meeting.

## OFFICERS

Officers elected for 2019-2020 are President Jeff Swart of Kansas, First Vice President Dr. Mark Livingston of Texas, and Second Vice President Justin Rhodes of Mississippi. Randy Shepherd of Spring Lake, Texarkana was elected to serve a three-year term as recording clerk.

The 2020 annual message will be preached by Luis Ortega of Lifeword Media Ministries. The alternate speaker will be Dr. Gary O'Neal, pastor of Oak Park, Little Rock, Arkansas.



▲ Dr. John David Smith

# JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

## Soccer Players and Servant Leadership at Jacksonville College

By **DR. MIKE SMITH**

The mission of Jacksonville College is to provide a quality education from a biblical worldview that challenges minds, transforms lives, and equips students for servant leadership and lifelong learning. This Spring 2019, JC soccer students, under the leadership of Coach Martin Melchor, were actively involved in serving the local community in a variety of ways.

In February, the men's and women's soccer teams visited Jacksonville's Angelina House senior living community to help celebrate the birthdays of residents with February birthdays. The students made special memories with the residents by singing with them, talking with them and encouraging them, and enjoying birthday refreshments with them.



▲ Soccer players celebrate February birthdays for residents at the Angelina House in Jacksonville.

In March, soccer players read Dr. Seuss books to children from Fred Douglass, Joe Wright, West Side, and East Side elementary schools in Jacksonville as part of Read Across America Week.



▲ Soccer player reading to elementary students during Read Across America Week

On April 2-4, during Autism Awareness Week, the soccer teams hosted life skills classes for special needs children from three Jacksonville elementary schools.

On Saturday, April 6, the athletes hosted the 2019 New Summerfield ACE Program Soccer Clinic for children from kindergarten through 8th grade. The Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) program offers free afterschool programming to economically disadvantaged schools across the state, and the soccer clinic was a fun way for children to learn new skills and enjoy interacting with college soccer players.



▲ 2019 New Summerfield ACE Program Soccer Clinic

Jacksonville College is proud of our student athletes who volunteer to serve in the local community.

### LIFE GROUPS

In November 2018, Jacksonville College began a program called Life Groups. The groups met once in the fall and three times in Spring 2019 during Chapel time to share the gospel and teach basic Bible truths, with topics including the authority of Scripture, God's purpose in creation, the plan of salvation, sexual purity, and the importance of discipleship. Each student was assigned a group led by JC faculty and staff, and each group met in a designated location on campus. The same groups met together each time, and each Life Group meeting emphasized evangelism and spiritual growth through Bible study, discussion of Scripture, and prayer. Please continue to pray for Jacksonville College as we share the gospel with our students and disciple those who are Christians.



### JC HALL OF HONOR

On February 23, Keith and Neatha Croft were named to the Jacksonville College Hall of Honor because of their loyal and generous support of the JC Athletic Department. Neatha is a Jacksonville College alumnus and former JC Alumni Liaison. Her husband, Keith, was a devoted educator. The two were active Jag Club members and enjoyed spending time together supporting the Jaguar basketball teams.



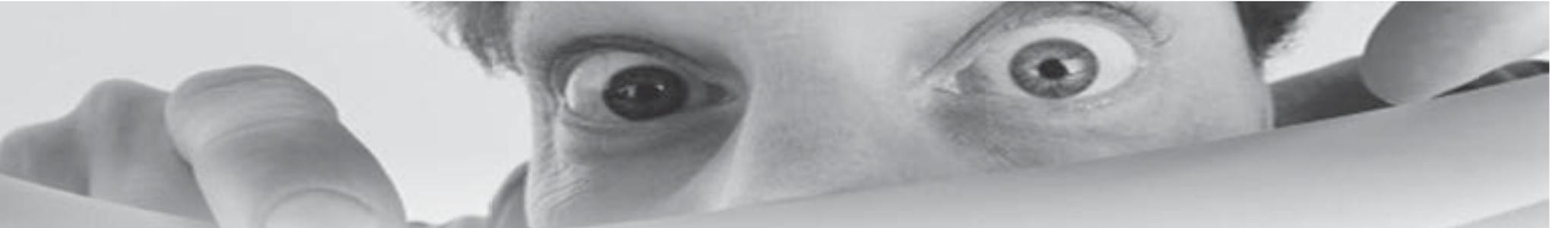
▲ Neatha Croft

After retirement, the Crofts intended to continue attending Jaguar games together. However, those plans changed when Keith passed away in August 2016. Neatha chose to memorialize her husband with a monetary gift to Jaguar basketball. She continues to be an active Jag Club member and avid Jaguar fan.

Philippians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We are thankful that God uses supporters like the Crofts to supply the needs of Jacksonville College.

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# INSIGHTS *for* PASTORS

## Starting multiple services

By **DR. ALLEN TILLEY**

Before spending millions of dollars on a new building, always consider other less costly alternatives first such as starting multiple services. If done right, adding additional service times can be rewarding and spur your church toward even more growth. If done wrong, it can be a disaster. Here are seven lessons I've learned (the hard way).

**Examine your motivation.** Why do you want to go to multiple services? Is it because other churches are doing it? Is it because of your pastoral ego? All of these are wrong reasons for adding services. You should only proceed if you've outgrown your current facilities, and God has given you the green light. Your people can spot hypocritical reasons a mile away. Be sure your heart is in the right place.

