

BAPTIST NEWS

“GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE” Mark 16:15

Brother Cooper with the Lord



Dr. John D. Cooper, on January 24th, 2019, passed from this life to enter into the presence of His Lord. He was born on February 14th, 1964, in Fort Smith, to Loyd and Ada (Kessler) Cooper. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ada Kessler Cooper. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Cindy Cooper, his daughter Hilary Cooper, his father Loyd Cooper, his two

brothers: Robert and Karen Cooper of Idaho, and Tom and Karen Cooper of Rudy, Arkansas, several cousins, nephews, nieces, and many friends.

Bro. Cooper, prior to surrendering to the ministry, labored as a newspaper sports writer. He also served on the church staff with Landmark MBC, Stonewall, Louisiana, and with Liberty MBC, Shreveport, Louisiana. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Landmark MBC, Stamps, Arkansas. He also served as a teacher at LMBIS for about 25 years, editor of the Missionary Baptist News, writer for the Bogard Press, and the HPB Publications. Funeral services were held at Calvary MBC, Magnolia, Arkansas on January 28th with Bro. Joe Brown and Bro. Jim Crain officiating. Bro. Barry Carter sang special music. The service closed with the congregation singing “Blessed Assurance.”

Any special offerings for the family (please designate) may be sent to LMBIS, and they will be forwarded to the family.

LMBIS Choir Serves

Among the many blessings God has given to the seminary and the area churches is the LMBIS Choir. The choir consists of members from several of the area churches and some seminary students. These servants give of their time and talent to serve in a very special and wonderful way.

Joey Frye, Director of Music at Calvary MBC, Minden, directs the choir and has done so for many years. Each year the choir begins meeting in the fall on week nights to learn new music and to practice. In January, the choir begins to visit churches, presenting their praise to the Lord in music.

This year, their presentation takes them to seven churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, by the gracious invitations of churches which host the meetings. The churches and individuals who attend give offerings for the Seminary spring fund raiser.

The choir has been instrumental in receiving many thousands of dollars for the school. The churches, the choir, and the seminary are all blessed from the presentation.



The LMBIS Choir assembled at Calvary MBC, Minden, Louisiana to sing praises during the Winter Conference.

The Winter Conference is one of the opportunities for the choir to present their praise. Calvary MBC, Minden, Louisiana hosted a special night of worship during the Winter Conference. The choir sang and pastor Doug Gregg presented a timely message.



Heritage MBC, Bossier City, Louisiana

A Final Praise. The choir will present a final praise at the meeting hosted by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, Louisiana, and pastor Cole Melton, on March 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. All of the Spring Fund Raiser offerings will be tallied and announced at this meeting. Everybody is invited to come celebrate what God is doing for LMBIS.



James Crain

From the President:

Seminary Days Are Back

As we began the second semester of study, I am reminded of the little phrase, “we are back,” and I must add to that “by the grace of God.” God has blessed LMBIS to continue the great work of this seminary since 1952. We are thankful to continue teaching the same doctrines, using the same version of Bible (the KJV), and serving for the same reason (to equip Christian workers for the kingdom work). Both your financial and prayerful support for the school has been the manifestation of the grace of God that has made the seminary possible. Thank you so much. Already, as the Seminary Choir travels among the churches, many offerings have been received toward our Spring fundraiser. The final event for receiving funds will be at Heritage MBC, Bossier City, on March 11. Everyone is invited to that special event where the Seminary choir will be singing and we will announce the total offerings.

Bro. John Cooper recently left our presence to enter his heavenly home. Bro. Cooper served in many ways in LMBIS. He was a teacher, editor of the M. B. News, supervised all the Thesis writing, and was a friend to all. To say that he will be missed is an understatement indeed. We give God thanks for giving to us Bro. Cooper and pray for his family.

