

# BAPTIST NEWS

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

## Bro. Carter To Highlight Visitors' Day

10 a.m., April 9



Bro. Jerry Carter is a graduate of LMBIS, a former Dean, and instructor. Bro. Carter received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 2014 for his years of faithful service to the seminary and to the work of the Lord in general. He also served for several years on the Standing Missionary Committee of the American Baptist Association.

Former students, prospective students, and friends of LMBIS are encouraged to be in attendance. Everyone is invited to this special event, beginning at 10:00 AM in the seminary chapel. The service will conclude around noon with a noon meal to follow.

## Emphasis Rally at Heritage



**Pastor Tim Herrington from Central MBC in Pineville gives President Jim Crain an offering. The total offering was \$47,710.00.**

This amount, added to previous offerings, brought the total Spring fund raiser to \$47,710.00. The seminary is very grateful to all those churches and individuals who gave toward this goal. God has blessed LMBIS with wonderful supporters, and we so much appreciate all you do. Bro Crain

Heritage MBC of Bossier City hosted the final Spring Seminary Rally Monday night, March 11, 2019. Pastor Cole Melton and Heritage were gracious hosts, providing both the venue and a delicious meal to follow the meeting.

Joseph Swartz brought a devotional and the Seminary Choir, led by Joey Frye of Calvary, blessed the attendees with their musical presentation. The Sumrall family from Eastside MBC, Minden, also presented special music.

Bro. Crain and Seminary Treasurer, Dwayne Chapman, received offerings from the various churches and individuals. The amount given at the rally was \$32,337.00.

## Bro. Chet Johnson Accepts Teaching Position

Recently, with the passing of long time faculty member, Dr. John Cooper, the seminary had an opening and need for an added faculty member. Pastor Chet Johnson, Eastside MBC, Minden, has graciously agreed to join the faculty. Bro. Johnson graduated LMBIS in 2006 with a Master of Theology Degree. He formerly pastored Forest Grove MBC,

Taylor, Arkansas, and Heritage MBC, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He and his wife have three children.

We appreciate him for his love for the school, and we thank Eastside church for sharing their pastor with the seminary. Bro. Johnson has already been filling in this semester, but now will take a place with the faculty.



Bro. Chet Johnson



From the President:

## Planning for the Future

James Crain

On February 17, 2019, Calvary MBC approved a recommendation from the Trustees of LMBIS to begin planning, to begin raising funds, and to construct a new chapel. With the blessing of our sponsoring church, we can begin planning, and will soon announce more detailed information, such as a floor plan and an estimated cost. The plan is to pray and raise funds to the amount of \$100,000 before beginning construction. We are thankful for the gracious giving spirit among individuals and churches which support the seminary, and we believe God will supply through His people the needed funds. Any funds sent for this purpose, please mark it for the "Building Fund." Our March Rally fundraiser will certainly help toward this cause. Please join us in praying for God's guidance and blessings in this matter, because, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

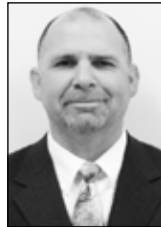
I have certainly enjoyed and have been blessed to attend the various school rallies, enjoying the fellowship and the choir singing. I appreciate Heritage MBC of Bossier hosting the final rally, and rejoice in the good offering given through the churches of the Lord. Most of the school rally offering will be needed for normal operations, but the Trustees will be looking at the possibility of setting aside some of the money for the new chapel building.

On behalf of the family of Bro. John Cooper, thank you for the offerings sent to help with the funeral and other expenses for the Cooper family. You can find an accounting of monies elsewhere in the paper.

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As this paper goes to publication, we have been notified of the death of John Matthews. Bro. John was an active Trustee of the Seminary for several years, a member of Liberty MBC of Shreveport, and a life long supporter of LMBIS. More will be given about Bro. John in the next publication.

- **The Seminary will observe Spring Break March 18, 19.**
- **The Missionary Baptist News is on line at LMBIS.ORG thanks to the good work of Bro. Brandon Jones**



By the Dean:

## God's Odd People

Mike Wilkes

Everyone has quirks. Strange character oddities make a person an individual. These idiosyncrasies are what distinguish one person from another. Just like the collective sum of every freckle, wrinkle, mole, hair, bone, muscle and fat cell identifies a person physically, the collective whole of each peculiar behavioral trait is what identifies a person's personality. Thankfully, everyone is unique.

