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Letter from the president

Dear Baptist Missionary Association of Texas,

Years ago, a little boy got separated from his mother in a department store. He knew not to leave the store, and he was sure his mother would not leave him. However, it was still a frightening experience. Now he had heard, "If you are lost, find a policeman and he will help you." With so many people in the store, was it possible that a police officer would be among them? Seeming to appear from nowhere there he was,



▲ Robert Easterling

recognized by his uniform and his confident expression. After explaining his situation to the officer he was soon reunited with his mother. In reality the ordeal lasted only a few minutes even though it seemed like hours. That's been nearly 50 years ago but when I see a police officer today, I see someone who can help me if I need it. Because that is what he does. He is a police officer.

Our theme this year is God is Faithful "Thy faithfulness is to all generations" (Psalm 119:90). My friend, in all the areas where we need help, our first place to look for that help is in God. Being faithful is not just what God does it's who He is. The world will let you down, friends and family will let you down, sometimes we let ourselves down. God will never let us down. He is always faithful. One of the frustrations in our business world today is trying to talk to a person and not just a recording. When we need God there is no: press 1 for financial, press 2 for forgiveness, press 3 for healing, press 4 for English, press 5 for Spanish, press 6 to repeat this message. When you want to talk to God you don't have to leave a message. Praise God He is always available.

I want to invite you to come to Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin, Texas, Nov. 4-5, 2019, for our Annual BMA of Texas Meeting. We will enjoy special speakers, uplifting music by Blanton and Jaime Feaster, and Christian fellowship. As always we pray that our meeting will bring honor to God!

Sincerely,

Robert Easterling
BMA of Texas President

Schedule for 119th Annual Session of the BMA of Texas

at Keltys First Baptist, Lufkin

November 4-5, 2019

God is Faithful, Psalm 119:90

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

11:00 a.m.	Registration
1:30 p.m.	General Session (Worship)
1:40 p.m.	Welcome/Introduction of Officers Enrollment/Finance Committee Initial Report
1:45 p.m.	President's Message – Bro. Robert Easterling
2:20 p.m.	Prayer
2:25 p.m.	Worship
2:35 p.m.	Loving Our Middle Eastern Neighbors – Guest Speaker
3:20 p.m.	Dismiss
3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMA Disaster Relief • Spanish Language Breakout • TBHC Great Expectations (5-year vision) • Understanding and Engaging Middle Eastern Immigrants
4:15 p.m.	Dinner Break
6:00 p.m.	General Session (Worship)
6:10 p.m.	Testimonies – God is faithful and at work in the BMA of Texas
6:45 p.m.	Concert by Blanton and Jaime Feaster
7:15 p.m.	God is Faithful – Guest Speaker



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Department and Missionary Meet and Greet Women's Missionary Auxiliary Annual Meeting	3:25 p.m.	Miscellaneous Business
10:00 a.m.	Leadership Conference	3:30 p.m.	Dismiss
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	3:35 p.m.	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate • BMA 101 (orientation for new BMA pastors) • Spanish Language Breakout • Understanding and Engaging Middle Eastern Immigrants • Worship Team Swap Meet • Youth Workers Swap Meet
1:30 p.m.	General Session (Worship)		
1:40 p.m.	Texas Baptist Home for Children		
1:50 p.m.	Jacksonville College		
2:00 p.m.	Baptist Progress		
2:10 p.m.	BMA Texas Missions		
2:20 p.m.	Baptist Missionary Loan Association		
2:30 p.m.	Administrative Committee Report	4:15 p.m.	Dinner Break
2:40 p.m.	Election of Administrative Committee Representatives	6:00 p.m.	General Session (Worship)
2:45 p.m.	Nominating Committee Report	6:10 p.m.	Jacksonville College Choir
2:55 p.m.	WMA Report	6:45 p.m.	Annual Message – Bro. Larry Barker Alternate – Bro. Devin DiGuilio
3:05 p.m.	Master's Builders Report	7:30 p.m.	Missionary Commissioning Service
3:15 p.m.	Election of Annual Speaker and State Officers	8:15 p.m.	Adjourn



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This issue

By JERRY FULTON

This issue contains information, including recommendations and proposed budgets, for the BMA of Texas Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 4-5 at Keltys First, Lufkin. Inside you will find hotel information for the meeting and on the cover of course if a schedule for the meeting. Please make plans to be there.

UNITED THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Please notice the ad on the back page of this issue for the United Thanksgiving Offering. The United Thanksgiving Offering benefits each department of the BMA of Texas including, Baptist Missionary Loan Association, Baptist Progress, BMA of Texas Missions, Jacksonville College and Texas Baptist Home for Children. The overall goal is \$125,000 and the goal per church is \$1,500. The offering should be received on Sunday, Nov. 24. Pastors, please lead your church to give generously to the United Thanksgiving Offering this year. Together, we can reach our goal.



Jerry Fulton

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation forms for Baptist Progress, including USPS Form 3526 and 3526-PS.

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE



JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. That churches and individuals consider giving Jacksonville College an "End-of-Year" gift
2. That Sunday, May 3, 2020 be designated as Jaguar Day Across Texas and an offering be given to Jacksonville College
3. That individuals consider announcing their birthday on Facebook and designate Jacksonville College to receive financial gift in your honor
4. That every church encourages prospective students to attend Jacksonville College
5. That every church and association considers having a Jacksonville College Rally with the Choir and/or various singing groups to perform and/or the President to preach and share information about the College to aid in recruitment
6. That every church promotes daily prayer for the ministry of Jacksonville College and the other departments of the BMA of Texas and participate in the United Thanksgiving Offering
7. That Dr. Mike Smith and the administration, faculty, and staff be shown appreciation for their leadership and service to Jacksonville College

INCOME	2018-2019 BUDGET	2019	2020 PROPOSED*
Students	3,824,820.00	3,580,200.00	3,600,200.00
SBTC/BMA	571,000.00	696,000.00	728,800.00
Scholarships	145,000.00	100,000.00	145,000.00
Endowment	67,000.00	67,000.00	67,000.00
Designated	123,500.00	223,720.00	189,000.00
Auxiliary	80,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Organizations	100,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,911,320.00	4,936,920.00	5,000,000.00
EXPENSES			
Academic	898,000.00	949,000.00	964,000.00
Dean of Students	82,120.00	89,720.00	111,520.00
Security/Housing	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Athletics	1,260,200.00	1,200,200.00	1,200,200.00
Operations	1,205,000.00	1,205,000.00	1,225,000.00
Administration	1,316,000.00	1,343,000.00	1,349,280.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,911,320.00	4,936,920.00	5,000,000.00

*Unofficial Projected Budget

BMA TEXAS MISSIONS



BMA TEXAS MISSIONS 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. We recommend that the 2020 Budget be adopted.
2. We ask that everyone stand in honor of the four churches of Beacon, Port Arthur; Dallas Park, Dallas; First, Gary; and Oak Grove, Canton that have come to the end of their ministry, but not the end of their legacy. Each of these churches chose to invest their resources forward in the planting of new churches that would share the gospel and multiply disciples.
3. As a result of their faithfulness and the faithfulness of all our BMA churches, we recommend that the following be elected as missionaries as presented in the budget.
 - a. Chris Mindi – Leander (Resident Intern)
 - b. Mike Watt – Tahoka (Lead Missionary)
 - c. Trevor Cowen – Tahoka (Associate Missionary)
 - d. Wesley Burke – Nacogdoches (Lead Missionary)
 - e. Jesse Hales – Round Rock (Resident Intern)
 - f. Gamalier Luna – El Paso (Lead Missionary)
 - g. Cesar Cantu – Lake Jackson (Resident Intern)
4. We recommend that the following project be supported as presented in the budget.
 - a. Hispanic Mission in Spring
5. We recommend that Chris Driver be elected as Texas Missionary Care Coordinator as presented in the budget.
6. We recommend that Heith Mitchell stand as nominee as Executive Director of State Missions.

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	2020 PROPOSED
INCOME				
Donations (Churches)	470,000.00	386,526.31	415,000.00	445,000.00
Notes Receivables	50,000.00	52,855.48	50,000.00	75,000.00
Liquidated Assets	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	8,365.90	0.00	50,000.00
Interest Income / Investment Withdrawal	400,000.00	380,741.04	555,000.00	565,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	920,000.00	928,488.73	1,020,000.00	1,135,000.00
EXPENSES				
Advertising/Promotion	2,500.00	2,109.87	2,500.00	2,500.00
Attorney/Legal	5,000.00	6,470.83	5,000.00	5,000.00
Audit	10,500.00	10,825.00	10,500.00	11,750.00
Computer Maint & Equip	1,500.00	890.84	1,500.00	1,500.00
RBC Broker Fees	0.00	4,741.67	6,500.00	6,500.00
Office Maint & Equipment	1,630.00	45.30	1,630.00	1,630.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00	2,506.07	2,000.00	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	12,000.00	12,130.00	12,780.00	12,780.00
Office Expenses	800.00	1,774.03	800.00	2,000.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,812.59	2,500.00	2,000.00
Bank Charges	550.00	375.47	550.00	550.00
Property & Personnel Liability	14,500.00	12,383.00	14,500.00	6,500.00
Christmas Bonus	2,700.00	2,709.55	3,200.00	3,200.00
Director Salary	45,000.00	45,000.00	**48,762.50	52,538.75
Director Housing	23,250.00	23,250.00	26,762.50	26,762.50
Director Longevity	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Director Retirement	3,900.00	3,695.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
Director Insurance	7,000.00	7,000.07	7,000.00	7,000.00
Director Phone	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,488.00	1,488.00
Director Travel/Training	22,000.00	19,733.93	20,000.00	24,000.00
Financial Assistant	10,000.00	10,850.00	10,000.00	8,500.00
Director Assistant	13,728.00	15,261.00	17,700.00	16,225.00
Office Assistant	7,020.00	7,200.00	7,980.00	9,850.00
Church Planter Salary	372,575.00	276,334.00	301,200.00	508,800.00
Church Planter Training	16,000.00	21,656.27	20,000.00	24,000.00
Church Planter Coaching	14,500.00	7,320.56	10,000.00	12,000.00
Church Planter Assessments	5,000.00	13,955.25	7,000.00	6,000.00
Payroll Taxes (FICA & Medicare)	52,212.70	30,507.83	35,000.00	47,000.00
Future Missions	218,887.03	176,484.57	282,520.00	84,255.00
Supported Mission Projects	0.00	0.00	88,200.00	190,200.00
Staff Training & Travel	1,000.00	327.51	1,000.00	1,000.00
Trustee Expenses	3,500.00	3,591.11	3,500.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,000.00	511.56	4,500.00	3,000.00
Activate Assistance	9,600.00	7,030.95	12,000.00	12,000.00
Hispanic Ministry Travel & Training	26,400.00	26,400.00	26,400.00	26,400.00
Baptist Progress Subscriptions	1,000.00	153.50	500.00	500.00
Property Support/Expenses	0.00	7,034.68	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	914,840.73	763,560.01	999,373.00	1,125,329.25
Budget Overage/Deficit	5,159.27	164,928.72	20,627.00	9,670.75

