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*“Delight thyself also in the Lord;
and he shall give thee the desires
of thine heart.”*

Psalm 37:4

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BRO. JOEY BACON NEW WBF MISSION DIRECTOR

Bro. Joey Bacon has accepted the call as Mission Director and will be coming to this ministry around the first of August, 2015. He will remain at the Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, TX for responsibilities he has there during the summer.

The Bacons were married in June of 1998 and they both graduated from Arlington Baptist College in 1999.

As most of you know the Mission Director's position is not salaried by the mission and he will have to raise his own support. If many churches could go ahead and take him on for support now it will make his transition to the office much easier. Perhaps you could begin to support him now and then have him in for a meeting later.

Bro. Bacon is the son of Missionaries Gary and Monnie Bacon and grew up on the mission fields of Colombia and Mexico. He has served in the U. S. as youth pastor, associate pastor and senior pastor and is highly qualified for the position of Mission Director. He understands life and work on the mission field as well as the burdens of the ministry as a pastor and will be able to work well with both missionaries and pastors.

If you wish to take Bro. Bacon on for support just add his name to the support list and send it in with your regular support to the Mission Office. If you send a separate offering for Bro. Bacon please send a note or write on the memo line of the check that the support is for him and it will be credited to his account.

Please be in prayer for Bro. Joey, his wife, Julie, and daughters: Emily and Mallory during this time of transition in their lives. They will need your prayers and encouragement. If you wish to book him for a service you can write to him in care of the Mission Office or call him at 432-935-4778.

His email address is: jdbacon@crcom.net



Tri-State Report for March, 2015

The Spring meeting of the Tri-State Fellowship took place March 26-27, 2015. The meeting proved to be very valuable to all who attended. It was a time to reconnect with one another, catch up on our personal and church lives, and be encouraged from the Word of God by men of God.

Faith Baptist Church (formerly Grand Highway Baptist) of Clermont, FL was our host for the meeting. Pastor Joel Shackelford and his wife, Laurie did a wonderful job in planning and supporting the meeting with gracious hospitality and good food. Bro. Joel's people are friendly and helpful. Thanks, Faith Baptist!

The Thursday morning services began with a devotion by John McLean, a preacher of the gospel and member of Faith Baptist. His excellent devotion was followed by a time of encouraging testimony by Cham McMillen, Vice President of Help Ministries. For the past several years Bro. McMillen has been raising over \$100,000 a year for Bibles that are distributed across the globe. Next, Evangelist Wayne Nelson from Lakeland, FL, brought a challenging message from Ephesians 4, and Evangelist Mark Forester, from Flint, MI, spoke from 2 Corinthians 4 exhorting those in attendance to 1. Proclaim the Gospel,; 2. Persevere in Persecution; and 3. Pursue the Eternal.

Thursday night featured a testimony from WBF missionary to New Zealand, Tim Guenther, and a tremendous message from missionary evangelist Bill Vaughn from Lake City, FL. He reminded us of the importance of the final instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples at the Galilean meeting mentioned in Matthew 26 and 28.

The meeting concluded on Friday morning with messages by Pastor Shackelford's father, Rev. Bill Shackelford, about being good soldiers for Jesus Christ and then from Congressman Daniel Webster of Florida's 10th District. He started his talk by saying, "Why I love Sunday school," and then went on to tell us of his conversion to Christ. Formerly the President of the Florida Senate, Representative Webster was elected to Congress in 2011. He shared a question and answer time following his presentation that was very well received by those in the congregation.

Throughout the meeting, we had wonderful special music provided by Mark Forester and his family as well as the folks from Faith Baptist Church.

A big Thank You to all who participated in making this Tri-State meeting a success.

K.C. Crum, Secretary

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JUST LOAD THE WAGON!

I had the privilege to work with my friend Dr. David Bryant for sixteen years here at ABC. There were times when situations would arise that were especially difficult in dealing with the many facets of college administration and the burden of the work was extremely heavy. I occasionally mentioned to him that I was sorry he had to deal with particular problems and he would often say, "Don't worry about the mule, just load the wagon." His words continue to motivate me as I now sit where he sat.

Leadership in any area of ministry is usually never comfortable or an easy position for one to undertake. To be successful, there are times when one must simply "lean into the work" and push forward. Leadership has challenges that oftentimes seem insurmountable, unnecessary, and powerfully discouraging. The often used quote is true ... "If it were easy, anyone could do it."

The "cause" we are involved with as we serve our Savior, is worthy of our best efforts. Though we all need those times of rest and recuperation, there is never a place to quit. As long as there is a world that is lost in sin and headed toward a Devil's Hell, there is a need for strong and able-bodied leaders to rise to the occasion, get in the harness, and pull with all their might against the weights of all opposing obstacles, to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a needy world. To fail by doing less than our best has eternal consequences and is unacceptable in the eyes of our Savior, who endured the cross, despised the shame, and is seated at the right hand of God.

Such tenacity is needed if you lead a home, a Sunday School class, a church, a mission, or a school. Our world needs leadership! Our world needs godly leadership! Our world needs unrelenting, godly leadership!

Thank you, Dr. Bryant, for a word of encouragement and challenge ... "Don't worry about the mule, just load the wagon."



Dr. D.L. Moody
President
Arlington Baptist College



MISSIONARY CHARLES BOWEN RECEIVES DOCTOR'S DEGREE

At the Arlington Baptist College Graduation ceremony on May 9, 2015 Missionary Charles Bowen was honored with the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Bro. Bowen is a 1962 graduate of the Bible Baptist Seminary and spent seven years serving churches as a Minister of Music.

Charles and Juanita were approved as WBF Missionaries in 1969. They intended to go to the South American country of Chile but while they were in language school a communist president took over the government of Chile and missionaries were not permitted to enter the country. After much prayer the Bowens went to Ecuador where they labored for thirty-five years. During their service in Ecuador many souls were won to Christ, churches and Bible Institutes were founded and a great work was accomplished.

In 2005 the Bowens returned to the United States and began a Hispanic ministry. They have been used of the Lord to organize three churches during their present ministry and are now involved in beginning their fourth church.

Charles and Juanita have four children: Charles Jr., Tommy, Faith Ann and David.

Pray for the Bowens and especially Juanita who is experiencing many health problems at this time.

Congratulations to Dr. Charles Bowen!



WELCOME TO THE MINISTRY

Charles Bartlett
President

World Baptist Fellowship

What a blessing to be part of our Hilltop Conference! Though the date and name was changed, our annual meeting continues to be a real blessing. The great thing about it is the presence of God was in every service. The challenges we received from all our speakers and learning from the break-out sessions will be a real help in the days to come. It was a blessing to see and hear from our missionaries, hearing though shortly, what God is doing and going to do in their ministries. To be challenged to have the right kind of church and to stand up for America and with Israel was a real blessing. We need to have a "Jesus Model" of Ministry so we can honor and glorify Him.

What a blessing to be in the ministry!

Paul said it best in 1 Timothy 1:12 – "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;"

We all should say the same, the fact that God finds us worthy and faithful to be part of His great Kingdom work.

I have a saying I use a lot around our church, "Welcome to the Ministry." We all know the ministry can be hard but well worth the work. Here are some things to think about when it comes to our ministry.

- Ministry takes Sacrifice – "...present your bodies a living sacrifice..." Romans 12:1
You must be willing to sacrifice yourself, to give yourself to your ministry. Be willing to serve, not to be served.
Paul told Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier."
Our sacrifice for the Lord shows our love for Him and the ministry He has given us to accomplish.
- Ministry involves Sincerity – "...be careful to maintain good works..." Titus 3:8
Sincerity means being genuine or real; free from hypocrisy, honest and purpose of character.
Ministry is challenging with all the things that come with it. We must be people of integrity and be determined to give God our best.
- Ministry brings Satisfaction – "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." These are the words of Paul to Timothy as he knows his time of ministry is short.
When we hear the call of God and submit to that call we can know His satisfaction – "Well done, good and faithful servant." We can be satisfied and must be faithful to the ministry God has given us.