People like to be noticed either for something commendable or not noticed at all. A human being never wants to be highlighted negatively. Anything that is generally considered to be odd or unpopular is usually avoided. For example, even though a person's favorite color may be green, he is very unlikely to dye his hair green because of the negative attention it would garner. No matter how much individualism sweeps across a land, the behavior of her inhabitants will always be greatly affected by the perception of others.

Saved people are not immune to the inexplicable phenomenon of peer/social pressure. Even though it is a struggle, members of the Lord's churches should live differently than the heathen people of the world. God's people should be living in a way (publicly and privately) that is noticeably different than others. The noticeable uniqueness of the godly life is what creates the challenge. Everyone wants to fit in. No one wants to oddly stand out.

Paul wrote, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

Sadly, God's people (and His churches) are slowly but surely conforming. If this conforming were to the image of Jesus all would be well. But realistically, most are conforming to the image of this world. The threats of labeling have caused people to retreat from the challenges of peculiarity to the comfort of passivism. They are afraid. They fear that if the world calls them names, they might be known by those names.

Fearing what the testimonial damage of names will do, people are often knee-jerk in their reactions. They go to whatever measures are necessary to prevent labels from ever sticking to them. Sadly, many people are unaware that the salve of conformity also drips down and greases the feet, making a solid stand nearly impossible.

The challenge is for God's people to embrace the peculiar identity. If God's people are not unique, then the city isn't on the hill, the salt isn't salty and the candle is under the bushel (Matthew 5:13-16).

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Louisiana Missions:

## The Value of Associated Work

Nathan Luellen

The term “association” is never used in the Bible, but its premise is exemplified throughout the New Testament. The term itself means to, “fellowship, and the word fellowship means unity of purpose and effort.” (See Baptist History by Dr. L.L. Clover, page 145) Much like the word “Rapture,” the term “association” has biblical support and is an acceptable term to use to describe the relationship between the Lord’s churches. While Jesus never ordained a particular association, an association between churches has a great purpose.

Because of many other organizations, much confusion exists today concerning the exact idea of what an association is and what it does. An association is a fellowship of churches and not an oversight for churches. An association does not have the authority of a church. Nor is an association a “preacher’s club” for pastors to subscribe to in order to fill vacant pulpits. While some Baptist groups may subscribe to other types of establishments, the early churches mentioned in the Bible set the pattern for which we should follow.

We find that a letter of recommendation concerning Apollos was exchanged between the church at Ephesus and the church at Corinth (Acts 18:27). The churches of certain regions had fellowship together, such as the ones of Galatia, Judea, and Asia (Gal. 1:2, 22; Rev. 1:4). Collections were taken to assist other churches in times of need (1 Cor. 16:1-3; Rom. 15:25-26). The support of missionaries by churches other than the sending church occurred during the ministry of Paul (2 Cor. 11:8-9; Phil. 4:15-17). A church even sought the doctrinal advice of another church prior to the completion of the Bible (Acts 15). The advising church had Apostles who had the authority to dispense the revelation that is now contained in God’s Word.

Associations of churches is not just Scriptural, but beneficial as well. The messengers and officers of associations are servants of the churches and are tasked with the responsibility to assist them in accordance with God’s Word. Churches find great blessings in both serving and receiving from other churches.

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

### February, 2019 report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance.....	\$563.58
Receipts .....	170.00
Disbursements.....	57.35
General Operating Fund Balance.....	\$676.23
Emergency Fund Balance.....	\$1,922.98
Offerings for the Goal.....	\$1,661.02



ABA Missions:

## God Uses Common People

Bryan Sellers

Mark 1:17 states; “*And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men.*”

Jesus called ordinary men; they were fishermen, they were men who were engaged in an ordinary task. Abraham Lincoln once said, “*God must have loved the common people, He made so many of them.*” God does love and use ordinary people. Sometimes we get the idea that in order to be used of God, you’ve got to have a PhD, or an I.Q. of 150. If you read the Bible carefully, you will find that God uses common people who have turned their hearts and lives over to Him. You give God your ordinary, He will give back to you His extraordinary.