**Enlist prayer warriors.** Never attempt great things alone. Although pastors are leaders, if they get too far ahead of their people, they become martyrs. Seek out those who are in touch with God and ask them to pray about what to do about your lack of space. While God wants all of His churches to move forward, they must do so on their knees. The impossible only becomes possible when God's people pray.

**Communicate a godly vision.** Spend ample time in prayer, asking God to show you the way. Let Him burden you

with His burden for reaching lost souls and growing the saints. For example, my church is in a town of only 6,000 people, but we have 20,000 people in our county and over 75,000 in the East Texas area. Most of whom have never heard the gospel. If we are to fulfill the Great Commission, we must make room for more people – people who need Jesus.

**Bring influencers on board.** Visit those within your church who carry influence, passionately pour out your heart, and invite them to use their influence so your church can break free of building limitations. By infecting influencers with a godly vision, others will come on board. Remember, Joshua couldn't take Jericho alone; it took an army. Mobilizing people for ministry is crucial before attempting great things.

**Start on a trial basis.** When starting something new, people are often afraid of failing. Instead of making a permanent change, try it on an experimental basis in the spring or fall (the times your attendance is at its highest). Ask for seed families to attend the new service until it gets off the ground, so the building will not be empty. A trial basis allows you to regroup, examine where you went wrong, and try again later.

**Include times of fellowship.** A major obstacle for multiple

services is people will worry about not seeing their friends at church or not knowing all the new people who come. To alleviate that fear, intentionally plan churchwide fellowships where people can visit and get to know each other. Times for fellowships are best centered around the holidays, like Valentine's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

**Celebrate the victories.** People often focus on the negative. Turn their attention to the good things that have happened like someone who's visited or joined your church or a testimony of someone who has been blessed by the change. Victories, even the smallest ones, breed attempts for even more significant challenges.

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## 2019 Lifeword Sunday

By **HOLLY MERIWEATHER**

*Lifeword Media Ministries*

This will be my sixth year at Lifeword and my sixth Lifeword Sunday to be a part of. The dedication of our church representatives (Team Lifeword) makes what I do at Lifeword a daily blessing. As Director of Church Connections, I'm honored to serve our churches and her members as they fulfill their Great Commission calling through media.

Here are some important things to know as you plan 2019 Lifeword Sunday:

- Date: October 20
- (Central AR Area Walk: October 9)
- First day for registration and T-shirt sales on [lifeword.org](http://lifeword.org): May 17
- T-shirt prices: \$14 for S/S, \$20 for L/S
- Available sizes:
- S/S Youth: S, M, L
- S/S Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL
- L/S Adult: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

- T-shirts will be available at the national meeting, GMA Camp and SOAR.
- Call soon to schedule a Lifeword staff person to speak to your church, auxiliary, or group. Sunday dates are filling up quickly!
- A 2019 Lifeword Sunday packet will be sent to your church August 1, so be watching for it and get it to your Team Lifeword leader.

As we prepare for Lifeword Sunday on Oct. 20, your Lifeword team is excited to celebrate what God is doing around the world. Last year, we were anticipating how the Lifeword Cloud would reach more people with the gospel; this year we can tell you how God is working through your media ministry to do just that.

On or around Oct. 20, we hope your church will join BMA churches around the world in learning about, praying for and giving to Lifeword. For information, please go to Lifeword's Facebook to find shareable videos and blogs. Even more

information can be found in our monthly newsletter. Sign up for it by sending me your email address ([holly@lifeword.org](mailto:holly@lifeword.org)).

Sept. 4, 2018, is the day that changed Lifeword's ministry forever! We want you to be just as excited as we are, so if you're not sure what I'm talking about, please contact me, and I'll get you started. The first step is to find a Team Lifeword

leader in your church to coordinate your Lifeword Sunday celebration, then I'll help with the rest.

For more information, call (501-205-1127) or email me ([holly@lifeword.org](mailto:holly@lifeword.org)).





## A word from your mission office

By HEITH MITCHELL

I ran across this verse last week, “Where no oxen [are], the trough [is] clean; But much increase [comes] by the strength of an ox” (Proverbs 14:4 NKJV).

I’ve read over it many times but I haven’t seen it. It is a blessing to me because it speaks of our servant roll of taking care of missionaries. I see several things in this passage.

1. We can have messy and productive ministry or clean and fruitless ministry but we can’t have neat, tidy, safe and productive ministry. I know that’s a lot to take in, but isn’t it true? I love Solomon’s logic: “You gotta pick between a clean barn or a productive crop.” The Lord has called each of us to roll up our sleeves and get dirty beside real people making disciples of real people. Real ministry is messy!

2. We are responsible for keeping the trough full. Missionaries should engage lostness by bringing the Gospel and taking nothing from the Gentiles (3 John 7). We are making sure that called men and their families can eat and live while they share the gospel.

3. We have to make sure that the missionary families are cared for. I grew up on a dairy farm. Dairy cattle and oxen have this in common, they poop where they eat and stay. The stable and manger will soon get unsanitary and compromise the animals health if it isn’t regularly cleaned. Your missionaries need training, accountability, fellowship, prayer, resourcing and encouragement in order to stay healthy. (Paul received all these things from the churches that supported him.) This is why they have a sponsor church, Texas Missions team, your church, and you.

Ironically, I spent my early life shoveling and cleaning the barn. God has me in that same roll now. He has given me and the Texas Missions team the burden to take care of missionaries so we can see:

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

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“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that, having always in all things all that is sufficient, you may abound to every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8). Thank you for participating in the missionary work and continue to pray for all the missionaries and their families so that God will have more opportunities to present Christ perfect to every man. Blessings to you all.