Though we may do ministry using different methods and on different fields, let's always remember it's always about His Kingdom and Kingdom ministry and not about us. "Welcome to the Ministry!"

I hope to see many of you at the Fall Meeting of WBF at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, Florida, October 12-14. Pastor Kenric Barnett and his people are working hard to challenge us for missions. Let's do our part and make our plans to join them and let God work in our lives.

COMPROMISING THE WORD



Wendell Hiers
Editor
Fundamentalist

...in the Name of Impacting Twenty-first Century Culture

Back in 1952 I heard the beloved pastor of the Pine Level Baptist Church, better known as "Daddy Hall", state that he believed Jesus would return before his passing. I'm not sure as to how old he was at the time, but I do remember thinking, "He's an old man, and Jesus is going to return before I finish high school, and I'll never get to go to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas." Obviously, that did not happen. Now I am the old dude, and I still look for His return.

A cultured young "millennial" after viewing a missionary's slide presentation asked, "What do you do when you can't take the superstition and violence and immorality any longer?" "Simple," replied the missionary, "I get on a plane and go back to the mission field."

That hurts, but every day the American news media screams reports we rather not hear. A policeman shoots a man, and unrestrained lawlessness results. A national magazine chronicles the awesome power of organized crime, only to follow a few weeks later the startling story of youthful crime and violence, carried out by teenagers with a terrifying cold-eyed amorality. Sodomy and same sex marriage have become widely accepted, and biblical morality is ridiculed or dismissed as irrelevant by most popular TV programs. Divorce rates soar, even among professing Christians while the phenomenon of living together becomes standard procedure from the Silent Majority to the Millennials.

It is painful for me to admit, but we no longer rest carefree in our Independent, Fundamental Baptist identity, because it is changing. We have all seen or heard reports that Independent Baptists Fundamentalism is doomed because of the "Generation Xers, Millennials," and even some of the "Silent Majority," are leaving the faith. It is no secret that there is an widening gulf between traditional and contemporary moral values.

I in no way feel or claim to be so wise as to say I have all the answers. In my 63 years as a Christian if I have learned anything it is that being countercultural for Christ isn't easy. I do know that in this 21st century Christians of all generations are being targeted spiritually and emotionally by a growing liberal movement cloaked in a generic Christianity.

A look behind the scenes of some churches dominated as "progressive", peek past the savvy technology and secular music, and you will discover more than just a contemporary worship service. Some such churches, not all, are trading their traditional Independent Fundamental Baptist convictions for a gospel filled with compromise. Do we have to sacrifice our traditional, biblical Baptists doctrines in order to influence a 21st century culture? How did we come to this point in Baptist Church history?

Yes, I am aware of our Lord's depiction of the church age in which we now live, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot..." (Rev. 3:15). Here it is a lukewarmness, a complacency, apathy about amazing biblical truths we have been taught in many instances from our childhood. Whether we like it or not, it is a condition which is very descriptive of the 21st century church. It is a pattern which challenges our churches and our nation.

Nowhere does it work with more devastating effect than in Bible Colleges and Seminaries, where day in and day out, one comes in contact with God's truth. I remember Dr. E. K. Oldham once saying in a chapel service at the Bible Baptist Seminary, "One of the easiest places in the world to become backslidden is here." No matter whether it is in the Christian home, an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, or even our Arlington Baptist College, apathy about spiritual things in our lives will cripple us spiritually.

We must be careful to never become satisfied with the status quo. God never intended for the experiences and victories of previous generations to be just an example but to be a foundation on which we are to build. We thank and praise God for what those who came before us have given us, but I feel we must take what they have given us and build on it. However, we must not; we cannot be satisfied with simply reliving and reproducing the past. Erich Fromm once pointed out, "Hate is not the opposite of love. Apathy is." I don't understand

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By
Marjorie Moffitt



Heatbeat Of The WBF

If you want to give directions to those looking for a church home, Calvary Baptist Church is located at 700 W. Woodard Ave. in Cleburne, TX. That location is one block North of Henderson St. on Woodard Ave. If you have questions, call Bro. Monk at 817-645-7758. He'll be happy to tell you about his wonderful congregation and welcome your friends and family with open arms.

My granddaughter moved into a new home a few years ago and soon began to look for a church in her community that her family would be excited to attend and worship. She found an independent Baptist church close by and when she and her three youngest visited it, she found there were few in her age bracket; she saw few children, no young people, and no excitement there. It took quite a bit of looking to find a church that met the spiritual needs of her family. Because she didn't know what the churches were like in her area before she visited them, I've decided to share with you information about churches in the North Central Texas metroplex area which you can recommend to your family and friends who live in this area and may not have found a place to worship. Let me share a couple of them with you in this issue. Others will follow in future issues.

Meet Pastor Brooks Monk and his wife, Betty. Pastor Monk has been pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church located at 700 W. Woodard Ave. in Cleburne, Tx. for almost two years. Prior to his coming there, he was pastor of the Northview Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL for sixteen years. They have two children: Their daughter, Barbee,(26) is a vocalist for a New York City Opera company. Their son, B.J. (Brooks Jr.) (20) is attending college at the Dallas Baptist University. Bro. Monk's wife, Betty, is the Records Manager for the church, and is an expert in using the computer. She developed the current data bases used by the church, and can design any form needed. Since I am so limited in my ability to use my computer, I'm in complete awe of her wide range of talents in the field of electronics, though she has many other talents as well. She captured my heart the first time I visited with her.

Bro. Monk's passion is composing music. While in Florida, he composed music for some of the school plays and musical presentations. Prior to becoming a minister, he served as the Minister of Music for ten years for the First Baptist Church of Richland Hills under Bro. Bill Mauldin. Anyone who attends the services at his church will appreciate their music program as their choir supports the selections of traditional hymns as well as some choruses which complement the pastor's sermons. By the way, the church uses only the King James version of the Bible in all their educational programs.

There are two church services on Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages begins @ 10:00 a.m., Sunday evening service @ 6:00 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Awana Program begins at 6:30 p.m. during the school year, and church services are at 7:00 p.m.. There is a bus ministry for both Sunday morning and Wednesday night services. Very often they bring in more on Wednesday night on their buses than on Sunday morning. There are 65 adults who work with the two hundred children and teens on Wednesday night.

The church has a strong missions program. They gave \$130,000 to missions last year. New members learn in their New Discipleship Class that one of the expectations is that all members become involved in missions. Not only do they learn what their church believes, but each member learns the joy of becoming involved in at least one of the ministries of the church. Even their Youth Program emphasizes participation in Christian service through the church, as well as full time service in ministry for the Lord. The youth really get involved in their youth program, "Students With A Testimony" (SWAT). That the Lord is blessing their efforts is obvious when you learn about the ten students now attending Bible colleges across the country, some of whom attend Arlington Baptist College. The membership is excited about their opportunities to serve the Lord at Calvary Baptist Church.

The next church I know you will enjoy telling others about is the Heritage Baptist Church in Haslet, Texas where Bro. Eric Crawford is the pastor. Their church is located at 1200 FM Road 156 So. on Highway 156 about ½ mile South of downtown Haslet. Bro. Crawford started the church over fourteen years ago, and it's just going great! He began his service to the Lord at his home church in Bowie, TX as a youth pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. He left there to pastor the Bible Baptist Church of Nocona, TX. Then, he followed Bro. Jernigan at Lakeland Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX for five years before branching out to start a new work in Haslet.

