

BAPTIST NEWS

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

Graduation Exercises set for May 3



Dr. Roger Copeland

Calvary MBC, Minden will host the 2019 graduation exercises May 3, at 7:00 pm. The ceremony will complete a year of the faculty and students laboring together in the work of equipping servants to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world.

Dr. Roger Copeland will deliver the commencement message. Bro. Copeland is pastor of the Northern Hills MBC, Texarkana, Arkansas.

He also serves as president of the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a writer for the HPB Publications in West Monroe, Louisiana, helping produce a commentary and other resources. Bro. Copeland has also served as president of the American Baptist Association, and on the Baptist Sunday School Committee.

Bro. Joey Frye, music director at Calvary and director of the Seminary Choir, will lead the music for the event with congregational singing and special music. Everyone is invited to attend a reception for the graduates at 6:15 in the reception room at Calvary, and the graduation ceremony will be at 7:00 pm.

Trustees: One moved to Heaven; another joined the team.



John Mathews

Trustee Bro. John Mathews, on March 11, went to live in the presence of his Lord and Savior. He had served as a trustee since 2003. Bro. John spent much of his youth in Calvary MBC, Minden. He and his wife, Peggy, also served as members of Hyde Park MBC, West Monroe and Cypress Springs MBC, Ruston.

Bro. John was a member and deacon of Liberty MBC, Shreveport at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Peggy, and two sons and their families, including many grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family relations, and many friends. Bro. John was a faithful supporter of LMBIS throughout his life, and was always willing to assist the school in any way.

New Building in the Planning: A prayerful goal - to raise \$100,000

With the approval of the trustees and Calvary church, plans have begun for an expansion of seminary facilities that would primarily include a new chapel extending westward from the present facility. The expansion would be built in the area where the van is currently being parked.

The trustees have voted to use \$20,000 of the funds raised at the spring fundraiser toward this goal, establishing a beginning balance in this fund. Any offerings sent and marked, “building fund” will go toward this project. Each month the paper will show a report on the progress of this fund. We covet your prayers and support for this worthy effort.



Lectures on Israel

Bro. Eric Sutton, pastor of New Home MBC, Wetumpka, Alabama, will be lecturing on the land of Israel, April 15 and 16. Bro. Sutton has extensive experience in visiting and leading groups to visit the Middle East. His lectures will begin at 9:35 am and extend until 11:20 am both days. Everyone is invited to attend these exciting and illustrated lectures on the land where Jesus walked.



Mike Boyett

Bro. Mike Boyett has recently been added to the trustees of LMBIS. Mike and his wife, Mary, are members of Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, Arkansas; a church that has faithfully supported the seminary through the years.

They both have sung in the Seminary Choir for several years, with Mary playing the piano for the choir. Bro. Mike is retired from International Paper. We are very thankful to have Mike Boyett as a new trustee for LMBIS.



From the President:

Thankful for the Goodness

James Crain

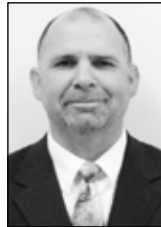
Someone has said that God is good all the time, and that has certainly shown around the school. God has blessed the school with a wonderful and loving spirit among our trustees, faculty, students, and supporters. I feel very blessed that God has allowed me to participate in the seminary work during these times.

The spring offerings totaled \$48,810. This was a very good offering and we give God praise. The churches and individuals who allowed the Lord to use them toward this fundraiser are much appreciated. Although there have been difficult times financially among some of the churches, the people of God have shown a great faith and love for the school.

The trustees, having received approval from Calvary Church, have set aside \$20,000 of the offerings for the new building expansion. You will see a balance in the paper each month of this building fund as funds are received and we near our goal of \$100,000. The main part of the expansion will involve a new chapel space, allowing the old chapel to be used for other purposes. We ask the people of God to pray for this project, and if you can support this effort, please send an offering marked to the "building fund."

What has become known as "Pic Nic Day" at the school will be April 30. We invite any former students and families to join us that day for a time of fellowship and food, beginning at 10:00 at Whispering Pines MBC.

