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BMAA Missions Renames Offering to Honor Kidd

Jerry Kidd has been serving the BMA for 62 years. First as a pastor, then as missionary, church planter,

assistant director of international missions, director of international missions and director of missionary care.

Known as a "Pastor of Missionaries," his pioneering spirit and faithfulness to share the gospel to indigenous people has created a legacy of multiplying disciples and churches worldwide. With his wife and ministry partner, Sue by his side, he continues working to change lives and point people to Jesus.

With this legacy of humble service in mind, BMAA Missions Executive Director John David Smith announced on Oct. 28 that the annual World Missions Day offering will now be called the Jerry D. Kidd Missions Offering.

Smith presented a combat helmet to Kidd, explaining that, "This combat helmet—to countless men and women serving in world missions who have found life-saving protection in a raging



New Arkansas Abortion Poll

A poll released Oct. 28 shows that 23% of Arkansans believe abortion ought to be completely illegal. That's up from 17% in 2018 according to the same poll. The results were part of the Arkansas Poll conducted each year. Pollsters asked Arkansans if they believed abortion ought to be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances or illegal in all circumstances.

The poll indicated that 24% of likely voters in Arkansas believe abortion ought to be illegal in all circumstances, and 60% of likely voters believe abortion ought to be legal only under certain circumstances. Taken together, these numbers reveal that

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battle and encouragement to fight on in a foxhole with Jerry Kidd—symbolizes his faithful life-long ministry of sharing the sufferings of fellow soldiers."

World Missions Day 2021 is Feb. 28, and BMAA Missions invites BMA churches and their congregations to celebrate this emphasis day by showing the World Missions Day video, praying for global missions and giving to the Jerry D. Kidd Missions Offering.

MOVING with Ministers and Staff

This is only a news column, and the publishing of a person's availability should not be considered a recommendation by the Trumpet. To view previous listings from this column, visit our website at www.baptisttrumpet.com.

Robbie Duncan has accepted the pastorate of Victory Baptist Church in Hampton.

Doug Boyette, Doug Gorman and **Patrick Temple** will be ordained as deacons on Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. at Faustina, Hampton.

Brandon Crafton is available for preaching appointments as the Lord leads. He is a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Plumerville and has been preaching for 10 years. Contact him at (501) 289-0100 or bcrafton777@gmail.com.

Jim Ort is available for pulpit supply and interim pastoral ministry. He is a member of Celebration Baptist Church in Haskell. Contact him at (501) 804-2015 or skort40@sbcglobal.net.



Super Typhoon Goni Hits the Philippines

By Jeff Herring, Executive Editor Elect

In the early morning hours of Oct. 31, I received a message from Rita Ballard, missionary in the Philippines, asking us to pray for everyone in the path of the storm that was heading toward the small Philippine islands and then on to the island of Luzon. She asked us to pray for all those that will be affected by this large storm and also for their home that was in the projected path of the storm.

Goni, which the locals called Rolly, is said to have been the world's strongest storm yet in 2020. When the storm made landfall with sustained winds of 195 miles per hour on Nov. 1, it left a path of destruction behind it. At the height of the devastation there were 125 cities and towns left without electricity according to a report from NASA.

The area affected by Goni was also recently reeling after suffering damage from two other typhoons and also reported to be in the midst of the country's worst Coronavirus outbreaks. Reliefweb.int reports that on Catanduanes Island, where the storm initially made landfall, up to 90% of buildings were destroyed. According to NASA's report, the national capital, Manila, was largely spared, but the storm destroyed tens of thousands of homes on the island, displaced more than 300,000 people, and killed at least 20 people. As of Nov. 2, the Philippine Red Cross reported Catanduanes Island had no access to electricity, water and cellular network.

Many people began praying for Danny and Rita Ballard as well as the others to whom they minister in the Philippines. After the storm, Danny shared this note on Facebook, "We are thankful for all the prayers and people checking on us. Thankfully, the Lord blessed and allowed the storm to weaken more than they expected before it reached us. Thank you to all who were praying."



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BMA of Arkansas Meeting will be streamed from the Baptist Trumpet Facebook page. Visit www.baptisttrumpet.com for easy links.



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Priority Scholarship Deadline is Dec. 10

The fall semester is moving fast and now is the time for high school seniors and transfer students who will be attending CBC for the Fall 2021 semester to apply and receive the best scholarship awards of the year. Apply for admission by Dec. 10, submit transcript(s) and ACT/SAT/Accuplacer test scores and complete the FAFSA* (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and you will automatically qualify to be the first CBC applicants of the academic year to receive a scholarship award package.

On average, CBC freshmen receive \$9,947 toward the cost of tuition, fees, room and board (meal plan). The average amount is made up of CBC scholarships and state and federal grants, not including student loans.

We work hard to keep the cost of attending CBC affordable so that as many students as possible can experience the special Christ-centered college environment. In fact, CBC is \$13,000 less than the average cost to attend a four-year private institution in the state of Arkansas. CBC is also nearly \$25,000 less than the average cost to attend a four-year private institution in the United States. Visit cbc.edu/cost for more information on CBC's cost **before** scholarships are applied. To learn more about the value of CBC visit cbc.edu/whyCBC.

In order to meet the Priority Scholarship Deadline, prospective students should visit cbc.edu/apply to apply for admission, submit their transcript(s) and ACT scores and have completed the FAFSA (complete your FAFSA at studentaid.gov). All of these things must be completed by the Dec. 10 deadline.

The Leadership Scholars Program

The CBC Leadership Scholars Program, directed by the Office of Admissions, recognizes outstanding incoming freshmen for their exemplary academic, leadership and personal accomplishments. Each spring, a select number of recipients are chosen, once they are admitted to CBC for the following fall semester, to become Leadership Scholars. In recognition of their standing as Leadership Scholars, CBC provides a full tuition scholarship that is renewable for up to four years.

Among other program benefits are staff mentoring and professional work experience in the Admissions Office as a student ambassador. The Leadership Scholars program is an invaluable life experience and resume building opportunity. In return, the Leadership Scholars provide service to the college by assisting the Office of Admissions or other on-campus offices in a variety of initiatives and tasks, such as Stampede Preview Days, personal campus visits, greeting visitors, calling prospective-students and assisting with administrative duties.

Students and parents can learn about the scholarship requirements and how to apply at cbc.edu/leadershipscholar. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

Contact the CBC Admissions Office

For questions about the admissions process, academic scholarships or the leadership scholars program, please contact a Personal Admissions Officer at admissions@cbc.edu or (501) 329-6873.



Men's Basketball

Talladega, Ala., Oct. 30— Opening their 2020-21 season, CBC took on the Faulkner Eagles on the first day of the Talladega College Fresh Start Classic on the Talladega campus at Callanan Gymnasium. CBC (0-1) was unable to put Faulkner (1-0) away in the first half, allowing the Eagles to lead 41-34 at the break and earn a 76-65 win.