He and his wife, Tanya, have three boys: Caleb (20), Joshua (17), and Micah, age (13). Caleb is attending the West Coast Baptist Bible College. Bro. Eric loves going fishing with his boys anytime he can at Eagle Mt. Lake, Lake Tawakoni, or Lake Texoma. They're busy making precious memories they will treasure always.

Now, let me tell you about their church. Bro. Eric tells me it has an exciting, vibrant atmosphere. Their choir enjoys leading the worship services with traditional Christ honoring music. Besides the adult choir, they have two other choirs: Toddlers Choir: ages 3-5, and Children's Choir: kindergarten to sixth grade. During the Sunday school hour they have three nurseries and other classes for all ages plus a Toddlers Church, Children's Church and Junior Church.

On Wednesday night, they have a Baptist based program called "Master Club" for ages three to the sixth grade during church time, as well as a Wednesday night Youth program from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Their young people look forward to the youth ski retreat each winter, and the mission retreat each summer.

The church has an active mission program. Supporting over one hundred missionaries, they have given over a total of a million dollars to missions the last fourteen years. Besides supporting home and foreign missions, they have planted three churches during this time. The Berean Baptist Church located on the edge of Crowley/Fort Worth, The Coastline Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, TX, and the Victory Baptist Church in Boise, Idaho. They are planning to begin building their activity center as soon as they can obtain the building permits.

Service times are: SS 9:45, Morning worship: 10:50, Evening worship 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday night : 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about this, call Bro. Crawford at 817-439-5220. You can also check out their website:hbchaslet.org. Sounds like they have a great time serving the Lord.

**Remember
to pray for
our missionary
widows**

World Baptist Fellowship

MISSIONARY ADONIRAM JUDSON: A BAPTIST BY CONVICTION

Adoniram and Ann Judson were Congregationalists sent to Asia on June 27, 1810 by the General Association of the Congregationalists in Massachusetts. On the long ship voyage to Calcutta, India they did an in depth Bible study and by the time they reached their destination they were convinced that Scriptural baptism was by immersion and were both baptized on September 6, 1812 into the Baptist church there by another missionary named Ward. They were indeed Baptists by conviction and this cost them their support from the churches that sent them out. The American Baptist Missionary Union was founded and took on the support of the Judsons and their ministry in Burma.

Adoniram Judson was born on August 9, 1788 as the son of a Congregationalist pastor who served churches in Massachusetts. He learned to read at age 3 and developed an unusual taste for foreign languages in grammar school. At age 17 he entered Brown University and graduated with honors in three years. While in college he was influenced by the then called, "Free Thinkers" (agnostics) but later became a seeker after Salvation. He enrolled at Andover Seminary and on December 2, 1808 professed his faith in Christ and shortly thereafter committed himself to the Gospel Ministry. While at Andover Seminary he met with three other students under a haystack to pray for revival in America and for missionaries to go out to the foreign fields. The other three did not go as missionaries, but Adoniram knew that God had called him to the regions beyond.

The Judsons moved from Calcutta, India to Rangoon, Burma where he began exhaustive study of the Burmese language. He learned the language so well that it was said he spoke as well as native born Burmese. In 1817 Judson completed the translation of the Gospel of Matthew and wrote many tracts which he gave out to the people. After six difficult years the first Burmese man accepted Christ and was baptized on June 27, 1819. He continued to work on Bible translation and eventually completed an entire Bible in Burmese on October 24, 1840.

Because of war breaking out between the British and Burma, Judson was imprisoned on June 8, 1824 in a horrible prison. It was one room in which 100 prisoners were kept in squalor. Adoniram was kept in fetters and at night the chains were pulled up by pulleys so that only his head and shoulders were on the ground, causing severe injuries to his legs. The jailors did not feed the prisoners and Mrs. Ann Judson kept him and other prisoners alive by bringing food each day to the prison. Adoniram spent two years in prison and the hardship on Ann as she ministered to him and took care of their baby took a heavy toll on her health. She contracted smallpox and spotted fever and died in 1826. A few months later their baby also died.

Adoniram continued his ministry in Burma, moving to Maulmain. The years of dedication began to produce fruit and many Burmese came to Christ. On April 10, 1834 he married Sarah Boardman, who was the widow of another missionary and who had remained on the field and in the work after the passing of her husband. They continued in the work and God richly blessed the ministry. People came from over 100 miles away saying, "Sir, we hear that there is an eternal hell; we are afraid of it; do give us a writing that will tell us how to escape it." Others said, "Sir, we have seen a writing that tells of an eternal God. Are you the

man who gives away such writing? If so, pray give us one, for we want to know the truth before we die."

In 1845 Mrs. Judson became very ill and it was recommended that they return to the United States so that she could be restored to health. She died on the voyage and was buried on the island of St. Helena. Judson and his three children arrived in Boston on October 15, 1845. He told the Mission Board that if he was to speak it would have to be in Burmese with a translator. He had so immersed himself in the Burmese language and culture that he had almost forgotten his native tongue. While on his speaking tour he met Miss Emily Chubbuck, who was an author and she was engaged to prepare suitable memoirs of Mrs. Sarah Judson. Out of this association grew romance and they were married on June 2, 1846 and one month later sailed for Burma. He continued his ministry and at the same time worked on a Burmese-English dictionary. The Burmese king and government made it very difficult on Christians, but many came to his home for discipleship training and inquiry.

In early 1850 Judson became ill and it was advised that he take a sea journey to help him recover. After only three days at sea he died on April 12, 1850 and was buried at sea. He had hoped to build one congregation of 100 members before he died but at the time of his death there were over 7,000 who had been publicly baptized and many Burmese preachers had been trained. There were 163 congregations that had been established.

Adoniram Judson was a pioneer missionary and a great hero of the faith. He was indeed, a BAPTIST BY CONVICTION!

MISSED BLESSINGS

By Tommy Raley

THOUGHTS ON PSALM 81

How many blessings do I miss:
Times of joy, happiness, bliss,
Simply because I will not hear
His Words of witness, His warnings so clear.

How many things that God would do,
His Word doth tell me, and His Word is true.
He offers a blessing, a full reward
To those who listen and His Word regard.

If I will hearken, if I will hear:
If I will obey the Saviour so dear,
My Father will bless me, He'll meet every need.
With manna from heaven my soul He will feed.

His Spirit bears witness that I am His son.
Rejoicing, I ponder o'er all He has done.
If I will obey Him, I'm certain of this;
Not even one blessing will I ever miss.



Tommy Raley
Mission Director
WBF Mission Agency

World Baptist Fellowship Fall Meeting

October 12-14th 2015
West Orlando Baptist Church
Ocoee, Florida



WITH THE LORD

Dr. Weldon Spracklen

On April 8, 2015 Dr. Weldon Spracklen, age 84, went to be with the Lord after a long illness. He was born on May 25, 1930.

Bro. Spracklen served for 30 years as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Canton, Michigan (formerly the Calvary Baptist Church of Wayne, Michigan), retiring in 1996.

Under his leadership the Calvary Baptist Church purchased land and constructed the beautiful facility on Cherry Hill Road in Canton and renamed the church, First Baptist Church of Canton. God has richly blessed the church through the years in reaching souls for the Lord in Canton and around the world through the church's missionary program.

Dr. Spracklen was a faithful supporter of World Baptist Fellowship Missions and the Arlington Baptist College throughout his ministry. He was a graduate of the Bible Baptist Seminary (Arlington Baptist College) and loved the school and the Mission Family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Thelma, and his daughters: Donna, Debbie, Vikki and Joni. All his daughters attended Arlington Baptist College.

A private family burial service was held in Texas and a Memorial Service was held on June 6, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Canton, Michigan.

Please be in prayer for Mrs. Thelma Spracklen and all the family that each one will feel the presence and grace of our Lord.