I have enjoyed having the privilege to visit in churches and speak. In March, I spoke at the New Home MBC, in Stephens. It's always a blessing to visit with Pastor Melson and the folks at New Home. In April, I will be speaking at the Morris MBC, Caney, Arkansas. This church is without a pastor at this time. I look forward to visiting with them. I have a long time history with this church including first hearing the gospel in a revival service there with Dr. Alexander preaching in the 1960s. I also look forward to being with the Austin Chapel MBC, DeKalb, Texas, and Pastor Justin Coburn, a long time friend. God is indeed good to allow me to be a part of this great work. Come visit with us anytime.



By the Dean:

An Unclaimed Blessing

Mike Wilkes

At one time or another, most of us have been guilty. We failed to claim something that was rightfully ours. My recollection is painful. I remember unused coupons, unclaimed rebates and offers at my disposal that I never took advantage of. I cannot recall the particular reason for each particular case, but I am sure, at that time, I intended to follow through with my claim. But, for one reason or another, I didn't. So even though the offer was intended for me, I never received it. My failing to receive the offer wasn't the fault of my friends, family or the source of the offer. My failing to never receive was because I never followed through. I did not claim what was offered to me.

God has made many offers to man. Of course, the greatest offer is eternal life through faith in the redemptive work of Jesus, the Christ. If you do not have eternal life, it isn't anyone's fault but your own. God has offered it to you. Amazingly, salvation is not the end of God's offers; it is only the beginning. One offer, which often goes unclaimed, is God's offer of rest to His children. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Noah Webster defined rest as "Cessation of motion or action of any kind, and applicable to any body or being; as rest from labor; rest from mental exertion; rest of body or mind. A body is at rest when it ceases to move; the mind is at rest when it ceases to be disturbed or agitated".

Paul admonished believers concerning the unclaimed promise of rest when he wrote, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1). God fully intends for His people to be a people who are busy in the body, but at rest in the mind. But, realistically, even though rest is offered to us by God, finding it is not accidental nor incidental; it is intentional. Paul wrote, "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Hebrews 4:11).

Our sin nature is battling against our search for rest. Believers worry about their marriages, their finances, their children, their health, their aging parents, their church, their community and their country. Even though we know rest for our minds is found in Christ, our eyes are fixed on the tumultuous seas of life.

After Paul wrote about the effort to enter into rest (Hebrews 4:11), the next verse describes the agent through which the believer finds rest in the Lord. Paul wrote, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). If you want to claim the rest offered by the Lord, then open, study and believe the Word of God.

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Louisiana Missions:

A Knock on the Door

Nathan Luellen

A knock at the door generally brings agitation. Most of the time the person knocking is selling something that we do not want, may it be goods and services. Sometimes it is religion that does not agree with Scripture. If we have broken the law, it could be law enforcement. An unexpected knock on our door is mostly something unwelcomed.

Every now and then, however, we find a welcome soul on the other side of the door. Sometimes it is a neighbor needing assistance. A few times it is children looking to play with our children. Once a year it is a girl scout selling cookies, which is most welcomed at my house!

I have often wondered what people think when I have knocked on their doors. Often it has been ministry related, but sometimes it is neighborly. Do they have the same type of agitation as they head to the door? Do they, with dread, begrudgingly open the door? I do not even dare to ask what they might think when they find my slender frame standing before them.

The Lord reveals Himself as One who knocks as well. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* Contextually, Jesus is speaking to His church and clearly depicts Him being on the outside desiring to be allowed in for fellowship. It is not too much of a stretch to say that He has a desire to come into people’s lives and save them as well.

I wonder how often we find ourselves aggravated at the Lord for knocking on the door of our lives. Do we, with dread, open to Him, as we do with others? Do we consider His knocking a major interruption to what we are doing in our lives? The wonderful thing about His coming in is that He is not selling, but giving. He doesn’t want *from* us as much as He wants to *benefit* us. Should we not want to answer when He is at the door?