Talladega, Ala., Oct. 31— CBC took on Talladega College in the final

Volleyball

McKenzie, Tenn., Oct. 27— Coming into the match against Bethel, Khyra Echols needed just four kills to make history. CBC took on the Wildcats on the road at Crisp Arena. In the third set, Echols finally made history, breaking the career kills record on a night when CBC (9-8) was swept by Bethel (1-2) by scores of 21-25, 16-25 and 21-25.

Court Asked To Uphold Ark. Laws

The pro-life organization Americans United for Life announced that it has filed an amicus brief in the case Hopkins v. Jegley urging the Eighth Circuit to uphold a group of pro-life laws from Arkansas. In August a three-judge panel from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals lifted a lower court ruling against four pro-life laws the Arkansas Legislature passed in 2017. In response, the ACLU appealed to the entire Eighth Circuit to have the laws blocked once again.

The pro-life laws in question are: Act 45 of 2017 (Dismemberment Abortion), Act 733 of 2017 (Sex-Selection Abortion), Act 1018 of 2017 (Reporting Requirements) and Act 603 of 2017 (Prohibiting Buying and Selling of Aborted Babies).

The amicus brief Americans United for Life filed in October argues that the three-judge panel was correct to unblock the laws and encourages the Eighth Circuit to deny the ACLU's request for a rehearing in the case. (familycouncil.org)

NRLC Praises Declaration

The countries of Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Uganda and the U.S. co-sponsored a virtual gathering in Washington on Oct. 22 to sign the Geneva Consensus Declaration. Thirty-three countries representing 1.6 billion people signed the Declaration stating that "there is no international right to abortion."

"This Declaration reaffirms that 'every human being has the inherent right to life,'" stated Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). "This is a fundamental belief that must undergird how the United States and signatory member states approach women's health issues around the world and how the United Nations should approach these issues."



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84% of likely voters in Arkansas believe abortion ought to be either completely illegal or legal only in certain cases.

On the whole 82% of Arkansas surveyed said abortion ought to be completely illegal or legal only under certain circumstances. Additionally, half of likely voters polled said it ought to be more difficult to get an abortion. Year after year we have seen public opinion polling that shows Arkansans oppose abortion and are overwhelmingly pro-life. This latest poll tracks with national surveys that show Americans generally believe abortion ought to be illegal in all but a few situations — such as in cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother. (familycouncil.org)



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Social Media & Student Ministry

This week on the Student Ministry Matters podcast (studentministrymatters.podbean.com), we are sharing an interview with Jeff McNiell. He is a youth pastor in Iowa that created and shared a Facebook post that went viral. The image had over 20,000 reactions and over 57,000 shares. In addition, I have seen this image shared on other posts that did not include credit. It is not an overly complicated image. It is simply the picture of a couch with the statement "Church on the Sofa will never be the same as Church in the Sanctuary." That is the power of social media. A word, phrase or an image can cut through so much of the fluff and strike right at the heart of the matter.

Are you utilizing social media in a positive way in your church and especially your student ministry? Too often, we just want to push it aside and say that it is "worldly." Just like the printing press, social media is simply another form of technology that allows us to disseminate knowledge and has the added bonus of connection. Is it perfect? No. In fact, I would encourage you to check out "The Social Dilemma" on Netflix for a better understanding of what it may be doing to you and your students. However, while our students and society as a whole continue to use it, we want to utilize it for the kingdom. How do we do that? How do we create posts that honor God and show love for people? Here are a few ways to do just that:

- Keep your posts simple. If I am on social media, I'm not looking to read a dissertation. Neither are our students. They want to see a funny video or a cute picture. To grab their attention, our posts should remain succinct. One of the great things about Twitter is that it limits the amount of characters. Instagram only allows 10 photos in a post or a minute of video before a regular post has to become something else — short and to the point. Now, I know that we have been posting lessons, messages and worship sermons on Facebook due to COVID-19, but that is a different creature all together. Our posts that go out on a daily basis should be simple.

- Keep your posts biblical, not political. Our students and their parents don't need the youth pastor jabbering on about political matters. On a recent Rainer on Leadership podcast, Dr. Sam Rainer shared that, "No one has ever said, 'I wish my pastor was more political on Facebook.'" Our posts should be focused on Biblical principles and positive encouragement for our students. The time may come for you to speak on a subject, but the posts from and for our student ministry need to be focused on God's Word and applying it to our students' lives.

- Keep your posts engaging. The goal isn't for our posts to go viral because of all the shares, comments and likes. Our goal is to encourage and exhort our students as they walk through the week. Ask questions in your posts. Make it fun. Utilize the Instagram story polls and questions. Use this technology to help build those relationships that student ministry is all about.

Social media is a constantly changing arena. In 2007, Facebook was the place to be for students. Now, Youtube, Instagram and TikTok seem to be the most visited social media networks. It will change again before we know it. As student ministry workers, we need to remain aware of what is happening and how we can utilize what's next for the gospel.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Bradford Baptist Church in Bradford is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes may be sent to the Pulpit Committee at P.O. Box 16, Bradford, Ark. 72020 or bbcbroadfordar@gmail.com. For more information, call (501) 344-2414.

Columbia Baptist Association in Magnolia is seeking a missionary to fill the position of ABS Director at Southern Arkansas University. Resumes should be mailed to ABS Search Committee, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 456, Magnolia, Ark. 71754-0456 or emailed to cindy@firstmagnolia.org. The deadline is Nov. 30.

First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Tex. is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to: Search Committee, 210 Philips St, Jacksonville, Texas 75766 or reception@firstjax.org.

Meadowside Baptist Church in Pittsburg, Kan. is seeking a full-time pastor. Contact Greg Hardister at (620) 704-6860.

Oakland Heights Baptist Church in White Hall is seeking a pastor. Resumes may be sent to P.O. Box 21144, White Hall, Ark. 71612. For more information, contact Bill Eubanks at (870) 267-5043

Spring Branch Baptist Church of Taylor is seeking a bivocational pastor. We are a small BMA church looking to grow our congregation. Please send resumes to Jody Taylor at jodytaylor2019@icloud.com or P.O. Box 366, Sarepta, La. 71071. For any questions or concerns call (318) 230-5856.

Walnut Street Baptist Church in Winnsboro, Texas is seeking a senior pastor. Resumes may be sent to P.O. Box 587, Winnsboro, Texas 75494, wsbc75494@gmail.com or via our website at www.walnutstreetbaptist-church.org.

also won't be tempted. Let me remind you that, "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." The real issue of discernment is making sure that you are not overreacting or underreacting.