The deadline for receiving the Missionary Recommendation Forms in the Missions office is April 17th. Please get those turned in to the office ASAP. Also, please fill out as much information as possible on the forms. An informed committee is a happy committee! You can find the forms on the website under the missions tab and then reports. Copies of the forms have already been emailed to the sending churches. You can always call the missions office and request a form to be sent to you. Once again, please plan ahead and do not wait until the last week of the deadline to get them turned in.

For February, the missionaries reported 788 Salvations and 17 Baptisms. Thank You to all the dedicated missionaries at home and abroad for your faithfulness in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ on your field of labor.

In just a few short months, the Messenger body will elect a new Secretary/Treasurer of Missions. Please be praying now for God to make known His will to His Churches.

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	1,601,453.86
<u>Receipts:</u> Interstate Salaries.....	51,209.40
Foreign & National Salaries.....	45,958.07
Designated .....	31,780.38
Undesignated.....	13,779.78
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	142,727.63
BALANCE FOR SALARIES .....	1,744,181.49
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Interstate Salaries.....	63,224.80
Foreign Salaries .....	22,665.60
National Salaries .....	27,099.20
Designated .....	31,780.38
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries .....	11,708.82
General Office .....	2,316.77
Automobile expense .....	180.55
	14,206.14
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	158,976.12
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD .....	1,585,205.37
Total deficit for February 2019.....	(\$16,248.49)

The best way to stand up before the world  
 is to kneel down before God.

## MISSION AND CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

**Bro. Trey Emory, Sterlington, LA:** February has been a very encouraging month. We have seen new visitors become repeat visitors. We have made new acquaintances throughout the town. We have been blessed. **THE WORK:** This month we have had four first time guests attend our services. These new faces are always very encouraging. On February 17th, we set a new record for the year with 22 people present in our service! On the last Sunday of the month, we had a fellowship/planning meeting where we scheduled our outreaches and ministries for the year. **THE LAND:** We continue to make progress with the land we have purchased. We have received some very generous offerings, including a \$30,000 offering from Central MBC in Pineville resulting from the sale of a facility from the work in Jena. There is one complication that I would ask you to pray over. The people we bought our property from own the land around it. This land is also for sale. They have given us a right-a-way for the sewer system as long as they own it. With this in mind, we would like to find out what it would take for us to go ahead and run a sewer line out to our property. However, the town of Sterlington currently has no one employed to run the sewer system. Please pray that this issue would be resolved quickly and that we can get a clear answer regarding this situation. **FELLOWSHIP:** This past month I had the privilege to both attend and preach at the Bartholomew Association meeting at Crossroads MBC in Hamburg, AR. Also this month, because of the sewer situation, I have spent several hours at Town Hall and with the mayor. I have thoroughly enjoyed the time spent there and getting to hear the mayor's passion for our town. It was encouraging to be able to share with him the work we are doing with Faith Baptist Church and our love for the people of Sterlington. **(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, AR)**

**Bro. Tim Simons, Greenwood, LA:** February has been another blessed month for us at Victory. We added another member to our roll! We are so excited she has joined our growing family here and know she will be a blessing to us as we hope we can be a blessing to her. That is the way the Lord intended for His churches to function; like a building, fitly framed together." I had made the plea last month for a couple of new tables. We were really in need of three or four 8' tables but I was hoping we could at the least, replace two. When I was on deputation at Eastside MBC in Minden a brother there handed me a check and told me to get what we needed. What a blessing! It gets even better. The next week Sam's Club put their 6' tables on sale and we were able to get six brand new tables and six new chairs as well! We are so thankful and now, not only will we have them set up for fellowship, but they will also be used for our adult class during Sunday School. We are so grateful for this brother and pray the Lord blesses him for his kindness and blessing he bestowed upon us. We are averaging 21 to 25 on Sunday morning but are experiencing the typical drop off on Sunday and Wednesday nights. However, we have had a few

returning visitors on Sunday morning that we are excited about. We continue to pray they make a move soon to join us if that is God's will. Our outreach has had to be rescheduled a few times, unfortunately, because of rain but we are hoping dryer weather is ahead of us so we can get back out soon. We are still seeking help with our building debt and salary support. I am available for deputation. We are deeply grateful for what the Lord has done and what He continues to do at Victory. Please continue to pray for us. **(Sponsored by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA)**

**Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA:** Our teaching series for February was titled, Better Together, and we examined the vital truth of biblical church community. We culminated this series with our first new member class on February 24. We were excited to have 4 complete this. Our new member class is a chance to share the vision and history of Reach Acadiana missions as well as God's expectations of a church member. God has been faithful and sent another family of three that has continued to attend each week. We introduced two new small groups this month, Acadiana Midweek and Sunday Night Life, SNL. Acadiana Midweek meets every week and we have two separate classes for men and women while SNL meets every other week on Sunday evenings. These small groups have been very well received and are meeting a great need for education and community. I am planning to begin 2 more in March, a live online weekly encouragement devotion and our young people's ministry that we will be helping Peyton lead. As of this writing, we still have room for more to join in and participate in LOL, and I promise it will be a life changing experience. If you would like more information, please call me and I'll tell you how to join in. **(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, LA)**

**Bro. Jared Conatser, Lafayette, LA:** As many may already know, we have big, exciting, wonderful news to share in this newsletter. Hatley MBC of Amory, MS voted on February 17<sup>th</sup> to officially become our sending church! This has been a matter of prayer since Sydney and I began praying about the burden to move to Lafayette last February. This was a year in the making and is something that has brought us great peace. Hatley MBC came to their decision after five men of the church, including the pastor, Bro. Gary Self, came for a hands-on visit to Lafayette for a tour and to see us on the field. It is always a huge blessing when churches come to see the heart of missionaries in action. Something new in the month of February is that Sydney and I have started taking each Tuesday night to head to a coffee house for a public Bible study. After speaking to a fellow missionary, we were very encouraged with the idea of being in and with the public. After the third week, the last Tuesday before this writing, we had our first true connection. As we were leaving, I turned to see a young man behind us with a Bible and a notebook. I spoke with him for a moment concerning what he was studying and had a friendly conversation before inviting him to join us the next week. **(Sponsored by Hatley MBC, Amory, MS)**

# The Practice of the Lord's Supper

(Part 2 of 3)

By J. A. Crain

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

The accounts of the institution of the Lord's Supper appear in Matthew, Mark, and Luke (Matt. 26:17-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20). The Gospel of John does not contain an account of the supper, but chronologically the supper would fit in the setting of John 13-16. Paul, in his writing to the church at Corinth, revealed by inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16) the institution of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-25).

## I. The Elements to be Present.

A. The Bread. God required of the Israelites to use unleavened bread in their feasts (Ex. 12:8-11). Paul likened leavening to sin (1 Cor. 5:7). The bread in the Lord's Supper is to be unleavened bread, because any leavening would represent sin in the body of Christ. Jesus had a perfect and sinless body (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15).

The bread is symbolic of the physical body of Christ and does not become the actual body. In the supper, a church remembers the sinless body sacrificed on the cross. That perfect body of Jesus was the vessel that took the perfect and sinless blood of Jesus to the cross. The supper, therefore, is a time for a church to remember and give thanks for the sinless body of Jesus.

B. The Drink. The "cup" or drink may be expressed as "fruit of the vine" meaning grape juice, pure and unfermented. Similar to the leavening in bread, if the drink was fermented, it would represent sin in the blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus was without sin (Heb. 10:19). The drink does not become the actual blood. The supper, therefore, is a time for a church to remember and to give thanks for the sinless blood of Jesus that brought eternal life to believers (1 John 2:2).

## II. The Symbolisms to be Preached.

A. The Bread - Remembers the Physical body – Recognizes the Church.

The bread represents the physical body of Jesus of the past, and symbolizes the broken body or a church in the present. Paul quoted Jesus saying, "this is my body, which is broken for you." The Greek κλωμενον or "klomenon" for "broken" means being broken or separated into pieces (1 Cor. 11:24). The body of Jesus on the cross, although tortured, beaten, and cut, was not broken or separated into pieces (John 19:36). Paul, among the various accounts of the supper, is the only writer who revealed the Lord's comment about the breaking of the body, because Paul was not merely recording history, but teaching how the supper related to a church. The body was spiritually broken for the members to become partakers of the one bread and one body. The body is being broken to be divided among the many members of a church, and continues to be broken as new members become partakers.