** Due to a clerical error, the incorrect amount was printed in last year's state minute book of \$45,200. It should have read: \$48,762.50. We apologize for any confusion.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION

INCOME	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	2020 PROPOSED
Interest Income	527,300.00	532,917.00	533,136.00	539,000.00
Donations - Churches	7,000.00	5,760.00	7,000.00	5,100.00
UTO	12,000.00	6,465.00	12,000.00	9,770.00
Other Income	800.00	6,902.00	800.00	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	547,100.00	552,044.00	552,936.00	554,870.00
EXPENSES				
Annuity	2,400.00	1,999.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Property Maintenance	2,000.00	395.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Property Tax	9,400.00	9,077.00	7,500.00	8,500.00
Property Insurance	2,200.00	750.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Computer Maint & Equip	5,000.00	20,046.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
Office Maint & Equip	1,500.00	12,596.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Rent	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,780.00	12,780.00
Supplies	1,000.00	650.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Postage	750.00	1,086.00	750.00	750.00
UTO	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Insurance (Bond)	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
Legal & Accounting	8,000.00	8,181.00	8,000.00	8,185.00
Bookkeeping	0.00	5,070.00	3,500.00	1,200.00
Promotion	3,000.00	286.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Staff Training	1,500.00	4,286.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Trustee Expense	500.00	35.00	500.00	500.00
Travel Expense	4,000.00	4,309.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Christmas Bonus	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,610.00
Office Assistant	6,720.00	6,720.00	6,720.00	6,720.00
Director Salary	29,500.00	29,500.00	30,790.00	32,000.00
Director Housing	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Director Insurance	4,500.00	4,500.00	7,100.00	7,980.00
Director Retirement	2,670.00	2,670.00	3,174.00	3,300.00
Director Longevity	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,200.00
Secretary Salary	17,550.00	18,395.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Secretary Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
Telephone	900.00	813.00	780.00	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes	4,746.83	6,050.00	6,000.00	6,540.00
Interest Expense	264,609.81	323,763.00	294,500.00	294,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	650.00	523.00	650.00	650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	403,596.64	492,000.00	449,444.00	458,115.00



BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. That the 2020 proposed budget be adopted
2. That consistent support from associations, churches, and individuals, provide funds for the BMLA to financially assist mission churches for purchasing property and constructing new facilities
3. That we also help established churches when funds are available; we currently have sufficient funds for several church loans
4. That we encourage our churches, local associations, and individuals to place funds, either interest-bearing or interest free, on loan to the BMLA
5. That Jerry Burnaman stand as nominee as business manager of the BMLA
6. That we give a rising vote of appreciation to Jerry Burnaman for his service as Business Manager of BMLA

TEXAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN



TEXAS BAPTIST HOME 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. That we give praise, honor, glory and thanksgiving to our Lord for His blessings on the ministry of Texas Baptist Home for Children (TBHC) during its 109 history
2. That we give utmost praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the 14 precious souls saved during the past year among the children in our care
3. That we express gratitude to churches and individuals for the faithful support in making special campaigns such as "Change for Children", "Back to School," North Texas Giving Day, 5K Runs, and Christmas appeal great successes and encourage a much needed and greater involvement from the supporting churches in participating in TBHC's activities
4. That we extend our sincere thanks to those who have remembered TBHC in their wills, estates, Legacy Luncheons, and in faithful prayer support
5. That we give a special word of thanks to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention for their faithful and sacrificial service to TBHC and for their support through their in-state cooperative program budget receipts and special gifts
6. That \$560,000 (of the total \$4,365,310 budget) coming from churches of the BMA of Texas be approved for the next BMAT fiscal year and encourage churches to consider including TBHC in their annual budget
7. That we ask churches and individuals to pray fervently for the 295 total number of individual children who received foster care from TBHC throughout the year
8. That we glorify and praise our Lord and Savior for the 28 adoptions placed through TBHC in the past year to give these children permanent homes and encourage members of our supporting churches to consider adoption and fostering
9. That we give a special word of thanks to the BMAT for their generous support with resources to help TBHC in our future expansion and the great expectations for our Five Year Plan
10. That Jason Curry and TBHC staff be given a rising vote of appreciation for their continued faithful and dedicated service to TBHC's ministry

Please see proposed constitutional change on page 11.

	2018-2019 BUDGET	2018-2019 ACTUAL	2019-2020 PROPOSED
INCOME			
Church Donations	560,000.00	536,577.00	560,000.00
Individual & Business Donations	381,340.00	797,946.00	595,340.00
Reimbursement for Services	3,037,230.00	2,795,248.00	2,931,590.00
Endowment Interest	193,600.00	198,312.00	207,280.00
Interest (Other)	5,580.00	4,562.00	4,800.00
Oil & Gas Royalties	12,200.00	42,436.00	32,200.00
Rent	27,600.00	31,600.00	33,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,217,550.00	4,406,681.00	4,364,310.00
EXPENSES			
Accounting	23,500.00	23,675.00	23,500.00
Auto (Gas & Maintenance)	12,000.00	12,753.00	12,540.00
Cash & Gifts to Children	20,700.00	15,095.00	18,000.00
Children's Activity	6,000.00	2,034.00	3,000.00
Clothing	47,400.00	40,823.00	38,940.00
Computer	48,400.00	50,189.00	69,900.00
Contract Labor	44,400.00	40,285.00	43,200.00
Dues & Fees	31,560.00	44,219.00	54,000.00
Food	3,600.00	650.00	3,000.00
Foster Home	1,601,850.00	1,480,524.00	1,556,800.00
Furnishings	12,300.00	21,932.00	20,400.00
Household	3,540.00	3,203.00	3,600.00
Insurance (Group)	218,450.00	193,552.00	257,400.00
Insurance (General)	125,800.00	116,999.00	121,000.00
Legal	30,500.00	20,054.00	12,900.00
Medical & Dental	600.00	159.00	600.00
Medicine	720.00	583.00	900.00
Miscellaneous	18,400.00	15,294.00	16,800.00
Office Supplies	22,200.00	25,675.00	25,600.00
Postage	9,600.00	8,360.00	9,000.00
Printing	22,800.00	22,581.00	23,800.00
Public & Church Relations	25,900.00	26,859.00	30,120.00
Property Repairs	57,680.00	62,478.00	60,300.00
Rental Property Exp.	86,000.00	74,919.00	59,900.00
Resource Development	5,000.00	2,472.00	3,000.00
Retirement	46,340.00	43,629.00	52,910.00
Psychological Services	38,520.00	38,850.00	36,600.00
Longevity	200.00	200.00	300.00
Salaries	1,333,050.00	1,297,259.00	1,461,850.00
School	1,200.00	133.00	1,200.00
Staff Training	31,920.00	26,511.00	33,900.00
Taxes (Property)	1,260.00	579.00	600.00
Taxes (Payroll)	101,990.00	99,241.00	111,830.00
T. E. C.	1,200.00	1,208.00	3,600.00
Travel	98,070.00	93,349.00	109,920.00
Utilities	84,300.00	76,295.00	82,800.00
College, Ind. Living, & Vocational	600.00	0.00	600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,217,550.00	3,982,621.00	4,364,310.00

