

# West FLORIDA BAPTIST News

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## From the President



H.H. Strickland  
extremely proud of the student teachers that have stepped in this semester and helped out so that we could accommodate more students and their class needs.

I am truly grateful to Bro. Herman Rogers and the work that he does for WFBI. He has taken on more than we ever ask and he is willing to do all he can to help out. This is all in addition to his regular studies and he is taking a full load of classes.

We are also pleased to have Bro. Uriel Piña back. He came ready to work and there has been more than sufficient to

keep him busy. He has been able to preach more than he did before. Churches in our area have really been using him and he is enjoying the opportunities to preach. We are praying that a couple of churches will take him on as a missionary project so that he can continue to devote his time to study and helping in the print shop.

March 19, 2010 will be the time for our "Founders Day Celebration." This is a special time when we dedicate time to remember when, where and how West Florida Baptist Institute began. Also, it is a time to remember and praise the Lord for His goodness over the past 26 years of operation. Very few ever gave the school a chance to continue this long but it appears that the Lord had other ideas. We have truly been blessed in the service of training preachers, Christian workers and laymen in the work of the Lord.

Each year a goal is set for the special offering that is received. This year our offering has been designated to retire

an old debt that was created during the early years when we were in transition to our current location. Several schools in our association have "School Rallies" and this is our version of that same idea. We are encouraging churches and individuals to bring or send a special offering to WFBI designated "Founders Day" to help us reach our goal of \$2500.00. A schedule of speakers and times are given in another section of the News.

I would like to thank each one who has a part in the ministry. Those who support the school, let me assure you that your offerings are being well used. Those who support the printing ministry, you can be assured that everything you send goes into the work of printing the material for God's people. Those who chose to support me, I could only try and express my appreciation for your loving kindness. Over the years, all of you have been such a blessing to me and my wife. May the Lord continue to bless you all as we serve Him together.

# Founders Day

## March 19, 2010

### Goal:

Please Attend

**\$2,500**

Bring Offering

From a  
**Woman's Point**  
 of View



**By: Loretta  
 Pritchett**

**Yes, Men Do Cry!**

Have you ever heard some men say to their sons "Men Don't Cry?" Well I can recall hearing my father say when he was telling a story that boys or men don't cry.

The reason why some men believe this is because they were taught as a boy if you cried it took away your manhood.

Young boys back in the 40's and 50's or even earlier were taught to follow tradition by not crying. The father from generation to generation taught their boys they had to be strong, and crying would make them weak and sissies.

I have had several young ladies come to me during our many travels of Ministry asking me if Bro. Lee ever cried. Looking rather surprised I said yes, he does.

They would then ask if it had taken Bro. Lee's manhood away from him by his crying. Again I said no, it didn't and asked why they wanted to know this.

It seems that their husband's had been taught by their father's that should they cry they would become sissies and have the other boy's laugh at them.

Because these boys (now grown men) wanted to be "Macho" they took to heart what their father's had said and would never shed a tear in fear of someone calling them sissies and laughing at them.

Recently I decided I would do some research on crying or weeping in the Bible by men. Below are a few Scriptures revealing some men who wept in the Bible.

If you recall from the Old Testament we had several men who wept over different things.

Esau cried over losing his blessing from his father, when his brother Jacob stole it from him. Gen. 27:38

Jacob wept when he kissed Rachel. Gen. 29:11

Esau wept when he saw Jacob after several years. Gen. 33:4

The most well known story is when Jacob wept over Joseph when he was told he was dead. Gen. 37:35

There are several more times in the Old Testament which proved that men wept over things that had hurt them or made them rejoice. No one, as far as we know, ever called these men sissies nor did it appear to take away their manhood.

In the New Testament we have two outstanding stories of two men who wept.

We see in Matthew 26:75 that Peter wept when he heard the cock crow.

Then in Luke 19:41 and John 11:35 it says "Jesus wept". In Luke he wept over Jerusalem, and in John 11:35 he wept over the lack of faith of Lazarus' sisters.

Maybe the stories and traditions were passed down over the years and some men today still believe in them. But if one man named Jesus wept, and no one called Him a sissy, then why would men of today still feel they are going to lose their manhood should they cry?

It was obvious these women were really concerned over the fact their husbands never cried.

They wanted their husbands to show some compassion and share in their moment of sadness or joy. Because these women were saved and their husbands most likely were not, it made it even more difficult for them to persuade their husbands it was okay to cry.

Because of this old tradition some marriages today breakup over the fact that the women believe their husbands don't love them, as they won't cry or console them.

I pray that the women of today who have read their Bibles and know that it is okay for a man to cry can explain it to their husbands. If not, try and understand why your husband is having problems over the issue of crying. Perhaps they are just living under their old family tradition.

## The Heart

Luke 16:45

Things come out of the heart  
 But what things can they be?

Perhaps a little time will tell  
 And very soon we'll see.

Things have names and we can know  
 They're thoughts, words, and  
 expressions

They tell the story of who we are  
 And they reveal more than just  
 suggestions

Jesus said there are two hearts

One is good and one is evil

Of course a good heart comes from God

The wicked heart comes from the devil

How can we know which heart we have?

How can we know the difference?

How can we know which heart we need?

Can we indeed have a preference?

The heart of a man is desperately wicked.

And God ask: Who can know it?

The truth is revealed from day to day

And ultimately his life will show it.

Our thoughts, our words and gestures

Are similar to tiny little seeds

They are planted along our pathway

And manifest our daily deeds.

When we observe the seeds we've sown

And assess the things we're doing

Then we can tell if we're on the right

track

And see which way we're going.

But there is a lot more to it

'Cause the heart is very complex

We're drawn to evil and it comes easy

It's a problem you and I can't fix.

To change a heart and make it right

Requires a work of God

If we confess our sins to Him

He'll do the part that's hard.

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By Glen Davenport

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

# West Florida Baptist Institute Founders Day Celebration

- Date: March 19, 2010  
Time: 7 PM  
Location: Fellowship Baptist Church,  
5223 Highway 90  
Pace, FL  
Student Speaker: Pastor Allen Cotton, Victory Baptist  
Church  
Guest Speaker: Missionary Bill Pennell, Ukraine

## Financial Goal \$2,500

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I guess that by now you all have heard of the massive devastation that has occurred in Haiti. As I look at the photos coming in I wonder “How will they ever recover!”, “What thoughts must be going through their minds?” In a country that before the earthquake hit, had a poverty rate of 80% or more, I can only wonder ... what’s next!