Prayer Needs:

Once again I thank you very much that you are a great supporter of missions. Help me pray for the response time of the people and for the Antioquia Church and Shiloe Baptist Church that God can do great things in every person that is directly involved or in some other way.

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

There has been a big change in the West Texas Network. We have a full-time network leader...me! I recently resigned my pastorate at Fifth Street, Levelland to focus on reaching west Texas for Christ. It wasn't as easy as that makes it sound. I love my church and I love our people. But God has grown the network faster than I ever could have expected and the balance between the church and the network was more than I could do. I have learned over the years that if it's right for me to be in one place, then it's also right for me to not be in the another. That gives me great confidence that God is going to be just as active at Fifth Street in our new season there as He will be in the network and our next steps there. I am now able to focus on getting the members of our plants the training they need to reach their communities. I am also working with several pastors in other towns to get them the same training! It's pretty exciting to see God's glory returning to towns that haven't seen it in so many years! Please continue to for new contacts in new towns as well



▲ Jaime Garcia



▲ Chris Driver

as for partnerships with pastors of little churches that still have a heart to reach their communities. It's a big work but we serve a big God!

Prayer Needs:

Pray for new multiplication circles that are starting with our plants as well as with several existing churches. Also, pray for a person of peace in the town of Sundown as well as the young man I met in Lazbuddie.

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

Easter Sunday we celebrated the grand opening of our new building. It is great to have a place to call home and no longer moving from one building to the next. A lot of time and energy went into getting the building ready for Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday we had about 130 in attendance and had some give their life to Christ! We celebrate what God is doing at The Bridge. We seek to use this new building as a tool to reach new people. We also were able to partner with a local school and host an Easter egg hunt allowing us to make many new connections. Continue to pray for us as we continue to strive to reach our community and build relationships with those around us. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Prayer Needs:

Pray that we find an associate.



▲ Matthew Prather



#### CRISTIAN MARTINEZ— GRACE HARVEST BAPTIST MISSION, LUBBOCK CRISTIAN.LMBC@GMAIL.COM

We have been working towards bringing individuals and families together to experience life in Christian community. Why is this so important?

Jesus, who is the head of the church body, gave us the command to make



▲ Cristian Martinez

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# Concord, Gilmer rebuilds



By **CHARLES JOHNSON**

*Pastor of Rosewood, Gilmer*

There was a full house present for the dedication service of the new church building at Concord Baptist Church near Gilmer on April 27. The congregation recently occupied their new structure which was necessitated when a tragic fire totally destroyed their previous facility on New Year's Eve in 2016.

Pastor Clay Potter gave the welcome and led the invocation. Concord worship leader Billy Traylor led the singing of a commitment hymn, *How Firm a Foundation*, and a mission hymn *Let the Lower Lights be Burning*. He also sang a solo special of *How Great Thou Art*.

The dedicatory message was brought by Bro. Ken Ansell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Linden and a longtime friend of Bro. Potter. Bro. Ansell spoke on the subject "For His Glory" using several Scripture references including Matthew 16:18.

Concord member Dale Truitt gave a brief history of the church. He is a descendant of Elijah Truitt who returned from the California gold rush in 1851 and built the first combination school and church building at Concord.

The first separate church structure was built in 1871 and was a two-story design. At some point in the 1930s the second story was removed. Part of this building was included in the one destroyed by fire two years ago.

Bro. Truitt introduced the members of the Concord building committee and gave thanks to the contractors and construction workers responsible for the labor of love in completing the project. He gave special recognition to the BMAA Master's Builders who provided vital labor in part of the construction.

The metal and masonry edifice consists of a large worship center with spacious entrance foyer complete with restrooms and coffee bar. One wing extension houses a large, modernly equipped fellowship hall. The opposite wing is dedicated to a nursery, classrooms, and pastor's office.

The Concord group met in a detached fellowship hall which escaped fire damage in 2016. This building will now be converted to a youth center.

Pastor Clay Potter and his wife Teresa have served the Concord congregation for the past 28 years.



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## National WMA—Catch the Vision

By **GLENDAM CHAMBERLAIN**

National WMA met May 6 and 7 in Rogers, Arkansas. Jodi Rhea, president, opened the business meeting by reading Nehemiah 8:10, with special focus on the last part of the verse “the joy of the Lord is your strength”. Mrs. Rhea stated she prayed everyone would leave the meetings encouraged, inspired, motivated, refreshed and filled with joy of the Lord.

Judy Wallace, Jerene Reddin, Marita Yerton, formerly of the Lifeword Trio, led a beautiful song service.

Jodi asked the first-time attendees to stand and be recognized and there were many new faces attending the National WMA meeting for the first time. Arkansas WMA President Kelly Williams gave a warm welcome to everyone. She also presented a lovely gift to Jodi Rhea of cross-stitched praying hands created by Pat Duncan.

A new alternate WMA song was presented at the meeting and sung beautifully by Judy Wallace and the Lifeword Trio. The song will be scored and available soon on the website, [www.nationalwma.org](http://www.nationalwma.org).

Items of business included: New Advisory Council elected, consisting of Bro. David Kizer, Bro. Randy Rhea and Bro. Charles Johnson; The WMA Manual and Guidebook will be revised and updated by Mrs. Bettye Wilson, Janet Widger will assist in printing and making available online; A new audit committee, consisting of three members, will be selected each year to review the financial records.