Bro. Chet Johnson, Pastor of Eastside MBC, Minden, has agreed to take Bro. Cooper’s ministerial classes throughout this semester. Sandy Corley, who already teaches some English classes will teach the remainder of the English classes, and supervise Thesis writing. Bro. Brandon Jones, Hyde Park Baptist, West Monroe, will be helping with the M. B. News. I appreciate all of these folks being willing to serve.

PANTRY NEEDS: The food pantry is getting a little low. Any pantry foods would be appreciated.

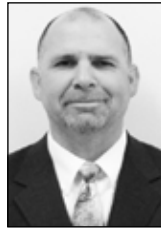
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Seminary Spring Break ~ March 18, 19

Visitor’s Day ~ April 9

Graduation ~ May 3

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Mike Wilkes

By the Dean:

If Any Man Sin...

John wrote, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2).

The word “if”, used in this passage, is practically rhetorical. The Scriptures clearly teach that everyone sins. But, the focus in this passage is not the entirety of an individual’s sins. The focus is a singular sinful act.

If, and when, a person commits a transgression against the will of God, he has committed a sin. He has failed to meet the standard of righteousness. When this happens, he is guilty before God. It doesn’t matter what he thinks. It doesn’t matter how he feels. He is guilty. No trial is necessary. There is no debate about the veracity of the rule or the motive of the act. Sin is sin.

A sin by a lost person has no effect on his relationship with God. His sin may further damage his friendships, relationships and personal well-being, but He was separated from God before this sin and he continues to be separated from God after the sin.

A sin committed by a saved person does influence his standing before God. YES! A saved person is still saved after he commits a sin. But, his fellowship with God is damaged. God is not pleased. God has repeatedly revealed His disdain with sin. A sinful act (whether a forbidden act committed, or a responsibility ignored) thrusts God’s child into the crosshairs of His anger. His love is not lessened, but His anger is kindled.

What can possibly be done once the anger of God has been stirred? What can a human do to reverse, or undo, what has been done? The answer is nothing. Once an act is committed, it cannot be undone.

An advocate is “one who pleads another’s cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate.” Even though John, as we all, stood guilty before God of committing sin, he had hope. Because Jesus has walked in the shoes of a man, been tempted and experienced the pains of life, He is sympathetic to the battles in this life. Rather than God giving us what we deserve, He extends mercy towards His children because our Advocate, Jesus, pleads our case before the throne of God.

John then wrote that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. Propitiation means, “1. The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person; the act of making propitious. 2. In theology, the atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God to assuage his wrath and render him propitious to sinners”. Simply stated, because of Jesus, the wrath of God has been satisfied and those who were once the object of His wrath, now have His favor. Wow. What an awesome God.

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Louisiana Missions:

A Servant Called Home

Nathan Luellen

Preachers do not have many life-long friends. Sometimes this is due to frequent moves. Sometimes it is due to disagreements. Sometimes friends just drift apart. Only a handful of friendships for preachers deny the odds and form for life.

I recently lost one such friend, Bro. John Cooper. We met when we attended seminary together. He was a year ahead of me and served his first year as a student teacher my final year at school. During this time, we created a bond that spanned two decades until his recent death.

Our friendship was one that did not need constant tending. We would often go weeks without talking and would make up lost time with hours spent on the phone. As time passed and we began seeing many of our contemporaries exit the ministry, our conversations would often become quite somber over the fact of how few were still actively serving the Lord. I think this encouraged both of us to remain faithful to our calling and served as a warning that we too could slip at any moment.

Bro. John's contributions to the Lord's work will never be fully reckoned this side of heaven. He once mentioned to me that he felt his physical ailments kept him from be as active in the ministry as other preachers. I was quick to remind him that the Lord had put him in a position where he could write and serve in the Lord's work in ways that most ministers could not. His writing and his influence will continue despite his temporary absence.

I pray that his testimony would encourage you as it has encouraged me. I hope that I might be found faithful unto death like Bro. John. He certainly fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith!



Bro. Nathan Luellen is the Secretary/Treasurer of Louisiana Missions, an Instructor at LMBIS and Pastor of Stockwell Road MBC in Bossier City, LA.