Let me give you a quick update on our mission site in Belle-Vie, on the island of Lagonave, as I understand it to be! I can’t speak for the whole island yet, but Belle-Vie has been spared the loss of life found on the mainland! PRAISE GOD! However, all of the residential housing has collapsed! Many people have been injured, albeit none seriously, and soon the food will be running out!

Currently, there are no crops producing, or even ready to produce, the food that will soon be needed to maintain life on the island! The CREATE-A-MIRACLE Foundation is currently asking each of our supporters, businesses, and churches to please prayerfully consider a donation to help supply food (rice and beans) to this community.

The plan at the moment is to purchase a two month supply of goods that will help maintain this community for the next 60 days! We will be purchasing a total of 5,000 lbs of white rice and 2,500 lbs of black beans that will be used to support a feeding program for up to 500 people twice per day! The total cost of these goods will be a total of \$6,250.00 (US) and will need to be purchased within the next two weeks to insure adequate time for delivery. At this time, we are counting on the supplies on the island to be able to sustain the residents, but the supply will run out shortly! Your help is desperately needed! Please prayerfully consider helping these people that the world has considered “the least of these” and show them the love that Christ has given to us all!

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Glenn Davenport

# PREPARING FOR REVIVAL

## TEXT:

2 Kings 23:1-5

*1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.*

*2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.*

*3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.*

*4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.*

*5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.*

Acts 2:1-2

*1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

## INTRODUCTION

Josiah called the people together to hear the word of the Lord. The more God's people follow after things

of the world the more their spiritual level goes with them. The people of Israel had done that and it was high time they needed revival. A revival is a time of God's people being revived in the Holy Spirit. This must happen before we can see the lost turning to God for eternal life. The heathen nations would never turn to the true God unless Israel shows them how to do it.

## I. CALL THE PEOPLE TOGETHER

A. The first step in a revival is for the people to **COME TOGETHER!**

1. Josiah set the pattern and called his people together.

- a. He gathered the people together!
- b. He read the Word of the Lord to them!
- c. He made a covenant before the Lord.
- d. He got all of the people to stand with him to the covenant.

2. On the Day of Pentecost the people were brought together and wonderful things happened partly because the people were of one mind. Think "REVIVAL".

B. People need to come together in several ways.

1. ... in an approved assembly – one wherein the Lord Himself is expected to attend!
2. ... in prayer wherein their hearts are in harmony!
3. ... in attitudes wherein the good feelings or one is echoed in the voice of another!
4. ... in consciousness of the heavenly goal of the soul!
5. ... in a willingness to share the burdens of the church as well as the burdens of each other!

**Tho't:** If every member could/would attend services regularly, what a great difference that could make in the progress of the church. (Heb. 10:25).

## II. HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

- A. Josiah did not call the people together to see and be seen.
1. They came together to hear the Word of the Lord.
  2. They came together to renew their covenant with the Lord.
  3. They came together and tore down the idols and altars to false gods.
  4. They came together and cleaned up the temple.
- B. On the day of Pentecost the people received power as they were gathered in one accord!
1. There is strength to be received today in the church services that cannot be gotten anywhere else.
    - a. Compare the differences in the life of a regular churchgoer and that of one who seldom attends.
    - b. One who never or rarely attends has little power to move those about him toward God and eternal salvation.
  2. There is strength in unity.
    - a. Fellowship in doctrine is necessary.
    - b. Support from one to the other is necessary.

## III. CORRECT THE THINGS THAT ARE WRONG

- A. We need to be right with God.  
When we approach the altar of God we need to come with a humbled spirit and a desire to seek God's guidance. God demands certain things of those who come to the altar.
- B. We need to be right with each other.  
We cannot work well as a team if we're pulling different directions.

## IV. GET A VISION OF THE NEEDS OF THE HOUR

- A. ... a vision of yourself standing before God in Judgment.
- B. ... a vision of your loved ones or your neighbors being thrown into the flames.

- C. ... This is the vision that caused God to sacrifice His Son, and caused Jesus to give His life on the cross.
- D. This vision should cause us to want to do what we can to win the lost to Jesus.

## V. HERE IS PAUL'S EXPRESSED FEELINGS TOWARD HIS BRETHREN: (Rom 9:1-3)

*1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,*  
*2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.*  
*3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:*

- A. Revival is within our reach!
1. A personal desire is necessary.
  2. A willingness to work is necessary
  3. Preparation is necessary.
- B. We need to begin right away – even today!

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Last week, my pastor, Paul Vance, spoke of the story about a man that was found throwing a starfish back into the ocean that had washed up onto the beach! Another man approached him and asked why it mattered, and the first man replied ... "It matters to this one!" I've thought about that story a lot this week and asked myself why my help would matter when all the aid is pouring into the Haitian country? The reply I received was "it would matter to this one!" Now imagine if we all banded together and each of us mattered to one ... think of the impact that we could make for Christ during this time. Haiti is crying out ... for help ... for reason ... for God! WE have been given the opportunity during this tragedy to provide and answer to their cries! To reach out and help them! And to show them a living God who cares for them! Through us ... together ... we can make a difference! We can be the CREATED MIRACLE in the life of someone in need!

Again, please prayerfully consider teaming with us in this outreach to Belle-vie! Any contributions made will be used specifically for this program and donations may be sent to:

Hillcrest Baptist Church  
Attn:

Kevin Smith  
Director

CREATE-A-MIRACLE Foundation  
6069 Woodstock, Rd  
Acworth, GA. 30102  
www.camfoundation.org  
6069 Woodstock Rd



# MISSION NEWS AND VIEWS

## CLOUD REPORT

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 747,535.48</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$59,648.78
Foreign & National Salaries	49,153.44
Designated	41,783.31
Undesignated	55,481.79
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$206,067.32</b>
<b>BALANCE FOR SALARIES</b>	<b>\$953,602.80</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Interstate Salaries	\$88,637.87
Foreign Salaries	17,184.00
National Salaries	36,567.00
Designated	41,783.31
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	11,249.20
Sec.-Treas. Travel	397.85
General Office	3,823.52
Automobile	241.03
BSSC Printing	503.25
Postage, Dec News/Views	4,489.33
<b>TOTAL OFFICE</b>	<b>\$20,704.18</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$204,876.36</b>
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 747,726.44</b>
<b>Total Surplus 011/09</b>	<b>\$1,190.96</b>

but regeneration. Jesus said, “Ye must be born again” (John 3:7). Let us continue to give thanks to Almighty God for faithful missionaries who are boldly preaching the Word of God and laboring to establish New Testament churches obedient to the Great Commission. For January, the mission offerings totaled \$206,067.32 and 627 mission offerings were received from 35 states and 3 foreign countries. For the cause of Jesus Christ, please continue to pray for and send offerings to help the missionaries and their families as they faithfully serve the Master.