Mandi Townsend received a Rising Vote of Appreciation as she was recognized for serving many years as the Director of Youth Auxiliaries. She is stepping down from that position.

Kelly Williams closed out the 2018-19 national project “We Are Free” by announcing they had reached the goal set last year. She awarded Angelyn McMurray, Director of “We Are Free” with \$60,000 to buy furniture for the new facility which will offer aid and hope to victims of sex-trafficking.

A new project, Missionary Care, was selected for 2019-20. Bro. Jerry Kidd, director of Missionary Care expressed the need to prepare, equip and minister to our BMA missionaries in the field. These special servants of God need a support system which provides pre-field preparation, numerous resources, encouragement, counseling and overall support for the spiritual, physical, emotional and familial life of our missionaries so they may be fruitful in life and ministries.

A new slate of officers were installed by First Vice President Brenda Hornaday. You can see the complete list of officers at [www.nationalwma.org](http://www.nationalwma.org). Theme for the new year is “Share the Vision”, Acts 26:19-20. Brenda would

like to hear from local churches of different ways they share the Gospel thru outreach programs. You can email Brenda with your ideas at [bhornaday@hughes.net](mailto:bhornaday@hughes.net).

The Ministry Conference was held on May 7 and a complete report on this wonderful, Spirit-filled conference will be in the June Baptist Progress.

### **NATIONAL GMA RETREAT**

“Expedition Unknown” is the theme for the National GMA Retreat to be held June 11-14, 2019 at Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment. Camp pastor is Bro. Steven Castleberry.

Theme verse is II Corinthians 4:17-18 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Daily themes: Tuesday: “God guides us like a compass.” Proverbs 16:9. Wednesday: “God protects us like sunscreen.” II Thessalonians 3:3. Thursday: “God sustains us like food and water.” Matthew 4:4. Friday: “God lights the way like a flashlight.” Psalm 119:105.

A ton of activities are planned: AfterGlow, Shining Stars, Queen’s Day, coronation, photo booth and so much more.

Registration is underway now with the deadline fast approaching. Go to [www.danielspringscamp.com](http://www.danielspringscamp.com) to register. The current National GMA project is Prashant and Golda Prakash, missionaries to India. Send offerings to Ruby Poteet, 8303 Middle Warren Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603.

### **TEXAS WMA LADIES RETREAT**

*More of Jesus Less of Me* taken from John 3:30 is the theme for the Texas WMA Ladies Retreat to be held September 20-21, 2019. The retreat promises to be a great weekend focusing on Jesus and off of ourselves.

Antioch Baptist Church, located at 7391 Giraffe Road, Gilmer, Tx 75644 will host the event.

Christi McDermott, Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, is fine-tuning all the plans for the retreat. Suzie Umbel will be the keynote speaker. Suzie is a singer, speaker, teacher and writer. She has 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 are transformed. She stated “It has been an absolute joy to shepherd women and witness the transformation that occurs when

they get deep into the Word of God!”

The cost is \$25. You can register by contacting Ava Pool through Antioch Church, by email at [avanpool1956@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

Cherokee District WMA met April 9, 2019 at Sartis Baptist Church. Sartis Church WMA served a delicious meal, complete with delectable desserts provided by First Baptist of Jacksonville WMA.

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order and led in reciting the WMA Motto. Nancy Washburn, vice president, reminded everyone of the theme of the year by reading Matthew 25:40. Opening prayer was led by Kendra Verhelle.

Sue Willis from Sartis Baptist gave a warm welcome to all.

Jerri Brandonburg led the congregation in song, accompanied by Eloise Thomas. Jerri also sang a beautiful special.

The outreach of diapers for The Texas Baptist Home for Children (TBHC) was very successful. Next outreach will be July 9<sup>th</sup> supplies for GMA Seminary and JC students.

Sherrill Rasberry introduced the program and speaker, Bro. Leon Ross. He serves as a trustee of TBHC and spoke as their representative.

Bro. Ross reported the past year they have helped 227 different children, 24 with adoption and 9 have made professions of faith. He stated that for more than 100 years TBHC have helped 3,360 children and since 2004 through their adoption ministry 300 children have found “forever homes”. TBHC recently opened an office in Garland and they hope to expand their services to more children.

The meeting was well attended with 39 present. The attendance banner went to Cornerstone Baptist Church. The next meeting will be held July 9 at Afton Grove Baptist Church.

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# TEXAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

## Parenting alone

By **JASON CURRY**

I have a family that set an example of serving family, church and community. My sister stepped up a few years ago to be a foster mom. She is unmarried and doing something few couples have done. I am proud of her for working with girls that sometimes would be afraid if they were in a house with a man. She is fulfilling a need in kid's lives and serving because that is what Christ asked of her. Is it easy? No. I have talked to her many times about how going it alone is challenging and creates stress that otherwise would not be there if she had a helpmate. But her commitment is not to how easy it is or how much she wants to help kids, it is to be obedient to Christ. She knows because of her relationship with God that she is never truly "going it" alone.

How about you? Parenting in any way by yourself is difficult, whether a literal separation or emotional separation. Parenting alone is hard work. Parenting spiritually alone is also hard work. Just because your spouse is physically present, if they do not help your children know the things of God it is a lonely effort. Whether you're a grandparent, biological parent or adoptive parent you find quickly that anything by yourself is difficult. If you are, thank you for serving your family and giving them your best. Let me encourage you that God wants to be in the middle of your circumstances because He cares about you and your children.