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

March, 2019 report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance.....	\$676.23
Receipts	170.00
Disbursements.....	0.00
General Operating Fund Balance.....	\$846.23
Emergency Fund Balance.....	\$1,922.98
Offerings for the Goal.....	\$1,719.33



ABA Missions:

A Global Vision April 17th Deadline

Bryan Sellers

In Acts 1:8, Jesus spoke words that would define the mission of His churches just before He ascended into heaven. *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

The vision for each New Testament church was to be both local and global from its inception. For a local church to be fully functioning, it must have a global outreach. This worldwide mission focus must be a part of the DNA of a church from its birth. Jesus did not instruct His churches to phase in this global focus when they could but put them on it from the very beginning. The local church is the hope of the world, designed by God to reach the world. Lord help us to make His churches a headquarters for world missions. This is both a commandment and a priority with our Lord.

It is imperative that you have your taxes done by April 15. It is also imperative that we receive all missionary recommendation forms by April 17. Any forms received after this date will have to be addressed at the Messenger Meeting in June by a separate vote. You can find these forms on the website under the missions’ tab and then reports. Copies of the forms have already been emailed to sending churches. You can always call the missions office and request a form to be sent to you.

For March, the missionaries reported 5,568 salvations and 1,767 baptisms. Please continue to pray and support these faithful missionaries.

Once again, please be in prayer for the next Secretary/Treasurer of missions that will be elected at our Messenger Meeting in June. Pray that God would clearly make known His will to His churches!

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	1,585,205.37
Receipts: Interstate Salaries.....	49,972.28
Foreign & National Salaries.....	45,617.05
Designated	33,426.49
Undesignated.....	15,320.38
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	144,336.20
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	1,729,541.57
Disbursements:	
Interstate Salaries.....	63,224.80
Foreign Salaries	22,690.60
National Salaries	26,339.20
Designated	33,426.49
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	11,515.02
General Office	2,382.27
Automobile expense	141.51
Postage Expense	599.95
	14,638.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	160,319.84
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	1,569,221.73
Total deficit for March 2019.....	(\$15,983.64)

MISSION AND CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Trey Emory, Sterlington, LA: It's been another good month here in Sterlington. We have had the privilege to serve our town in new ways and celebrate all God has and will do here! **THE WORK:** This month we celebrated one year of ministry in Sterlington. On March 25, 2018 we had our first service here, so on March 24 this year we had a celebration service to commemorate this time. This was a very encouraging time for the members of Faith. We had 27 in attendance, including several people from Promise Land and two returning guests. Additionally, we had a copy machine donated from Central MBC in Bastrop this month. This has already proved to be a great tool to us at Faith! I've also had the privilege this month to love on our town while building some new relationships. I joined the mayor, a town alderman, and a public works employee to plant 18 eight-foot tall Crepe Myrtle trees at a the sports complex. In addition, I had the opportunity this month to speak at both Sterlington Junior and Senior High Schools for their Fellowship of Christians Students. **THE LAND:** On March 10th IMD (Interstate Missions Development) presented a check to Promise Land for the purchase of our land. The check was in the amount of \$29,000. With this month's payments, we have paid right at \$80,000 towards the debt on this land in 6 months. What a blessing it is to see the Lord provide as we follow after Him! **THE FELLOWSHIP:** This past month I had the privilege to share the work during a missions revival with Calvary MBC in Minden, LA. When we were at Promise Land MBC on March 10th, we used the evening service to focus on missions and rejoice in what God has done for us in the past year at Faith!

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, AR)

Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA: A "metric" is a quantifiable measure that is used to track and assess the status of a particular thing. The main "metric" used in mission work is numbers, specifically, "How many are in church on a Sunday morning?" I look at this very closely, week after week, but I have begun to use some other metrics that are showing the real work in Lafayette as being in a very good place! I'm very glad to report that our numbers are up in all services: morning worship, midweek Bible studies and small groups. However, when I start to look at other metrics such as consistent attendance, giving, ministry mindedness, song service participation (actually hearing them sing), leaning on one another for support and small group engagement just to name a few, I am VERY encouraged at the present state and the future of Acadiana Baptist Church.