WE ARE LIGHT

Ephesians 5:8 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"

We are very excited about the opportunity to host the 2015 Fall Meeting this coming October! The theme for the conference is "We are Light" from Ephesians 5:8. We are commanded by God to let our lights shine before man for the glory of God. Our prayer is that each of us will consider our individual life, church, outreach or ministry that God has called us to; and determine if we are truly LIGHT?

Our initial answer or thought would be YES, surely I am light! How would the people we are trying to reach and the people we are ministering to answer this question? Do the people in our communities, countries and churches believe we are LIGHT?

There will be a great line up of preachers that will challenge and encourage us to be the children of light that God has called us to be. Come and be a part of this exciting fellowship meeting. Our people are praying for this meeting and we look forward to encouraging God's servants to return to their place of ministry, prepared and passionate to be LIGHT for God's glory! Just imagine what could happen for God's kingdom if revival were to break out among His called servants!!!

We are planning to provide dinner before the Monday night service, and lunch and dinner for Tuesday and Wednesday. Orlando is known as one of the vacation capitals of the world. There are several things you can do for leisure while here in Central Florida, and we will coordinate a few options for you to consider on Thursday.

If you have any questions about the meeting please feel free to contact me or the church office. There are numerous hotels in the Orlando area, but we would recommend these two hotels which are within 10 minutes of the church:

Sabal Hotel (407-656-5050)
Reserve by September 12th
\$79.00 (breakfast not included)
Only 12 rooms left at this price!

Courtyard by Marriot (407-573-1010)
Reserve by September 12th
Call - Naderia Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
\$108.00 (includes breakfast)

We would all agree that these are the last days that we are living in, let's truly be LIGHT and walk as children of light in this dark world! Look forward to seeing you in October!!!

Pastor Barnett
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WORLD BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 12-14, 2015

WEST ORLANDO BAPTIST CHURCH

OCOEE, FLORIDA



GO YE

David Schembera
Asst. Mission Director
WBF Mission Agency

There are two small simple words that are mistakably misinterpreted by many Christians in our world today. The "GO YE" in Mark 16:15. ("Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.") Does the "GO YE" really mean 'me' and not just for my neighbors or someone else in the church? If it was not to all Christians everywhere, then Christ must have given this great commission, commandment to the

wrong people. The "YE" means you and me, if we are Christ followers, Christians. How do I go to all the world? Easily – one at a time wherever you are. There is no difference between the rich and poor, the educated or illiterate, old or young. For with God there are no distinctions ... lost or saved, that's it. Every Child of God is responsible to do his part to "GO YE" into all the world and that means you.

1. May it be plainly understood that "Go ye" is not necessarily a **geographical** command. Not every Christian should be a missionary to a foreign land; but every Christian should be willing to be one. The question is commitment to Christ. He will lead the committed Christian and it is HIS to decide the place of service. Evangelism is the work of the whole church and God means YOU when he says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

2. God's **method** is men. God could have sent angels to evangelize the world, BUT HE DID NOT. He might have broadcast the message directly from heaven, BUT HE DID NOT. He might have used some kind of heavenly TV...BUT HE DID NOT. God is all powerful and could have done evangelism in many other miraculous ways, BUT HE DID NOT. God chose to send men; men saved from sin, to win other sinners. Someone asked Christ in Heaven: "Lord, the world does not know, how will men find out?" The Lord answered, "I have commanded Peter, James, John, and all my followers to go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then the questioner asked, "But Lord, what if they fail? What happens if Peter and John go back to fishing, and Matthew to tax collecting? What then?" The Lord answered and said, "They must not fail. I have no other way." Christian, our Lord is counting on us.

3. Men **win** men..... The whole New Testament shows saved sinners winning other lost sinners. Phillip and the man of Ethiopia (Acts 8:27); The conversion of Paul as described in Acts chapter 9. God knocked Paul down to the ground and again God used a man. Paul asked, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" God answered through Ananias... Ananias taught Paul. A similar example follows in Acts 10. Cornelius was praying and God sent an angel to him, but did the angel win Cornelius to Christ? No, the very man that denied the Lord three times on the night of Christ's betrayal now leads Cornelius and his family to faith in Christ. God's goal is world evangelization and God's method is MEN.

4. **Give** to Win the Lost. God requires men for every phase of the work of global evangelism. Vast sums of money are needed for this task and every Christian should give. No gift is unimportant. The widow's mite is still great in the sight of God. We should all do what we can to see God's plan advanced to the uttermost part of the world. Are you willing to go? To pray for those on the front lines? Give that the workers can go and do the work God has called them to do? We all need one another.

JUST THOUGHTS



Linda Raley
WBF Mission Agency

It seems everything I see or hear sends me to a nostalgic place these days. Even ordering a pizza that was a family favorite when our children were small caused me to remember the wonderful days of working with the youth department at our church.

We would take a bunch of great kids to Papa's Pizza Parlor, order enough pizza to feed a small city and sit around the table with song sheets and sing while a player piano led us along. No cell phones or iPads just pizza, music sheets and a piano that kept us almost in tune. We had the best youth group in the Metroplex. They were easily entertained and a fun group to hang out with.

As I shared this wonderful memory with my youngest son, I got that sweet smile that said I'd probably reached way back in my memory banks. Since it was before he was born it couldn't have meant to him what it did to me.

Just days before we had heard of the death of a longtime friend. Bro. Weldon Spracklen made such an impact on our lives that we didn't even realize at the time how much he was forming a gentleness and understanding of God's work in us.

He took us in and let us stay in the mission apartment at Calvary Baptist Church in Wayne, Michigan many times. He was always asking if we needed anything and was so very gracious to us. As a young family traveling on deputation and still green behind the ears, his kindness was just what we needed to give us courage to keep on going.

Then many years later when we had two mission fields and three pastorates under our belt we found ourselves in unfamiliar territory again. When my husband was chosen to serve as Mission Director our first Fall Meeting was at Bro. Spracklen's church.

I felt totally overwhelmed after being in the office for about 6 weeks. I was concerned and nervous about being in charge of the ladies' meeting that year. I felt insecure and really unqualified. As I spoke to Mrs. Thelma Spracklen she was a great encouragement to me. Without hesitation or flowery speech she said, "Why, of course you can do this and I'll be praying for you." We've never had a Fall Meeting that these words didn't remind me that I can truly do all things through the strength of my Lord. That was almost twenty-five years ago.

We never know how our words or actions will help someone who is feeling a little less than adequate keep on going. As Bro. Spracklen's homegoing is celebrated I expect there are untold people in ministry today that gleaned from the sweet spirit of this precious couple.

A Lesson on Being Still

by Katrina Seller

Lately the Lord keeps reminding me of the verse: "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10). As a mother of four children, caretaker of my mom, ministers wife, writer, and speaker it is hard for me to just be still. I am an overachiever who is constantly in motion trying to achieve. Most days I have so much to do that I feel like a juggler just trying to keep all the spinning plates from coming crashing down around me. So the first time I heard God prick my heart with this verse, I simply shrugged it off as something I would look into later and kept twirling my plates. But after this Scripture turned up in my quiet time, and in a recent sermon and again in a small group discussion, I begin to get the picture and realize I better sit down and really think this thing out. What is God saying to me, with the words "Be Still?" I found that in the Hebrew, the word still means to be silent or motionless, to cease striving. In Psalm 46 being still is a command. As soon as I read this, my mom excuses began to come to the surface, "but God I can't stop now. The babies diaper needs to be changed, the kid's homework needs to be done, it is dinnertime and no one has clean clothes for tomorrow." Can you relate? So why do we immediately jump to excuses like we can argue with God? I think it is because sitting still is risky business. If we sat still long enough for Him to really communicate with us, we may have to change some things we are currently doing or He may just ask us to step out of our comfort zone. I would rather keep busy doing good things rather than get down to the nitty gritty changing of my heart and the divine plan He has for me. This is where we miss the mark. I trust you as well as I at the end of our lives want God's will to have been done in and through us. We want to have accomplished what God had created for us to do for Him and I worry that I may be missing this all the time, but by staying in a cycle of busyness, I am sure to have washed the clothes, bought the groceries, and cleaned the bathrooms but may be completely missing what God had wanted to bless me with. During this summer season, make sure to take some time from your daily activities to spend some quiet, motionless time with God. He wants to reveal himself and His plans to you if you will but take some time to listen and draw close to Him. It all comes down to trust. Do I trust Him enough to spend that daily time with Him so He can have complete control of my life? Do I trust that He will help me get it all done? Dear friend, trusting Him is worth the risk. One last thought, while you are sitting and relaxing in His presence, why don't you ask Him to do the rest of the verse and show you that He is God? He loves to show off His glory if we would only ask and patiently wait for the fireworks to begin.