January, 2019 report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance.....	\$1,069.71
Receipts	170.00
Disbursements.....	676.13
General Operating Fund Balance.....	\$563.58
Emergency Fund Balance.....	\$1,922.98
Offerings for the Goal.....	\$61,858.78

The Gospel will never be out of date, for it is dateless. It bears the postmark of no age or time. "The old-time religion" is a misnomer, for it is not merely old-time but new-time, any-time, all-the-time! --copied



ABA Missions:

Recommendation Forms Needed

Bryan Sellers

An influence is something that we all possess and something that we will all leave behind. Our influence never dies. Good or bad, right or wrong, it never dies. What kind of influence are we leaving our families, friends, culture and society? Is there any room for improvement? By studying the life of Enoch, we can see how to leave a Godly influence. "Enoch walked with God." He lived in an ungodly world, yet he walked with God. Let us pray for each other that God would increase the intensity of the light of Christ in our lives even in an ungodly world.

Once again it is time to begin receiving the Missionary Recommendation Forms. Churches that are recommending a missionary this year, please fill out the Recommendation Forms and get it turned in to the missions office in a timely manner. You can find these forms on the website under the missions page. Also for your convenience we will be emailing copies of the forms to the current sending churches by the second week in February. The deadline to receive these forms is April 17th. Please plan ahead this year and do not wait until the last minute to get the forms turned in.

For January, the missionaries reported 1,117 salvations and 65 baptisms. As long as we continue to make missions a priority, we will continue to see the results of the power of the gospel.

Please continue to pray for the next Secretary/Treasurer Missions that will be elected in June this year. Let us pray that God's man will prevail. It is such an honor to serve the Lord's Churches in this position, and my prayer is that the next man will be able to take this office to a new level of heights for our associated work.

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	1,582,433.34
<u>Receipts:</u> Interstate Salaries.....	73,949.02
Foreign & National Salaries.....	61,904.35
Designated	33,186.32
Undesignated.....	17,025.27
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	186,064.96
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	1,768,498.30
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Interstate Salaries.....	69,216.80
Foreign Salaries	22,690.60
National Salaries	27,099.20
Designated	33,186.32
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	11,515.02
General Office	2,416.97
Sec/Treas Travel	163.71
Automobile expense	255.82
Postage Expense	500.00
	14,851.52
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	167,044.44
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	1,601,453.86
Total surplus for January 2019.....	\$19,020.52

MISSION AND CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Trey Emory, Sterlington, LA: January has brought with it new challenges and plenty of excitement. In the midst of it all, God sent us encouragement after encouragement. We are glad to sing of His faithfulness. **THE WORK:** Now that the holidays are over and schedules are back to normal, our church attendance is back up again. On January the 13th we had Brother Vernon McNully in our services sharing the work of Interstate Mission Development and preaching that morning's message. As we are the recipients for IMD funds this quarter, we want to express our gratitude for this ministry and the many Churches that support them. Also this month, we restructured our mid-week services, moving them to Wednesday nights and increasing our focus on children's programming. It has been such a blessing to see our members get involved and invest in our little ones. On January the 23rd we had West Heights MBC in West Monroe come to our mid-week service with their Kids 4 Christ group. Their youth raised some funds for our children's group and presented it to us that night which was a huge encouragement to us. **FELLOWSHIP:** This month I was able to make a few appointments to share the work. I attended the First Springhill Association's mission rally this month, where I had the privilege of preaching as well. Then I attended the second day of Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary lecture week themed "The Ministry." The messages were of great insight and encouragement to me personally. The last Sunday in January, I had the privilege of attending Mt. Zion MBC in Malvern, AR. to update them on the work here.