We were excited to have the opportunity to be a part of our sending church's Missions Revival. I had the opportunity to preach and give a report but the best part was being surrounded by the entire congregation and then being prayed over. I am so thankful to be a part of such a mission minded church. They are leading the way when it comes to praying for us, providing for us and participating with us!

We know that when we get ready to purchase property in Midtown Lafayette that it will be very expensive. We have been preparing for that day and God has been very faithful. Over the last few years we have received \$80,000 in designated

offerings for this purpose. Most recently, Central MBC in Pineville gave us \$30,000 from the sale of the Jena Mission work. We are thankful to receive them and to keep those funds in Louisiana State Missions.

Please remember us in your prayers and make plans to come join us for a weekend of ministry!

(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, LA)

Bro. Tim Simons, Greenwood, LA: It has been another wonderful month here and we have some awesome news to share with you all. We held our first 5th Sunday Singing service this month and many participated. This singing service is something the mission was looking forward to and it showed in that everyone participated and had a great time praising God in song and through His word. We finished the evening with a devotional from the book of Joshua exhorting us to be strong and courageous.

We have needed a new piano for some time and our riding lawnmower was in bad shape and in need of several repairs that was going to cost nearly \$500. We had a special offering that would cover the repairs to the mower; then I received a call that someone was donating a brand-new Cub Cadet lawnmower that would be delivered to the church. We received it last week. Meanwhile, a reputable source had a piano/keyboard for sale, but they wanted \$750 for it. We made an offer of \$500, and they graciously took it. Isn't the Lord good?

We have been averaging close to twenty every service; however, last Sunday we had our largest attendance yet with twenty-seven, which included seven visitors. To top off the morning, we had a family of three join by letter! We can only give God the praise, honor and glory. Our cup surely runneth over.

(Sponsored by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA)



Demario Riley

Student - Summer Missions: Bro. Demario Riley, a member of the Timpson MBC, Timpson, Texas and a first year student at LMBIS has plans to work through the summer months with missionary, Bro. Glen Knight. He will be laboring in the South Pacific area of the Micronesian, Palau, and Marshall Islands. He and others will be organizing outreach and Bible study activities among the villages of the Islands. Bro. Riley is in need of raising about \$3,000.00 for the trip. Anyone who can help with this effort, please send offerings to LMBIS or to Timpson MBC, 2294 FM 1645, Timpson, Texas 75975, in care of Bro. Riley.

Whether a person goes to church regularly or not does not depend on how far he lives from church, but rather on how far he lives from God.

The Practice of the Lord's Supper

(Part 3 of 3)

By J. A. Crain

1 Corinthians 11:4, 26

Paul, in the text verses, recorded the purpose of the Lord's Supper in his letter to the church at Corinth. First, Paul recorded the words of Christ, "in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11:24). Second, Paul further explained the purpose, "ye do show the Lord's death till he come" (1 Cor. 11:26). The supper should memorialize the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and remind the people of God of how it benefited them. In such a remembrance, the people of God should find grounds for much rejoicing and giving God praise.

I. Remember what Jesus did in the Past.

A. With the bread, the church observing the supper remembers the sinless and spotless physical body of Jesus, "my body" (1 Cor. 11:24). His body was the only human body without sin. It was a holy and sinless vessel that carried the life giving blood to the cross. Sinful men nailed the perfect body of Jesus on the cross of Calvary, and He suffered the physical pain and agony of crucifixion for the sins of the world (John 1:14; 1 John 3:5). Believers who partake of the bread may rejoice in the offering of the perfect body of Jesus, because non other would qualify. B. With the Drink, the church observing the supper remembers the blood of Christ shed for the sins of the world, "my blood" (1 Cor 11:25). The Old Testament declares that human life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11). God required the shedding of human blood for the sins of humans. The required blood, however, had to be sinless blood to be acceptable before God. Isaiah recorded, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:11). God was satisfied with the shedding of the blood of His only begotten Son.