BAPTIST PROGRESS

INCOME	2018-2019 BUDGET	2018-2019 ACTUAL	2019-2020 PROPOSED
Subscriptions	86,200.00	76,870.00	77,000.00
Advertising	4,000.00	2,204.00	2,500.00
United Thanksgiving Offering	11,000.00	6,616.17	10,000.00
Baptist Progress Anniversary Offering	10,000.00	14,084.34	10,000.00
Interest Income	200.00	429.00	200.00
Auxiliary Page	1,350.00	450.00	900.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	13,000.00	11,009.09	11,000.00
Trust Fund Distribution	750.00	509.68	500.00
Other Sales & Services/Miscellaneous	250.00	57.70	250.00
Donations	24,167.39	27,027.19	33,982.38
TOTAL INCOME	150,917.39	139,257.17	146,332.38
EXPENSES			
Employee Compensation:			
Editor's Salary	17,135.00	17,135.00	17,135.00
Editor's Housing	25,000.00	24,999.96	25,000.00
Editor's Retirement	2,528.10	2,321.00	2,528.10
Editor's Longevity	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Editor's Hospitalization Insurance	13,200.00	13,200.00	13,200.00
Editor's Christmas Bonus	810.29	810.29	810.28
Office Staff Compensation	7,500.00	6,656.00	7,000.00
Office Staff Christmas Bonus(es)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Graphic Artist Compensation	6,000.00	5,400.00	6,000.00
Payroll Taxes	4,750.00	4,822.98	5,000.00
Payroll Expenses	100.00	-	100.00
General Expenses:			
Professional Fees	6,500.00	5,900.00	6,000.00
Digital Communication/Printing	2,000.00	2,871.12	3,000.00
Computer Maintenance/Contracts	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Equipment/Furnishings	1,000.00	-	2,000.00
Every Sunday Bulletin Service	11,000.00	9,566.55	9,600.00
Gratuity for Writers	1,500.00	900.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00	192.00	1,000.00
Office Postage	3,000.00	1,885.13	2,000.00
Office Utilities & Expenses	9,444.00	9,000.00	9,444.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	964.00	1,000.00
Telephone	750.00	784.18	1,215.00
Travel	2,500.00	639.72	1,000.00
Trustee Expense	500.00	336.20	500.00
Depreciation	-	2,099.00	-
Expenses for Printing & Mailing:			
USPS (Postage)	12,000.00	12,186.00	13,000.00
Texoma Printing	16,000.00	14,973.00	15,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	150,917.39	139,342.13	146,332.38

Baptist Progress

BAPTIST PROGRESS 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. That *Baptist Progress* publish 12 sixteen-page issues per year (one publication per month)
2. That *Baptist Progress* publish eNews Updates by email on most weeks when print issues of *Baptist Progress* are not published
3. That subscription rates be as follows:
 - a. Church Plan mail subscriptions—\$21 per year
 - b. Church Plan email subscriptions—\$15 per year
 - c. Individual mail subscriptions—\$24 per year
 - d. Individual email subscriptions—\$18 per year
4. That advertisement rates be as follows:
 - a. Full page (10.5 x 11.75 w/border) \$500
 - b. Half page (10.5 x 5.75 w/border) \$250.00
 - c. Fourth page (5.25 x 5.75 w/border) \$125.00
 - d. Classified (Up to 7 lines w/o border) \$15.00
5. That churches receive a special offering for *Baptist Progress* in June and the overall goal be \$10,000
6. That churches subscribe to the *Baptist Progress* Every Sunday Bulletin Service
7. That churches and individuals order supplies, books, Bibles, music and more through the BMA of Texas website, www.bmatexas.org, or the *Baptist Progress* website, www.baptistprogress.org
8. That the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 associational year be approved
9. That Jerry Fulton stand as a nominee for editor of *Baptist Progress*



Each of us has experienced a time when life marches in and delivers its crippling blow. It happened to my good friend, Fran Hoover, April 6, 2006, when she went for a routine mammogram only to receive the bad news that she had cancer—the type of cancer her doctor labeled mean, sneaky and dangerous. Along with her doctor’s explanation, she concluded with this challenge: “Don’t you dare waste this cancer!” In the months and years to follow, those words rang in her heart and mind, motivating her to journal every day, and express her thoughts in beautiful cards of encouragement to others going through cancer. The following is a portion of her story . . . in her own words.

Sometimes life has a mean streak. It marches in, delivers its blow and walks out. You’re its victim, left to pick up the pieces and sift through the destruction. Amid the devastation, you look for a way out—only to realize the way out is through. Bottom line, getting through cancer just plain hurts and forever changes your life. What I know for sure is this, if my roots are planted deep in the rich soil of God’s provision and promises, I will survive.

Throughout this journey, not every day is a good day. I realize that even though God’s gifts are sometimes wrapped in brown paper bags, they are handed to me by a loving Heavenly Father, who can make a pulpit out of my pain. The unwanted gifts of months of chemo and multiple surgeries especially remind me to keep putting my little feet in His big footprints so I won’t lose my way through the tangled brush and obscure path of breast cancer.

It’s beyond my comprehension why God has allowed this. But whatever the reason, I don’t want to “waste” an opportunity to glorify Him. I find myself thankful for little things like a delicate flower that defies 104 degree temperature and blooms anyway; more mindful of big things like my next breath as a gift from God; and even more grateful for important things like the gift of friends.

Looking back, I’m even thankful for the length of the journey during which I felt shaken, sifted and surely left for dead as I hovered in the confines of a darkness I could not fathom. Only later did I discover the darkness that terrified me was actually the shadow of His great wings that covered me, sheltering me in my storm (Psalm 91). A Christian psychologist said, “We can live in the little story we write for ourselves, or we can live in the big story God writes for us.” It’s our choice. I choose to live in the Big Story, the one God has written for me—even if it includes breast cancer!

During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we celebrate the American Cancer Society for researching and producing life-saving drugs. Just four months before Fran’s diagnosis, A.C.S introduced Herceptin—the drug that would save my friend’s life. Thank you, American Cancer Society, and thank you, Fran Hoover, for your powerful example of courage and faith!

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



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2019-2020 Recommendations

TEXAS BAPTIST HOME

2023
Jimmy Preuniger (2019)
David Erickson (2015)
Julie George (2019)

2022
 Stephen Bradley (2018) SBTC
 Matthew Walker (2018)
 Scott Gullett (2018)

2021
 Kristen Morgan (2018) SBTC
 Dustin Guidry (2017) SBTC
Kevin Abbot (2019)
Wendy Byers (2019)
 Fred Morrow (2017)

2020
 Randy Johnson (2016)
 Leon Ross (2016)
 Ron Coe (2018)
 Johnny Williams (2016)

BAPTIST MISSIONARY LOAN ASSOCIATION

2023
Charles Turner (2018)
Tom Mayes (2018)
Rex Coulter (2015)

2022
 Larry Elliott (2018)
 Richard Murray (2014)
 Gene Wilkerson (2016)

2021
 Harold Barnard (2017)
 Wayne Spiere (2017)
 Mary Wilkerson (2013)

2020
 Steve Sinclair (2012)
 Danny Vaughn (2016)
 Roy Prather (2016)
 Mike Chism (2016)

BMA OF TEXAS STATE MISSIONS

2023
Mark Livingston (2019)
Michael Pool (2017)
Nick Kerry (2019)

2022
 Clinton Everett (2014)
 Brett Lester (2014)
Luis Ortega, Sr. (2019)

2021
Chris Sweat (2019)
 Andy Slater (2018)
 Ricky Robinson (2017)

2020
 Robert Lee (2016)
 Jason Collins (2017)
 Buddy Sadler (2017)
 Grady Cashion (2015)

BAPTIST PROGRESS

2023
Neil Dumas (2019)
Michael Anthony (2015)
James Dorman (2015)

2022
 Eddie Ballard (2018)
 Mike McEuen (2018)
 Kerry Moore (2018)
 Roy Brashear (2018)

2021
 Matthew Prather (2017)
 Thomas Ayres (2013)
 Frank Escamilla (2015)

2020
 Robert Easterling (2016)
 Shelby Race (2017)
 Wes Pratt (2016)

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

2023
Dwayne Orr (2015)
Sherry Bryant (2019)
David Parish (2019) SBTC
Charles Johnson (2019)

2022
 Carol Lybrand (2014)
 Bob Pearl (2014) SBTC
Robbie Caldwell (2019)
 Mark Moore (2014) SBTC

2021
 Debbie Berry (2017)
 Ray Thompson (2017)
 Joe Ed Anderson (2013) SBTC
 Raif Turner (2018)

2020
 Ken Perkins (2012)
 Paul Burkhart (2013) at-large
 Kenneth Cline (2016)

(year first elected)

BOLD indicates newly nominated/renominated in 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

ASSOCIATION EXPENSE FUND

INCOME	2018-2019 BUDGET	2018-2019 ACTUAL	2019-2020 PROPOSED
General Fund	12,000.00	12,195.00	12,000.00
Association Offering	750.00	1,115.00	1,000.00
Interest Income	10.00	24.11	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	594.24	
UTO	9,215.00	0.00	
VANCO	500.00	508.45	500.00
Legal Income			
TOTAL INCOME	22,475.00	14,436.80	13,520.00
EXPENSES			
AUDIT	925.00	1,195.00	700.00
Legal	5,000.00	12,412.61	775.00
Postage	1,100.00	1,107.01	1,100.00
Supplies (UTO, State Mtg, etc.)	1,000.00	1,278.10	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	350.00	714.24	350.00
VANCO	500.00	709.82	695.00
Administrative Committee	2,500.00	824.00	1,600.00
Clerk Salary	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Annual Meeting	3,500.00	3,168.00	3,500.00
Printing Minutes	6,500.00	2,377.27	2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,475.00	24,886.05	13,520.00
Short Term Liability (Legal Loan)	50,000.00		50,000.00
Yearly UTO Donation Total	\$62,170.43		



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE 2019-2020 Recommendations

1. That the Association Expense Fund proposed budget be approved
2. That Gary Southard and Riley Pate stand as nominees to serve on the BMA of Texas Nominating Committee with term ending in 2022
3. That Dr. Edwin Crank stand as a nominee to serve out an unexpired term on the BMA of Texas Nominating Committee with term ending in 2021
4. That the 120th Annual Session of the BMA of Texas be held at Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas Nov. 16-17, 2020

RECOMMENDED DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

A. Salary: That the departmental directors for the BMA of Texas receive the following annual base salary:

Baptist Progress	\$42,135.00
BMA Texas Missions	\$79,301.25
BMLA	\$47,000.00
Jacksonville College	\$94,000.00
Texas Baptist Home	\$80,800.00

B. Revivals: Departmental directors may keep the proceeds from four revivals with the understanding that if the proceeds are kept that no mileage reimbursement may be received.