• **Never make comparisons.** One person was confronted by leadership in the church and all they heard was, "Why can't you be more like so and so?" Make sure you use biblical principles and not personal examples to be followed. Be humble enough to realize that it is possible you misunderstood or misjudged what actually happened. Make sure you pray and study relevant scripture, determine what you will say ahead of time and remain calm during the confrontation.

The bad news is that even if you are right, but you handle the situation wrongly, they will not remember that you were right. They will only remember that you handled it wrongly and then you can easily turn the offender into the victim. Navigating conflict resolution can be difficult and draining, but it is extremely biblical and necessary.



From the President...
Think Globally—Act Locally

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You Are Not A Failure Because You Fail

There are many things in life that scar us and one of the most common and frequent is failure. Every one of us has failed before and we will fail again. I have often said, "You are not a failure because you fail, you are a failure because you quit."

As I have studied the Word of God and church history, I found that in the life of every great man of God there was a time when he was tempted to quit. For example:

It was after Peter cursed and denied the Lord that he went on to preach the greatest sermon of his ministry on the day of Pentecost.

It was after John Mark quit and deserted Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey and returned back to Jerusalem that he went on to be the traveling companion of Barnabas and pen the second Gospel.

It was after Jonah rebelled against the call of God to go and preach to Nineveh and was swallowed by a great fish that he went on to preach the greatest revival in the history of the world.

After preaching his first sermon, D.L. Moody's pastor said to him, "You uneducated, blundering fool. The greatest thing you could ever do for the cause of Christ is to keep your mouth shut." It was after that he went on to personally lead two million souls to Christ.

It was after Charles Spurgeon was excluded from his own church that he went on to shake two continents for Christ and was given the affectionate title, "prince of preachers."

It was after Charles Finney's pastor said to him, "I'm sorry our church ever ordained you" that he went on to lead the Second Great Awakening in America.

It was after George W. Truett accidentally shot his best friend on a hunting trip that he went on to build the great First Baptist Church in Dallas.

Every one of these great men was tempted to quit, but didn't. It has been said, "Quitting is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

In my opinion, Winston Churchill was one of the greatest statesmen of this past century. During World War II, when he was Prime Minister of England, his nightly radio broadcasts kept the morale of England high during some of the darkest hours of her history. After the war, he was invited to speak at Harrow College — his alma mater. After being introduced to the graduating class and guests, Winston Churchill stood up and gave the commencement address to the student body. The sum total of the address was, "Young people, never, never, never, turn back." Then he sat down.

If I could leave you with one thought it would be: "Give your heart and life to Jesus Christ and, ...never, never, never, turn back."



Mada Lee Edwards Vaughan, 86 of Bee Branch, passed away Oct. 24. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Damascus.

Henry Earl Hall, 59 of Damascus, passed away Oct. 26. He was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Guy.

Donald McKinley Benson, 86 of Piggot, passed away Oct. 27. He was a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Louise Nipper Hendricks, 78 of Magnolia, passed away Oct. 29. She was a member of Brister Baptist Church.

Anna Ruth Williams Wells, 85 of Cleveland, passed away Oct. 29. She was a member of Cleveland Baptist Church.

George Calvin Nipps, 91 of North Little Rock, passed away Oct. 31. He was a member of North View Baptist Church.



Beacon, Taylor reports one by letter, Karry Easley, pastor; Cody Lucy, youth pastor.

Beech Street, Crossett rejoices over two by baptism, Donny Dubose, pastor; Ann Phillips, reporter.

North Hills, North Little Rock welcomed four new members, Jim Ward, pastor.

Southside, England welcomed two by letter, Robert Alberson, pastor.

Victory, Hampton added one by letter, Robbie Duncan, pastor; Haley Duncan, reporter.



Resolving Conflict

Disagreements and misunderstandings are going to happen between friends, family, co-workers and yes, even church members. The question is not will conflict happen but more importantly when it happens how will we address it. Never judge a congregation by whether they have problems but by how they handle and resolve those problems. Even godly friends can face a conflict of some kind that will require biblical and spiritual navigation. Two good people who are both following Christ can and will disagree at some point and time.

Proverbs 27:5-6 (NASB) says, "Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy." Paul and Barnabas disagreed over who could be on their team in Acts 15, and the outcome was the doubling of their missionary efforts. Paul confronted Peter over his flip-flopping on the issue of Gentiles being welcomed into the church. Galatians 2:11 (NASB) states, "But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned." How will we confront when we do disagree?

Here is a process of confrontation to consider because at some point you will need a plan on how to resolve conflict.

• **Carefully think through what behavior the person needs to change.** It is not enough to see only the problem, but you must also have a solution in view.

• **Prayerfully decide how you can best get through to them.** It is hard, but try to make sure that the confrontation is not confrontational. In other words, it is not a planned attack to set them straight. That may be necessary later, but do not start the process there.

• **Before the meeting, make sure you rehearse what you are going to say.** Think it through completely and pray for God to give you just the right words and attitude. Confrontation and criticism, depending on how it is delivered, can be priceless, but it can also be costly. When done correctly, on both sides, it can be a win-win. The choice of words is crucial.

• **Decide when it would be best**

to speak to them in person and not by text message and especially not on social media. Don't rush this, but also do not delay too long. Be prayed up and prepared.

• **Once you have decided when you will meet, the next thing to consider is where you will meet.** Try to have a place that is as neutral as possible. No one likes feeling like they have been called into the principal's office to be disciplined. Consider how you would feel if you were the one being confronted and how you would want to be treated.

• **Seek to be charitable and kind.** Kindness means that you do not attack, you do not confront them at the wrong time or place and your goal is always to seek resolution and reconciliation.

• **The purpose of confrontation must be driven by a desire to help the person not humiliate them.** Instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place. Remember, a little criticism goes a long way. It is never easy but it is often required. Proverbs 28:23 (NASB), "One who rebukes a person will later find more favor than one who flatters with his tongue." Make sure you are addressing the problem and not just criticizing the person. Be careful of over generalizing with phrases like "you always" and instead say, "My impression is..."

• **Do not save up criticisms and dump them all at the same time.** One time I was confronted and before the meeting was over, I had listed 33 items they had come to discuss. To be honest, I had checked out after 9 or 10. Our goal should be to lovingly confront issues as they occur and not begin keeping score and making a list. By the way, I still have the list and they were right on many of the items that I needed to work on and correct. It was an unpleasant experience but a growth opportunity.