John wrote that the death of Jesus was the propitiation [satisfying or covering payment] for the sins of the whole world. Through the shedding of His blood, came the gift of eternal life for all who believe (1 Peter 1:18, 19). The born again participants may rejoice in the blood payment of sin on their behalf.

II. Recognize what Jesus is doing in the Present.

A. With the bread, the church observing the supper recognizes the Lord's body or church. The physical body was the sinless vessel that carried the blood (life source) to the cross. Likewise, a church is a vessel or body of Christ carrying the gospel (life source) to the world (Matt. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 10:17). Paul wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). One receives the gift of eternal life by receiving the gospel of Christ (Romans 10:17).

Therefore, as a person partakes a piece of the bread, he is declaring that he is a partaker of the one bread and one body, which is that particular church body. Paul admonished, "let a man examine himself" (1 Cor. 11:28). Each person partaking should examine himself to make sure he qualifies to partake of the bread. He should be saved, biblically baptized,

and a member of that church observing the supper.

Similar to a marriage relationship, church membership has its privileges and responsibilities. The two privileges of membership is to vote in business meeting and to partake of the supper with that church body. There are many responsibilities, such as, to be saved, baptized, and a member (in good standing in the eyes of God). Similar to marriage, one should not expect to partake of the privileges without partaking of the responsibilities.

Partakers of the bread may rejoice in being a part of a New Testament church of the Lord. Through the bread, the supper is a celebration of present church membership.

B. With the drink, the church observing the supper recognizes that believers are saved by the hearing and believing the message of the blood, the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:17). No person can drink the blood of Jesus for salvation, but may accept the gospel and be saved (John 3:16; Rom. 1:16). The actual blood of Jesus is not present at any supper. The drink is merely grape juice, but it symbolizes the life source, the blood of the past and the gospel of the present.

Therefore, As a person partakes of the drink, he is stating that he is indeed a partaker of the gospel by faith (Eph. 2:8). For a person to be unsaved and to take of the drink is to present a falsehood, and to take of the supper unworthily. Again, Paul admonished, "let a man examine himself" (1 Cor. 11:28). The partaker of the drink should be a partaker of the gospel of the blood, and may celebrate the gift of eternal life received through faith in the gospel of Christ.

In summary, the partaker should be able to truthfully confess that he or she is a partaker of the gospel message and a partaker of that body, that particular church membership.

III. Rejoice in what Jesus will do in the Future.

Paul admonished the church at Corinth to observe the supper "till he come" (1 Cor. 11:26). Observing the supper until Jesus comes keeps the gospel message before the world, challenges the participants toward rightness with God, and glorifies God through the work of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus comes, believers shall be changed to be clothed with a glorified body, like unto the body of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:51-57; Rom. 8:29, 30; 1 John 3:1, 2). When Jesus comes, believers shall experience the resurrection and rapture to join the Lord in the air and journey to that Heavenly home where they shall dwell with Him (John 14:1-3). As a church assembles and partakes of the supper, the partakers may celebrate the promise of Jesus Christ to return for them (Acts 1:11).

Conclusion:

Paul concluded his discussion of the Lord's supper, "so let a man examine himself" (1 Cor. 11:28). The supper is a challenge to self-examination and the partaker should examine himself as to salvation, scriptural baptism, and church membership. The supper also is a challenge to dedication. Like with baptism, each participant should have in the heart a dedication to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).