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Most of TBHC kids are coming from one parent homes. This is not a slight on one parent homes, this is a reality for TBHC children. This month is foster care awareness month. We want to ask that you pray for three things. Pray that our children feel safe, they learn life skills and that they come to know Jesus. Kids are coming to us with justified anger, fear and trauma.

Foster parents are helping them grow and heal from their pain. God has given us this burden for a generation to know him. A cycle of absent fathers must be broken if we are to truly have healing. God is, and is going to, supply all our needs. Pray for our kids that they would know the gift of eternal life. Look around in your church for families that are single parents. Hear about their needs. You can't meet them all but you can listen and pray.

If you are parenting by yourself in any way, thank you and always remember that God will supply your needs according to His riches in Glory and His riches have no end. God bless you and thanks for helping kids come 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.*



## Baxter awarded Asher Scholarship

Andrew Baxter, of Fairfield, was one of the Louis F. and Jean Asher Scholarship recipients given by Glenfawn, Cushing. The Asher family was in attendance to give support to Bro. Baxter.



## 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 Apr. 1-30, 2019.

### ENDOWMENTS

**E ANN PACE:** Karl & Martha Pace  
**MYRA STOKES:** Bill Stokes

### HONORARIUMS

**JOANN ADKINS:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**VALERIE BURGIN:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**KATHY CASHION:** Earlene Crenshaw  
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**TIM LEVENDUSKY:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**MARY MILES:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**MR. & MRS. GEORGE PHILLEY'S ANNIVERSARY:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**LEA & CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS:** Berenda Mewborn  
**LEITHEN WILKERSON:** Leon & Johnnie Ross

### MEMORIALS

**HARVEY ALLEN:** Temple Baptist Church, Mexia  
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**JODY BLISSETTE:** Red Springs Missionary Baptist Church  
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**RICKEY CLICK:** Rosewood Baptist Church; Charles & Charlotte Johnson  
**SHANE COLEMAN:** Rosewood Baptist Church; Charles & Charlotte Johnson  
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**PATRICIA ANN DURHAM:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson  
**JACKIE ESSARY:** Leon & Johnnie Ross  
**JAMES E 'JIMMY' FORD:** J.C. & Anita Lassiter  
**MATASHA GOEBEL:** Judy Goebel  
**TILMON GOEBEL:** Judy Goebel  
**DOROTHY GRAY:** Tommy & Virginia Gipson  
**BILLIE GRIMES:** John Grimes  
**DON GRINSTEAD:** Temple Baptist Church, Mexia  
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**VIRGIL EUGENE 'GENE' JANIS:** Charles & Charlotte Johnson; Jed & Glenice Whitaker  
**LETHA MAE KING:** Mary Hunt  
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**GORDON MCCOOL:** Jimmy & Carla Shipp  
**EARL PAYNE:** RBC Sunbeams  
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# Jacksonville College Class of 2019



Jacksonville College congratulates the following members of the Spring 2019 graduating class:

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SYVONEY YBARRA of San Antonio

# Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Following is a list of graduating seniors from BMA of Texas churches

## **ANTHONY DRIVE, ENNIS**

*Carly Flynt  
Evan Hoggard*

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*Samantha Kaye Denby  
Michael Kincaid Hartless  
Kaegen Kelly McCallum  
Emily Paige Oney*

## **BROOKELAND, BROOKELAND**

*Macy Harper*

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Josh Arrington  
Edith Cockerell  
Dale Easterwood  
Kolton Mabry*

## **COFFEEVILLE, ORE CITY**

*Daizey Easley*

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*Phillip LaPrade*

## **CRAFT, JACKSONVILLE**

*Braden Alexander  
Clay Partin*

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*Pedro Carranza  
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Elizabeth Ann Mullins*

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Thane Harrison  
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Coltin Peters  
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## **FIRST, BLOOMING GROVE**

*Raquel Balderas  
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Troy Gorman  
Megan Green  
Lauren Hager  
Lizzy Jennings  
Kristin Keating  
Kyler Kinsey  
Chris Marler  
Rylie Melton  
Maddie Moorehouse  
Blake Nichols  
Korbin Smith  
Destiny Springer  
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Katelyn Worley*

## **FIRST, OMEN**

*Dalton Green  
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Austin Tant  
Mikayla Wiggins*

## **FIRST, TALCO**

*LeighAnn Marie Mars*

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Cody Moore*

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*Jacob Butz  
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Gregory Kelly  
Sarah McCeig  
Carrie Weaver  
Jaci White*

## **NEW HOPE, MINEOLA**

*Seth Beck  
Lowell Birdsong  
Darek Curts  
Alana Lopez  
Caleb Teeters*

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KayLee Pratt  
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Kaitlyn Powell  
Logan Tucker  
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Jon Wiggins*

## **ROSE HILL, MINEOLA**

*Chance Jones*

## **ROSEWOOD, GILMER**

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Addie Davidson  
Caitlin Ewings  
Travis Henson  
Hope Howard  
Drew McNeel  
Chase Culwell  
Alexa Makowsky  
Brogan Stuart*

## **SAND SPRINGS, MINEOLA**

*Lauren Crump  
Andrea Cruz  
Ramsey Curts  
Tom Mitchell  
Natanael Valdez  
Chelbie Wilkinson*