C. Pulpit Supply: Departmental directors have a choice of:

1. Turning in the proceeds to his department and being reimbursed for mileage, or
2. Keeping the proceeds and not receiving mileage reimbursement.

D. Mileage Reimbursement: Associational business miles will be reimbursed at or below the IRS acceptable amount. Due to the high mileage of some departments, the board of trustees of each department have the option to provide a vehicle for the use of the departmental director

E. Vacation: Up to 10 years of service—receive two weeks; after 10 years—receive three weeks.

F. Sick Leave: After one year of service, six days per year, accumulative to 30 days. Unused sick leave pay is forfeited at termination.

BMA TEXAS

MISSIONS

Your Church's Mission Movement in Texas



A word from your missions office

By **HEITH MITCHELL**

It is time for each of us to make plans to be at the BMA of Texas Meeting in Lufkin. I look forward to seeing you there. It will be an encouraging meeting with surprise guests speaking and singing. I hope you plan to attend.

Your Texas Missions is pleased to again host the Annual Leadership Conference on Tuesday morning of the meeting. Dave Devries is our speaker. He wrote The Multiplication Workshop which is core to our missionary training. It is also used by BMAA nationally and internationally. Dave has written multiple books on missions and leadership. He will be teaching on equipping leaders.

Equipping and releasing leaders is an essential part of our aggressive plan to see:

PROJECT 2029 100 NEW CHURCHES/10 YEARS

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

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

A WORD FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

JAIME GARCIA—
IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA MISSION, GILMER/MESQUITE
JAIME.GARCIA2911@GMAIL.COM

God is love and helps us at all times. I thank the BMA of Texas very much. We appreciate their collaboration in supporting and taking interest in souls. Thanks to all churches involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. We encourage you not to miss this great blessing to be involved in what bears fruit for eternal life.



▲ Jaime Garcia

MATTHEW PRATHER—
THE BRIDGE MISSION, MIDLOTHIAN/WAXAHACHIE
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DUAL SUPPORT BMAA/BMAT

Time continues to fly! The month of September was a month of school starting and schedules getting more back in a routine after summer break as for most churches. This month our community groups that meet in homes kicked back off after a short break. The groups are important to The Bridge because this is where relationships are made and where people are discipled. Please continue to pray for these groups that meet each week in homes. Also, in September we started a series on Heaven. We have been answering many common questions about Heaven and pointing people to the love of Christ. We continue to covet your prayers and continued support.



▲ Matthew Prather

JAIME HENRIQUEZ—
FUENTE DE VIDA ETERNA MISSION, HOUSTON

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”



▲ Jaime Henriquez



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

We are excited to see what God is going to do this fall in southwest Houston! Thank you for your prayers and support that encourage and allow us to bring the gospel to this area of Houston.



▲ Spencer Simpson

PRAYER NEEDS:

Please pray for wisdom and the ability to be an encouraging shepherd. Also pray for the continued commitment of our members and that they would be taking discipleship seriously and actively reaching our community.

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

Six people have visited us the last two Sundays. There are plans to gather in Lufkin because we have a family that meets with us from there. We will meet in homes for for future Bible study and prayer.



▲ Neptaly Molina

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

God has been so good this month! Each of the west Texas planters have had major breakthroughs in their ministries. It is so exciting to be a part of those moments when God brings the walls down like Jericho. Please continue to pray for more potential planters and people of peace for each of these towns.



▲ Chris Driver

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

God is moving! We are seeing people want to engage and be involved in doing more with the



▲ Cliff Robertson

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Over 32,000 Shepherd's Bags for 2019 on Three Continents!

By **FONDA NORRIS**

EIM Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Coordinator

I know I use this statement all the time, “Well, God did it again!”, when referring to what He has accomplished and continues to accomplish with a small, one-gallon Ziploc bag when it's used for His glory and the preaching of the Gospel. But I'm going to have to say, “Well, God did it again!” Literally. Officially this week EIM has completed the second Shepherd's Bag shipment for 2019. It's amazing!

I reported back in March of this year that we had over 15,000 Shepherd's Bags that Bro. Tim Tyler from Water for Christ picked up and we coordinated together for shipment to Ghana, West Africa. We continued to work throughout the summer and this week we finished up our last assembly work day and we now have 16,000 Shepherd's Bags completely finished, boxed and stored in the EIM shipment warehouse waiting to get paperwork started.

These 16,000 Shepherd's Bags will be going to the Philippines to be used to open hearts and doors to Jesus. An added bonus was we had enough leftover supplies to assemble 1,000 Shepherd's Bags for a mission's construction crew to take to Mexico. For 2019, that makes over 32,000 Bags that are going to three different continents to bless children and add to God's Kingdom. Well...Wow and Amen! Many times, we are only able to complete one shipment but it was like God seemed to smile and bless us abundantly this year beyond anything we would ask or think. Many of you know, 2019 has been a hard year full of sickness, heartache, and grief for the EIM family. But God proved Himself over and over and stayed faithful to the cause of the Gospel in spite of it all. The work was hard and it was long but it's worth it.

Pray with us as we prepare to start on the logistics of our upcoming overseas shipment to the Philippines. That God would continue to work on our behalf and clear the way for this Shepherd's Bag shipment to get into the hands of boys and girls and open their hearts to Jesus.

Rest? No way. Inventory has been done and we are currently working on plans for where our next campaign will go and even plans for the Year 2020. From the beginning of the Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ in 1999 until now, we have always worked 12 months out of the year as long as we have funds to put together shipments. Thank you to all who have been faithful to pray, encourage and financially support EIM and the Shepherd's Bag Ministry™. It seems inadequate but without you as our partners we couldn't purchase and assemble bags to fill these shipments. Your heart for children and your love is packed into each and every bag.

Statistically for every three bags given out, one person accepts Christ. Only God knows if that's true and for all I know it could be more. That's His business. He called EIM to be faithful to go and present Jesus and that's what we do. Besides, statistics are boring. Right? Give me stories! I love stories of what I see on the field or hear from others about how the Shepherd's Bags Ministry personally touches the lives of people. So I'll leave you with a story. I titled it: “Maybe the *Wrong* School is the *Right* School on God's schedule. A Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Story.”

This summer a Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Mission Team traveled with EIM to the coastal town of Omoa, Honduras to preach and give Shepherd's Bags to the children. During the week the schools that our EIM Director had scheduled for us to visit were all along the coast but one day we took a turn up a dusty, narrow gravel road more fit for horses than vehicles and headed up into the mountains. This isn't unusual as many of our schools are in the mountains but for a coastal area it was quite different from what we had been experiencing in our travels. It took a very long time, but we finally arrived at the school. Many children came pouring out

One of the children at this mountain school was a beautiful little special needs girl. She was very talkative and was very excited we were there. We always invest a little extra time if we can in special children in honor of Bro. Rocky's special daughter Mitzi. We made sure she had a front row seat and spent a lot of time with her while there. The team really loved on her. The Gospel was presented before we gave the children their bags and several villagers were gathered and heard the message as well. Several gave their lives to Christ

It wasn't until later that we learned that we actually went to the *wrong* school because it had the exact same name as the school we were supposed to go to along the coast. That explained the long trip up into the mountains. Now according

to *our* schedule we made a mistake and went to the wrong school. But I have to ask myself, “Was this the *right* school on God's schedule?” I think I can answer “Yes.”

He never makes mistakes and sent the team on a divine appointment that only Heaven will reveal His purpose. We openly saw God work in the lives of people yet we believed we were in the wrong area. I love it when God intervenes in our schedules and sends us to those He deems important. They are known to Him. They are loved.

Thank You Heavenly Father that You love lost sinners enough that You'll send us up high into the mountains to tell them about You even if we thought we went to the *wrong* school!



Proposed Constitutional Change for Texas Baptist Home

To be in compliance with Council on Accreditation's (COA's) standards, we are requesting the following changes be approved in the BMAT Bylaws:

CURRENT:

ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The Association shall elect annually a director of missions, a business manager of the Loan Association, an editor of the Baptist Progress, and a president of the Texas Baptist Home for Children.

Since Jacksonville College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, the board of trustees elected by the Association has the responsibility of the officers of the college.

PROPOSED:

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Lifeword Cloud: more languages, more people

By **HOLLY MERIWEATHER**

Lifeword Media Ministries

There is no question that mankind's greatest need is a relationship with Jesus Christ. From one radio broadcast called Harvest Gleaner Gospel Hour to thousands of programs in multiple languages on the Lifeword Cloud, expanding our worldwide gospel footprint has always been the goal.

Because reaching the unreached is what we do, the emphasis has been the same since 1965: more languages, the heart languages of people all over the world.

There are somewhere between 6,500 and 7,000 languages and dialects of the world. Our ultimate goal is to have gospel programming in 200 of them. We now have content in 60 languages thanks to cloud technology.

One year ago, the Lifeword Cloud went live after many months of work building the cloud platform and transforming lifeword.org into an evangelistic tool with unlimited possibilities.

If you go to lifeword.org, and click on the drop-down box in the upper right-hand corner, you'll see the current languages for which we have content. Four different regions of the world are now being targeted with the message of Jesus:

#1- East Africa: The following are twenty new languages and people groups intended for expansion on this continent:

People groups like the Masai, Pare, Haya, Nyakyusa, Luo, Kurya, Ha (Wa ha), Fipa, Chagga, Wasambaa, Rangi, and Dakama will soon hear the gospel in their own languages.