Emphasis Rally Offerings Total School Goal Receipts

First Columbia Association

Calvary MBC, Magnolia, AR.....	1,859.00
Corinth BC, Stephens, AR	200.00
Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR.....	1,510.00
Hephzibah MBC, Emerson, AR.....	100.00
Shiloh MBC, Springhill, LA	300.00
Stamps Landmark MBC, Stamps, AR	250.00
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	100.00
First Columbia Association	190.00
Plate Offering.....	179.00
TOTAL.....	4,688.00

First Union Association

Adams Chapel MBC, Chidester, AR.....	500.00
Beech Creek MBC, Waldo, AR.....	300.00
New Home MBC, Stephens, AR.....	300.00
White Oak Grove BC, Hope, AR.....	1,553.00
James Cross, Rosston, AR.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	2,703.00

Judson Association

Providence MBC, Thornton, AR.....	200.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR	1,500.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR.....	200.00
Plate Offering.....	225.00
TOTAL.....	2,125.00

Ouachita Association

Egypt MBC, Hamburg, AR.....	500.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR.....	500.00
Plate Offering.....	172.00
TOTAL.....	1,172.00

First Springhill Association

Calvary MBC, Minden, LA.....	6,775.00
Eastside MBC, Minden, LA.....	1,500.00
Emmanuel MBC, Minden, LA.....	2,000.00
Emmanuel MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	150.00
Faith BC, Homer, LA	100.00
Greenacres MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	5,000.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA	3,000.00
Heritage MBC, Ladies Auxiliary.....	200.00
Landmark MBC, Stonewall, LA.....	1,200.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA	500.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta, LA	2,000.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill, LA	1,000.00
Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA.....	750.00
Walnut Hill BC, Rodessa, LA.....	100.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA	6,000.00
Charles Crumpton, Minden, LA.....	100.00
in memory of Evora McAdams	
Plate Offering.....	812.00
TOTAL.....	31,187.00

Miscellaneous

Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX.....	500.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX.....	500.00
Plate Offering--Rally at FBC, Wells, TX.....	385.00
Philadelphia MBC, Enid, OK.....	2,000.00
Landmark MBC, Libby, Montana.....	100.00
Anonymous.....	100.00
Landmark BC, Waco, TX.....	200.00
Joe & Patsy Griffith, Mt. Enterprise, TX.....	150.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	2,500.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	500.00

Total Receipts: 48,810.00



Micah Carter

Looking Unto Jesus:

Three Places of Christ's Sufferings

There are three words, or locations, in the New Testament, used in connection with the sufferings and death of Jesus. The words are Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha. Each name tells us something specific about the sufferings and death of Jesus. At each place, Jesus suffered at different hands on our behalf. Notice these three places and their uniqueness.

Gethsemane is where Jesus suffered at the hand of Satan. In Matthew 26:36-46 we see Jesus agonizing in the Gethsemane's Garden. In Matthew 26:37 we see the words, "very heavy." This means Jesus was weighed down with a

feeling of acute distress. In Matthew 26:38 Jesus said He was, "exceeding sorrowful unto death." He was surrounded by grief to the degree that it threatened His very life. Through all of this, Jesus was victorious! Gethsemane means "oil press." In that garden, Jesus was pressed by all that hell could place upon Him, and still He conquered with you on His mind!

Gabbatha was the next step for Jesus. Here Jesus suffered at the hands of sinners. We read of Gabbatha in John 19:1-13. Isaiah said, Jesus was "despised and rejected of men!" The Savior suffered at the hands of sinners, as a sinner. Gabbatha is where Pilate sat on the judgement seat and gave Jesus away to be crucified. Jesus endured the pain, the agony, the suffering and the shame, all because He loved you!

Golgotha was the final place of suffering for Jesus. Here Jesus suffered at the hand of the Sovereign. In John 19:16-18, Jesus suffers at the hands of His own Father. At Calvary, God dealt with the sin issue fully and finally, and He did it in the body of His own darling Son! Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow!