Psalm 46:10, 11-¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah."

Psalm 4:3-5- "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. 4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."



MAY 2015



by Josh Moody

TRI-STATE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

By K C Crum

The WBF Tri-State Fellowship met in Pace Florida on January 29 & 30, hosted by the Bible Baptist Church, and Pastor Danny Brook. The meeting was attended by pastors and missionaries and their spouses from Florida, Georgia and Alabama. It was encouraging to have many of the Arlington Baptist College and World Baptist Fellowship Missions board members in attendance as well.

Thursday morning started our two days of fellowship and encouragement with messages by veteran missionary, Marty Starling, (Mexico & Starke, FL); retired, but still active, Pastor John O'Neil from Norman Park, GA; and Pastor Glen Anderson of the Pensacola Baptist Temple.

Our speaker Thursday evening was Dr. D.L. Moody from Arlington, TX. Dr. Moody brought a tremendous message about "Bragging on Jesus" from Revelation chapter 1. We were also treated to uplifting congregational and special music that was a blessing to each one in attendance.

Friday morning brought more biblical messages by WBF mission director Tommy Raley, deputation missionary C.D. Smith, and Pastor Henry Lewis from the Community Baptist Church in Pensacola.

A special offering was received for the Ecuador Bible Institute building project. The purpose of this project is to complete a dormitory at the Bible Institute in Santo Domingo, Ecuador. The building will be named the Mel and Charlene Neill Dormitory in honor of these dear folks who worked so long in Ecuador. If you would like to have a part in this project, please send your offering to the WBF Mission Office marked, "Ecuador Building Fund".

The kind folks at Bible Baptist did an outstanding job of providing for the needs of the pastors, missionaries and other attendees at the meeting. The food was superb, the music was outstanding, and the fellowship sweet.

Our next Tri-State meeting will be held March 26th & 27th at the Faith Baptist Church (formerly Grand Highway Baptist) of Clermont Florida, at their new location. The address is 14745 Johns Lake Rd, Clermont. Pastor Joel Shackelford extends an invitation for all to attend.

student-athletes at a home game, grilling out at the dorms or the park, or just sitting inside the cafeteria during lunch laughing and telling stories together, those are the moments we cherish, and that help us build bonds and friendships that last beyond their time spent here at ABC. With that in mind, we want to give you, a snapshot of some of the experiences we had this last year. We thank you for supporting us, as we do our best to support the students Christ has entrusted to us during this portion of their spiritual journeys. May God bless you during this summer, and we can't wait to start it all over again in August!



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by Josh Moody



Owen Wallace
Speaking at Student Chapel



Josh Green with the emphatic dunk



Our reminder that God is in control and His Glory can be seen in storms!



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Arlington Baptist College

Cause we're wild & crazy about students

The STUDENT SECTION

Written by: Stephen Kirkwood
Student Pastor



SUMMER SLAM

When I started writing these articles for The Fundamentalist, my desire was to write with student pastors in mind. I want to encourage them & maybe even energize them to better themselves daily. However, I am writing this article to those who are outside of student ministry. Mainly because, at this time of year, most student pastors are in the Summer Slam. This is the time of year where they are planning camps, mission trips, Vacation Bible Schools, & retreats. They don't have the time to read this article! In fact, as you are reading this, I will probably be curled up in a ball in the corner of my office, sucking my thumb, trying to recover from our week of student camp!

So, with that mental image in your head, let me give you 4 ways to help your student pastor get through the Summer Slam with their sanity intact:

1. Sponsor a student for camp

The financial aspect of summer camp is the biggest source of stress for student pastors. We spend all year long thinking of & organizing fundraisers to help students (and parents) be able to go to camp with as little financial strain as possible. Nevertheless, every year, there is always at least one student who decides at the last minute to go to camp. One way to help your student pastor is to tell them that you want to sponsor a student financially for camp. Tell them that when that procrastinating student decides to go, you will pay their way to go! This will be a HUGE encouragement to your student pastor & is also a HUGE eternal investment for you!

2. Serve at Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is (in my opinion) one of the most exciting weeks of the ministry year. I love seeing all the kiddos coming out & having fun learning about God! I love the decorations, the songs, the skits, the snacks, & seeing fellow church members work together to create a memorable week for the children! Having enough volunteers for VBS is key & can cause a lot of stress in the student pastor's (or VBS director's) life. There are multiple ways to help serve for this week and not all of them

involve working directly with kids (in case you're not kid-person). Ask your student pastor where you can help out & you'll help him survive the Summer Slam!

3. Send a word of encouragement

Ministry is not easy & sometimes very lonely. When your student pastor, or any minister, gets drained physically, oftentimes, they are drained emotionally as well. Be sure this summer to send words of encouragement to your student pastor. Send them a card, a text, an email to them. Brag on them to your followers on social media. Stop them in the hallway at church and thank them for their hard work. It really does help; even the littlest of things.

4. Support the ministry

This summer, offer to host an activity at your house. Offer to buy some snacks for the weekly Bible studies. Volunteer at one of the weekly student services. If possible, take a day off work and go spend the day at camp. Actively pray for your student pastor throughout the summer. Volunteer to babysit their kids soon after camp so the student pastor & spouse can have a "Date Night" to reconnect after a week apart. All of these things show support for the ministry & help your student pastor in the Summer Slam.

Student pastors love to serve... We knew what we were getting in to (somewhat) when we surrendered to this call. This article is not written to create a pity party for the student pastor. Truth is, we don't need all these things. God will work it all out & provide everything needed. But coming from a guy who's in the trenches of student ministry, I know what a blessing these things are in helping me survive the **Summer Slam**. So, go find a way to help this summer and hopefully by the next article, I'll be out of the corner & no longer sucking my thumb!

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Practical Advice for
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My wife and I were approved as World Baptist Fellowship missionaries in August 1996. For nearly 20 years, we have been privileged to serve both as church planters overseas, and in pastoral ministry in the United States. During that time I have heard missionaries share many insights that they wish more pastors could be made aware of, and I have heard pastors share advice that they wish more missionaries could be made aware of. Both roles are vital to the work of God and the Great Commission, but it is often challenging for us to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, or to see where others are coming from.

In Part 1 of this article I began by sharing some thoughts for our missionaries to keep in mind as they travel, visit churches, and serve the LORD. I now will conclude by sharing some practical thoughts with my fellow pastors.