A church has many members and as a whole, is a spiritual body of Christ. Paul explained the body to the church at Corinth, "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:17) (compare 1 Cor. 12:12-14). As a church observes the Lord's

Supper, it remembers the physical body on the cross, but also recognizes the present spiritual body of which the members are partakers, and they give thanks. Each member may receive a broken piece of the one bread, celebrating membership in that "one bread, and one body."

B. The Drink. – Remembers the Physical blood – Recognizes the Gospel.

The drink does not become the actual blood of Christ in the supper, but represents the sinless blood of Jesus shed at the cross. The Scriptures teach that life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11), and eternal life is in the blood of Jesus. Believers do not drink blood to be saved, but trust in the message of the blood or the gospel, and thereby receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Rom. 1:16; 6:23; Eph. 2:8). As a church observes the Lord's Supper, it remembers the sinless blood spilled on the cross, but also recognizes the present gift of life of which the members are partakers through believing the gospel, and they give thanks. Each member may receive a portion of the drink, celebrating the gift of eternal life.

Summary. Like the physical body was the vessel that carried the life giving blood to the cross, a church is to be a godly body carrying the life giving gospel to the world (Rom. 1:16).

## III. The Disciplines to be Practiced.

A. Practiced in Church Assembly. A church observes the supper while assembled in church capacity (Matt. 18:20; 1 Cor. 5:4, 5). Jesus observed the supper in church capacity (Matt. 26:18, 26). Paul admonished the church of Corinth to do so (1 Cor. 11:33, 34).

B. Practiced with Discernment.

1. Discernment of the Individual. A look at 1 Cor. 11:27-29 reveals there should be a discernment of the individual partaking of the supper. Notice the individual responsibility: v-27 "whosoever" or any individual; v-28 "let a man examine himself;" v-28 "so let him;" v-30 "many are weak" or many individuals; v-29 "himself." Each individual is responsible before God to make sure he is saved, properly baptized, and a member in good standing.

2. Discernment of Sin.

a. The individual in verse 27 has eaten "unworthily." The Greek αναξιωσ or "anaxios" for "unworthily" is an adverb and refers to an improper manner. Something about the manner of this person taking the supper is unscriptural.

b. v-27 "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." This means to misrepresent the body and blood, or to attach some falsehood to it. Such would exist if a person took the supper, claiming to be a partaker of the blood, but was not saved, or if he took of the bread claiming to be part of that body (church), but was not.

c. v-29 "not discerning the Lord's body." The Greek διακρινων or "diakrionon" for "discerning" means to distinguish or identify. A non-member, when partaking of the supper, fails to discern who is a proper partaker of this body and who is not.

If he partakes, he is falsely claiming to be a partaker of the

**See Lord Supper page 6**



Looking Unto Jesus:

## How to Handle What's Handling You

Micah Carter

In many ways we are all different. However, we all have one thing in common. We all carry burdens. I don't know what your dealing with in your heart but I know who can help with that burden. JESUS! Burden means, "The carrying of a load, oppressive or worrisome." We are going to have burdens in our lives from time to time as God's People. Felix Neff said, "A Christian without affliction is like a soldier only on parade." The question is not will we have burdens, but how will we deal with them?

Fretting won't help you. Most people take their burdens here, but it is the wrong place to take them. We are forbidden to worry by the Word of God in Philippians 4:6. Many people are just like Martha in Luke 10:38-42. They are busy fretting and should be at the feet of Jesus. Is this you? Worry is sometimes due to a lack of faith, and is not a good testimony to the world around us and will not fix anything.

Friends won't help you. Job tried to tell his friends about his burdens, but he found that they were "physicians of no value" in Job 13:4. The problem often with friends is that they will lie to you. They will allow you to wallow in self-pity and tell you that you have a right to do so. They may even sympathize with you, but they can't really help you with the real burdens of life! Did you know that a real friend is someone who tells you the truth, even when it rips your heart out according to Proverbs 27:6?

Fleeing won't help you. You will never be able to run away from the problems and trials of life. Israel found this out the hard way in Numbers 13-14. Patricia Christy fled Florida to avoid hurricane Andrew in 1992. She boarded the first plane to Hawaii and arrived just in time to meet a typhoon. Jonah ran but didn't get away. Many have run but God will always get our attention.