In addition, plans are in place send the gospel messages to countries like Ethiopia in the following languages: Amharic, Somalia (Djibouti and Somalia), Afar (Djibouti), and Sudanese (South and North Sudan).

#2 - Asia-Pacific: Pete Etabag has been training media missionaries and leading efforts to record and upload the Filipino languages of Cebuano, Illongo, and Tagalog on the Lifeword Cloud this year.

#3 - Central and South America: Aymara, Quechua, and Guarani will be part of the next batch of languages to be loaded into the Lifeword Cloud this year.

#4 - Europe: The Romanian team is exploring the process of reaching out to Hungarian and Czech speakers.

Since all video, audio and print content is now being loaded to the cloud at lifeword.org, we can know exactly the number of languages and broadcasts: That's 23 languages representing 23 people groups Lifeword will expand their gospel footprint into.

Through the Lifeword Network (our global partners and team members) and the Lifeword Cloud (lifeword.org) the gospel is now being shared in 60 languages, in 123 countries and to an audience of more than two billion people.

Lifeword Sunday 2019 on October 20 is an opportunity to partner with your media ministry by helping your church learn about, pray for and give to the unique ministry of Lifeword.

For more information about how to do that, call Lauren at 501-205-1127 or email her at lauren@lifeword.org.

The GMA program for girls 4th-12th grades

By **LYDIA DUNLAP**

I am writing on the behalf of the National GMA program in hopes to provide you with information on what this program could mean for your church. Girls Missionary Auxiliary, or GMA, is a discipleship program for girls in the 4th - 12th grade. This program provides a Christian environment where "counselors" (any godly lady in your church) can mentor girls and where any girl can come to be mentored. GMA has coursework where girls study, memorize scripture, participate in service projects, learn about missionaries and interact with our current BMA missionaries. Big or small, old school or modern, country or city, your girls need Jesus, and GMA is a great way to show them Scripture, love and the plan of salvation.

As a girl who has gone through eight years of the program so far, I have seen incredible growth in so many lives. Girls without godly role models can find their support community in their GMA counselors, and ladies can find God's call to pour into young girls. This program teaches how to follow the example of the Proverbs 31 woman, the women heroes of faith, so much more! This program has led many girls to Christ and on

to places of service.

If this is sounding like a fit for your church and your congregation, starting a program for your church is really simple! First, you must have willing ladies who are ready to arm girls with the Word of God. Second, you must have girls who are willing to give up an hour or so a week to learn more and dig deeper into Gods Word. Third, you can visit <https://nationalgma.org> to find more information and print off lessons for the girls. It's really that easy! Maybe you have more questions; that's ok! You can contact our National GMA Promoter Lane Flynt at lane.flynt98@gmail.com.

As an organization, GMA has district and state chapters so you and your local group are not alone. You are part of a sisterhood of believers. The national chapter invites you to come be a part at our National Camp at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, June 9-12, 2020. You can plan to come and get more information at camp about growing your local GMA program. We hope to see all of you there, and if you have decided to start a program, or want more information, please reach out to Lane Flynt (lane.flynt98@gmail.com).

Donations sought for scholarship to honor Bro. Grover Laird

Dear Editor,

An Endowed Scholarship in the name of Bro. Grover Laird has been established at the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary in Jacksonville. This has been done with the approval and cooperation of Mrs. Ester Laird and their four daughters and the leadership at the BMA Seminary. Funds collected will be invested with the interest earned each year providing the scholarship funds.



▲ Bro. Grover Laird

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a BMA minister who reflects the example and values that Bro. Laird reflected during his over 70 years of ministry. The amount of the scholarship will be based on need and funds available each year.

We are asking individuals, pastors, ministers and churches of the BMA and friends of the Lairds, to donate to this worthy cause. As of this writing we have received gifts from individuals, ministers, friends and churches.

Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes said the following about Bro. Grover Laird:

"When I began traveling for the BMA Seminary over 25 years ago, I often was preaching in Mississippi,

Arkansas and Texas. One name that kept coming up over and over was that of Bro. Grover Laird. My observation was that he was the most beloved preacher of the Gospel in his home state of Mississippi. A preaching scholarship in his name at the BMA of America Theological Seminary would be a blessing and a challenge for young ministers to live up to the legacy that Bro. Laird established through his faithfulness to the Word of God."

We are asking for a one-time donation to fund this effort. Your help will honor Bro. Laird's ministry and continue his legacy by helping other preachers prepare for ministry.

Donations should be sent to the address below and made payable to:

BMA Theological Seminary
Grover Laird Scholarship

Mail to:
Don Brown
P.O. Box 8181, Laurel, MS 39441

All donations will be acknowledged and under the management of the BMA Theological Seminary.

Thanks again for your consideration,

Don Brown, editor
Mississippi Baptist Paper
John 3:30

texas baptist home FOR CHILDREN

Promise keeper

By **JASON CURRY**

Commitments are one of those things that seem to most of us a “no brainer.” Commitments to pay off debt and keep one’s word are prime examples. I remember often the lesson I learned early on as a foster dad that continues to serve me today. I never promised a child that I would always be there for them. And the first time the logical response to say something like “don’t worry I’m here” was thought and rejected in my mind was sad for one instance and replaced with God’s whisper... “I know you’re scared right now. Sometimes I’m scared too. But you know who will always be with us? Jesus.”

That assurance is a promise I can easily share with every person. Remembering that my time as a father is also short, and I will not always be there to keep every promise. One day I will simply give out, no longer have the ability to put my words into actions. So I hold on to this promise for my children that Jesus will always be there for them even when I am no longer.

You know trust takes time to build yet takes no time to destroy. Our kids in care, whether being fostered or adopted, are on that journey with their foster or adoptive parents. Promises are the measurement of caring, because what adult has kept their promise to them lately?

It is so important that we speak carefully to children. Promising only what we can keep, especially children of trauma. The brain slips in and out of survival mode and events,

though seemingly minor, can trigger a child into fear that could be unwarranted yet unavoidable. Yet with any child, we adults at church should be careful about making and keeping promises. This establishes the expectation that “they (the church) don’t really care about me”.

The danger is turning to an extreme and simply never making promises. However, we are given the formula in Luke 14:28-29 “28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him”. Children are watching us. Though we may not be mocked as a result, we will see that it is trust that has quickly been destroyed. Pray that our kids learn to trust the adults God has placed in their lives. Pray they learn that God is trustworthy with their hearts. Who knows? You may even be that adult to a child this week. Thanks for helping bring kids home.

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



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 September 1-30, 2019.

ENDOWMENTS

MYRA STOKES: Bill Stokes

E ANN PACE: Karl & Martha Pace

HONORARIUMS

MELINDA ARMITAGE: Freda Haak

EDWARD CHARLES CAREY IV: Howard & Susan Hinelsey

GRADY & KATHY CASHION: Earlene Crenshaw

MR. & MRS. WALTER MCCOWN: Leon & Johnnie Ross

MEMORIALS

MARY ARLEDGE: Ava & Joe Pool; Charles & Charlotte Johnson

BOBBY AYERS: Charles & Charlotte Johnson

GEORGE BISHOP: Jimmy and Carla Shipp; Charles & Charlotte Johnson

DARREL DAVIS: Mary Hunt

DOROTHY DUGGER: Brent & Tammy Swanner

DARRY DUKE: Brent & Tammy Swanner

JAMES GOSDIN: Sheppard Drive Baptist Church

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memorials-honorariums

Just the Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief responds to flooding in Texas

Just the Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief has responded to recent flooding in Texas. They set up at Suburban Wood, Humble Sept. 23. BMA churches and communities are involved in the flooding.

First, New Caney and Suburban Wood, Humble were affected by the flood. First, New Caney was flooded with 18 inches of water throughout their building. They desperately need funds and volunteers as they spent all of their savings recovering from another flood in May.

You can help by providing food (hamburger, buns, chips, etc.), supplies (hygiene, household cleaning, mosquito repellent, buckets, mops, brooms, etc.), monetary donations (your money will do more good if you allow Just the Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief to buy only the things needed).

Send your financial donations to BMA Texas Missions at P.O. Box 73, Waxahachie, Texas 75168. Be sure to specify for TEXAS FLOODING RELIEF. For donations for food and supplies, you can also send to Just the Crumbs, 10 Wagon Trail, Sumrall, Mississippi 39482 or online at justthecrumbs21.org. Please specify for JTC TEXAS RELIEF.





Annual Texas WMA Meeting in Lufkin

By **GLENDAM CHAMBERLAIN**

Cindy Allen, Texas WMA president, is encouraging all BMA ladies to join her for the Texas WMA annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019. This meeting takes place during the Texas BMA meeting at Keltys First, Lufkin.

You may be thinking that all we do is take care of business, but that is only part of the meeting. We will be voting on a new project, voting on new officers, and other items of business, but that is not all!!

Cindy stated "We will have time to visit with old friends and meet new ones, sing praises to God, and be encouraged by a wonderful program. Also, our theme for 2019/2020 will be introduced and it is going to be good!"

Christi McDermott, Texas 2nd vice president, has planned the worship portion of the meeting. She will continue the theme message "More of Jesus, Less of Me". The speaker this year is Holly Meriweather with Lifeword Ministries.

Holly knows firsthand what it means to humble yourself and glorify Him at home and in the mission field. She and her husband John were blessed with triplets, two girls and a boy, in 1995 and she became a stay-at-home mom for the next 13 years.