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, AR)

Bro. Tim Simmons, Greenwood, LA: We have had several visitors and are pleased to announce that we have had another addition to our family. We received him by letter and are so blessed to have him. He is a seasoned worker and will be a wonderful asset to our church. Attendance has been somewhat done on Sunday and Wednesday night over the winter and we are just greatly anticipating the Spring and more daylight hours. We have averaged 16 in overall attendance with the 1 addition and 2 visitors per service! We are planning a monthly outreach on the last Saturday of each month so be in prayer for us that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the ones we will meet and that He will give us the words we need to speak. **SPECIAL REQUESTS:** We are currently looking for a couple of 8 ft tables for our fellowship hall. We have two or three that need to be replaced soon. We are still seeking help with our building debt. The light at the end of the tunnel is very well visible now and we just need a little more help to get to the end of the proverbial tunnel. In addition, we are still asking for help for salary support. Please give as the Lord leads you and continue to pray for us. I am available for deputation if you would like to have me come and share our work with you, call or text me at the number above. Deb and I have enjoyed seeing many of you and look forward to seeing you as we travel with the LMBIS choir. What a blessing to be a part of LMBIS and the choir. We are deeply grateful for what the Lord has done. **(Sponsored by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA)**

Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA: The beginning of a new year has brought a renewed sense of vision and purpose for Reach Acadiana Missions. I spent the month preaching on our discipleship plan we use at ABC: connect, grow, serve and lead. I titled the series, "The Path" and used Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" as the theme verse. This was received very well, and we are about to set our first membership course of the year in the month of February. We will begin February with our annual Souper Bowl Sunday as well as our new members class. We are also introducing and pushing small groups in February. Our prayer is that through these community, learning and ministry-based groups will begin to serve as a vehicle for encouragement, fellowship, accountability and discipleship, and a great avenue for others to invite and introduce friends to Acadiana Baptist Church. Our youngest, Peyton, is very excited about one of these small groups that he hopes to lead. He has missed having a youth group to be a part of so God has put in his heart to start a small group for his friends. Right now, his plan is to meet once a month at LJ Alleman Middle School for about 2 hours on a Saturday afternoon. We are so excited to see him further engaged in ministry. Please keep him in your prayers.

(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, LA)

Bro. Joseph Anding, Choudrant, LA: The month of January was a tough month due to sickness in the church. We had several members out due to flu and other ailments. We would like to ask for special prayers for Brother Ralph Collins, who will be turning 95 years of age this March. He is our only deacon. Brother Ralph and wife, Sister Dorothy Collins are assets to the church and we are very thankful for them. In spite of all the sickness, we can still see God working in the church. We are happy to receive Brother Buddy Herrington on a promise of letter. Brother Buddy is a very good man with a big heart and a great desire for the Lord's work. We are very thankful for him to be added to the Shady Oaks family. I am also happy to report that Brother Paul Lamb from Macedonian Missionary Service will be speaking to the church on February 6, 2019. He will advise us on things that we can do to complete the building project. We are looking forward to his visit and advice. We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support, and ask that you continue to pray for us. We also would like to invite everyone to come and see the wonderful work the Lord is doing at Shady Oaks. If anyone would like for me to come and speak on behalf of the church, Thank you so much for all that God's people have done!

First Springhill Mission Rally

- **When:** Whispering Pines MBC, Feb. 11
- **Attendance:** 80.
- **Sermon:** Brian Kelley, "Who It Is That We Represent," from Acts 1:1-8
- **Offering:** \$300 for Cindy and Hilary Cooper
- **Next Meeting:** April 8 at Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA.

The People of the Lord's Supper

(Part 1 of 3)

By J. A. Crain

1 Corinthians 10:15-17; 11:17-34

Jesus Christ established His church during His personal ministry, and committed to it the observance of His Supper. The student must first understand the biblical teaching concerning a New Testament church, or he will not be able to understand the Lord's Supper. This first lesson, therefore, concerns understanding the church.

I. A Biblical People.

A. Jesus established a church from a "people" prepared by John the Baptist, (Luke 1:17). This "people" were persons saved and baptized (Matt. 3; 28:19-20; John 1:35; Acts 1:22).