Dear pastor:

- Ministry takes Sacrifice – "...present your bodies a living sacrifice..." Romans 12:1
You must be willing to sacrifice yourself, to give yourself to your ministry. Be willing to serve, not to be served.
Paul told Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier."
Our sacrifice for the Lord shows our love for Him and the ministry He has given us to accomplish.
- Be considerate of their family. Give them down time or free time if they will be with you over a period of days. Their schedule is very draining and exhausting. They may have been in the car for hours before pulling into your church for a service. How would you feel? When choosing lodging accommodations, try to give them privacy whenever possible. If they have kids, see if you can give Dad and Mom separate sleeping quarters from the kids. You and your wife would appreciate that, wouldn't you?
- Keep in touch with missionaries. Don't just expect to hear from them on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis. They need to hear from you too! Communication is a two-way street, and we pastors are often guilty of a double-standard.
- Let missionaries know the dress code ahead of time. Missionaries visit all kinds of churches, with all kinds of standards. Don't make them guess or wonder what the modesty standards and formality choices are at your church, especially outside of church services. Do ladies wear slacks? Are modest shorts okay? Do you wear a tie in all services? Please let them know so that they can pack accordingly, and not have to pull over at the nearest gas station to change into dress clothes before you see them – just to be safe (yes, it happens).
- As you organize your missions conferences, focus on being a blessing to the missionaries. Be intentional about blessing them far more than you ask them to bless and minister to your people. Find ways for your church family to get to know missionaries as people, not just as ministers. It is more blessed to give!

- If you are a sending church, whenever possible, help cover their expenses for prayer cards, multimedia, equipment, reliable transportation, even updated clothing. Remember, they represent your church when they travel around. Do what you can to help them be as effective and updated as possible.

I am sure I have overlooked many areas of concerns or insights. In addition, some of these observations apply to both groups of God's servants. Whether you are a missionary or a pastor, your calling is not superior to theirs. We must all guard ourselves from looking down on or being resentful toward those who are in a different role. Try to put yourself in their shoes. You just might be surprised at what you discover! We are partners in the greatest work on Earth.

A Champion is with The Lord

Rev. Billy Martin Mauldin, 86, passed away March 19, 2015 at his home. Brother Mauldin was a native of Whitesboro, Texas. He served the Lord faithfully in Antigo, Wisconsin as pastor of Bible Baptist Church for five years before being called to First Baptist Church of Richland Hills in 1966. Brother Mauldin loved and pastored the people of First Baptist for 36 years until his retirement in January of 2002. He was the shepherd of his flock, mentor to men of God, and a cherished father, grandfather, and great-grandfather in his home.

Brother Mauldin was a mirror of strength and endurance. He had the temperance of quality steel, and was a mix of many sterling qualities. Foremost among those qualities was his faithfulness to the calling that God had given him. He was a man who took pride in his responsibilities, delighting in the opportunity to serve his family, his God, and the church he pastored. He never faced his problems sullenly, as though there were no escape, nor did he rest upon his human ability to resolve them. Proverbs 3:5, 6 had become a life purpose verses for him. Bill Mauldin was a gentle, tender, kind, generous, and patient man devoted to the care and protection of those things he held dear. He possessed intensity for achieving his goals in life that came not so much from a physical source as from the desire to please God in his life. Bill Mauldin was a champion.

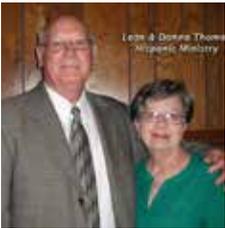
The Champion
The average runner sprints
Until the breath in him is gone
But the champion has the iron will
That makes him carry on.
For rest, the average runner begs
When limp his muscles grow
But the champion runs on leaden legs
His spirit makes him go.
The average man's complacent
When he does his best to score
But the champion does his best
And then he does a little more

Bill Mauldin was a champion.

News From The Regions Beyond

"...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35

LEON & DONNA THOMAS – HISPANIC PRISON MINISTRY



Leon now goes to six prisons every week. The Lord has opened doors for him to be able to serve these men and his attendance has increased since the first of the year. It takes time for these men to trust you and be assured that you come because you are concerned for their eternal souls.

Recently one of the men who came to his services died suddenly. This man had made a profession of faith in Christ. His death was tragic but he knew the Lord as his Saviour. Taking the Gospel inside prison walls to men who might never hear the Gospel in their own language has been Leon's goal. His Spanish services are often accompanied by tears of repentance. Many will never

leave prison because they are in for life but many receive the Lord as Saviour each week.

JACK & UTE HARDY – GERMANY



We have some wonderful, God-honoring news to share with you. We are happy to announce that Ute's Dad, Andreas, is now a Christian. He had to have an emergency gall-bladder surgery and just before he left the room for surgery Ute's sister, Jutta, led him to the Lord. This is the answer to many years of prayer.

In February we were able to attend the European Ladies Retreat. Ute was one of the speakers and she spoke on, "Discerning the Will of God." There were 50 ladies present and truly the Lord blessed with souls encouraged and challenged to continue their walk with the Lord.

ANDREW McCLURE – PALAU



We have had a request from a local radio station to air our Sunday services on radio for free! I have already got the needed computer for putting the broadcasts together but am still working on getting the microphones and programs needed for the broadcasts. With these broadcasts we will be able to reach homes that we could not reach before and see people come to know the True God.

I have had the pleasure of asking Evangeline Mendoza to marry me and she said, "YES!" She is one of the people who were led to the Lord through our Work Place Bible Study outreach program in 2009. It has been a pleasure to see her growing in the Lord;

she is working in the Sunday School and attending the Bible Institute. Please pray for us as we plan our wedding for July 5, 2015.

ALAN & KATHY HART – MOZAMBIQUE



Extremely heavy rains in the central and northern regions of the country have created great hardships for a large number of people in our churches. The main north-south highway bridge was destroyed by flood waters and has cut off ground travel between us and a group of churches up north. They have been without electricity and clean water for weeks now and we don't know when things will be restored. Please pray for folks, especially in three congregations in Nampula and several in Zampezia.

The inauguration of the building in Mutondo was a complete success with about 200 in attendance including 29 from the Dondo, Chimoio and Gondola congregations. We have made some progress in finishing the building in Dondo but the work has been slowed by rains and other work that has to be done.

Earlier we had a bit of a scare. In December Kathy had a growth apper on her eyelid after a severe sunburn and sun poisoning. After consulting with the specialist in the private clinic in Beira we decided to have the surgery done here in Africa. Although we were a little uncertain how things would go the surgery was successful and no cancer was found for which we praise the Lord.

TOMMY TUCKER – THAILAND



There are many possibilities available in serving God in Thailand in this coming year. One new opportunity is a Pakistani ministry. We have over 100 people signed up for Bible study and discipleship classes. This has blossomed into a Bible Institute as many have received Christ. There were heavy discussions as we taught them how to study the Bible and get the verses in context. Now we are studying Bible Doctrine. Most of the Pakistanis come from a Catholic or Pentecostal background and are here in Thailand illegally and are applying for refugee status as persecuted Christians. This process can take from 2 to 3 years to complete. Pray for this new opportunity to reach many for Christ

DAVID & BETTY SCHEMBERA – ASSISTANT MISSION DIRECTOR WBF BIBLE MINISTRY



After the homegoing of Bro. Mel Neill we accepted the responsibility of leading the WBF Bible Ministry as well as continuing our duties in the Mission Office. We will continue to supply Bibles for missionaries at no cost to them. Many Bibles have been sent to the fields and we will see that even more are sent in the future. There is such a need for the Word of God around the world.

DAVID & DIANE CATO – SOUTHERN BRAZIL



Jonilton gave us the same answer that most Brazilians give when asked about their eternal destination, "No one can know for sure if they are going to heaven or hell; we will find out when the balances are weighed." After about 20 minutes of explaining the Gospel to him a big smile came on his face as he realized that Jesus paid it all on Calvary! We witnessed in depth to eight people that day before a person (Jonilton) accepted Christ as Saviour. Religion is the worst kind of prison as it gives a false sense of security.