• **Resist the temptation to over exaggerate to make your point.** With exaggeration comes more emotion and that can easily cause the confrontation to escalate. Galatians 6:1 (NASB) says, "Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you



Editor's Notebook

By Mrs. Diane Spriggs



Questions Answered/"Final" Goodbye

A few weeks ago, Jeff gave me several questions to answer (he wouldn't tell me why). As I began answering the questions, I realized that they would be the perfect way for me to sum up my years of ministry, and I decided to include those answers in my final Notebook from the Editor column:

• **What is your favorite memory from your time at the *Baptist Trumpet*?** That's like asking me to choose my favorite child — it can't be done!

But I'll always remember the times of fellowship I've had with the *Trumpet*, Missions and Trumpet Printing staffs at the BMA of Arkansas Building. We have laughed and cried together; but best of all, we've prayed together and shared our hearts with each other. (Of course, the eatin' meetins' weren't bad, either!)

I have also dearly loved going to the churches to represent the *Trumpet* and to speak at women's meetings and other events. Being face-to-face with our BMA people in those situations has given me memories and friendships that I will cherish forever.

• **What has being a part of this ministry for over 40 years taught you?** Actually, it has reinforced something I already knew: "If you're going to do something for the Lord, do it full out, with nothing held back; and love your ministry with all your heart."

I was talking to a friend one time and confessed that I was smack dab worn out, but that I had several things I still needed to do for the *Trumpet* before I could rest. "After all," I said, "it's not about me, it's about the *Trumpet*."

When she replied, "Jesus didn't die for the *Trumpet*," I knew she was right and I could see her point. But I also knew that I had to do everything I possibly could for this ministry of the written word because it was what God had given me to do for Him.

• **What would you like to see in the future ministry of the *Baptist Trumpet*?** My dream has always been to send the paper free to anyone who wants it. It's the only dream of the three I shared with the Publications Committee when I was elected that hasn't been fulfilled. It may be a long time before that can happen, but I truly believe that it will someday.

In the meantime, my dream is for the *Trumpet* to continue to be the source of news for the BMA, from the local church to the foreign mission field and everywhere in between. I believe we're on the right track by utilizing technology more and more to get the word out as quickly as possible between issues.

And I would also hate to ever see the paper go to a "less than weekly" publication. There is just too much to tell!

• **As you think back over your time covering the news of the BMA, what are some things that stand out?** I'll never forget doing a telephone interview with Governor Mike Huckabee, who is also a former columnist for the *Trumpet*. From our first words, it seemed like I had known him forever. He was considering a run for president, and when I asked him, "Well, Governor, are you going to run?" he laughed and said, "So you want me to break the story in the *Baptist Trumpet*?" To which I responded, "You know I wouldn't tell anyone!" and we both shared a big laugh.

The thing that stands out most in my mind, though, is that I've been blessed to go to several countries on Baptist Medical Missions International trips and report on them in the *Trumpet* — Honduras, Dominican Republic, Armenia and Ghana (twice — the second time to speak at a women's conference). I also got to go to Tanzania with Evangelistic International Ministries with three other wonderful ladies to do a women's conference there. Of course, I broke my leg on the last day of that trip, but it sure made the report on that trip even more interesting!

Reporting on those trips and speaking at several churches about them helped me to relive each moment and I loved it!

If you have a few more hours, I could share a lot of other things that stand out from all these years at the *Trumpet*, but those are just a few.

• **What has been your favorite story to cover over the years?** I think the better word would be "stories" because, although it's some of the hardest work we do all year, I've loved reporting on our associational meetings.

Only a small percentage of Beamers (which is what David Tidwell called BMA members) get to attend the associational meetings, and it has been my privilege to tell the others about the great things that are happening in our work. The best part, by far, is to tell them about the new missionaries and how they'll be serving our Lord.

But to be honest, I think my "favorite" story has always been the one I'm working on at the time, because it's the one that needs me most right then and it's the one I want make as informative and/or inspirational as I can possibly make it.

• **I know there have been many "But God" moments over the years, but when you hear that phrase, what are the first that come to mind?** Without a doubt, it's those times when we were literally down to our last penny, "But God" used His children to send a special donation at just the right time to get us through. He never ceases to amaze me, and neither do the wonderful people of the BMA!

There were the times when it was just Him and me... times when I sat at my desk with my head in my hands, praying about how to handle a difficult situation — whether or not to include a particular article in the paper or even how to begin writing a particular article. "But God" has never failed to give me exactly what I needed, exactly when I needed it. He is the real editor of the *Baptist Trumpet* and He deserves all the praise.

Every day at the *Trumpet* has been filled with "But God" moments, big and small. Thank you, Abba, for never leaving your daughter's side.

In My Honor

A member of South City Church in Little Rock, who is also a personal friend to Pat and me, sent a \$500 gift to the *Trumpet* with a note that said it was "in honor of your family, especially you and your darling husband, Pat." (I'm looking forward to reading the rest of his letter later, since it has been placed in the "retirement book" that I'll be given at the state meeting.)

Although my friend prefers to remain anonymous, God and I know who he is and I'm asking our Father to bless him and his family "real good" for being such a blessing to us and to the ministry of the *Baptist Trumpet*. Thank you so much, My Friend!

"Final" Goodbye

Thank you, *Trumpet* readers, for all the prayers, encouragement and financial support you have given to this ministry over the years and especially during my 15 years as your editor. You have been such a blessing to me, and I appreciate it more than words can ever tell. May God bless each and every one of you.

To bring this chapter of my life to a close, I'll end with the words I plan to say at the associational meeting Thursday night: "I love you all, and, for the last time, thank you, my wonderful BMA family, for allowing me to have the best job a girl can have in the BMA!"



Trumpet Notes

By Jeff Herring

School Prohibits Student's "Jesus Loves Me" Facemask

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed a federal lawsuit Nov. 2 on behalf of an elementary school student and her parents against the Simpson County School District after school officials prohibited her from wearing a face mask with the message "Jesus Loves Me" on it.

The third-grade student, Lydia Booth, wished to peacefully share her Christian views with her schoolmates but, even though she wore the mask without disruption or incident on Oct. 13, the principal at her school in Pinnola, Miss. required her to remove and replace it. Two days later, administrators announced a policy that prohibits messages on masks that are "political, religious, sexual or inappropriate symbols, gestures or statements that may be offensive, disruptive or deemed distracting to the school environment."

According to the lawsuit, the student's mother, Jennifer Booth, communicated repeatedly with school officials before going to court. She pointed out to them that the school handbook had no policy limiting her daughter's religious expression, and that it, in fact, protects her speech under adopted policies that are consistent with the Mississippi Student Religious Freedom Act and the First Amendment. A school official responded with a copy of the school's plan addressing the district's response to COVID-19,

but the official's response included retroactive modifications, including a ban on religious messages on face masks, that were not published in the original plan. The next day, the district's superintendent announced this new ban to all parents in the district. (lifeneews.com)

Dove Awards Focus on Music's Impact During Hard Times

"Just like everything else in 2020, it's unlike anything we've done before," said Gospel Music Association President Jackie Patillo when describing the 51st annual Dove Awards, which aired Oct. 30 on TBN and the GMA Dove Awards Facebook page.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year's show did not include the usual elements like award presentations, acceptance speeches and a live audience. Instead, pre-recorded award announcements and musical performances were interspersed with artist interviews and personal stories.