B. The first two disciples of John who left John and followed Jesus were Andrew and John (John 1:35-39).

C. That first church grew and began preaching and baptizing (John 4:1, 2).

II. A Biblical Definition.

Jesus, in teaching the first church how to perform church business, gave the church a simple definition of a church in Matthew 18:20. This definition contains 4 basic elements of any church.

A. "Two or Three." The basic number of saved and baptized persons required for a church.

B. "gathered together." Members of a church have a covenant relationship with one another different from any other relationship.

C. "in my name." The church has divine authority to exist and labor for Christ. Jesus secured the authority to have a church with His own blood (Acts 20:28; Phil. 2). Based on that blood bought authority, Jesus commissioned His church to do the work of the kingdom (Matt. 28:18-20).

D. "there am I in the midst."

1. Jesus, during His earthly ministry, was the divine Comforter to the church, but departed and promised "another comforter" would come and take His place in the church (John 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7-13; Acts 1:5). The Holy Spirit, the other Comforter, came to that first church as they remained gathered on Pentecost in Acts 2:1-3. The Spirit rest with and upon each church as the empowering, enabling, and comforting Spirit of God. This particular work of the Spirit has nothing to do with the indwelling of the Spirit in the spirit of a believer, which work has existed since the first believer (John 3:7; Titus 3:5; Eph. 1:13, 14), rather, this is the empowering by the Spirit for service, and it is only upon a church in the New Testament (1 Cor. 12:13).

2. The presence of a divine Comforter is necessary to have a church which God will recognize.

a. Matt. 25:1-13 -The 10 virgins are churches and the oil is the Holy Spirit as Comforter. Some churches have lost the presence of the Holy Spirit due to sin, and will be found lacking at the coming of the Lord.

b. Rev. 2:5 -The candlestick is a symbol of a church of the Lord, and the oil in the candlestick is the Holy Spirit as Comforter (Matt. 5:15).

III. A Biblical Assembly.

A. The Greek word Ecclesia for "church" means a called out assembly, such as, a congregation. Paul wrote letters to local churches. Examples of this include the Church at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:2), and the Churches of Galatia (Gal. 1:2). Jesus also wrote to seven different churches in Asia, showing that a "church" is a local visible organization, and it is not the family of God of all believers (Rev. 1:11).

B. Believers, during Bible times, were baptized and joined a local, visible congregation or church (John 4:1, 2; Acts 1:15, 22; 2:41-42).

C. All New Testament believers should glorify God in a church assembly (Matt. 5:14-16). The candlestick is a symbol of a church, and believers should put their "lights" on a candlestick or in a church (Eph 3:21; Heb. 10:25-31).

IV. A Biblical Institution.

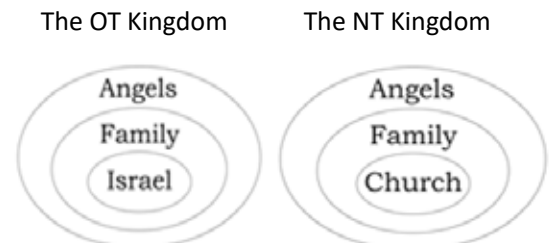
Sometimes the Scriptures use the word "church" to refer to the institution of a church, which can apply to any particular church (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:28; Eph. 5:23).

V. A Biblical Body of Christ.

A. Paul addressed the church at Corinth as "one bread, and one body" (1 Cor. 10:17). Each individual church is a "body of Christ," and here, Paul likened the "one bread" to a church.

B. Paul also taught that church members are parts of the one body, and Jesus is the Head. (1 Cor. 12:12-14, 28; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18).

VI. A Biblical Executor of the Kingdom.



A. Israel was the executor of the Old Testament Kingdom on earth and did the work of presenting the coming Savior (Gal. 3:24). In the New Testament, the church, as the executor, has the keys of the Kingdom to do the work of presenting the gospel to the world (Matt. 16:18, 19; 28:18-20).