Fighting won't help you. A lot of people try to live in denial and fight what they are called to face. Fighting against what the Lord brings into your life is dangerous. If you aren't careful you might find yourself fighting against God. What does God have for you? What burden has He placed on your heart? What has God prepared you for in life? We must submit and not fight!

The Father will help you. Notice the invitation in Matthew 28:11 is to "Come!" The Lord open the door to His throne room and invites all who are in need to come to Him for help, Hebrews 4:16. His love and concern for the sheep is seen in Luke 12:32. He is our Father and He is interested in helping us. How will you handle life's burdens?



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"one bread, and one body" that is assembled to observe the supper. This may happen for various reasons: Perhaps he is unsaved, or he is not scripturally baptized, or he is not covenanted together with this church.

Any of these reasons disqualify him from the supper.

C. Practiced with Discipline. A church has both the authority and responsibility to discipline its membership, and especially before observing the supper (Matt. 18:15-20, I Cor. 5:1-13)

D. Practiced Decently and Orderly. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). Different churches may have different traditions surrounding the observation of the supper. Whatever the tradition, it should be done "decently [in harmony with God] and in order [in harmony with the brethren]." No tradition should be observed that would dishonor God or disrupt the harmony of the brethren.

E. Practiced with Unity.

1. Church Unity. Paul commended unity and condemned divisions in a church body (1 Cor. 3:3,17; 11:17-22).

2. Doctrinal Unity. False doctrine represents sin and spiritual fornication in a church body, therefore, participants should be of the same faith and doctrine (John 4:23; 2 John 4, 9, 10; Jude 3; Rev. 2:14-15, 20-21; 18:1-5).

**Conclusion:** Let the people of God commit to practicing the supper in a biblical manner.

## Offerings for the Cooper Family

The following is a list of gifts giving through LMBIS for the Cooper Family. Thank you for your love and concern.

Calvary MBC, Magnolia, AR  
 Calvary MBC, Minden, LA  
 Central MBC, Pineville, LA  
 Faith BC, Homer, LA  
 First Springhill Association  
 First Springhill Assoc. Men's Brotherhood  
 Hephizibah BC, Emerson, AR  
 Hyde Park MBC, W. Monroe, LA  
 LMBIS Student Body  
 Trinity MBC, Arcadia, LA  
 Victory BC, Greenwood, LA  
 Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA  
 W.G. Lowery, Shreveport, LA  
 Vernon & Rebecca McNully, Judson, AR

Total offerings \$5,578.55

Cost of Funeral \$2,338.25

Amount left to give to the Cooper family \$3,240.30

My daughter and I would like to thank all the churches and individuals for helping us in our time of need with the passing of John. You are a real blessing to us.

From Cindy & Hilary Cooper

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Calvary MBC, Minden, LA .....	100.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	25.00
Mansfield MBC, Mansfield, LA.....	25.00
Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR.....	20.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	40.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	50.00
State Line, Taylor, AR.....	20.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	25.00
Landmark MBC, Stonewall, LA.....	20.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill, LA.....	200.00
TOTAL .....	525.00

**LOUISIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY  
February, 2019**

Balance Forwarded .....	\$48,355.58
Receipts .....	15,469.08
Total .....	63,824.66
Disbursements .....	21,869.31
Balance .....	41,955.35
Receipts: General Operating Funds	
Antioch MBC, Coushatta, LA.....	50.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR.....	125.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA.....	10.00
Calvary BC, Minden, LA Ladies Auxiliary.....	50.00
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR.....	100.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	300.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	450.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR .....	100.00
Corinth BC, Stephens, AR.....	100.00
Denson Springs MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR .....	79.50
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX.....	50.00
First Baptist Church, Angie, LA.....	100.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX.....	200.00
First Springhill Association:	
Calvary MBC, Minden.....	1000.00
Landmark MBM, Stonewall .....	113.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta .....	468.51
Emmanuel MBC, Minden.....	150.00
Eastside MBC, Minden.....	215.00
Mansfield BC, Mansfield, LA.....	75.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill.....	82.60
Faith BC, Homer, LA.....	25.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA.....	300.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	670.22
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	79.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City.....	300.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	100.00
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR.....	100.00
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX.....	681.16
Grace BC of North Monroe.....	100.00
Hampton MBM, Hampton, AR .....	35.00
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS.....	200.00
Hephizibah BC, Emerson, AR.....	60.00
Holleyman Chapel MBC, Maydelle, TX.....	200.00
Hughes Springs MBC, Hughes Springs, TX.....	100.00
Joseph & Patsy Looney, Dekalb, TX.....	70.00
Lawrence MBC, Independent.....	57.16