"This year's restrictions have allowed us to dive deeper into the impact that this music has had on each of our lives," Patillo said during a pre-telecast event livestreamed on Oct. 29.

Under the theme Carry the Change, the show focused on unity, diversity, trusting God through difficult circumstances and being a light to the world. It began with artists emphasizing the theme by quoting

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*Tales from the
Potter's Wheel*
By Martha Brock
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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Start Concert, Nov. 7, 5 p.m., meal; 6 p.m., concert; Faustina, Hampton.

Drive Through Bethlehem, Dec. 4-5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Unity, Hope.

CBC Homecoming, Jan. 29-30; Central Baptist College.

Fresh Grounded Faith Women's Event, Aug. 6-7, 7 p.m. Fri., 12:30 p.m. Sat.; Antioch, Conway

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Jonesboro District WMA, Jan. 9, 10 a. m., Prospect, Jonesboro.

Southwest District GMA, Jan. 23, First, Taylor.

once he felt a warmth around him. Someone was looking at him. This wasn't natural. What was it?

In the usual crowd noise, he began to hear murmurs of "Jesus, Jesus." Then he heard a voice that was soothing, but challenging; not exactly words, but the sound was calling him. At first, Bart thought it was just his imagination; it couldn't be. Then he had a feeling that was different and hard to describe.

He knew this was his chance, maybe the only one he would ever get, so he tried to get up, but he was too stiff. Bart was in a panic and began to say, "*Jesus, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me...*" (Mark 10:48).

"Hush up," people started to say, "don't you know this is serious business? Leave the good people alone." The crowd tried to push him down, but Bart couldn't be quiet. He cried out louder and struggled harder. He had to take advantage of this chance.

Then those holding him suddenly began to help him and they were sweetly saying, "Come on; He is calling you!"

Bart was purposeful for the first time in his life as he walked straight toward Jesus.

But Jesus didn't let him off easy. He looked at Bart and asked, "*What do you want me to do for you?*" (Mark 10:51).

That was a loaded question! Bart had it made — all he had to do was sit there and let people take care of him. Would he give up that security and be willing to take a chance in the world? He might fail. When you try you take that chance.

Bart might have thought of his family and how they depended on his begging bowl. He might have thought about how different it was going to be. Sometimes the fear of the unknown is very strong.

Bart and Jesus were looking at each other, taking their measure. Did they each mean business?

But Bart was blind; how could he see Jesus? Yet he could, and suddenly the world was bright with promise.

Jesus was saying, "*Go your way; your faith has made you well*" (Mark 10:52).

I don't know anything about the rest of Bartimaeus' life, only that he followed Jesus in the way.

to-do, clean and respectable didn't have a lot to do with living right. It depended on a person's will, and God would reach down and help a guy; give him a hand up, so to speak, not a handout.

Bart knew all about handouts. He might not could see with his eyes, but he knew with his feelings. Sometimes a person would walk by and flip a coin between his finger and thumb. It never went in the begging bowl, always just a little shy. "Get it you bum," the donor would sneer; "work a little for your keep."

Jesus had said something about living right: "*with men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible*" (Mark 10:27). Something about that if a guy would leave his old ways and habits for His sake, for the gospel's, "*who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time...*"

There was more, but Bart just couldn't understand it. He did know that what He said finished "*and in the age to come, eternal life... But many who are first will be last, and the last first*" (Mark 10:30-31).

Bart thought about these things, and he kept on listening.

Then one day, as he sat by the gate, he heard that Jesus was nearby. He must have been on His way to Jerusalem for the Passover. Bart thought, "Wish I could go."

Jesus was taking His time and preaching. His words went before Him like a great golden path.

Jesus had said the day before that everyone had a special task to do, and some would take it up gladly and some would take the easy way out.

"*Yet it shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many*" (Mark 10:43-45).

That was easy enough for a strong man to say, Bart thought; but what about us weak ones, without money, skills or education — or even his health?

Bart hated having to hobble to his begging station that morning because it was foggy and miserable, but all at

Dole

Dole is a funny word, wouldn't you say? The word means the same as alms or small amount.

A long time ago, or maybe not so long either, it was used to describe an allowance paid by the government to those who couldn't get work — public dole. Fact is, the government still pays that allowance to a great many people who can't (or won't) work.

Do you think it is good? It is sometimes, sometimes not. When it is given with a spirit of reluctance or selfishness or taken without true need, then it is bad. If the dole is given with good will or taken in gratitude and because of need, then it is good.

I know a fellow who met Jesus and faced that question. His name was Bart.

Now in those days, Bart's family was on the dole; not government, but public in the true sense. He was a beggar.

Bart had always been a smart little boy and some folks said that's why he did it. There were a lot of kids in the family, and Bart could always get along. So the story was, no one knew for sure, that Bartimaeus' dad, Timaeus might have caused Bart's blindness. Sort of like that saying, "one suffers for the good of all."

When he was very little, his mother would take him to the city gate and leave him. He would sit there all day, begging.

But Bart was a smart little boy and, although he was quick to catch on to how to look pitiful and sweet at the same time, he knew he was worth more than that. He felt he could amount to something if he had been given the chance.

He grew up and every day, rain or shine, Bart sat outside the Jericho gate doing his job, begging.

He began to hear strange stories about a man from Galilee who was healing folks, even blind folks. Sometimes this Jesus would heal by just touching a person, sometimes He would assign a small task. How could that be?

But one of His teachings stayed with Bart. It had to do with riches. The way Bart understood it was that being well-



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When High Winds Howl

Protecting the inside of your building starts with the roof. Whether it's caused by a storm, tornado, or hurricane, wind damage to roofs is often just the beginning of more serious harm to your property. But implementing best practices can help minimize the destruction and keep your ministry running in the wake of a high-wind event.

One ministry's attention to risk management likely saved their building from additional loss. Manor Church in Lancaster, Pa. experienced a series of storms one summer evening. The following morning, church staff noticed a few shingles laying on the ground. After closer inspection, they knew they needed a roofing contractor to assess the situation.

"From the ground, we could see there was some damage, but we couldn't tell how much we actually had," said Bryan Gerlach, executive pastor at Manor Church. "It turned out that we had an extraordinary amount of shingles that were blown off the roof."

The ministry immediately contacted its roofing contractor to have some sections repaired. Larger areas of damage were covered up very quickly, keeping water out of the building. "Once we realized the extent, we immediately called our insurance company," Gerlach said.