She joined Lifeword in 2013, and worked in the area of development, for both Lifeword and the BMA. During her six years of serving there, she has had a variety of duties including planning "Walk for the World" Lifeword Sunday emphasis day for BMA churches.

She is now the lead writer for Lifeword, Missions and Ministers Resource Services, the three departments housed at the BMA's Global Ministry Center in Conway, Arkansas.

We look forward to Holly sharing her experiences and her testimony with us about "More of Jesus, Less of Me".

Christi said "As we finish out this year, I hope each of us have found ways to have "More of Jesus and Less of Me" in our lives. It is such a challenge but comes with great rewards."

Please make plans to come to the Texas WMA meeting on Nov. 5. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The ladies of Keltys First, Lufkin and the Angelina District have put forth a lot of effort for our meeting and we look forward to getting to know them. Hope to see you there.

GREAT LADIES' RETREAT IN GILMER

Everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord at the Annual Texas Ladies' Retreat which was held Sept. 20-21, 2019. The host church, Antioch, Gilmer, provided the perfect location and loaded the ladies up with delicious food, fun, fellowship and more.

Christi McDermott, 2nd vice president, planned the

activities. The keynote speaker was Suzie Umbell, she spoke at three different sessions about Jesus becoming more and less of ourselves, taken from John 3:30. Breakout sessions on that topic were led by Cindy Allen, Johnnie Ross, Charlotte Johnson, Diana Morris, Glenda Chamberlain and Christi McDermott.

Other speakers included Lifeword's Lauren Crawley. Lauren spoke about the many projects currently in progress for Lifeword. She also mentioned Oct. 20 is set aside as Lifeword Sunday, a special emphasis raised in churches for the ministry of Lifeword. Jason Curry, president of Texas Baptist Home for Children, spoke about providing a safe place for children to call home, be loved and cared for. Jason talked about the importance of repairing their pool, "If kids can play, they can heal. When they heal, they have hope. When they have hope they can know how much Jesus loves and cares for them."

Diana Morris, project promoter, had a fun silent purse auction and t-shirts for sale to raise funds for much needed repairs to the swimming pool at the Texas Baptist Home for Children. The purse auction raised \$1,859 and the t-shirt sales brought an additional \$478. A project offering was also collected of \$1,263. Our current project total is \$12,855.70. Praise the Lord!

Ava Pool introduced several Sunbeams, GMAs and Galileans who each spoke about their local, state and national projects.

Antioch, Gilmer provided special rooms and booths for extra emphasis on the BMAA Auxiliaries, Darlene Carey School,

Lifeword, Missions, BMMI and Spanish Publications. The displays were delightful and very informative.


Lesia McNeel and Rhonda Thompson used their talents by leading the ladies in several beautiful congregation songs. Maeva Thompson led the new alternate WMA song, along with a soundtrack sung by Judy Wallace, Jerene Reddin and Marita Yerton, formerly of the Lifeword Trio.

Antioch, Gilmer provided delicious food all weekend. Fridays fare consisted of a variety of sandwiches, veggies, chips and desserts. Saturday morning the men of the church cooked a tasty breakfast of pancakes and sausages. Lunch was a delicious taco bar with all the "fixin's", plus desserts. And finally at the close of the retreat they offered fresh fruit and desserts. They kept everyone well fed and happy.

The retreat was well attended, 122 present from 22 different churches around the state. We can't wait for the WMA conference in the spring of 2020! God is so good!

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.





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JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

Leaving a Legacy, Building a Future

By **DR. MIKE SMITH**

In 1919, L.T. and Lizzie Middleton moved to Lamesa in far west Texas. As their family grew, they acquired more and more farmland in Dawson County. They would eventually have eight children, and each child was given a house and 240 acres of farmland when he or she married.

L.T. and his oldest son, I.V. Middleton, were charter members of Bryan Street Baptist Church in Lamesa, a BMAT church that was organized in 1919. At one point in time, L.T. and Lizzie and all eight children and their families were members of Bryan Street.

The Middleton family has been associated with Jacksonville College for many years. The JC choir visited Bryan Street Baptist Church regularly for years. As a result of this association, many members of the Middleton family have attended Jacksonville College. In fact, twenty-one members of the Middleton clan have passed through the halls of Jacksonville College. One family member even served as the ladies' dorm mother.

I.V. Middleton and his wife, Velma, loved Jacksonville College and wanted to help the College provide a Christian education for students for years to come. They did this by willing to the College 160 acres of good cotton farmland and the minerals associated with the property. Blaine Middleton, grandson of L.T. and Lizzie and nephew of I.V., farms the land for the College today.

Jacksonville College has benefited from the monthly income from oil-producing wells drilled on the land and the annual income from the cotton crop for many years. The total revenue received varies from year to year based on the price of oil and cotton, but the monetary benefit to the College is significant.

JC Board of Trustees member Carole Middleton Lybrand is the granddaughter of L.T. and Lizzie Middleton and the niece of I.V. Middleton. Carole and her husband, Bennie Lybrand, have also supported Jacksonville College through financial gifts. This summer, they donated funds to help with the cost of renovations in the C.R. Meadows Building, and they contributed greatly to the funding of the annual JC benefit golf tournament in September.

The Lybrands' sons, Keith and Phillip, attended Jacksonville College, and both met their future wives there. Phillip married Jan Aultman (daughter of Buddy and Jeanette Aultman), and Keith married Lydia Warren. Keith and Lydia's son Aaron also attended Jacksonville College. Phillip Lybrand served as JC business manager at one time, and all three of Phillip and Jan's children are JC alumni. Their daughter Kaley Dean also served as dean of students for Jacksonville College.

Generations of JC students have benefited from the generosity of Jacksonville College supporters like the Middleton and Lybrand families, and future generations will continue to reap the benefits of the investments these families have made in the ongoing ministry of the College.

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College through your estate. Your investment will help to ensure the long-term financial stability of the College and to perpetuate our mission to offer a quality education from a biblical worldview for years to come.



▲ The Middleton family, with I.V. (Vick) Middleton at the top right and his wife, Velma, on the row below him, second from the right.

32ND ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, September 21, Jacksonville College hosted the 32nd Annual Jag Club Benefit Golf Tournament at Jacksonville's Cherokee Ranch Golf Club. Ninety-six golfers participated in the tournament, including a record twenty-eight women golfers. First place winners in the Men's Division were Mickey Eckles, Mike Eckles, Jarrett Leahy, and Wayne McHenry. Women's Division winners were Jennifer Caldwell, Mary Cravens, Pat



▲ Bennie Lybrand (center) helped fund this year's benefit golf tournament.



▲ Dr. Kenneth Perkins, Chairman of the JC Board of Trustees, attended the golf tournament for the 31st year, having missed only one tournament since its inception. His team placed second in the Men's Division in the tournament. The team represented Northside Baptist Church of Conroe, one of several BMAT churches represented in the tournament.

Neland, and Ginger Wallace.

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DISASTER RELIEF IN VIDOR

On Sept. 26-27, Jacksonville College's women's basketball players volunteered to travel to First Baptist Church in Vidor, Texas to work with the SBTC Disaster Relief Ministry following Tropical Storm Imelda. Over a foot of standing water flooded the church, and recovery work included knocking out sheet rock, removing hundreds of screws from the dry wall, and vacuuming debris. The women also loaded and delivered eighty-eight compact refrigerators to people who were affected by the floodwaters in the community. The athletes stayed in the SBTC Disaster Relief trailers while in Vidor. The men's basketball team travelled to Vidor on September 28 to do additional work in the church.

Volunteers from Jacksonville College's Lady Jaguars basketball team who traveled to Vidor to assist the SBTC Disaster Relief team included, from left, Na'Kendra Ellis, Kailen Higgins, McKayla Black, Madison Minter, Ca'Leyah Burrell, Coach Samantha Carter, and Daizah Garner.



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INSIGHTS *for* PASTORS

Show your pastor appreciation

By **DR. ALLEN TILLEY**

October is pastor appreciation month. In First Timothy 5:17, the Bible says that those who preach and teach are worthy of “double honor.” Are you showing your pastor that kind of honor? Most church members would be amazed if they only knew all that a pastor does. In addition to preaching, teaching, visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved, evangelizing the lost, acting as the church’s business manager, counseling the troubled, and leading the church, pastors worry over their members, the church finances, and doing God’s will. There’s not enough space in this column for mentioning everything pastors do for their congregations.

Over the years I’ve noticed that only a handful of members express any appreciation during pastor appreciation month. Thankfully, my church is the exception, but imagine how other pastors must feel when pastor appreciation month passes without a word. With just a little effort, you can lift your pastor’s spirit, encouraging him and his family. Here are a few ideas on how you can bless your pastor.

Write a card. Select a card that expresses your sentiment. Don’t just sign the card, but mention why you appreciate your pastor. Include something that he’s done recently to bless you.

I’ve kept every card that I’ve ever received from my church members. When I’m down I read them, finding strength and encouragement years later.

Give a gift. Your gift doesn’t have to be fancy or expensive. Consider giving your pastor a gift card to a restaurant, bookstore, gas station, or movie theater to name just a few ideas. Be creative; think outside the box. When giving your pastor a gift, make sure that you don’t attach any strings to it, demanding something in return. Because he doesn’t give you any of his leftovers, provide him with something worthwhile.

Offer a sabbatical. A sabbatical is time away from the church so a pastor can recharge spiritually. It is NOT a vacation. Send your pastor to the mountains, the beach, or lake, promising him you will look after his family and not interrupt him while he studies, prays, and seeks God’s face.

Prepare a meal. Plan an entire meal, deliver it, and then leave so your pastor and his family can enjoy the fruit of your labor. Get with other church members and provide an entire week’s worth of dinners. Be sure to find out your pastor’s favorite meals, including dessert.