## **SHERIDAN TERRACE, PALESTINE**

*John Richardson*

## **SOUTHLINE, CLEVELAND**

*Jonathan Gothard*

## **STONERIDGE, KILGORE**

*Logan Greenberg*

## **WALNUT SPRINGS, DE BERRY**

*Zach Briggs  
Cagan Slone*

## **WALNUT STREET, WINNSBORO**

*Waylen Beare  
Greyson Cox  
Ian Dierflinger  
Hayley Weems  
Jordan Williams*

# BMA Texas Missions cont.

disciples of all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Triune God and teach them to obey all things Jesus taught. If we want to teach the disciples to obey everything that Christ has commanded us, that includes practicing the “one-another-commands” taught by Jesus and reminded by the apostles (Jn. 6:43; Ro. 12:6; Jn. 13:34; Ro. 12:10). It is not possible to obey Jesus without being part of a local church. Jesus desires that his disciples grow in love, holiness, unity and humility as they live in community practicing the “one-another-commands.” It is by obeying those commands in the context of the local church that Christ is followed, disciples mature and reproduce. In the biblical model ministry happens in life and discipleship happens in community.

Please pray with us that God would bring people into reconciliation with Him and unity with His family.

Prayer Needs:

Praise the Lord for my legal status completion. Pray for my wife's to be completed soon.



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

We have had contact with three Puerto Rican families. Ricardo, Miledy, Santoyo Javier and Cristal and Gloria and Pedro, I am already starting the initial discipleship with Gloria and Pedro and three children.

Prayer Needs:

1. Please pray for us, for the growth of the work, new families, and those we already have.

2. Please for my health, and spiritual and emotional nature of myself and my family.

3. Pray for our documents.

4. Pray for our studies at the seminary in Jacksonville and the end of the semester.

5. Pray for a new Hispanic work in Marshall.

6. Pray for Venezuela.



▲ Neptaly Molina

## ISAIAS ROJAS OSECHAS-CHURCH PLANT IN SPRING ISAIAS.ROJA5299@GMAIL.COM

We request prayer because every day that passes and we as a couple also increase the work of evangelization and discipleship more.

Thank you for your support and financial support and your prayers.

Prayer Needs:

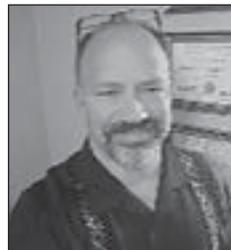
Pray for a vehicle to mobilize and establish more appointments in the new homes and a more functional residence for the disciple meetings.

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

We must continue to reach out to the community. We can never grow complacent or allow ourselves to become weary in well-doing. It's not about numbers as much as it is about reaching the lost for Christ. If our church is full of saved people, then we need to be equipping them to reach the lost and then sending them out... so that we might reach the lost and dark world.

Prayer Needs:

Pray that as we grow, God sends the volunteers and we are effective at raising up leaders to help us go to the next level.



▲ Cliff Robertson

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

Dear shepherd, do not give up, God is good and will bless you.

Prayer Needs:

Always pray for strength, encouragement and passion for the Kingdom of God.

## LEE (NICKNAME)—BMA TEXAS MISSIONARY AMONG ARABIC REFUGEES, RICHARDSON

“For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels” (Mark 8:38).

In last two months, I don't have new families except two, Reda's family, and Ali's family, and three youth girls Mariam( Marie ) Noor and Aseel. I knew them through a picnic by a school for Arab refugees. I was invited to share my testimony with them. It was a great day with a big challenge. There were about 85 Adults and more than 150 children. I communicated with them after the picnic through the phone, and I took appointments from them.

I invited two of the families I knew before to the picnic with their children. They were so happy and they asked me to keep doing activities like this.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for Lee as he recovers from surgery and cancer.

## MIKE WATT—CROSSWORK MISSION, TAHOKA MIKE.WATT@CROSSWORKCHURCH.ORG

Tornadoes just hit our small town. We were fortunate to be missed by most of the destruction.

Prayer Needs:

Pray we can be ready to meet needs and share Jesus.



▲ Mike Watt

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

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. We are excited to see what God will do this summer as we begin membership classes and grow our various discipleship groups.

Prayer Needs:

Pray for the hearts of our regulars and



▲ Spencer Simpson

future members that the Lord would prepare them to be actively seeking out and making disciples. We have been building for the last seven months to the point and we are praying that we see the fruit. We are also in need of a person willing to lead us in worship. We want them to be someone that is a part of our mission, not just someone we hire to come play and sing. It's important that they are a part of us.

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

BMA family, we are so thankful for your prayers and support. We are thoroughly enjoying this journey as a new church and we know that we would not be where we are today without all the encouragement, love and support from all of you. Thank you!

Prayer Needs:

Please pray for our staffing progression.



▲ Ronnie Mills



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# Seeking God's guidance

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

*Pastor of First, Palmer*

Most pastors have a favorite sermon—a sugar stick as we call it in the “trade;” a sermon, which bears repeating—like R.G. Lee’s “Payday Someday” or Jonathan Edward’s famous sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.” I have such a sermon—only it’s not mine. I read it in the Baptist Trumpet almost 50 years ago—a sermon by Arkansas evangelist/pastor Bro. Kenneth Bobo. I believe his title was “Divine Guidance.”

I did what probably 99 percent of pastors do—I “borrowed” it, tweaked it to fit my personality and added a few of my own illustrations. In all of my six pastorates, I preached it—along with Bro. Richard Walter’s message, “Moses is Dead” when I first arrived at a pastorate—and then just before I left.