Start with the Roof

While high winds can cause significant damage to roofs, the resulting water penetration is often a far more serious threat. When howling winds strip your roof of its protective covering, keeping water out is the priority. The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) offers a solution to enhance your building's defense against damaging weather: the Fortified Roof™ method.

For a steep slope roof, it's typical to have shingles or metal panels over plywood. If water gets underneath the roofing material, it can enter your building through the gaps between each sheet of plywood. To prevent water infiltration, it's important to seal those gaps. Part of the Fortified Roof process includes installing an adhesive membrane to the seams.

"If you lose some shingles or metal panels, water won't penetrate the building, which is where you see the biggest losses," said Chuck Miccolis, managing director of commercial lines for IBHS.

For flat roofs, a Fortified Roof includes a margin of safety that keeps the flat roof attached to your building. "You want a strong roof, strong flashing and strong connections to roof-mounted equipment," he said.

Strengthen in Stages

If a ministry building needs repairs, either through routine maintenance or storm damage, take the opportunity to install improved materials or implement advanced building techniques to improve the wind resistance. Your state's department of insurance website may provide information about approved products and installation techniques to achieve desired wind resistance.

For Manor Church, an important component of preventing wind and water damage is having a plan in place. "We regularly inspect our facilities and perform preventive maintenance," said Gerlach. "It's really about being good stewards of our facilities."

For more information about Fortified Roof, visit fortifiedcommercial.org.

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Drive Thru Bible Adventure

By Brian Ratliff, Children's Pastor • Antioch Baptist Church, Conway



Do we wear masks or not? Do we quarantine, social distance and have church services or do we go virtual? These are very valid and necessary questions when making decisions about church events in 2020. We had to ask these questions as we began discussing the Party on the Parking Lot, our annual "trunk-or-treat" event.

We didn't want to scrap the event and wait until next year, so we decided to do something that would meet the recommended social distancing needs and have something our community could still enjoy. We brainstormed until we came up with an idea that we called "A Drive-Through Bible Adventure."

The main idea was to create an opportunity to intentionally share the gospel with every car as they drove through. We shared seven stories from the Bible at each of the seven stops in our parking lot. Visitors were able to meet some very unlikely Bible characters.

As cars pulled into our parking lot, they drove past the more well-known characters from the stories they were about to hear — Adam and Eve, Noah, David and Goliath, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, the paralyzed man and his four friends, disciples with baskets of fish and bread, a Roman soldier and Jesus.

As they passed these characters, each car was given a bag of candy and a coloring book for each child. The coloring book went along with the seven stories and each page also had a QR code linked to an online, kid-friendly lesson to go along with the Bible story.

The seven stops had characters that may or may not have been mentioned in the familiar story from the Bible, but they shared a unique perspective on their story and each child also received some type of treat that related to the story being told.

At the first stop, they met Lion and Lamb as they shared how their relationship changed as a result of Adam and Eve's "fruit snack." Each child received a pack of fruit snacks.

Then they heard from a man in a life jacket floating in an ocean of "water" telling how he should've listened when Noah warned a flood was coming. Each child received a bottle of water.

The third stop found two of David's brothers in front of a tent on the battlefield telling how David did more than just bring them some lunch and encouraged them not to be "dum-dums" but instead to be "smarties." Each child received Smarties.

Next, a group of shepherds and a couple of sheep told how the sky lit up with a choir of angels singing about a new king who had been born. They also mentioned what a mess a stable full of animals can be and that they had to be careful where they placed their "tootsies." Each child received Tootsie Rolls.

The fifth story was told from the perspective of a husband and wife whose roof had been compromised and a man had been lowered into their home. They shared that they were "sour" that they had to "patch" their roof. Each child received Sour Patch candy.

At the next to last stop, a young boy told his side of the story of how when Jesus asks for your lunch, you give him everything, including the "gold"en brown "fish." Each child received a packet of Goldfish crackers.

At the final stop, guests arrived at an empty tomb with an empty cross in the background. One of our pastors thanked them for joining us on this Bible Adventure and said they were just in time for the greatest story ever told — the story of how God gave us His one and only son, who gave His life on the cross, who conquered death and the grave so is our "lifesaver." Using John 3:16, visitors were encouraged to remember — "God Loved, God Gave, We Believe, We Receive." Each child received a package of Lifesavers candy.

As a bonus, the Gideons passed out over 500 New Testament Bibles to every child who came through our Drive Through Bible Adventure.



Antioch members, Jeff & Kristin Herring as Lion & Lamb, tell the story of creation from the animals' perspective.



Herring, Former Editor's Sister, Dies

Judy Tidwell Herring, 79 of Shorter, Ala., passed away Nov. 2. She attended Central Baptist College and was the sister of the late David Tidwell, who served as editor of the Baptist Trumpet from 1969-2002.

Survivors include her husband, Burton, who was ordained at New Home Baptist Church in Quitman, pastored several BMA of Arkansas churches, including: Faith Memorial at Quitman, Bald Knob at Plumerville, Mt. Olive at Alma, Spring Creek at Springdale, Rondo at Rondo, Oak Grove at North Little Rock and Grace at Pine Bluff. He also served Calvary at Huntsville, Ala. and Rigby Street in Montgomery, Ala. where he served for almost 30 years. He has served as pastor of Seman Congregational Church for the past 10 years.

She has 4 children, 21 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 on the way.

Other survivors include three nephews who are ordained ministers in the BMA: Bill Goodwin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Newark; Baptist Trumpet Executive Editor Elect Jeff Herring; and his brother, John Herring, pastor of Refuge Church, Nixa, Mo.

A family graveside service will be held soon and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Gassett Funeral Home in Wetumpka, Ala. (www.gassettfuneralhome.net)



Alice Brashear Called Home

Alice Brashear, 80 of Waxahachie, Texas passed away Oct. 30. She was a homemaker and a pastor's wife for over 60 years.

She is survived by her husband Roy H. Brashear; daughter, Crystal (Garrett) Schann of Crowley, Texas; a brother and three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2 at Farley Street Baptist Church with Richard Smith and Jeremy Franklin officiating. Interment was at the Red Oak Cemetery in Red Oak, Texas under the direction of Wayne Boze Funeral Home in Waxahachie, (www.waynebozefuneralhome.com).



Master's Builders Return To New Liberty at Emmet

By Nelda Malone

On Oct. 19, the Master's Builders met at New Liberty Baptist at Emmet to try to complete their part in the building of the new sanctuary. There were 12 Master's Builders that worked all or part of the time there. Two drove back and forth each day — one from Hooks, Tex. and another from Hope.

The Builders were there to prepare the ceiling for sheetrock installation, install the baptistry and stairways, build a stage and complete all the sheetrock.

