

BAPTIST NEWS

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

Celebrating 67 Years of Training



Dr. Roger Copeland

Calvary MBC, Minden, Louisiana, and Pastor L. L. Clover officially began LMBIS in the fall of 1952, with the first graduation occurring in the spring of 1953. Through the years, God has led hundreds of men and women to receive training and led them to the fields of the world that are white unto harvest.

On May 3, 2019, at 7:00 pm, Calvary hosted the graduation ceremony completing the 67th year of training and equipping servants for the work of the kingdom of God. Music Director, Joey Frye led the congregation in singing “Faith of our Fathers,” then Pastor Doug Gregg welcomed everybody to the special service.

Calvary members, Morris Busby and Barbara Reagan presented special music.

Pastor Tim Herrington, Central MBC, Pineville, LA, one of the graduates, gave comments on “what LMBIS means to me.”

President Crain presented the speaker, Dr. Roger Copeland, pastor of the Northern Hills MBC, Texarkana, Arkansas. Sis. Marnie Gregg presented a song of praise, and then Dr. Copeland encouraged everybody with a message from 2 Timothy 3:15-4:2, entitled, “Preach the Word.” Afterwards, Dean Mike Wilkes, announced and recognized the graduates. Everyone is encouraged to make note of the opening homecoming ceremony for the Fall semester on August 12, 2019.



Graduates Josh Luellen, Tim Simons, and Cole Bailey with their degrees.



Left: Barbara Reagan and Morris Busby presented special music. **Right:** Dr. James Crain presented Cole Bailey with his Bachelor of Theology Degree. **Bottom:** Class of 2019



Secretary/ Treasurer of Missions Resigns



Bryan Sellers

Bro. Bryan Sellers, Secretary and Treasurer of Missions for the American Baptist Association has offered his resignation as of the June 2019 messenger meeting.

The messengers elected Bro. Sellers in 2012 at the meeting in Fresno, California, a native of Louisiana and graduate of LMBIS. Bro. Sellers has faithfully served in the office, and reports show the finances and work to be blessed of the Lord. He has offered his resignation along with his acceptance of the position of pastor at the Landmark MBC, Mt. Enterprise, Texas.

The messenger body will be asked to submit nominations for the new Secretary and Treasurer on Tuesday night of the messenger meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, and vote to elect on Wednesday. President Terry Parrish encourages the churches to be praying for this special election.

Pastoral Changes

- Bro. Josh Nations has become Pastor at Landmark MBC, Stamps, Arkansas.
- Bro. Hayden Wilkes has become Pastor at Providence MBC, Center, Texas.
- Bro. Brian Kelley has become Associate Pastor at Eastside MBC, Minden, Louisiana.
- Bro. Cole Bailey has become Youth Director at Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA



From the President:

Good Year Ends

James Crain

Calvary Baptist Church, the sponsoring church, recently hosted the 2019 graduation ceremony to end a wonderful school year. I appreciate Pastor Gregg and the members of Calvary for their support and their hosting of the ceremony. It was a blessing to watch as students received recognition and rewards for their faithfulness and labors in school. The progress of these students blesses the hearts of the people of God who realize the great need for laborers in the fields. Graduation is a time of rejoicing and giving God thanks for His grace that brought us to this completion.

The school year also ended with a picnic and a time of fellowship, hosted by the Whispering Pines MBC of Minden. I appreciate Pastor Wilkes and the church for their kindness and support. Such times of fellowship allows for brethren to create bonds of fellowship that last a life time.

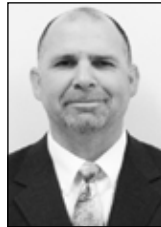
As the summer break from classes begins, please know that I will be available anytime by phone, and also will usually be in the office on Mondays and/or Tuesdays. Fill free to visit or call if I can be of service to you.

As mentioned in other areas of this publication, we are moving forward with planning for a new chapel. I appreciate Greg Spurlock of Blanchard helping us with building drawings. May God bless him for being willing to use his talents for the Lord. Please make the building project a matter of prayer, and help us raise the needed funds if you can.

The weeks of Summer will include many activities for most preachers and their families. The summer events will include the ABA meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Bogg Springs encampment, VBS, and various mission opportunities like Love on Lafayette. No doubt the summer will be busy and it will quickly pass. Make plans now to be present for the August Homecoming service on August 12th with Pastor Britt Dupree of Bastrop, Louisiana speaking.



Dr. James Crain is the President of LMBIS and is the Editor of HPB Publications.



By the Dean:

Stand Still in Jordan

Mike Wilkes

Most of us are tired of the rain. Flooding has become a common occurrence in our area. Recently, my wife was driving down a rural road. She turned a corner and was halted by floodwaters flowing across the road. Wisely, she heeded the saying, "turn around, don't drown".

Having also personally experienced this situation, I know what it is like to stand in frustration and wonder what to do. Should I forge ahead, and risk being swept away? Is the risk worth the reward? Sometimes, life situations are like a flooded roadway. The desired objective is on the other side of an obstruction.

After Moses died, Joshua began leading God's people. Joshua was the man God chose to lead His people into the promised land. However, between Israel and God's promise for them, was the Jordan River. God could have easily dried up the river (remember Moses and the Red Sea). But instead of drying up the river bed before anyone started walking across, God did something different. Joshua recorded, "And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan" (Joshua 3:8).

Everyone wants the Lord to completely eliminate obstacles and guide their lives down a freshly mown trail without hindrances. But life is rarely this smooth. Usually, life's path is full of more dangers and potholes than a Louisiana roadway.