New Home BC, Stephens, AR.....	64.00
Northeast Association:	
West Heights, West Monroe, LA.....	182.00
Hyde Park MBC, West Monroe.....	50.00
Landmark MBC, West Monroe, LA.....	50.00
Oak Flat BC, Huntington, TX.....	100.00
Oakland BC, Rusk, TX.....	50.00
Park MBC, Prescott, AR.....	300.00
Pettitt Memorial BC, Bogalusa, LA.....	100.00
Pleasant Springs BC, Center Ridge, AR.....	157.40
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR.....	200.00
Providence MBC, Center, TX.....	100.00
Providence Landmark MBC, Thornton, AR.....	25.00
Shiloh MBC, Springhill, LA.....	50.00
Stamps Landmark MBC, Stamps, AR.....	102.75
State Line BC, Taylor, AR .....	130.00
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX.....	295.03
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR.....	200.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR.....	100.00
White Rock MBC, Center, TX.....	100.00
Winan MBC, Hot Springs, AR.....	25.00
Rent & Utilities.....	363.20
Rent Deposit.....	150.00
School Goal.....	9,160.00
<b>Pantry:</b> Landmark MBC, Libby, MT.....	50.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	50.00
Whispering Pines MBC Ladies Auxiliary, Minden, LA.....	65.00
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	40.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR... Ladies Auxiliary Bible Doctrine Class.....	805.00
Landmark MBC, Hope, AR.....	groceries
Center MBC, Center, TX.....	groceries
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR.....	groceries
Green Acres MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	groceries
Bethel SS Class, Calvary MBC, Minden, LA.....	groceries
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	groceries
Forest Grove Grove MBC, Taylor, AR.....	groceries
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR.....	groceries
<b>Receipts to Building Fund:</b>	
Trinity MBC, Camden, LA.....	200.00
Bryan Simoneaux.....	50.00
Slack, Minden, LA.....	300.00

## When the Lightning Flashes

Many have been the time, when on a hot summer evening, the typical thunder storm would begin boiling in from the west. First would come the brilliant lightning; to be followed, momentarily, by the threatening thunder. Now, the thunder contributed nothing to the lightning but it was evidence that the lightning was a reality and a storm was approaching.

Likewise, the "lightning" of saving faith must always be followed by the "thunder" of good works. The "thunder" of good works adds nothing to the "lightning" of our salvation, but it is a witness that something has already happened.

In the inspired words of the Apostle James, "*Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works,*" James 2:18. When the lightning flashes--it should be followed by the thunder of good works. Ephesians 2:8-10

## Plans for Expansion



The Trustees and Calvary MBC has approved an expansion plan for the seminary.

The primary addition will be a new chapel. Building a new chapel will allow the old chapel to be used for other needs, such as classrooms and the expansion of the lunchroom; thus satisfying both the need for a larger chapel and eating area.

The seminary needs to raise \$100,000 before beginning any construction. Detailed plans and costs will be forthcoming as the funds are raised. Please make this a matter of prayer, and if you can send an offering for this need, please mark it "Building Fund." Thank you for your giving spirit and friendship toward the seminary.

## Ordination Service



Bro. Brian Kelley

Ordination service is set for Brian Kelley at Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA March 30 at 2 PM. Bro. Brian is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at LMBIS. He was recently called to Eastside MBC as associate pastor.

He and his wife, Caitlin will be a great asset to Eastside.

## 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:

### April

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

## A Few Highlights from the Emphasis Rally



Joseph Swartz, 1<sup>st</sup> year student of LMBIS (top left) brings a devotion from Luke 9:57-62.

Singing "Still on the Throne," (above) is Debbie and Joe Sumrall from Eastside MBC of Minden.



To the left is President Jim Crain receiving an offering from the Whatley boys.