Provide babysitting. If your pastor has younger children,

give him and his wife a night out. Most pastors live far from family, meaning they have to pay for babysitting services. Your investment in his marriage will pay big dividends. If you can afford it, pay for them to have an overnight stay in a hotel.

Help at home. Because most pastors are away from home a lot, things around the house are left undone. Get with him and his wife and see what you can do to clean, repair, or even remodel their home. If their home is in good shape, provide a year’s worth of mowing, edging, and leaf removal. It might not seem like much, but it will free your pastor for ministry.

These are just a few ideas about how you can show your pastor double honor. When honoring your pastor, be generous. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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



DeVries to speak at Leadership Conference

BMA Texas Missions is pleased to announce that Dr. Dave DeVries will be the featured speaker at the annual Leadership Conference on Tuesday, November 5 at 10 a.m. during the annual BMA of Texas Meeting. He will speak on leadership and the equipping/developing of leaders.

Dr. Dave DeVries is a coach, trainer and strategist – and founder of Missional Challenge. He is passionate about coaching and training church planters and missional leaders. His training skills have been used to mobilize church planters, pastors and ministry leaders across the country and around the world.

Dave has been coaching pastors and church planters for more than 10 years and has 25+ years of church planting and leadership development experience.

Dave is author of *Six-Word Lessons to Discover Missional Living* and co-author of *The Missional Journey* with Bob Logan and *99 Powerful Questions for Christian Leaders* with Steve Ogne. Dave and his wife, Deanne, live in Bellevue, Washington.



▲ **Dr. Dave DeVries**



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OBITUARIES

BOBBY L. AYRES

Pastor Bobby L. Ayres, 90, of Longview, Texas, formerly of Elmore City, Oklahoma, finished his life journey September 25, 2019 as the Lord received him into His grace at Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center. A funeral service was held Sept. 28 at Camille Acres, Longview.



He was born to the share-cropping family of David Ayres and Florence E. Fuson Ayres in Tishomingo, Oklahoma May 16, 1929. He had one sister, the late Betty L. Ellis of Pennsylvania, wife of the late Jack Ellis of Okla. Graduating from high school at an early age, he was too young to enter the military so he moved on making his way in the world.

He married the late Betty Jo Slate of Daughtry, Oklahoma. To this union came two beautiful daughters, Barbara Ayres, wife of the Jaimie Lason and Shirley Ayres, wife of Mike Stewart, all of Arizona.

At 27, Bobby met and married the late Dora Bernice Horn. To Bobby and Bernice came three lovely daughters and one son, Patricia L. Ayres, wife of Joseph Podhajski of Midwest City, Oklahoma, twins: the late Tammy Lorene Ayres of Oklahoma, and Pastor Thomas Lavern Ayres, husband of Michelle Cove of Longview, and Karen Leslie Itzel, wife of William Itzel of Baltimore, Maryland.

Saved at the age of 29 at Stargo Missionary Baptist Church, he was called into ministry in 1960. Bobby pastored churches in three states, helped raise funds for missions, campgrounds, established 2 mission points and received commendations from the President of the United States for work he did rebuilding jet fuel systems during the Vietnam War.

After 60 years of the gospel ministry, which he felt was his greatest calling in life, Bobby's wife Bernice Ayres finished her life journey in 2016, he moved to Longview to live with his son and family. He soon joined Camille Acres Church and was blessed to sit under the pastorate of his own son.

At the age of 87 he met Anatta King, widow of the late BMAA Pastor Arvol J. King of Rusk, Texas. Bobby was 88 and Anatta was 83 when they married. He was blessed with stepchildren through this union. In addition to those mentioned, he is survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Memorial gifts can be sent to Camille Acres Building Fund c/o Noble and Elizabeth Midkiff, 901 Camille Drive, Longview, Texas 75601 or to our local Gideon Chapter for the purchase of Gideon Bibles to spread the gospel. Longview Texas Gideon Camp, 905 Oakwood Drive, Longview, Texas 75604.

ONEITA MARIE BENNINGFIELD

Oneita Marie Benningfield went to be with the Lord Sept. 19, 2019 at the age of 96. She was born in Nevada, Texas on April 28, 1923 to Lloyd and Lillian Jones. She was one of ten children and was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings. She is survived



by her husband of 57 years Wilbur Benningfield of Jacksonville, who served as dean of the Baptist Missionary Theological Seminary in Jacksonville and as pastor of BMA churches; one sister, Linda Saling, and husband, Larry, of Kaufman; six children including Jerry Lovelace and wife, Danna, of South Lake; Don Lovelace and wife, Patty, of Denton; Sandra Wilbanks and husband, Darrel, of Carrollton; Connie Harmon and husband, Larry, of Tyler; Belinda Burks and husband, Kevin, of Rowlett; Greta Aston of Quinlan; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She lived in various places but spent most of her adult life in Dallas and Jacksonville. She worked in various office jobs before becoming a full-time pastor's wife. She loved serving the Lord, studying the bible and spending time with her family. She had a deep faith and spent much time in prayer for those in need. Her joyous presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Many lives were touched by hers.

Donations may be made to First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, or the charity of your choice.

JACK MCDANIEL

Bro. Jack McDaniel, of Waxahachie, passed away in Buffalo Creek Assisted Living on Oct. 3, 2019, at the age of 94. He will be greatly missed for his life-long devotion to our Lord and immense care for others.



Born on Dec. 20, 1924 to Scott and Mary McDaniel, he lived a fulfilling life as a wonderful husband, loving father to two children and devout Christian.

McDaniel graduated from Ferris High School in 1942. He went on to receive his Associate of Arts degree from Jacksonville Baptist College, as well as his Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University. Jack attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth and was licensed to the ministry at the Ferris Baptist Church on February 13, 1955. Prior to entering the ministry, McDaniel was engaged in a 1,500-acre farm partnership operation with his late father-in-law, George Willis.

The highlight of his ministry was to lead Farley Street, Waxahachie, in starting a mission in 1986 north of Waxahachie. About 80 members of Farley Street were sent to organize what has become a leading church in the BMA of Texas, Heritage, Waxahachie.

He is survived by the loving community of Waxahachie, his wife, Ann, of 27 years; daughter, Jan Ward, and her husband, David; son, Kenneth McDaniel, and his wife, Juliet; granddaughter, Kate Ward.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott B. McDaniel, Sr.; late wife, Peggy Willis, to whom he was married for 44 years.

Bro. McDaniel's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with, as well as those he has touched but never met.

A celebration of life service was held Oct. 8, 2019, at Farley Street, Waxahachie.

In lieu of flowers, you can help continue his kindness, loyalty and compassion by making a donation to Farley Street Church.

BMA Texas Missions cont.

church. We are doing outreach each week and doing projects in and around the church each week. It is beautiful to watch. Pray for souls to come to know Jesus and the growth of the kingdom!

PRAYER NEEDS:

Pray that the Lord will send us worship musicians.

CRISTIAN MARTINEZ—

**GRACE HARVEST BAPTIST MISSION, LUBBOCK
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Thank you for your prayers. This month we have had many opened doors to preach the gospel door to door in the neighborhood we are reaching. Also, I have had more laborers to do that task together. I ask you to pray for the new believers in our mission to grow in their understanding of the gospel and to be well grounded in order to resist the temptation of sin and false doctrine. We continue to teach and apply the Word of God to them but this month two of them have fallen in previous sin they had struggled with and are discouraged. Pray for repentance that leads to considering Jesus enough and restoration in the joy of salvation.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Pray for growing passion and wisdom, family, and commitment of disciples and finding persons of peace.

Hotel/Motel Information for Baptist Missionary Association of Texas Meeting Keltys First Baptist Church, Lufkin November 4-5, 2019

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4404 South 1st Street, Lufkin
800-216-1227
King: \$114

Reservations should be made directly with the above facilities. The cutoff date for special rates is three weeks before the association. Be sure to mention you are with the BMA of Texas to receive the reduced rate. These hotels are approximately five miles from Keltys First Baptist Church where the association meets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Living out who we are

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: November 3, 2019

TEXT: Colossians 3:12-17

THE HOOK

Wayne Blank states that the word “hypocrisy” is derived from the Greek word hypokrisis, which meant “playing a part on the stage, or putting on a mask to misrepresent reality. Actors and actresses in the ancient Greek theater, were known as hypocrites, which was used in a positive connotation. In real life, to pretend to be something while actually being something else is considered, in scripture, as evil. While it is wrong for an evil person to “play act” the part of a generous hearted, humble, kind person, it is terribly damaging to the Body of Christ for one who possesses the “bowels” of mercy and has the nature of exuding a spirit-filled person, to live, act and speak like an infidel.

THE BOOK

The description of God’s beloved (vv. 12-13)

The heart of the believer is to be filled with:

Mercy and kindness (v. 12)—Nothing demonstrates denial of self more than to show mercy and kindness to others—not for show, but from the heart.

Humility (v. 12)—The characteristic of one whose focus is strictly on others. Notice the KJV says humbleness is of the mind (Romans 12:2; Philippians 2:5).

Meekness (v. 12)—Not weakness nor timidity, but power under control. Jesus said that He was “meek and lowly in heart.” A meek person possesses godly strength, yet is not focused on self.

Longsuffering (v. 13)—patient, enduring, with even temper

Forgiving (v. 13)—We can forgive others because Christ has forgiven us. To fail to forgive is one of the greatest breeches of fellowship in a church.

Unconditional love (v. 14)—Charity is the God-given ability to extend love to the unlovely, the unloveable, and the ones who can pay no recompense. Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1 that charity or agape love, is the ultimate in the stair steps to Christian maturity.