**Reception. . .** In a recent visit on behalf of missions to Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Pastor Roger Stewart and the wonderful people honored Sandra and myself with a surprise reception and fellowship in honor of our 43rd wedding anniversary. The beautiful flowers, delicious food and the sweet fellowship with everyone was a great blessing and encouragement to us. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we travel in behalf of missionaries and their sponsoring churches. I am thankful to God and His churches for the opportunities to preach and speak in behalf of the missionaries. For January, the missionaries reported 1,511 professions of faith, 1,462 sermons preached and 3,475 visits made. Since the messenger meeting in Springfield, the missionaries have reported 9,118 professions of faith. To God Be The Glory!

opportunity, we decided to invite the youth group to our house to celebrate. We had about 10 kids show up which was pretty crowded in our house. We are going to need a bigger house! We have a pool in our complex so that was a big help.

In many of your minds I am sure the holidays are long past, but here in Australia things are still getting back to normal. Many of the ministries we are part of are just now getting back into full swing. The play group starts back today and Religious Education is starting back soon as well.

We have a baptism coming up this month so I am excited about that. I have some premarital counselling to do and some one on one discipleship.

On the first of February a large group of us are reading through the Bible in 90 days. This may be something we try to involve the community in the next time we do it. Thanks for your support!

### Belize Central America

Nicky Barnett, Missionary

The Property Purchased and the Work Progresses... Bev and I traveled to Belize City to meet with the lawyer and the Martins for the closing of the property January 29. This is the culmination of an 11 month effort to become a nonprofit corporation (Belize Missionary Baptist Institute and Missions) so that our sending church is able to purchase and hold property. Some of you might have forgotten that this property appraised for \$215,000.00 but we purchased it for \$96,000 (The cost of the property and closing cost). It is being used for our housing, visiting small groups and the Belize Missionary Baptist Institute classes.

We rejoice that our sending church stepped out by faith to borrow the money to purchase this property for the work here but we need your help to pay this debt off as soon as possible. We also need help with the things mentioned on the list

**Recommendation. . .** It is time for churches who plan to recommend one or more missionaries to the messenger meeting in Charleston, West Virginia, to request a recommendation form from the office of Secretary-Treasurer of Missions. This form is to be filled out and returned to the office as soon as possible. The deadline is April 19, 2010. Brethren, please continue to pray for more men to answer the call of God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and for more churches to send forth missionaries (Matthew 9:37-38).

**Regeneration. . .** The greatest need of every person in the world is not reformation

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Australia

Chris Miller, Missionary

Another month gone! We had the privilege of celebrating our first Australia day yesterday. I suppose the closest comparison to a US holiday would be the 4th of July. Always on the lookout for a ministry

to the left. This property was not finished so we want to get these projects finished and behind us this year. This will only be possible with your financial support for these special projects. If you can help with any of these projects we would greatly appreciate it or if you prefer to come as a group or as a individual to work on and finance one or more these projects that would be greatly appreciated also.

Victory Baptist Church, in Santa Cruz, continues to progress in both spiritual growth and in attendance. While I was away the last weekend in January, Derrick, one of our young men and a student of Belize Missionary Baptist Institute, filled in for me. This was his first time to do this and even though he was a little nervous he was ready and willing to try by accepting this responsibility. Please continue to pray for this new church and her members.

I am at one of the toughest points in training the members to be a self-sustaining, self-propagating work. I have taught on what they will need to grow into a sound New Testament Church; things like having a biblical pastor, giving, personal integrity and community outreach. This is a critical time for them because they must learn to take on the responsibility of the work. I understand what Paul meant when he said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

### Belize Central America

Joel Dillahaunty, Missionary

January was a busy and productive month. The transition with Promise Land has gone very smoothly. Their acceptance and excitement for missions is very encouraging. We were able to spend a week in Hamburg attending services with Promise Land and visiting with several families.

Just reminder that any support and correspondence should now be sent to:

Promise Land MBC  
765 Ashley 70 Rd.  
Hamburg, AR 71646  
870-853-5941

January found us in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Florida. While in

Florida we were able to spend two days at Walt Disney World thanks to Grandparents and love offerings.

I am grateful to the churches for allowing me to present the call I have for Belize in January.

### France

Jason Clark, Missionary

This month has brought many blessings, some unexpected. We started our Bible studies this month and they have gone real well. We have had three so far, with 2 visitors for the first and six most recently (pictured). I have really enjoyed them. We sing a few songs, have a lesson, pray, and visit. The fellowship has been wonderful and I am thankful that everyone puts up with my bad French accent and occasional stumble over vocabulary.



The second blessing that came as a surprise, is that we are expecting a baby. Yeah! The baby will be due in September, which did cause us to change our plans up. We had planned on traveling back to the states this summer but in light of Angie's pregnancy, we have moved the departure date up to February. That's right, this February, the 12th to be exact. This will allow us to fly during a cheaper season and miss less of the kids school because of winter and spring breaks. What that means is that we are working quickly to get everything ready for this trip. As always, Jack Story (mtltravel.com) helped us find a great deal on plane tickets.

However, because of the short notice we did not have time to raise the money for these in advance. We could use some special offerings to help pay for this expense. We are also a little sad that we are leaving just as we are getting the Bible study going, but we will be looking forward to our return that much more. And

having been here for a little over two years we are ready to see friends and family. We are also trying to raise some more monthly support while in the states. If you are interested in having us come to your church please contact me by email so that we can get our schedule worked out. We plan on being in Texas in February and Arkansas the first two Sundays of March. We would love to come and share how God has blessed these past two years and what we feel he has in store for our future. We will return to France on April 23rd. Thanks and God bless.

### Fusagusaga, Colombia

Carlos Julio Mendoza, Missionary

On January 16, Pastor Gelvez from Grace Church of Bogota came with their sent out missionary Bro. Bonilla to visit Fusa Mission. Bro. Bonilla started a new mission in Bosa Bogota called "Cristo Viene" or "Christ Comes" Baptist Mission. They came with six believers in Christ to be baptized in the swimming pool in Fusa. God has greatly blessed Bro. Bonilla's ministry with fruits for his labor. Bro. Bonilla needs your prayers. He is also seeking financial support to help with the new mission. If you know of a church that is looking to support a new mission work, the mission work in Bosa would be a great candidate.



From Fusa Mission, Bro Espinosa was baptized. He is studying Bible Analysis in our new seminary in Fusa. He wants to prepare himself for the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for Bro. Espinosa. We had a wonderful baptism service. Fifty two people were in attendance.