We have settled into our new home in Tijucas and can find our way around now without a map. We found a place to meet and are having church services twice a week. So far we are having just five people besides ourselves in the services. Please pray that God will bring in the souls. We have been going door to door to or three times a week and people will listen but they are so full of false religion that it is difficult for them to understand the Gospel. Pray that God will open doors and hearts to His Word.

MIKE & DEBBIE LANE – HONDURAS



The Youth Leadership Conference that we began last year was well attended this time with about 150 in attendance. God has used these conferences to call workers and some are already preparing for service in Bible Institutes in Honduras. The conference each year offers opportunities for young people to develop their talents and gifts from God in the areas of preaching, teaching, music, Christian art, drama, Bible quiz and Bible memory. This is held in a fun camp atmosphere with outside activities and games as well as inspiring preaching services. Debby missed two complete nights of sleep during the conference and put in hundreds of hours in preparation.

God has enabled Debbie and me to begin two other ministries this year also. I began a men's fellowship among the churches and gradually more men are attending each month. We rotate between the Baptist churches in our area of Honduras and it has been an encouragement to many. Debby began a ministry to young ladies called, "Daughters of the Great King," and it is designed to emphasize purity and offer encouragement to young ladies from 12 to 21. There is such a need in Honduras among young girls as many will end up having children out of wedlock. Please pray for both of these new ministries.

For more missionary news visit www.wbf.net

it, but boredom is one of Satan's most effective weapons among many Christians. However, to be complacent in the face of John 3:16 and Matthew 28:18-20 is the greatest negative response to God's will for the church.

In order to combat complacency we never take God's blessings for granted and not acknowledge Him. Our attitude toward our blessings and possessions is one of the most determinative factors in our spiritual health. To be ungrateful about the blessings of God is foolish. That's why God's Word commands us to give thanks in everything (1 Thess. 5:18). Giving thanks to God is His expressed will for every Christian. We are to continually "...offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15). It is vital in our personal lives, in our families, and in our churches that we encourage a spirit of worship that includes praise and thanksgiving. Complacency will die where praise and thanksgiving thrive.

In our efforts to reach the 21st century culture we must not neglect God's Word. There is an enormous difference between a direct and an indirect relationship to the Word of God. It is not uncommon that when an issue comes up in conversation, and two people give almost the identical answer; however, from the mouth of one, the answer is empty. The individual is giving a secondhand conviction, something heard from parents, youth leader, a preacher or some friend. The other individual says practically the same thing, but the answer rings with the firmness of personal conviction. He or she has been in the Word, studied it and prayed about a matter. That's the person who knows the experience of walking with the Lord. Beware of secondhand convictions and secondhand experiences. We must not neglect the Scriptures. Our obedience must not be based on secondhand convictions and secondhand experiences. What was central in the days of those who have gone before us has become peripheral in the 21st century. Do not neglect God's Word.

One of the largest generations in the history of America has come to prominence in 21st century culture—the Millennials. Who are they? They were born between 1980 and 2000. They have grown up in a time of rapid change, giving them a set of priorities and expectations sharply different from previous generations. Their generation is bigger than even the Baby Boomers, and they are the first digital group socially connected, with less money to spend, encumbered with debt, and a new set of different priorities.

In 2010 it was estimated that 29.9 % of the 18-34 year olds lived with parents. They are also America's most racially diverse generation. In so many ways they are different from today's older generations. And in many, they are also different from older adults back when they were the age Millennials are now. The Pew Research Center surveys show that half of the Millennials (50%) now describe themselves as political independents and about 29% say they are not affiliated with any religion. This is said to be the highest levels of political and religious disaffiliation recorded for any generation in the more than a quarter-century Pew Research Center has been polling these topics.

The 21st century culture's susceptibility to "feel-good" doctrine is a big part of America's moral decline. Church doctrine in today's culture depends on how the preaching and teaching make people feel, not whether the preaching and teaching and church activities are biblical or not. There is the tendency to attend churches that leave a person feeling good about their lifestyle choices, even if those choices are in conflict with the Word of God.

Often the inspired words of Paul in I Corinthians 9:19-23 are used in an attempt to justify compromise. To do so, I think, is to take the apostle's words out of context. His apostleship had been put in question and some sought to discredit him as an apostle because he was not one of the twelve. However, the Corinthians themselves were the result of Paul's labors. He had won them to Christ and had established the church in Corinth. They could not deny their own experience in the Lord. They were proof of his apostleship.

As a qualified apostle, Paul had a perfect right to expect and to receive material support from the church in Corinth. The other apostles had not worked to support themselves as did Paul and Barnabas. They did so not because they had no right to forgo working. It was because they chose to do so. The laborer is worthy of his hire. He points out the fact that the soldier, the sower, and the shepherd are all supported by the work to which they gave themselves. Quoting from the Law of

Moses he shows that God made provision for the oxen which tread out the grain, and that those who served in the Temple lived off the things of the Temple. Paul was deserving of material support from the Corinthians but had refrained from exercising that deserved right in order that the gospel might not be hindered. No one could ever say that he was "in it for the money." Having established that fact he asks the Corinthian Christians to do the same in regard to meats offered to idols.

Now in verses 19-23 Paul shows how he had made various concessions to Jews, Gentiles, the weak, and others in order that he might gain the more for Christ. He was a free Roman citizen with certain liberties that only Christ could give a man. Although he was free, he had chosen to make himself a slave to all that he might win the more for Christ. This does not mean that Paul compromised Christian principle or truth or any biblical absolute in order to impact any given culture. He simply made concessions where no harm was done to truth as found in the Word of God, and by doing so there was opportunity to advance the cause of Christ.

I willingly admit that the Independent Fundamental Baptists faith is on a collision course with 21st century culture. The culture wars, the growth of family, the success of missions, and the prosperity of America are all at stake.

JOIN US IN OCOEE

We are excited about the upcoming WBF Fall Meeting, October 12-14, 2015 at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, FL. Pastor Kenric Barnett, the church staff and church family are all working hard to make this a time of blessing, encouragement and challenge for all who will be present. We will have a good representation of our Missionary Families at the meeting and each speaker will challenge us from the Word of God. The music at the meeting will be Christ honoring and uplifting and the fellowship will be great.

The Orlando area is one of the nation's best vacation spots with many venues to visit. The church will help plan some activities for Thursday, October 15, 2015 if you can stay over an extra day. You might even want to plan a short vacation for the days before or following the meeting.

We will be receiving our annual Special Mission Offering at the Fall Meeting and our goal for this year's offering is \$60,000. This amount is vital for us in meeting our annual budget at the Mission Office. This offering helps us with the cost of maintenance and insurance on the property; the cost of printing and mailing the Fundamentalist (Arlington Baptist College shares this cost); our Annual Candidate Seminar and Retreat; plus many incidental expenses during the year. Please plan on having a part in the Special Mission Offering.

Each year at the Fall Meeting we also have the Missionary Gift Card shower. This is such a blessing to the missionaries since it helps them purchase needed items for the field. Some churches or Sunday School classes have a "Gift Card Shower" for our missionaries that makes it possible for them to receive a good amount in gift cards each year.

Please make your plans now to join us at the WBF Fall Meeting at the West Orlando Baptist Church in Ocoee, FL on October 12-14, 2015.

MAY 2015 Continued - Josh Moody



Our Patriots and Lady Patriots are champions for Christ on and off the court!



Never too old for cookouts and kickball!

EDIFY

By Woody Cash

The English of our day normally uses the root meaning of **Edify** which means "to build or buildup." **Edify** and its various forms occur only 20 times in our New Testament. **Edify**, itself, appears only 3 times in 3 books of the Bible. **Edified** shows up but twice in 2 different books. **Edifying** is used the most with 8 applications in 4 books of holy writ. **Edifieth** ties with Edify by appearing 3 times, all in one book. **Edification** is the form occurring 4 times in 3 books. Nineteen of Edify or its forms are found in books written by Paul. The one other is found in the book of Acts where it has a connection to the good news of Paul's authentic conversion as assured by the encouraging Barnabas.