Inner peace (v. 15)—The child of God is well aware of those activities that contribute to the peace of God in their hearts. They also know what deeds and activities violate God’s peace. Thanksgiving is prominent in the heart of one who enjoys the peace of God.

Steadfast in the Word (v. 16)—Such steadfastness produces maturity, perception of God’s truths in His word, receptivity to the Holy Spirit’s voice, the Lord’s song in the heart, (ref. Psalm 137: 4)

THE LOOK:

Verse 17 of our lesson text beautifully encapsulates the previous five verses—The believer’s words and deeds will glorify God. When the believer has a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forgiveness, and agape love, he or she will deeply desire to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, and will possess perpetual thankfulness.

Relationship responsibilities

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: November 10, 2019

TEXT: Colossians 3:18-4:1

THE HOOK

In Ephesians 5, Paul describes the chain of command in the Body of Christ, and in the family. The word “submission” (hupotasso) means “to line up under.” The term was a military term to describe the obedience of the lower ranks to the upper ranks, rather than a slave to a master. But now, in the Body of Christ, everyone is to line up, militarily under everyone. It is a concept not known in other earthly relationship.

THE BOOK

1. Verse 18—Wives are to adapt themselves, with a spirit of submission, to their husbands (Eph. 5: 21-22). Her quiet, chaste, submissive spirit to her husband, is an expression of her

devotion and allegiance to Christ.

2. Verse 19—Husbands are commanded to love their wives. Although Christ has delegated spiritual authority and leadership in the home to him, there is still a strong element of his “lining up under” her. He is to love her as Christ loves the church. How much did Christ love the church? Enough to give his very life for her. And a godly husband, who is a strong spiritual leader in the home, if he is an earthly symbol of Christ over His church, will be willing to lay his life down for his wife—an ultimate expression of servitude. He is so closely connected to her, that if he does any harm to her body, he is harming his very own body (vv. 28-33). The two became one flesh.

3. Verse 20—Children are commanded to obey parents. Paul says in Ephesians 6 that God promises the obedient child a long life (Eph. 6:3). For a father to discipline a child, in love, is the greatest gift he can give them, because Proverbs 23 says that faithfully administering correction to a child, will deliver their souls from hell.

4. Verse 21—Fathers are not to provoke—exasperate their children to despair—but to lovingly correct them. The are not to break their spirit, but shape their will.

5. Verse 22-25—servants (employees) are to give their employers a hard day’s work, for in doing so, they are demonstrating their devotion to God the Father. They work hard, whether the boss is watching them or not.

6. Verse 4:1—Masters (or employers) are to be just and fair, acknowledging their own submission unto the Father in Heaven.

THE LOOK

Fellowship is sweeter in the Body of Christ—and life is sweeter for the family, when everyone acknowledges their standing—each to line up under the other with a loving, gentle spirit.

What to pray for us

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: November 17, 2019

TEXT: Colossians 4:2-6

THE HOOK

In this passage, Paul not only admonishes the church to be steadfast in their prayer life, but to invest much of that prayer time for “us”—the Apostle Paul and all spiritual leaders in the church. What victories churches would experience in Christ, as each member of the body went to the throne of God daily, praying for God to open the heart of the pastor to God’s word—to enter into spiritual warfare, beseeching God to protect God’s man—and his family from the onslaughts of Satan.

THE BOOK

1. The fervency of the prayer (v. 2)—This is much more than just a superficial word—this prayer

is to be done out of a devoted heart: vigilance. (literally wakeful) Do not be as the disciples were in Gethsemane and sleep.

2. The spirit of prayer, “with thanksgiving” (v. 2)—Upon noting that when the Puritans had settled in New England for a while, they established a day of humility, fasting and prayer. Ironically, a senator proposed that they should change it for once to a day of thanksgiving. (Spurgeon) Praise and adoration of the Father must be the predominant ingredient in our prayer life. Oh, that state and national leaders today exuded such a spirit.

3. The subject of prayer. Paul was especially encouraging the saints to remember him and everyone in a spiritual leadership role in the church. It is noteworthy that Paul was asking them to pray for more doors of opportunity to proclaim the gospel—not to necessarily ask God to free them from jail. He acknowledged that it was the preaching of the gospel that landed him in prison (v. 3).

4. The requests in the prayer. Paul was not praying for material blessings—but rather for the tools required to effectively preach the gospel—that (a) he would make the gospel understandable and clear; (b) that he would make the most of every opportunity (redeeming the time) and (c) Although it seems that Paul was directing the requests in verse 6 to the body, it was obviously a request that he made for himself—that he would speak with gracious words, seasoned with salt—words that purify, heal, which enables the proclaimer of the Word to have a ready, credible and gracious answer to all.

THE LOOK

The church body has ample instruction from the Word as to how to pray for the pastor and leaders of the church. Ask God to place within your heart, that burden to lift the pastor up in prayer—for in so doing, you are praying for the spiritual health of the body.

Believers making a difference

By **PAUL GAUNTT**

DATE: November 24, 2019

TEXT: Colossians 4:7-18

THE HOOK

Believers making a difference—Just how do we do that? Well if you notice in our scripture text, this great line up of the Lord’s servants touched others for Christ. That’s what discipleship is—touching others with the gospel—practically modeling to young believers as to how to live for Christ, day in and day out. A dear brother of mine, in explaining discipleship, recently said, “Discipleship is walking with others—living life with them—letting them see your reactions to adverse circumstances. We preach with our lives far louder than any sermon from behind a pulpit. And that’s how these great people about whom we study in scripture, lived—and walked.

THE BOOK

1. People who touch other people for Christ, have a past. In chapter 4, verse 9, Onesimus, who had stolen from his master, Philemon, and fled, only to land in prison, came under the influence of Paul—also in jail. Paul led him to Christ and sent him back to be a witness.

Marcus (John Mark, nephew of Barnabas) bailed on Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. Barnabas wanted to take him on another journey, but Paul said “no.” They parted company over John Mark’s behavior. But later Paul demonstrated his affection and forgiveness. 2 Timothy 4:11, “Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

2. People who touch other people for Christ are team players in the Lord’s work. Tychicus was a “beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord” (Col. 4:7). He was supportive of Paul—and Paul of him. There was no competition between them. They were fellow servants. There are no big “Is” and little “you’s” in God’s kingdom on this earth.

3. People who touch other people are not afraid to suffer with them. Aristarchus Justus stuck with Paul through thick and thin. In their suffering with Paul, they provided relief, and were a comfort to him (verse 11).

4. People who touch other people are steadfast. “...always laboring fervently for you in prayers.” Epaphras was a true encourager in the faith (verse 12).

5. People who touch other people are sacrificial. Luke was Paul’s personal physician—and in his words, “beloved physician.” We can only assume Dr. Luke gave up a lucrative medical practice in his hometown of Antioch, Syria, to serve the Lord by accompanying Paul. How many missionaries have you known, who gave up comfort and security in America in order to sell out and go to a far country to serve God?

THE LOOK

Regularly ask God what you can do to touch lives for His glory. Constantly look for ways to serve others, and pour your life into their lives.

EVENTS

BMA OF TEXAS ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: November 4-5, 2019

PLACE: Keltys First Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas

SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE

DATE: November 28-20, 2019

PLACE: Branson, Missouri

BMA OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: April 27-29, 2020

PLACE: Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas

Upcoming Events

8 WEEK TERM:

OCTOBER 14-DECEMBER 5

Reduced rates
Registration ongoing

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR WINTER 2019-2020

Begins October 16

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

October 22-24: On-Site Reaffirmation Team Visit

HOMECOMING 2020

February 7-8



PERSONNEL & POSITIONS

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PASTOR—Beacon Hill, Waco is seeking a full-time pastor. Send resume to jmposy73@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 9080, Waco, Texas 76714-9080. 3/20

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FIRST, NEW CANEY has suffered recent flood damage and their pews were destroyed. They are in need of new chairs to take the place of the pews. If you or your church would like to donate to help them replace their pews with chairs or help them in their overall recovery from the flood, send donations to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1027, New Caney, Texas 77357.

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CHURCH REVIEW

September 15, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
Glade Creek, Gilmer	17	37	
Jackson, Joaquin	59	133	
New Harmony, Tyler	250	322	
New Hope, Mineola	100	164	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		40	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	46	61	
Rosewood, Gilmer	134	241	1 profession of faith
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	38	56	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		42	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	25	42	

September 22, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	57	70	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	20	43	
Jackson, Joaquin	65	109	1 by letter
New Harmony, Tyler	283	287	
New Hope, Mineola	92	144	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		39	
Pilgrim Rest #2, Golden	55	71	
Rosewood, Gilmer	136	250	1 by baptism, 2 by letter
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	34	64	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		50	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	20	39	

September 29, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	50	77	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	20	43	
Jackson, Joaquin	61	102	
New Hope, Mineola	107	160	1 by baptism
Olde Tyme, White Oak		45	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		65	
Simmons Hill, Diana	24	36	

October 6, 2019

CHURCH	SS	WORSHIP	ADDITIONS
First, Palmer	60	78	
Glade Creek, Gilmer	18	31	
Jackson, Joaquin	72	121	
New Hope, Mineola	83	155	
Olde Tyme, White Oak		45	
Rosewood, Gilmer	140	238	
Sand Flat, Grand Saline	34	56	
Sand Prairie, Normangee		37	
Security Calvary, Cleveland	21	30	
Simmons Hill, Diana	35	68	
Yellowpine Macedonia, Hemphill	14	18	



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GOAL PER CHURCH: \$1,500

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