### India

Asheervadam Sankya, Missionary

These are the fruits of the mission work in India by His for the month of January

2010. Here are two pictures of those who were saved and baptized (total of 11). Please pray for their spiritual growth.



### Indonesia

Chase Reynolds, Missionary

Unexpected Beginnings... No books... no dictionaries... no alphabet... and no Bible. But one thing the Yetfa do have is people eager to help us learn their language, and three of them live here in Sentani! Alber, Yonatan, and Stevanus are three Yetfa teenagers who have moved to Sentani to go to school. I met them and shared our plan to translate the Bible into their language. They were very excited and more than willing to help us start learning their language.

Five days a week one or two of them comes to our house (sometimes walking 30-40 minutes one way) to help us learn Yetfa. This really is an unexpected blessing. It will give us a great head start for when we start working in the village. I can't tell you what a thrill it was for me to sit down and begin transcribing Yetfa, learning my first words and phrases of this currently unwritten language into which, God willing, we will introduce God's Word for the first time.

Unexpected Delay... My initial trip into the Yetfa area has been delayed till the first week in March. The delay has provided not only the opportunity to continue to learn Yetfa but also to take part in a very helpful workshop on Participatory Methods.

The two-week workshop discussed culturally appropriate methods for helping Papuan communities get involved in and take ownership of language development programs. Time and experience has shown that if the communities are not involved in the development of their own language (i.e. the development of a writing system), the majority of the people are unlikely to embrace the results.

The workshop was conducted totally in Indonesian and facilitated by Indonesians. It was both challenging and rewarding to participate in this workshop and it will certainly be a great benefit.

### Japan

Japan Missionary Baptist Seminary

JMBS sponsors an annual Bible Conference every November. The 2009 Conference was one of the best. Dr. George Garner, the Director of The Blessed Hope Foundation, was the featured speaker. His subject was "How to explain your faith to family, friends, and coworkers." He did a tremendous job. The Japanese people were very encouraged in this area of defending and explaining their faith. The Blessed Hope Foundation paid the travel expenses for Tim so he could serve as the translator.

Dr. Garner also lectured on Apologetics three hours each night for the rest of the week to students and graduates of the JMBS classroom. Tim did the translating. Dr. Garner has the gift to tailor his message to fit the audience. He was a great blessing to us in every place he spoke.

### Kosova

David Helmick, Missionary

Back to the Gym. . . Returning to a weightlifting gym after 28 years was not my New Years resolution, it was matter of health, preparedness and ministry. I returned to Kosova weighing more than ever before. The furlough forty had found me and was taking up residence. What is the furlough forty? Attend Lynn Raburn's World Missions seminar and he can explain it to you. Kelli has been concerned for my health for some time and she has encouraged me to increase my physical activity and athleticism. The stress of

living on the foreign field can slowly wear your body down. The spiritual, mental and physical health of a missionary are all interrelated. I have purposed to follow my wife's advice and so far it has paid dividends in all three areas.

Ministry Update... The Sunday morning worship had a new attendance high in January. The average for the month is the best we have ever had. God has been so good and the believers have been faithful despite of the freezing weather, snow and ice. We are still meeting in the basement classroom in our house. The space is limited and we are looking for a new ministry center. After much prayer and consultation, the focus of our ministry will begin a transition over the next few months. For the past couple of years, Kelli and I have been working with a number of young couples with small children. Our new focus will be towards this group. As they have expressed it to me, kids and teenagers seem to be the focus of every missionary in Kosova and no one is concerned for our needs as a new family. We plan to change this and begin to design and focus our ministries to reach and help young families. Pray for us as we attempt to minister to this vital group.

### Russia

Keven Plaster, Missionary



ARIF DEPARTS... Arif is a native of Afghanistan. He came to Russia many years ago to serve in the military and afterward stayed to get a college degree. He did that, and in the recent past trusted Christ as his Savior and studied the scriptures with some of my friends. It's been on his mind to return to his native country and establish a Baptist church there. On Sunday, January 17th, he shared his testimony and burden at Cornerstone. We took up an offering to help him on his way, encircled him and prayed for his safety

and success at home. He will be accompanied by his oldest son, Sharif, and his wife and their infant daughter.

He has suffered persecution before and likely will again. They departed Saint Petersburg on January 19th. I know he would appreciate your prayers.

**BROTHER JESUS...** One day, before the new year, I was in one of my favorite fishing spots. A man came by and said, "More stuff about our brother Jesus?" He refused to read the tract I was offering.

At first I didn't know what he was talking about. Then I realized he must be Muslim (seems there is a meeting place for Muslims somewhere on the square.) Pray for them to accept Jesus as the Christ, and not just some prophet or a brother.

Pray for me also because there seem to be lots of these "fish" in my favorite spots.

**MINUS 20 EVANGELISM...** One of my insane friends talked me into doing evangelism despite the bitter-freezing cold weather. We were on the street less than an hour and passed out 120 tracts. One man came up to see what we had. Then he pulled one of our tracts out of his pocket and said, "I got this six months ago." Even after six months he still had it with him. Pray for fruit at minus 20!

### Scotland

Dan Piper, Missionary

It has been quiet a month waiting for paperwork to get approved. The good news is, that we are closer. The best way I can explain it is this way. The UK government had an inspection at the offices of our Brothers who are helping to get us into Scotland. This inspection was done in Scotland and at first we thought there might be a problem. But the next day they sent an email to Brother Alvin and let him know that there was NOT, and that we probably would get an answer from 2-3 weeks from now. I ask you to continue to pray for this and the next and last step, is our VISA'S !!

We will be working with someone who should be able to expedite our visas, so pray, pray, pray. THANKS.



With 15 minutes of no rain, Curtis and I were able to get this picture taken. Can you see the rain bow over my head? Right after this picture, it opened up and poured for hours.

### Thailand

Brent Rosendal, Missionary

**New Year's Outreach...** At the beginning of the year, our family and 6 others travelled to Mae Lanoi to encourage and help Lemuu in the work he is doing there. Travelling to his village is always an adventure, one that makes us thankful for a 4 wheel drive truck. We were there for 3 days. On New Year's Eve, most of the village turned out to play games, listen to some teaching from God's word and watch the Jesus film. On New Year's morning, most of the village came to worship services at the church building and in the afternoon several returned for more teaching. Tawm and the teenagers that came with, looked after the children for large portions of the day. We really enjoyed our time, especially Owen. Last week, I talked to Lemuu on the phone and I asked him how things are going. He said that the people there really want to know more about their faith since our visit. Praise God!