So, why write an article about a seldom used word? A song from Sunday School establishes reason enough: "Little is much when God is in it". Two of the expressions of Paul could be viewed as general truths. Once, while attesting that all things were lawful for him, Paul noted that all things edify not. It is not a contradiction when Paul later writes: "Let all things be done unto edifying." An understanding we could glean from those two passages would have us to realize that if what we say or do does not serve to edify, then it should be avoided—even if such words or actions may be accurate or good in and of themselves.

Of the eighteen other usages, ten can be applicable to the church, while eight can have relevance to an individual. Twice, Paul refers to his authority or power which the Lord had given as to be used for the edification of the church and not for its destruction. While an individual or a group may have the power of the pen and or the power of the purse, all actions should be directed toward the building up of the individual, the church, the family, the country, and any other God-established institution. Paul even stressed (as should we all), "... we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying." Paul further states that those who were given by God -- apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers -- were given for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. And, all their efforts were to not only speak the truth in love, but to strive for the unity of the faith, the ultimate goal of which was the increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Paul's encouragement to all is that we seek to excel in the zealous use of spiritual gifts to the edifying of the church.

As for examples affecting individuals, Paul would have us to avoid self-aggrandizing actions and seek to edify the others with whom we have contact and interaction. We should strive to "please our neighbor for his good to edification." This would include not only next door neighbors, but, certainly next-pew neighbors. One may say, "Who is my neighbor, if it's not the man next door?" and, surely God must see, the whole world next door to me." We do well to "follow after things wherewith one may edify another." Paul urges us to not be puffed up but rather to practice charity (aka love) as that which edifieth. Keeping a watch on our words is the procedure by which we avoid corrupt communication. Our task as believers is to utter "that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Paul wrote to Timothy of a "godly edifying which is in faith." May that which we speak, write, or do be an ever-encouraging word. May we embrace the counsel of Paul as when he wrote: "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another. . ." Bless, and try to Edify.

PRAY BIG

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. (Jeremiah 8:20) The first time I read this verse it stopped me in my tracks. All I could do as a student pastor was think about all the camps and conferences that I had attended as a student. Moving forward as a pastor, I again was reminded about this verse as we would plan our summers. Now as a preacher who is honored to speak at camps and conferences I am again challenged by this verse. You see this summer there will be thousands of students and adults who will hear the gospel and come to a relationship with Jesus Christ. I am praying that God will show up and show off in your camps, conferences and VBS this summer. There is much work to be accomplished. The opposition (Satan) is alive and well on our planet. Blessings on each of you as you strive to harvest this summer. I am PRAYING BIG!

NEW WEB SITE

Great News! Our Recruiting team has launched a brand new Arlington Baptist College web site. Under the direction of Kim Marvin, we now have a web site that has so many great tools for the prospective student, alumni and those wanting more information about the happenings of Arlington Baptist College. Go to www.arlingtonbaptistcollege.edu and check us out.

For those of you who have asked for the ability to purchase Arlington Baptist College merchandise you can purchase those items on our online store at www.arlingtonbaptistcollege.edu. Additionally, if you are looking for a pastor or staff position for your church or school you can post that on our web site. There are so many exciting ways to become more connected with Arlington Baptist College.

H2O CONFERENCE 2015

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS AND STUDENT PASTORS...There is a conference for you and your students. July 27th-July 30th on the campus of Willow Park Baptist Church. This conference is a joint conference between Arlington Baptist College and Willow Park Baptist Church. Please check out the ad in this edition of the Fundamentalist. You will be receiving information in the mail in the next few days with registration information. Check out more information at www.arlingtonbaptistcollege.edu.

WORLD BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP RESOLUTIONS

Resolution

Standing For America

Whereas the United States of America has a great heritage of freedom led by many great patriots.

Whereas Pastors such as Peter Muhlenberg, Thomas Allen, and James Caldwell and others led the fight for this freedom against British tyranny.

Whereas it is important and necessary for pastors and lay people of our churches to lead in and stand for and defend freedom and righteousness in our country today.

Be it resolved on this 29th day of April, 2015, the constituents of the World Baptist Fellowship do and will continue to stand for freedom and righteousness in America, even if we stand alone.

Motion to approve the resolution by Jimmy McNeil

2nd John Hadley

All in favor by standing ovation-accepted and passed unanimously

Resolution

Standing With Israel

Whereas we are told throughout Scripture that the Jewish nation of Israel are God's chosen people.

Whereas God blesses those who bless Israel according to Genesis 12:2-3

Whereas it seems that many, including some in our present government administration are trying to undo the alliance with Israel through political means

Be it resolved on this 30th day of April, 2015, despite the position of many in our government, the World Baptist Fellowship goes on record as firmly standing with Israel.

Motion to approve resolution by Jimmy McNeil

2nd Mike Evans

All in favor-Standing ovation-accepted and passed unanimously

JUDGEMENT HOUSE

Presented at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie

Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie will again be presenting Judgement House October 16th -18th and 23th -25th of 2015. Judgement House is a walk-through drama that presents the choices made by people and their eternal consequences. This extremely effective presentation gives people a very clear picture of the gospel message.

This year's presentation, "The Reckoning" follows the family of Bret and Addie with their children Becca and Bryce. Bret's wrong choices in this life prove to produce a dysfunctional family of epic proportion. Through these problems Addie accepts Christ as her personal Savior. Becca and Bryce however, follow a different path. The results of these decisions are clearly seen by each tour in the Judgement, Heaven and Hell scene.

This presentation is intended to be thought provoking rather than "scaring" participants out of hell. It seeks to lead people to turn to Christ by the things they see and the truths that are presented. At the end of the presentation encouragers are available to talk with those who seek Christ on a one on one basis.

The 1 hour tours begin every 15 minutes. Reservations are strongly suggested, especially for groups. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations can be made beginning in July by contacting the church office at 972-262-5656. Dates and times are Friday nights October 16th and 23rd from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday nights October 17th and 24th from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday nights October 18th - 25th from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Judgement House is a great fall outing for groups young and old. If you have any questions please contact Ron Adams at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie at 972-262-5656.

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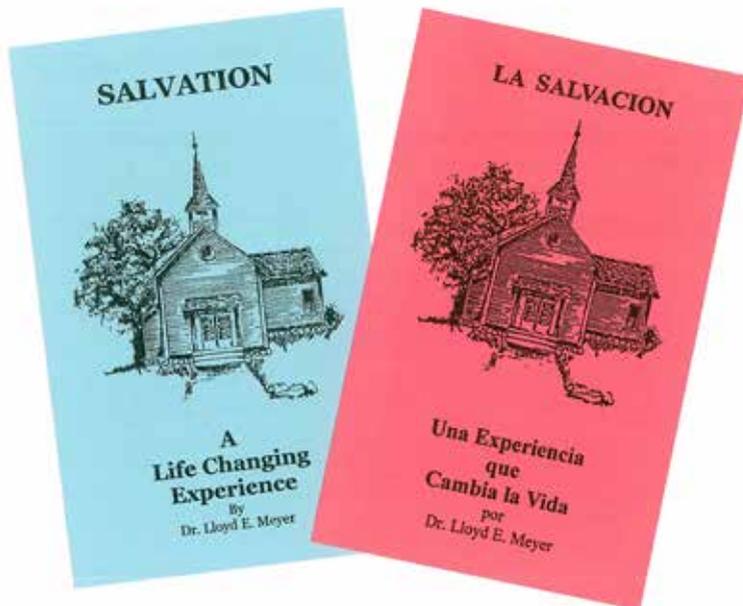
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