Here are the main points of Bro. Bobo’s message—a message which reassures the church that God’s leadership is urgent not only for pastors, missionaries and vocational church workers, but for the factory worker, used car salesman, housewife, student and the retired men who gather at Whataburger each morning to solve the world’s problems.

The message gives examples of the methods and venues through which God speaks and leads His people - although He is not limited to just these few.

**1. He leads through an inward urge.** Some call it God’s “still, small voice.” If one is alive in Christ, his or her spirit is able to bear witness with the Holy Spirit, and thus able to supernaturally discern God’s direction. Bear in mind, God’s leadership never goes against scripture; it never violates our conscience or moral code; it never goes against God’s nature; and it never violates His peace in our hearts (Colossians 3:15). If one wonders what the standards are for knowing God’s will, the template is found in Philippians 4:6, “Finally

brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Whatever issue confronts the believer in life, this scriptural command is the perfect gauge to help you determine God’s direction for your life.

**2. He leads us through His Word.** There are issues in life you don’t even need to spend time praying about because they are already spelled out in scripture. For example, there is no need to ask God if He would have you to follow Christ in water baptism after you have been saved. You don’t have to pray about whether or not to confer revenge on an enemy or to love the enemy. It has been made clear in the Book. The problem is, so many people refuse to open it—or refuse to go to the house of God and get some help understanding it. Yet others use the Bible as though it were some sort of glorified Ouija Board. One cannot close their eyes, run their finger down a page and come up with life’s answers. Your finger may land on the verse, “Judas hanged himself.” Do not expect an instant answer from God’s Word if you refuse to read it, study it, listen to the preaching of it, and hide it in your heart (Psalm 119:11).

**3. He leads us through Godly counsel.** Most of us have many Christian friends, whom we feel have a close walk with God. Their counsel can be so valuable. They cannot tell you what God’s will is for you, but throughout your conversation with them, God can use their words to give you His answer. God has also been known to speak to His servant through a heathen father-in-law when Jethro sat Moses down and advised him concerning a method for carrying on the workload of judging Israel. God can use a donkey as in the

case of Baalam. Dear pastor, take heart—if God can speak His message through a donkey, he can certainly use you.

My own earthly father, Eugene Gauntt, a seasoned preacher of the Word, has literally saved my ministry and life through his Godly counsel through the years. I am thankful that when I got into a serious issue in the pastorate, I had a Godly Daddy to run to. You preacher’s kids who followed in Dad’s footsteps know what I’m talking about.

**4. He leads us through outward circumstances.** Bro. Bobo used 2 Samuel 5:24 to explain how God sometimes uses natural forces as a sign to act. He told the Israelites on the eve of the command to attack the Philistines, “. . .when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself. . .” God has been known to use a brisk wind, a 24 hour virus, or a broken down automobile on the side of the interstate to reveal His direction to His people. God made those “rustlings of the wind in the mulberry trees” very obvious to me once, when I was 20 years old. I received a letter from the draft board which began with a most pleasant “Greetings!” I didn’t have to ask God if it was His will for me to spend the following four years in the military—except to say, “Yes sir Lord.” Those four years in the Navy were used mightily in equipping me for ministry. Looking back, I can say I am thankful for those rustling leaves in the mulberry trees.

I have only given the basics of this message. I would love to hear Bro. Bobo preach it again in its entirety—perhaps at the national meeting. I just might nominate him.

Yes friend, God wants you to talk to Him—and He wants to talk to you and to direct your steps. He will likely not speak to you in an audible voice, although He can if He desires. But his inaudible voice will be much louder.

# Exciting Days in the Philippines

By **STAN & DONNA SCROGGINS**

*Missionaries to the Philippines*

Exciting things are going on at the BMA Bible College in the Philippines. After two and half years we’ve seemed to have acclimated to our new life here. Right now, it is the dry season, no rain for over 10 weeks, so a great time to have a “Gary, Texas” experience 8,000 miles away. This week, close to 700 campers have converged on our campus. For five days, students and leaders are living in tents, cooking their own food and enjoying games, contests and preaching. Our college students get a week off from classes to help with teaching, music and games.

At the same time, seven men from Bethel, Fulton, Mississippi, have joined us to help with our continued efforts to improve our campus buildings. They will also lead in speaking to the campers and youth discipleship classes as well as visiting our mountain church plant in Ahgu.

Last month, we welcomed Dr. Ralph Izard and the BMMI team which provided care in a local village. Because of their medical mission work in Barangay 15 we’ve been invited to start an adult Bible study and a children’s story time.

Next month EIM will be here to help us with VBS

focusing on a new church planting mission there. Pray for Genesis Faith Merano, our new missionary to Barangay 15 in the city of Talisay, Negros Occidental. Please remember all our Philippine missionaries: Don Newsom, Doug and Diane Lee, Danny and Rita Ballard, Sam and Dawn Freeman, Jimmy and Julie Walker, Alisha and Cris Samson.

As always thank you. Your prayers sustain us every step of the way.



# EVENTS

## SOAR STUDENT CONFERENCE

**DATE:** July 3-5, 2019

**PLACE:** Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas

## BMA OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

**DATE:** November 4-5, 2019

**PLACE:** Keltys First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas

## BMA OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

**DATE:** April 27-29, 2020

**PLACE:** Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas

# Upcoming Events

## SUMMER AND FALL TERMS 2019

Registration is ongoing for Summer 1 and 2 and Fall 2019.