**Neighborhood Outreach...** One person that came to the village with us was Hut, our neighbor. Over the past couple months, he and Tawm have become good friends. He came to our Christmas outreach and then he agreed to come with us to the village. He'd never been to a village before. Over Christmas and New Years, he had the opportunity to hear a lot about God from outreaches, Sunday school, Bible studies and conversations too. He really wanted to know more about God. Unfortunately, soon after we returned from the village, we found out that he would be moving to Canada at the beginning of February. We were disappointed by the news but pray that he has ample opportunities to hear the gospel in Canada.

### Turkana

Eddie Williams, Missionary

**LBBI...** Lodwar-The students in the "Upendo" class finished the final lessons in Old Testament Survey. This is a very

studious class with all the students making near perfect marks on their exams. Please continue to pray for them ...there only remain 5 seminars left before their completion of the Basic Bible level in LBBI.

**SALVATIONS & BAPTISMS (FINALLY)!...** Napetet-Through weekly evangelism efforts, there were 9 that made professions of faith. With all the rains, there is FINALLY water in the Turkwel River. We baptized a total of 15 in two services!

**Nangolipus-**With the new building, many folks have been coming. 5 received Christ as their Savior and we are waiting for Pastor Moses to regain his health so HE can baptize these newest believers. For a young pastor, this is a vital step in being received as their leader! Please pray for him.

**Naduat-**I continue to pray for this village. Just when I think God is closing the door on our Bible Study, we have a day blessed mightily by God. There were 17 folks who made professions of faith. The attendance is up and down, but we are pressing forward and praying! Please pray with us.

**Nakechichok-**There were 2 saved during a Sunday morning service and 21 were baptized the following week! Then they that gladly received his word were baptized... Acts 2:41



**SHADE & PEWS...** Napetet-We built the ugliest little shed I have ever seen to shade the water tank at the church/school. The guys said we only needed poles and makuti (grass). I had tin left over from last month's project (Nangolipus) and they had 2 broken benches. I laughed (as did many others) when we tore apart the pews and reused the boards to make trusses. It took less than \$10 to build the entire structure and it is quite... African! I love it!!

**Nakechichok-**I promised this church we would build pews before I left for America in May. We got busy and built 12, 7 foot long benches.

Paulo-This old man is my newest "father" in Turkana. He named his youngest son after me and holding true to culture, he is now my Baba. He also is not saved. He is open to hear the Gospel and comes sometimes to our services. He never has anything to say, I kind of feel like he is still checking us out. During one of our services this month, he asked if he could give a testimony. He began to tell how some thieves/bandits were in the area and were after his herd of camels. He worried the entire night and prayed that God would hear him and protect his animals. He found his camels, intact, and began the journey home with them. He does not know why or how he was never attacked and his camels stolen... but he thanks God for His help! He is very near salvation. There is a huge cultural issue standing between him and Christ... please pray for Paulo... my African Dad.

#### Ukraine

David Bostick, Missionary

Due to the holidays, elections, extreme winter conditions, and my return to the States much of January was trying to survive all these events. I have returned to the States because my mother took a turn for the worst and has a very short time to live. Debra stayed behind in Ukraine to finalize our visa paperwork that is needed in order for us to renew our visas. She also had the task of having our boiler fixed and the pipes in the house thawed. We experienced for the first time -15F temperatures with a foot of snow. She will be arriving in the States on February 12th. I ask that you please pray for my family during these difficult times. God has given us comfort, peace, and protection, and all we desire is for His will to be done and that He receive honor and glory in all things.

While in the States we need to renew our passports and visas. So while we are waiting on the government to issue our documents, we are going to spend some time doing some much needed deputation work. God has blessed us tremendously by providing us with a sufficient salary. However, ALL our ministry expenses come out of our salary. We are praying that God will give us additional financial supporters

who will help with these ministry expenses. We are in need of additional funds of approximately \$1,000 a month. If you are a church who has an interest or wants to be involved with the work here in Ukraine, please email me to schedule an appointment for a presentation. We are truly grateful for the special love offerings that were given to help with our additional expenses in coming to the States. Thank you.

Our ministry work will continue here in Ukraine while we are in the States. Please pray for those who have stepped up to help. We thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers, and financial support.

#### Ukraine

Bill Pennell, Missionary

This is a typical service at the Bethany Baptist Church. I ordained Pastor Daniel Petrovich in 1997 and is the main church in our establishing churches in Ukraine. At present we have 4 villages in which we are trying now to establish a church. These are hard communities because they are traditionally Ukrainian Orthodox Church. It is a battle. We are constantly on defense but God is still on the throne and gives us victory. Pray for our staff, the Bosticks and that God will give many souls! There are many families who need Bible help also.



Sympathies to brother David Bostick... Our sincere sympathies and prayer are for Brother David Bostick in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Hazel Bostick. Mrs. Bostick had been battling cancer for a while and went to be with the Lord Thursday morning, February 4, and her Memorial Service was February 6 at the O.T. Allen Funeral Home

in Alto, Texas. Brother David left Ukraine on January 26 to fly to Texas and we are glad he was able to be with his Mother in the last days of her life.

It is sure that she is much better off because she is now with the Lord. Even so, the death of "MOTHER" is an awesome loss. No one can take the place of Mother. My mother has been gone a long time and I still miss her. We know we shall see them again but their absence is present.

## Interstate Missions

#### Houston, Texas

Houston Mission

Kim Williams, Missionary Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The year is off to a good start, and the Lord is continuing to bless. Attendance remains stable and we continue to reach our community. We are making steady progress in the building process. Please continue to pray for us as we press ahead in 2010!

AN AMAZING STORY OF AN ANSWERED PRAYER!... Last June I met with our insurance agent to discuss matters important to the Church. We will call him Kareem. Kareem is of middle eastern decent, and I believe that he is probably a Muslim. As we discussed the insurance policy I took the opportunity to share my testimony with him and to offer him a gospel tract. He answered "I will read it Pastor Williams, but I would like to seek counsel from you." Kareem then stood up and closed his office door.

A HEARTFELT PRAYER REQUEST... He then began to tell me an amazing story about his son who had grown up Muslim, but had become a Christian in the last several years. He said it didn't bother him that his son had become a Christian, as long as his son was true to his Christian faith." Kareem's problem was the fact that he and his son were involved in a family dispute, and his son had purposed never to speak to his father again. He asked me

to pray that he and his son would be reconciled, and I did. The next thing that Kareem said amazed me. He told me that he was writing down the date that I prayed for him and would let me know when the prayer was answered. I had never heard such a thing from a person whom we were praying for. As I drove home that day I began to ask the Lord to answer this prayer, so that it would cause Kareem to trust God and give his life to Christ. I talked to him about 5 months later and he still had not heard from his son. I continued to pray!