The Master's Builders took this beautiful church building as far as we could on this return trip. We have thoroughly enjoyed this project and the sweet fellowship we have shared. Thank you to all the members of the church family who have made us feel so special. We had great food, fellowship and help with the building. We will keep you in our prayers as you have the finishing work done. Thank you to Bro. James and Carol Cox for everything. The flock you shepherd is truly a special one.

This was job #168 for the Master's Builders. What a blessing each has been! We have some jobs tentatively planned for the spring, but we will wait on the Lord and see what He has planned for us.

While on this job, a crew of four men spent one day at We Are FREE's Hebron Hills facility to install a deck and stairs on the back of the administration building.

Keep up with what we are doing by liking us on Facebook — The Master's Builders (arbor logo). If you follow us on Facebook, I hope you can feel how much we love the Lord and each other. We come to know and love so many church families and it is hard to leave them. If you feel that you might like to join us in this ministry, please contact any of the men below. We would love to have you with us.

For any questions on the Master's Builders or on any building needs your church might have, please contact Eddie Sikes, (479) 462-1675; David Axe, (903) 918-0720 or Mike Green, (972) 935-3877.

Thank you so much to Editor Diane Spriggs at the *Baptist Trumpet*, for helping me along as I've struggled this past 11 years as reporter for our group. I will miss her.



Adams Promotes Morality

By Dr. John Adams, Executive Director • BMAA Moral Action Committee

It is my privilege to write again about this great work of God. As I represent the churches of the BMA, I see the responsibility as great and I ask for your prayers personally and for this agency.

Mrs. Adams (Darla) and I continue to contact representatives and senators in the Mississippi State House and via letters and texts to U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives as we humbly ask for their allegiance to an awesome God. We prayerfully request that we keep God in our Pledge of Allegiance to our U.S. flag and keep "In God We Trust" on our coinage and paper money. Antifa desires to completely eradicate God from our history books. We ask our political leaders to thwart liberals from rewriting our Christian/American history.

We went to Hattiesburg for the annual BMA of Miss. meeting, and it was my joy to share about Moral Action's purpose. We also traveled to Montgomery, Ala., where I preached the annual message for the churches of the BMA of Ala. A video report of the great efforts of Moral Action has been shared with President Tom Mitchell for the BMA of Arkansas meeting in Conway. I would love to speak at your association or church. You can contact me at (662) 231-3863.

Moral Action will begin to distribute through the mail the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's "How to Pray for Our Leaders." It is a great pamphlet to keep on your desk or table. We should pray in great intercession for our leaders.

Once again, the Moral Action trustees (18 men and women of Miss. and the U.S.) sincerely thank the First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Miss. for the beautiful offices. Mrs. Adams and our local workers make this a viable place to glorify our Lord. Thanks, FBC!

Moral Action needs your financial support in order to promote biblical ideals. Please consider putting us in your budget — God will honor it!

Biblical scriptures for America: I Tim. 2:1-4; Esther 4:15-16; I Peter 2:17



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Part 1: Prayer

What we have here in Luke 11:1-4, is the Model prayer. Many times it is referred to as the Lord's prayer, but when Jesus was in the garden praying to God for this cup to be removed, that was actually the Lord's prayer.

The model prayer can be found in the gospel of Luke. *"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil"* (Luke 11:1-4).

The problem of prayer is that for many, it is a very misunderstand and misused part of their Christian life. No greater asset do we have than the privilege of prayer. Without a doubt, prayer is the most powerful and yet the most unused of all our Christian privileges.

Then what is prayer? Prayer is us communicating with God just as the Bible is God communicating with us. If fellowship is to exist, then the lines of communication must always be open. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray and Jesus gave us the example in the model prayer. We would be wise to follow its example.

• **We need to open with praise.** *"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."* Hallow means to make or regard as holy. *"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord"* (Psa. 150:6). Why? *"For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding"* (Psa. 47:7). He alone is worthy to be praised, *"Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness"* (Psa. 30:4).

• **We need to continue with a prayer for repentance.** *Forgive us our sins. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not bear me"* (Psa. 66:18). God will not bless or use a dirty vessel, for its not how fancy, but how clean the vessel is. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"* (Psa. 51:10). *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (I John 1:9). We should pray, "Lord, do whatever you need to do to make me a vessel in your service." Only after we have confessed our sin are we able to approach His throne with boldness.

• **We need to make our petitions known unto him.** *"Give us day by day our daily bread."* Now we come to the asking part of prayer. Some feel it is wrong to be asking God for what we need, but instead the reality is that we often have not, for we ask not. Are you guilty of only asking for the things you want or the things you need?

Do you pray and ask for a better understanding of His Word? Or a closer walk with Him, souls to be saved and lives to be touched? Sadly, many are guilty of praying just for physical and consumable things they want. Matthew tells us, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matt. 6:33). It is the spiritual that enables us to overcome life's difficulties. An example of this is when Paul and Silas were singing at midnight while in prison. (to be continued)

From Our Missionaries

Connection Point, Brookland: Chad White writes, "We had a great week at Connection Point. This past Saturday, we held a COVID-19 safe community outreach. We set up an outdoor Trail of Treats with dozens of candy stops. We had some inflatables, some vehicles and lots of decorated tables. We had over 400 kids come through, plus all of the adults. It was by far our biggest turnout ever. We met hundreds of families who have never attended church at Connection Point. Each kid left with a bag full of candy and a gospel presentation. Join us in praying that God will continue to work in the lives of these families.

"Sunday was a solid day. We had a fairly typical attendance and offering and enjoyed a great time of worship. We ask that you continue to pray that God will keep our people healthy and safe and allow us to grow, even during this unusual time."

The Mustard Seed, Cain: Jim Tollison writes, "We had another enjoyable day of worship and praise on Sunday. I enjoy every minute I get to spend with our folks. They are growing in their devotion to the Lord's work.

"We are excited about getting our covered walkway built. I hope we can start this week. Pray with us that dry weather will prevail.

"Becky and some of our ladies

are going to start practice for a youth Christmas program Wednesday night. Kenneth Colvert will be teaching a class for the adults during the play practice.

"Becky and I are so excited to be grandparents again. Our son, Taylor and his wife, Beth Anne had another son last week. Becky and I traveled to Memphis to help with Taylor's other two children. We enjoyed getting to spoil them some more.

As I held that little bundle of joy, I thought, how could anyone ever even consider abortion?"

"God bless the BMA of Arkansas. We hope to see you at the state meeting. By the way, I have pictures of that new grandson!"

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, "In addition to our normal discipleship and Bible study meetings, we celebrated Reformation Day on Oct. 31. We watched a documentary and studied the biblical basis of the five solas. We concluded the meeting by drinking champurrado — a hot drink typical of Guatemala — which we served with sweet bread.