B. Not all saved persons of the Old Testament were Israelites, and not all Israelites were saved. Also, not all believers are members of a church, and not all church members are necessarily saved. Israel and the church, however, are the two institutions of God which He used and uses to execute the work of His kingdom on earth.

VII. An Unbiblical Confusion, Universal Church. (1 Cor. 14:33)

A. This confusion began with Catholicism in teaching that the true church is made of "all Catholics." If a person was not Catholic, he was not Christian, and therefore, would not enjoy Heaven. Salvation was by good works as a good Catholic. All Catholics receive the supper or communion as part of their salvation. If a person was excommunicated from the Catholic Church, he would be denied Heaven. **(continued on page 6)**



Looking Unto Jesus:

Characteristics of a Missionary

Micah Carter

Are you a missionary? Perhaps you answer this questions based upon whether or not God has called you into the ministry. Many would say they are not a missionary because they aren't called to a certain field to start a church. However, a missionary is simply one who has a mission to carry out. If you have been saved by the blood of Jesus, followed Him in scriptural baptism and joined a true new testament church then you absolutely have a mission to carry out. Our mission is to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. I want to share with you some characteristics of a missionary from Romans 15:18-21. Are these things evident in your life?

First, a missionary is fruitful according to verses 18-19a. Paul says his purpose in preaching to the Gentiles is to make them obedient by word and deed. "Obedience to the faith" seems to be a reoccurring theme which Paul refers to throughout the letter to the Romans. This is a term he uses to refer to the evidence of changed lives in those who believed his message. In other words, when Paul left a place after preaching the gospel, he left behind evidence that he had been there. That evidence was saved people, new converts with changed lives in word and deed. Are we leaving behind this kind of evidence in our lives or are we leaving a mess behind? In verse 19 Paul credits success to the Spirit of God. A real missionary doesn't care about taking the credit, rather he/she wants God to receive the glory for the fruit produced.

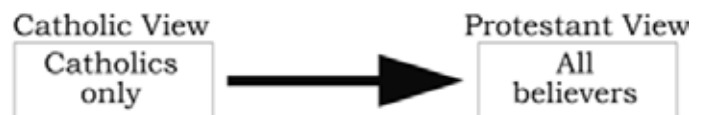
Next, a missionary is faithful according to verse 19. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20 we are to be ambassadors of Christ. That means that we are to represent the heavenly country in this foreign land called earth. We are to herald a message from our home land of heaven. We have all the authority of God behind our message. How faithful are we as ambassadors? Paul took this responsibility seriously. Have we been so faithful in mission work that we could echo the words of Paul when he said, "I have fully preached the gospel?"

Last, a missionary is focused according to verses 20-21. Paul was focused on the fact that there were people who had never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was determined to take the Word where the Word had never been taken! Are we? Paul didn't go around recruiting saved people! Paul was focused on the lost people who needed Jesus! I pray to God that we would allow Paul's burden to be our burden and allow his pattern to challenge us in our daily mission endeavors. Let us live our life focused on what matters most. Focus our eyes on Jesus and those around us who need to hear about His saving grace.

Lord Supper

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B. During the Protestant Reformation of the 14th through 16th centuries, reformers came out of the Catholic system and began new religious organizations. Many groups developed outside the mainline of Catholicism, including Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian. These protestors or Protestants generally continued to hold to the same beliefs as their Catholic mother. They did, however, have to change their view on "church" from including all Catholics to include all assumed Christian persons in the "universal church." Otherwise they, being then outside Catholicism, would have condemned themselves.



These Catholics and Protestants continue to consider the supper as a part of their system of religious works for salvation, which is unbiblical (Eph. 2:8, 9). Because of their view, however, they do not understand why Bible believing Baptists have a church-member-only supper. They think they should partake of the supper at any religious gathering, and that to deny them is to deny them their way of salvation (Gal. 1:6, 7; 1 John 9, 10). Baptists, however, should never compromise Bible truth for the sake of appeasing false religion. Paul wrote, "let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

C. The Protestant view has been accepted by most liberal Baptists, desiring to be accepted among the Protestants. True Baptists were never Catholic or Protestants, as a study of Baptist history will show (Trail of Blood, by J.M. Carroll).