**AN AMAZING CONCLUSION** In early January I had to call Kareem to ask a question about our policy. After finishing our discussion I asked him about his son. He said that he had been intending to call me, and that his son had called him and that they had reconciled! He said that he asked his son why he had called. His son said that he was reading the Bible, and realized that he needed to forgive his father, so he called. Kareem concluded by thanking me, and letting me know that he had been given a Bible written in his native language by a friend who attended a Palestine Christian Church. He said that he was enjoying reading the Bible. Please pray for Kareem's salvation. I will be getting back with him soon!

### **Houston, Texas**

LifeBridge Baptist Church  
Charlie Ellison, Church Planter

LifeBridge is making a difference in the lives of many people throughout Metro Houston. We can see a real life change in the people we are ministering to. We see new faces at our worship services and also our weekly Life Application Bible Studies. We currently have three nightly small group meetings plus our Youth Night, our weekly average in January was forty. Our Sunday morning worship average was forty-four.

We need more monthly support to help us reach our goal to purchase our new meeting place in Deer Park. Our goal is to have twenty-five monthly supporters at \$50 per month and twenty-five at \$100 per month. We also need some larger one time offerings. Our goal is to secure the property before Easter. Would you prayerfully consider helping us reach the people of

Metro Houston by becoming a monthly supporter to our building program?

### **Redlands, California**

Redlands Missionary Baptist Institute  
Glenn Ridings, Administrative Vice President

We again send a note of appreciation to all those who have been supporting RMBI with prayers and finances: **THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!!!**

The first month of the Spring semester is now completed and we are adjusting well to the changes that have been made. Brother Ivett and Brother Wiggins are getting settled into their new positions in the school.

The RMBI Trustees and staff are working on the school calendar for the next school year. Plans are being made to have the class schedule ready soon. We hope to have both of these in place before we go to the State Association meeting in Visalia. Please make plans to come by our booth to visit.

Please prayerfully consider the financial need of RMBI and, if you see this as a worthy cause, send whatever support you can to our address. If you would like more information about RMBI, Brother Ridings and Brother Wiggins are available to answer your questions by mail, email, telephone or in person. Brother Ridings can be reached at (909) 556-8444 and Brother Wiggins cell phone is (951) 313-5804.

Know that we are grateful for the support and good will so many of you have already given to RMBI and your continued support and prayers are appreciated.

### **Swedesboro, New Jersey**

Grace Baptist Fellowship  
Stephen Keith, Missionary Pastor

Average For January 2010... Well God set the bar high for the new year. We averaged 87 in our morning worship services this month! We are experiencing a tremendous amount of numerical growth and with that, growing pains. We are having to look at the problem of space both in our auditorium and with our chapel department. Good problems to have!

January Huddle Meeting... The last Sunday of the month we had a meeting for all of our members and had a great turn out! One of the six things I addressed was a "Tithe Challenge." I will admit I always get a little nervous talking about money but the fact is it's going to take our people being faithful with the money God has blessed them with if we are ever going to be self supporting. The good news is that after the meeting I got not one, not two, but three phone calls from families that are going to trust God with their finances!!! Please continue to pray that God will lead and direct our people in financial giving.

Baptisms... Once again we were blessed to be able to baptize two more this month! Kenny and Lele Ridgell followed our Lord in scriptural baptism!!! I am very excited about the power of Gods Spirit and the power of His precious Word!

A New Small Groups... We started back up with our small groups this month. We are offering two groups, a Bible basics group and one for couples. We have 15 couples committed to working on their relationships with one another from the standpoint of the Bible. Our other small group has ten people involved. I am really excited about this because discipleship is a need at Grace.

Prayers are Needed... We are asking you to pray about some immediate needs. Resealing of the church parking lot \$3,000. The issue of space in our sanctuary (replacing pews with chairs). The Building note \$138,000. Discipleship. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Every prayer and donation is appreciated.

### **Calera, Alabama**

Journey Baptist Mission  
Paul Armstrong, Missionary Pastor

We held a Youth Focus on January 22-24th. Bro. Ken and Sis. Barbara Sibley were our guests and shared their unique talents of gospel illusions and ventriloquism with us. We had an average attendance of 23 each night with a high attendance of 34 on Saturday evening. We were thankful to see two precious souls come to know Christ as their Savior! On Friday evening, a young lady named Ashley, age 11, came forward with a desire to be saved. On Saturday

evening, a young man, Carlos, age 12, came forward and accepted Jesus as His personal Savior. The joy of seeing others come to Christ is simply indescribable. Psalm 126:6 says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Sometimes we don't realize the difficulties that many young people have to deal with in their walk with Christ. Please pray for Ashley and Carlos that they can be a positive influence upon their families.

### Washington, D.C.

Kingstowne Baptist Korean Mission  
YoungBae Kim, Missionary Pastor

**A FAMILY EFFORT...** Greetings to the friends and church family of the Korean Mission! We are all doing well, and we are thankful about that. Recently, our Sundays have been busier than ever. In the morning, I have been preaching for some families at the Korean Grill in nearby Woodbridge, VA. JungMi and SungMin go with me, and SungMin plays the piano. People really seem to be receptive to the preaching. I then return back to Kingstowne for our mission's preaching service and fellowship dinner in the afternoon, followed by Bible classes. We then join our sponsoring church for their Sunday evening services. Other days are quite busy as well. On Wednesdays I hold Bible study classes in Woodbridge in the morning, and in Kingstowne in the evening. And on Saturdays, we continue to hold Korean language classes, with the entire family helping out. I'm so grateful to be blessed with such a faithful (and energetic!) family.



*Young adults gathering at our house for fellowship and Bible study*

We rejoice that two souls were saved this month. Mieun Kang used to work with JungMi, and we have been praying for her

and her husband Dongsik for years. Recently, Mieun quit her job suddenly, without giving a reason. We visited their home, and found out that Dongsik has stomach cancer. We shared the Gospel with them, and they each accepted Christ as their Savior. Please join us in praying for Dongsik and Mieun Kang's spiritual growth, and for Dongsik's health. And thank you for your continual love and encouragement!

### Lighthouse Ministries

Toby Cribbs, Sr., Missionary

Greetings from Tennessee. We have had about three snows and temperature low as five degrees. The water was frozen in the Office for three weeks. While writing this Report the temperature is 32 degrees. Sometime over the New Year Holiday, our Sponsoring Church was broken into. They took a laptop computer, guitar and amplifier. The Police recovered all the items and caught the ones that broke in the church.