"On Sunday, Rusty & Susan Womble visited with us, and Bro. Womble preached on the rapture and the need to receive Christ. We thank God for the lives of the Wombles. They have been a blessing to this work.

"We greatly appreciate your prayers, the Hispanic work in North Little Rock needs them. May God bless you."

Ebenezer, West Little Rock: Ruben Isturiz writes, "2020 has been an unusual year. Planting a church in the midst of COVID-19 has been challenging — closing the church for a season and online transmission of our services — but in the midst of this pandemic, the Lord has taught us to work in different ways. I thank God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in each of our congregations as we seek the wisdom to minister at this time. I love when I read in the Bible *"but growth has been given by God"* (I Cor. 3:6). This verse reminds me of my role — working in the Lord's vineyard, preaching His Word, making disciples, feeding the flock — but the growth is only given by God.

"Let me tell you about Zolimar Rojas. She came to our congregation through José Ponce and, at first, she did not want to know much about Ebenezer. She is from a Catholic

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Stan & Donna Scroggins • Philippines

While things seem to be opening up in the Philippines, we are still not able to return. We are praying our type of visa will be next on the list that is allowed to return to the country.

We received word from the Bible College of the need to help with providing food for students during the weekends. Due to the lock-down, students are not able to go to their respective weekend work locations and are quarantined on the campus. Thanks to Northview Baptist Church in North Little Rock and Pastor Mike Cantrell for helping us with funds to purchase food to feed our students over the weekends.

Who Are the Ati People?

The Ati people are an indigenous group of tribal people living in the mountains of our island, Negros Occidental. There are groups of indigenous tribes isolated in the mountains and islands throughout the country. These people predate modern "Polynesian" Filipinos and are genetically related to Australian



Ati Tribe coordinator Flora Dequino

Aborigines. The Philippine government protects the culture of these tribal people by restricting outside contact with them. Access is by invitation only.

About two years ago Donna was invited to do ministry with the tribe and we began a work with them. The BMA of America Missions department supports a Filipino missionary who works directly with the tribe. We now have a church in their village and our first Ati student, Roter Enario, is attending the Bible College. During the lock-down, and because of their extreme isolation, word was sent out of starvation and famine conditions in the tribe affecting some 40 families. Thank you to Pastor Eric Goble and Brister Baptist Church, Pastor Randy Murphy and First Baptist Church and Pastor Dan Wisely and Kewanee Baptist Church who have helped us with funds so we could get food to the tribe.

Let me introduce to you our newest hero.

Pastor John Rey Vallejera (Pastor JoJo) is a graduate of our Bible College. He is also our BMAA Filipino missionary serving as a church planter in Hong Kong. Due to recent unrest in Hong Kong, he and his family were forced to return to the Philippines and because of the lock-down in the Philippines they have not been able to return to Hong Kong. With that being said, his delay has allowed him to serve as a conduit to distribute food to the Bible College students and to the Ati Tribe in the mountains of the Philippines. Pastor JoJo has also been able to get a travel pass, which allows him to freely travel across quarantine lines. Thank you, Pastor JoJo, for your love of your people and for working to help us get food to them.



Pastor JoJo and Darlyn Vallejera

background. After almost a year in the Berean Group (cell) of Chenal, she made her decision for Christ and she will be baptized by May of next year. This past Sunday she brought a friend for the first time to visit Ebenezer. Zolimar was a primary school teacher in Venezuela and now she has made a commitment to teach her Guatemalan friend, Yoseline, how to read and write. Only God can make these changes. Pray for Zolimar and her friend that she will come to know Christ and that soon she will be able to read the Bible. To God be the glory!"

Faith Chapel, Flippin: Johnny Shew writes, "We had a great time of worship at Faith Chapel. Once again, all of our members were present and we

had four return visitors from our mother church, The Bridge at Mountain Home, who also joined us as well. It truly is wonderful when you have visitors that you already love like family.

"We had a surprise blessing this week when Jerry Clements of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Annieville called and pledged their financial support and prayers. We are truly humbled and grateful for this gesture of love and unity with our mission and we are excited to use this gift toward God's purposes in Flippin.

"We are so grateful for all of the support and prayers we have received from so many in the BMA since we started in March, and we pledge that we will continue to be faithful to our calling."



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My title at the Baptist Trumpet is Associate Editor

Wife's maiden name: Charissa Haynes

Children's names and ages: Courtney (Skyler) Roth (36) and Jared Eakin (33).
The grands names are Kinley, Brynn, Weston, Layton, and Cambry.

My favorite hymn is "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman. It must be a part of my funeral!

Other ministry I'm currently serving in: pastor at Celebration Baptist Church in Haskell

The best thing about my ministry is hearing people talk about the spiritual lessons God has taught them or the spiritual truths that God has shown them.

The worst thing about my ministry is the feeling of helplessness when people determine to make bad decisions and self-destruct.

My ministry's greatest need is time. As a bi-vocational pastor, I always feel like I'm two or three days behind. I have come to accept that as the nature of the beast. However, a 26-hour day would be helpful.

My favorite subject in school was Geometry.

The best advice I ever received was to trust your people (church members). They understand more than you think.

Guests at my "fantasy dinner" would be Ronald Reagan, Ozzie Smith, the Bible personality of Barnabas and the Bible personality of Joseph.

My favorite books (other than the Bible) are *The Books and the Parchments* by F.F. Bruce, *Crowded to Christ* by L. E. Maxwell, and *Ordering Your Private World* by Gordon MacDonald.

My hobbies are photography, recreational shooting and smoking meat.

I would love to visit Australia.

My "pet peeve" is two-faced people.

My most embarrassing moment is none of your business.

The Bible character I most identify with is (because) Joseph. No matter his circumstance, he determined to serve God through it.

Something most people don't know about me is that I was drum major in high school.

I want my children to remember that I tried my best to be there for them.

I'd give anything to have met my paternal grandfather, William Allen Eakin. I was named for him, but he passed before I was born.

I have always wanted to go on a safari.

I'd like for my epitaph to read "He finished strong."

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Scripture and speaking the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

During interview segments, the artists spoke about the challenges and lessons learned from the pandemic.

Even though their careers were directly affected by COVID-19-related

shutdowns, they shared hope that God would use the challenges of the year for good.

The show can be viewed on demand at TBN.org. The pre-telecast, during which many of the award winners were announced, can be viewed on the GMA Dove Awards Facebook page. A complete list of winners is available at doveawards.com. (baptistpress.com)

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Worship

Welcome

Terry Kimbrow, CBC President

Special Music

Max Sullivan, Central, Prescott

Annual Message

Michael Hight

Introduction of Session Theme

BMA of Ark President Tom Mitchell

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