Satan is working his plan of Ecumenism, to bring all religions together under the headship of Antichrist. John referred to this united religion as "Babylon the Great" (Rev. 17:5). For Satan's plan to succeed, religious groups must compromise Bible truths that separates them (2 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:3, 4; Jude 3). Peter declared, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

D. Those who follow universal church heresy, fail to realize that partly, the supper is a celebration of church membership, and if they are not members, they have no part in it. The love of God is always present for them, because if they desire, they may join a church the Bible way, and then take the supper along with all the responsibilities of church membership. Much like a marriage relationship, they should not expect the privileges if they are not willing to accept the responsibilities.

Jesus Christ established His church during His personal ministry, and committed to it the observance of His supper. His churches should be faithful to obey Him and His teachings. Jesus commanded, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

The Compact Guide to World Religions by Dean C. Halverson was placed in the LMBIS library in memory of Brother John D. Cooper.

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**MISSIONARY BAPTIST NEWS
December 2018 & January 2019**

Calvary MBC, Minden, LA	200.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	50.00
Mansfield MBC, Mansfield, LA.....	50.00
Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR.....	40.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	80.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	100.00
State Line, Taylor, AR.....	40.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	50.00
Landmark MBC, Stonewall, LA.....	60.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta, LA.....	100.00
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	1000.00
Eastside MBC, Minden, LA.....yearly.....	1000.00
Renewal.....	20.00
TOTAL	2810.00

**LOUISIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY
December 2018 & January 2019**

Balance Forwarded	\$55,411.96
Receipts	22,899.23
Total	78,311.19
Disbursements	29,955.61
Balance	48,355.58
Receipts: General Operating Funds	
Acadiana BC, Lafayette, LA.....	100.00
Antioch MBC, Coushatta, LA.....	100.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR.....	280.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA.....	30.00
Calvary BC, Minden, LA Ladies Auxiliary.....	100.00
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR.....	200.00
Calvary MBC, DeRidder, LA.....	402.20
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	600.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	900.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR	200.00
Corinth BC, Stephens, AR.....	50.00
Denson Springs MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR	139.50
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA.....	300.00
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX.....	100.00
First Baptist Church, Angie, LA.....	200.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX.....	400.00
First Springhill Association:	
Calvary MBC, Minden.....	2000.00
Landmark MBM, Stonewall	247.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta	952.07
Emmanuel MBC, Minden.....	300.00
Eastside MBC, Minden.....	430.00
Mansfield BC, Mansfield, LA.....	150.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill.....	270.80
Faith BC, Homer, LA.....	50.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA.....	600.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	1109.27
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	554.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City.....	600.00
Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	750.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	200.00
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR.....	200.00
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX.....	1,061.22
Grace BC of North Monroe.....	100.00

Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00	
Hampton MBM, Hampton, AR	70.00	
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS.....	400.00	
Hephizibah BC, Emerson, AR.....	120.00	
Holleyman Chapel MBC, Maydelle, TX.....	400.00	
Hughes Springs MBC, Hughes Springs, TX.....	300.00	
Joseph & Patsy Looney, Dekalb, TX.....	140.00	
Lawrence MBC, Independence.....	119.62	
Loyd & Patsy Roper, Texarkana, AR.....	100.00	
Morris BC, Prescott, AR.....	400.00	
Mt. Zion MBC, Malvern, AR.....	100.00	
New Home BC, Stephens, AR.....	144.00	
Northeast Association:		
West Heights, West Monroe, LA.....	494.00	
Hyde Park MBC, West Monroe.....	100.00	
Landmark MBC, West Monroe, LA.....	100.00	
Oak Flat BC, Huntington, TX.....	200.00	
Oakland BC, Rusk, TX.....	100.00	
Park MBC, Prescott, AR.....	650.00	
Pettitt Memorial BC, Bogalusa, LA.....	200.00	
Plate Offering.....Winter Conference.....	250.00	
Pleasant Springs BC, Center Ridge, AR.....	313.00	
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR.....	400.00	
Providence MBC, Center, TX.....	200.00	
Providence Landmark MBC, Thornton, AR.....	50.00	
Second Avenue MBC, Strong, AR.....	250.00	
Shiloh MBC, Springhill, LA.....	150.00	
Stamps Landmark MBC, Stamps, AR.....	259.65	
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	246.00	
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX.....	568.07	
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR.....	400.00	
Trinity MBC, Arcadia, LA.....	40.00	
Unity MBC, Camden, AR.....	200.00	
White Rock MBC, Center, TX.....	200.00	
Winan MBC, Hot Springs, AR.....	50.00	
Rent & Utilities.....	908.83	
Rent Deposit.....	150.00	
Concessions.....	250.00	
School Goal.....	3,510.00	
Designated for Children's Christmas Fund.....	880.00	
Scholarship:		
Business First Bank.....interest-Chapman/Rhodes.....	46.12	
Oppenheimer Funds.....Holvis M. Stout Scholarship.....	50.00	
Pantry: Landmark MBC, Libby, MT.....		75.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	100.00	
Whispering Pines MBC Ladies Auxiliary, Minden, LA.....	130.00	
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	278.00	
Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	200.00	
V & K Lee, Shongaloo, LA.....	50.00	
Lakeview MBC, Farmerville, LA.....	groceries	
Old Shongaloo MBC, Shongaloo, LA.....	groceries	
Center MBC, Center, TX.....	groceries	
Morris MBC, Pescott, AR.....	groceries	
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	groceries	
Receipts to Building Fund:		
Trinity MBC, Camden, LA.....	200.00	
Bryan Simoneaux.....	50.00	
Robert Slack, Minden, LA.....	300.00	

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SEMINAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1400 HOMER ROAD, MINDEN, LA



9:00 WELCOME & ORIENTATION

9:30 SESSION ONE

Preschool—Connie Busby, Calvary MBC, Minden, LA
Beginner—Jamie Barnett, Calvary MBC, Minden, LA
Lesson Three—Joseph's Patience
Elizabeth Stacks, Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR
Music—Daniel Clark, El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR

10:30 SESSION TWO

Junior—JoJo Sutis, White Rock MBC, Center, TX
Lesson One—Joseph's Dream
Greg Hurst, Temple MBC, Ringgold, LA
Lesson Two—Joseph's Obedience
Michelle Arinder, Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA
Decorations—Elizabeth Stacks, Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR

11:30 SESSION THREE

Primary—Jean Ann Gray, Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR
Lesson Four—Joseph's Confidence
Sandi Fielding, Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA
Lesson Five—Joseph's Provisions
Amber Coburn, Austin Chapel, Dekalb, TX
Director—Marnie Gregg, Calvary MBC, Minden, LA

There will not be a Handicraft workshop this year, but all the handicrafts will be on display. The Baptist Bookstore of Texarkana will be here with all VBS literature and materials.

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Schedule for Chapel Speakers and Events

Daily worship is held in the Clover Chapel Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:25 p.m. to 2 p.m. following lunch from 12:55 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Come early, eat lunch with us, and stay for chapel. Upcoming speakers:

March

4—Glen Ridings, Hope, AR
5—Hayden Dupree, Center, TX
11—Isaac Feltman, Many, LA
12—Brian Kelley, Minden, LA
18, 19—Spring Break
25—Faculty & Student Meetings

26—Jared Pickett, Minden, LA

April

1—Tommy Parham, Minden, LA
2—Hayden Wilkes, Hamburg, AR
8—Open
9—Visitor's Day (Devo-Stacey Cohorst)
15—Eric Sutton, land of Israel
16—Eric Sutton, land of Israel
22—Faculty & Student Meetings
23—Joey Anding, Choudrant, LA
29—Open (Last Day of Classes)
30—Picnic Day

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