**TRI-STATE JAIL MINISTRY...** At the Polk County Jail, Benton, Tennessee in Day Room One, I have three men doing our Landmark Bible Institute Course, and in Day Room Two, one man just finished this course. Also in Day Room One, one man has written some songs. At the end of the service he sings them for us. All the men are very attentive to the Word. Also at the end of the services some have questions on what they have read that week. At Fannin County Jail, Blue Ridge, Georgia we are having out six to ten men in the services. I have several here doing our Bible Studies. These men also are glad that we come and share the Word of God with them. At Pickens County Jail, Jasper, Georgia I have only about six men out from B Pod. They only have about eight in the Pod. The ones that come out take literature back to the other ones, and some of them are getting involved in our Bible Studies.

**MANY THANKS...** I want to thank Bro. Clifford Long of Florida for the Offering of \$500, First Baptist Church of East Bay, Riverview, Florida for \$1000 and Landmark MBC, Pensacola, Florida for \$100. All monies given for Staples Office Supply went to buy Office Supplies. I paid off Staples Office Supply (\$1000) and bought

about six months Office Supplies. I purchase four cases copy paper, six reams of cover stock, six reams color paper, two packages Avery Labels, two boxes 9x12 brown clasp envelopes, 20 boxes 61/2x91/2 brown clasp envelopes, two boxes #10 envelopes, computer ink and index cards. The total cost was \$479.26. I have \$120.74 left for Office Supplies.

**BEREAN BIBLE COURSE...** This month we enrolled (13) in this course. I now have (53) in this course. This course is for Family Members of inmates.

**U. S. PRISON MINISTRY...** This month we enrolled (71), had (8) to finish, and reinstated (12). I now have (293) in this course. I had (16) finish Old Testament Studies, (13) New Testament studies.

**LANDMARK BIBLE INSTITUTE...** I enrolled one this month in this course, reinstated one and had one to finish the course. I now have eight in this course.

**SPECIAL PROJECT...** We can still use some help with our Service Contract on our Book Finisher Machine. Maybe your Sunday School Class, Men's Brotherhood or Ladies' Auxiliary can use this as a Mission Project. Will you please help us?

**OUR BIGGEST NEED...** I need a Missionary to come and help in this Ministry. If you are looking for a great opportunity to serve the Lord, please pray about this Ministry. This missionary would have to raise his personal support. If someone would come and visit and see what is involved in this ministry, they will be impressed and see the great need. The inmates are hungry for the Word of God. It is a pleasure to teach and preach where the people are glad to listen and learn. Also pray for our Sponsoring Church as we seek for a Pastor.

### Milton, Florida

First Baptist Church of East Milton  
Kermit Groat, Missionary Pastor

God blessed us with a high of eight in attendance during the month. We are rejoicing that He is still on the throne. We also had one first time visitor. I ask all to pray for this visitor, because of various problems that he has to deal with.

Please pray for us in that the power bill has increased by nearly \$75.00 for the month. This has put a strain on our budget.



Wayne Sewell

## New Year is off to a good Start

The new year is off to a good start. We started mailing literature about two weeks later than usual because the printing of Vacation Bible School curriculum took longer than planned. But the wait for the 2010 Vacation Bible School curriculum is well worth the wait. No one knows how the sales will be, but the initial response has been very encouraging. It seems that more interest in this year's curriculum is being shown. There have been several inquiries about the curriculum from bookstores and individuals from across the country than there has been in the past. I believe this is due to the great Vacation Bible School curriculum that has been produced by the staff over the past several years. Another reason is that the curriculum is completed earlier and is ready to be out when other curriculums are released. The advertising that is done by the staff is also enabling the curriculum to reach a wider group of churches. I believe this will be another great year for the Vacation Bible School program from Bogard Press. Please go to the website [www.abaptist.org](http://www.abaptist.org) and check out the schedule of Vacation Bible School Seminars. The number of seminars, times, and locations change from year to year. People will often drive two to three hours to attend one of the seminars. The many ideas and suggestions that are received in these seminars will help each church and teacher as they prepare and present the lessons during Vacation Bible School.

The printing of literature continues to improve with the new press. The new paper for the covers and the ability to print at 175 line screen gives much better quality to the pictures. It improves even the type. It makes it sharper and clearer than in the past. The color in the adult quarterly has received a good response. Several have called and expressed their approval of the changes to the quarterlies. The art work in the children's curriculum is better quality because of the capabilities of the new press.

The book store closed the year with an increase in sales for the year. With a down economy nationwide, it is good to be ahead of last year's sales. We are already looking at product for graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Believe it or not, some companies are already presenting their 2010 Christmas products. Some companies have their representatives show the Christmas line and take orders for the upcoming Christmas season. They then produce the product line based on the sales to stores in January through March.

The gift line from P. Graham Dunn with its laser engraver is doing great in the store. It has been an instant hit. Personalized gifts are always appreciated. If you need a personalized gift for your pastor, his wife or any family member or member of the church please call 1.800.262.2482. Ask to speak with one of store clerks. They will be happy to assist you with suggestions for a truly personalized gift for any occasion.

Please continue to pray for the staff in Texarkana as we serve the Lord and the churches across this land and around the world.



**Larry Clements**  
Editor in Chief

## Words Matter!

Missouri lawmakers recently learned the hard way that words matter. “World Magazine” reported that the Missouri state legislature decided to ban Styrofoam coolers on their rivers. Inexpensive white foam coolers are easily broken, and when discarded, cause river litter. So they passed a law to ban polypropylene. What they meant to ban was polystyrene. Because the deliberative body almost used the right word, their law resulted in banning Tupperware instead of ice chests! So, for now, if you float a river in Missouri, you can bring cold-cuts and cokes in your inexpensive cooler, but will be breaking the law if you bring a Tupperware container of leftovers! Words matter. Mark Twain had a point when he said the difference between the right word and the almost right word is like the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.

To some people, words matter little. Dishonest politicians make extensive promises to woo voters, but often conveniently forget them after the election. But words matter. Jesus said, “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matt. 12:36, 37). Imagine—people will be justified or condemned—based on their words!

Words matter, and they contain and convey tremendous power, both for good and for harm. Solomon wrote, “There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health” (Prov. 12:18). Some words cut and slice, leaving carnage in their wake. Harmful words cut deeply; sometimes they are remembered for a lifetime and can alter the thinking and direction of people who hear them. Other words, spoken with grace, compassion and love, can bring healing to a hurting soul. Mere words may fortify others with boldness and courage. Sometimes simple, caring words bring comfort that encourages the downcast surveying his losses. The saving gospel of Christ can be communicated in words. Not only do words matter—they have great potential.