New Student Registration:  
May 18 and July 19

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## 2019 SUMMER SESSIONS (REDUCED TUITION RATES):

Summer 1: June 4-July 1

Summer 2: July 8-August 1

Fall 2019: August 14-December 5

For more information, contact Admissions at [admissions@jacksonville-college.edu](mailto:admissions@jacksonville-college.edu), (903) 586-2518.



# PERSONNEL & POSITIONS

## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

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

**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. <sup>6/19</sup>

**PASTOR**—Sardis, Jewett is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resume to Sardis Baptist Church, PO Box 207, Jewett, Texas 75846 or to Josiehastings1973@gmail.com or call 903-391-2372. <sup>5/19</sup>

**YOUTH PASTOR**—Afton Grove, Jacksonville, is seeking a bi-vocational youth pastor to lead our vibrant, middle and high school students. Duties will include coordinating worship and activities for the youth group including: outings, assist with Vacation Bible School, outreach ministries, Sunday school and Wednesday evening service. Qualifications: Have a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, have passion and a heart for the youth, pass drug test/background check. A formal job description is available upon request. Send resume to Eddie Richardson, [fasteddie999elr@gmail.com](mailto:fasteddie999elr@gmail.com). <sup>5/19</sup>

**PASTOR**—Oak Hill, Gilmer is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resume to Tommy Stracener, 1461 Barber Road, Gilmer, Texas 75644 or to [jim.barton62@gmail.com](mailto:jim.barton62@gmail.com) or call 903-762-2817. <sup>5/19</sup>

**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](mailto:mpmbc.mineola@gmail.com). Audio or video sermon if available would be appreciated. <sup>TFN</sup>

**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](mailto: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. <sup>TFN</sup>

## CHURCH NEWS—GREENPOND, COMO TO HONOR BRO. LLOYD CASHION AND BRO. TOMMY HALL

**GREENPOND, COMO** invites you to a Legacy Celebration to honor the lifelong ministries of Bro. Lloyd Cashion and Bro. Tommy Hall. The celebration will be held Sunday, June 2 at 6 p.m. A reception will follow the service. If you are unable to attend, but would like to send a card, please send it to Greenpond Baptist Church, 1911 CR 2324, Como, Texas 75431. For additional information contact Pastor Terry Bolton at 903-348-6479.

## PEWS FOR SALE

New Hope, Mineola has purchased new pews and have their old pews for sale. The pews are in good shape. If interested, contact Pastor Michael Mize at 903-705-5804.

# CHURCHES in REVIEW

## April 21, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	51	112	1 by baptism
Glade Creek, Gilmer	12	70	
Jackson, Joaquin	78	160	3 by statement
New Harmony, Tyler	341	508	
New Hope, Mineola	92	195	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		64	1 by baptism
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	49	96	
Rosewood, Gilmer	114	412	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	52	122	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		94	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	19	24	

## April 28, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	51	77	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	16	29	
Jackson, Joaquin	68	97	
New Harmony, Tyler	289	333	1 by letter
Olde Tyme, White Oak		61	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	39	54	
Rosewood, Gilmer	115	271	1 profession of faith
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	43	70	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		50	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	16	33	
Simmons Hill, Diana	22	33	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	18	24	

## May 5, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Omen	74	109	
First, Palmer	50	97	1 by baptism
Glade Creek, Gilmer	14	34	
Jackson, Joaquin	74	141	3 by letter
New Harmony, Tyler	247	317	
New Hope, Mineola	88	138	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		38	
Rosewood, Gilmer	122	255	2 by baptism
Sand Prairie, Normangee		43	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	12	34	
Simmons Hill, Diana	27	35	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	17	20	

## May 12, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	40	56	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	12	39	
Jackson, Joaquin	74	128	
New Harmony, Tyler	292	397	1 by letter
New Hope, Mineola	91	189	
Oak Hill, Gilmer			
Olde Tyme, White Oak		68	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	30	65	
Rosewood, Gilmer	114	254	1 profession of faith
Sand Prairie, Normangee		45	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	13	55	
Simmons Hill, Diana	20	45	

BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

# *Revive Us Again* *Conference*

Encouragement for Pastors, Churches, and Associations



TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019  
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## *Schedule*

9:00 am	Register/Refreshments
9:30 am	Welcome/Purpose, Dr. Mike Smith
9:35 am	Music, David Yarbrough
9:40 am	Reviving the Pastor, Dr. Allen Tilley
10:10 am	Break
10:20 am	Discussion & Prayer, Grady Cashion
11:00 am	Break
11:10 am	Music, Neil Dumas
11:30 am	Jesus is Lord of the Pastor, Dr. Mark Livingston
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	The Associational Landscape, Dr. Mike Smith & Heith Mitchell
1:20 pm	Associations of the Past, Dr. Charley Holmes
1:50 pm	Break
2:00 pm	Present Models of the Association Liberty Association, Charles Johnson Wood County Association, Terry Bolton Dallas County Association, Cecil Linke & Joshua Chappell Ellis County Association, Grady Cashion
3:00 pm	Discussion/Hard Questions, Dr. Mike Smith & Heith Mitchell
3:30 pm	Break
3:40 pm	Music, Dr. Blanton Feaster
4:00 pm	Value One Another, Raif Turner
5:00 pm	Barbecue Evening Meal
6:00 pm	Music, New Harmony, Tyler Men's Quartet
6:20 pm	Reviving the Church, Brett Lester
7:00 pm	Church Health Discussion, Larry Barker
7:30 pm	Music, Dr. Blanton Feaster
8:00 pm	Jesus is Lord of the Church, Todd West

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