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March, 2019**

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
TOTAL	325.00

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

Balance Forwarded	\$41,955.35
Receipts	13,282.94
2019 School Goal.....	48,810.00
Total	104,048.29
Disbursements	25,129.72
To New Building Fund.....	20,000.00
Balance	58,918.57
Receipts: General Operating Funds	
Antioch MBC, Coushatta, LA.....	50.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR.....	120.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA.....	10.00
Calvary BC, Minden, LA Ladies Auxiliary.....	50.00
Calvary MBC, Deridder, LA.....	209.60
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR.....	100.00
Center MBC, Center, TX.....Feb. & Mar.....	200.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	300.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	450.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR	100.00
College Town BC, Hammond, LA.....	150.00
Corinth BC, Stephens, AR.....	150.00
Denson Springs MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR.....	73.80
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA.....	100.00
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX.....	50.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX.....	200.00
First Springhill Association:	
Calvary MBC, Minden.....	1000.00
Landmark MBM, Stonewall	110.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta	417.67
Emmanuel MBC, Minden.....	150.00
Eastside MBC, Minden.....	215.00
Mansfield BC, Mansfield, LA.....	75.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill.....	68.60
Faith BC, Homer, LA.....	25.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA.....	300.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	630.54
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	190.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City.....	300.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	100.00
Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA.....	500.00
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR.....	100.00
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX.....	706.56
Grace BC of North Monroe.....	100.00
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
Hampton MBM, Hampton, AR	35.00
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS.....	200.00
Hephzibah 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.....	50.00
Lawrence MBC, Independence.....	56.59
Morris BC, Prescott, AR.....	500.00
Mt. Zion MBC, Malvern, AR.....	50.00
New Home BC, Stephens, AR.....	70.00
Northeast Association:	
West Heights, West Monroe, LA.....	240.00
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.....	126.00
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.....	88.38
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	81.00
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX.....	266.87
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.....	499.43
School Goal.....	36,140.00
Eastside MBC, Minden, LA and Central MBC, Bastrop, LA designated for John Cooper family.....Total.....	2495.00
Endowment fund.....	150.00
Loan Repayment.....	212.90
Pantry: Landmark MBC, Libby, MT.....	50.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	50.00
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	95.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR....Ladies Auxiliary Bible Doctrine Class.....	101.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	groceries

Receipts to Building Fund:	
Beginning Balance	\$20,000.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, LA.....	200.00
Bryan Simoneaux.....	50.00
Robert Slack, Minden, LA.....	300.00
Ending Balance.....	\$20,550.00

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Student Spotlight:

Meet Trevor McCleskey



Bro. Trevor McCleskey is a 5th year student born in Nacogdoches, TX. He is the pastor of Emmanuel MBC in Shreveport, LA.

Salvation and baptism: I was saved around 13 years old at Pine Springs Baptist Camp in Texas. I was baptized shortly after we got back from camp in Huntington, TX.

Call to preach: I was in a major car wreck that changed my life dramatically, but the Lord had something else in mind. I went to a revival at my home church, Oak Flat MBC, where the Lord pressed on my heart preach. Two weeks after surrendering to preach, the Lord showed me I was broken, but I was not alone. I knew I needed to go to seminary. I was told about LMBIS where God would use his servants to help me become the man that I needed to be.

Age and family: I am 27 years old. My parents are Michelle Kennedy and Troy McCleskey. I have two siblings.

Previous church – associational positions: Most of my childhood I was a member at Highway MBC. We moved our membership to Oak Flat MBC. I was ordained at Whispering Pines MBC, and then called to pastor Emmanuel MBC in Shreveport, LA.

Favorite class at LMBIS: I would probably say it was either World Religions or Evangelism. All the classes have made a difference in my ministry.

What I have learned most at LMBIS: To be the man that God has truly called me to be. I have learned many things here at LMBIS, where I've been given the tools to be a better preacher and pastor of one of the Lord's New Testament churches.

Why I would recommend LMBIS: I would recommend LMBIS because it is a place where God's truth is taught by men who have dedicated their lives to the Lord and His work.

An Amazing Day



LMBIS enjoyed an amazing Visitor's Day with over 70 in attendance. Bro. Jerry Carter preached, "God's Word, Kept or Lost?" from Isaiah 40:8. Bro. Barry sang before his



father preached. Bro. Stacy Cohorst brought an inspiring devotional and Bro. Daniel Clark presented a wonderful special in music. Fellowship and school spirit has never been better. Thank you Lord.