Wise and godly speech have several things in common. First, we should be selective and careful in our speech. Proverbs 17:27 and 28 say, “He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.” The psalmist David wrote “Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips” (Psalm 141:3). Words should be guarded so they will edify and not harm people around us. Take time to speak the right words. “The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things” (Prov. 15:28). Secondly, our speech should be truthful, not false or exaggerated. “A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies” (Prov. 14:5). Thirdly, our speech should be wise. “A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness” (Prov. 15:1, 2).

When words matter to us, they can become a blessing to others. “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver” (Prov. 25:11). Let’s determine to speak carefully, truthfully and wisely, so Christ will be glorified and His kingdom extended! If we can help you with tracts, books, lessons, curriculum or the printed Word, call (800) 264-2482 or email [larryclements@abaptist.org](mailto:larryclements@abaptist.org). Words matter. Choose yours wisely!

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
JANUARY - 2009**

**GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD** - \$210.36

INCOME:		
ALABAMA		
Landmark MBC	-Dothan, AL	155.00
Magnolia Springs-Theodore,	AL	200.00
GEORGIA		
Northside BC	-Vienna, GA	30.00
FLORIDA		
Bethel BC	-Pensacola, FL	25.00
Calvary BC	-Panama City, FL	50.00
Central Arcadia	-Arcadia, FL	125.00
Cypress Creek MBC	-Kinard, FL	109.89
First BC	-Silver Springs, FL	25.00
Galilee MBC	-Milton, FL	20.00
Milestone BC	-Cantonment, FL	80.00
New Home BC	-Clarksville, FL	15.00
North Side MBC	-Ocala, FL	30.00
Spanish Trail BC	-Pensacola, FL	99.60
Fellowship BC	-Pace, FL	30.00
Cypress Creek	-Kinard, FL	408.81
In Memory of Rev. Joe Yates		180.00
Mics:		
Kitchen Sales	-Pensacola, FL	10.00
Terry Alexander	-Pensacola, FL	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,194.49</b>

DESIGNATED FUNDS: H.H. Strickland		
Anonymous		100.00
Baptist Chapel	-Grand Bay, AL	150.00
Cypress Creek MBC	-Kinard, FL	109.88
Fellowship BC	-Pace, FL	210.00
Eastern Avenue	-St. Cloud, FL	100.00
Frankfort BC	-Russville, AL	90.00
Galilee BC	-Milton, FL	75.00
Landmark BC	-Dothan, AL	40.00
Newark BC	-Elkton, MD	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$974.88</b>

Designated Funds:		
Herman Rogers		50.00
TUITION/REGISTRATION		
Tuition	\$	1,890.00
Registration	\$	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$2,190.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$4,409.37</b>
EXPENSES		
Utilities	\$	851.75
Building Repairs		-0-
Office		35.25
Misc.		456.27
Insurance		0.00
Instruction		1,624.88
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$2,968.15</b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>1,230.86</b>

BOOKSTORE FUND		
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		
<b>Income:</b>		
Bookstore Sales	\$	152.35
Press Sales		418.61
Contributions		
Anonymous		40.18
O'Leno BC		50.00
Pinehaven BC		50.00
Galilee BC		15.00
Landmark		20.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$746.14</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$2,452.62</b>
Expenses:		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	<b>2,330.83</b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>121.79</b>

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$	1,230.86
BOOKSTORE FUND BALANCE	\$	121.79

**PASTOR NEEDED**

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Milton, Florida is seeking a pastor. If interested, please contact: Carol Watford @ 850-623-3008 or Colleen Lord @ 850-994-5700.

**PASTOR NEEDED**

The Cypress Creek MBC of Kinard, FL is in need of a pastor. They may be contacted at P.O. Box 330 Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Sister Gwen McGill, clerk may be contacted at: P.O. Box 1629 Wewahitchka, FL 32465.

**PASTOR NEEDED**

Berean MBC, Ducktown, TN is seeking a Pastor. We are a small church with (6) members. The church is debt free. A Pastor would have to work. We have had over (75) members, but not at one time. Most of the members have moved out of State. There are only (12) past members living in Ducktown area. We are a Mission-minded Church. We help (5) missionaries and sponsor one ministry (Lighthouse Ministries, Toby W. Cribbs, Sr. - Jail and Prison Ministry). We hold to the King James Bible as the preserved Word of God. Please call 423-496-2558 or 423-496-7116. Toby Cribbs, Sr.

PRINTING NEWS

News: We have enjoyed one of the most productive months in a very long time in the print shop. With the return of Bro. Piña, we have been able to really get things moving. I am really proud of what he is doing and the help he is giving to the work.

Three new books have been printed and are working their way to completion. I have had some problem with the color press and it appears that we may have to get someone here to help me figure out what is going on.

The tract "Is Your Name Written in Heaven" continues to be really well used. 20,000 have just been printed and are being completed as time permits.

We are also in the process of completing two book by Dr. David Gonella. these should be ready for distribution by the end of the month or early in March. Also, a

very interesting book written by Sister Doris Scarlett is also ready to be printed and it should be ready sometime in March.

I want to thank all the churches and individuals who support this ministry. You help us help others in the area of printed materials. Many of our people could not go to commercial shops and have their work produced. Because of your help we are able to help them.

Uriel Piña

I have been back in Florida for a month now, and as I expected it has continued to be a blessing. I had missed Mr. and Mrs. Strickland so much and it is a joy to be back to help them. They have done so much for me that I will never be able to repay them. It is an inspiration for me to see how dedicated they are to the ministry here. I have not seen one day when these two have not been hard at work doing this great work.

I am only taking 6 classes this semester, compared to 8 last semester, guess you can say I'm getting lazy! The reason for this was that I was planning on getting a part

time job in order for me to have a little extra cash, but that will not be possible, and I would hate to not be able to help here at the shop as much as I do now. We are really understaffed, but regardless of that God gives us the strength, skill, resources and much needed patience that we need to accomplish the work here.

Please continue to pray for me. I have teamed up with Pastor Raymond Cooper from Bethel Baptist Church to begin a Hispanic outreach here in our local area. We went around the city and found a few Hispanic works. One is Southern Baptist, one independent, one Methodist, another is Catholic, and there are a two or three non-denominational works. Lord willing this outreach will bring forth fruit and lead to the saving of many souls! Pray for me please!

Please remember us here at WFBI, we need much prayer, and if you feel led please help us financially. My financial support is not much, but thankfully I have never been in need.

I thank all of my brothers and sister in Christ who remember us in their prayers.

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