So, what is a person to do when facing an obstacle? Should he patiently stand until the Lord removes every barrier and illuminates the "welcome" sign? Should he turn and run another direction, fleeing any hint of a challenge? Certainly, no blanket answer can be given which is applicable to all situations, but, I do want to offer another possibility, get your toes wet.

Obviously, the challenges of discussion are not sinful. The Bible clearly teaches God's people to steer clear of even the hint of sin, but, nowhere does the Word teach God's people to run from everything. Maybe a slight testing is warranted to discover whether or not the obstacle should be overcome with determination or avoided as a severe danger.

The priests, in the before-mentioned passage, went into the Jordan River. Joshua later recorded, "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap" (Joshua 3:13). God did not hold back the waters of the Jordan River until the priests' feet were in the water. After much prayer, if God gives you peace about a decision that is not sinful, go ahead and get your feet wet.

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Louisiana Missions:

Let's Go Fishing

Nathan Luellen

Spring has sprung! Every year at this time I am reminded of when my father would take me and my brother fishing. We would put out lines for catfish, sometimes run various traps and nets, and every time we would pole fish. While I do not fish much anymore, I have fond memories of those days.

I am still in the business of fishing though! Now the fishing that I am speaking of is not one that would require extended stays out in a boat but would require me to venture out into the world around me. This is the type of fishing that my heavenly Father called me to do.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read of Jesus calling His disciples out of fishing boats to go and do some different fishing—fishing for men! “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.” (Matthew 4:18-20) Their type of fishing had run its course, and, since they had believed in the Lord and been baptized by John the Baptist, they now had a new type of fishing for which the Lord desired their services.

Christ still calls upon His church, the redeemed individuals who are under covenant with one another and with Him, to become fishers of men. Jesus promises to do the making, if we will just follow Him. He requires us to lay aside our earthly endeavors and seek after the heavenly goal of casting the gospel net in hopes of people getting saved.

To fish for men requires personal sacrifice. After calling Peter and Andrew, Jesus then called James and John and they had to leave their father, which was a difficult thing for them to do. These are some of the men that the Lord used to turn “the world upside down.” (Acts 17:6) If we are to have a great catch, there must be great personal sacrifice! Now is the perfect time to pick up your Bible and go fishing!



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

May, 2019 report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance.....	\$846.23
Receipts	170.00
Disbursements.....	226.56
General Operating Fund Balance.....	\$789.67
Emergency Fund Balance.....	\$1,922.98
Offerings for the Goal.....	\$1,948.72



ABA Missions:

Be Faithful to God Where You Are

Bryan Sellers

In the opening verses of Acts 6, we have the account of how the church set aside certain men and assigned them the responsibility to tend to the physical activities and ministries of the church. One of these men that God used in a very prominent way was Stephen. Stephen’s ministry was a very brief ministry, but what he accomplished is a wonderful testimony for us today! We do know, because he was selected as one of the seven deacons, that he was a dependable, faithful man. He fulfilled his responsibilities in the local church. If you want God to use you in a greater way, then you be faithful to what God has given to you right now. Serve God faithfully where he has assigned you. Be faithful to him where you are, then in God’s time and in His way, He’ll take you and put you where He wants you to be. You just might be surprised what God will do with your life if you be faithful to Jesus where you are. God always makes us servants before He makes us rulers!

For the month of April, the missionaries reported 860 professions of faith and 36 baptisms. Since June of last year, a total of 15,607 salvations and 1803 baptisms have been reported. Let us continue to praise the Lord for His continued blessings on the churches and missionaries of the American Baptist Association. Currently, we are gearing up for the Standing Missionary Committee Meeting scheduled for May 20, 21 at Northern Hills Baptist Church in Texarkana, AR. The meeting will convene at 1:00 pm on Monday. Please be in prayer for this meeting as the Committee prepares to discuss each missionary that will be recommended to the Messenger Body in June.

This year, as the Messengers convene in Knoxville, TN, a new Secretary/Treasurer of Missions will be elected. Please be in prayer now that God’s man will be chosen to serve in this position. May the Lord bless each of His churches this month with good health, growth and His grace!

BEGINNING BALANCE.....	1,569,221.73
<u>Receipts:</u> Interstate Salaries.....	56,172.40
Foreign & National Salaries.....	51,321.49
Designated	32,997.60
Undesignated.....	16,703.31
TOTAL RECEIVED.....	157,194.80
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	1,726,416.53
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Interstate Salaries.....	63,224.80
Foreign Salaries	22,665.60
National Salaries	26,339.20
Designated	32,997.60
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	
Office Salaries	11,217.91
General Office	3,152.60
Automobile expense	310.83
	14,681.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	159,908.54
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	1,566,507.99
Total deficit for April, 2019.....	(\$2,713.74)

MISSION AND CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Trey Emory, Sterlington, LA: This year we did a Flashlight Egg Hunt where we blacked out the entire high school gym and had the kids look for eggs with flashlights. This also provided a great opportunity to speak about The Light of the World, Jesus Christ. We tried new advertisement for this event on social media and a local electronic billboard. We saw over 350 responses on Facebook and many people talking about the event throughout the community. The night of the event we had severe flooding in Sterlington and people were advised to not get out, but yet we still had over seventy people show up to our event. Praise the Lord! These efforts would not have been possible without one of our supporting Churches coming to help. So a big thank you goes out to Bro. Donny Haynes and Kentucky MBC in Benton, AR. Besides having a wonderful Easter service this month, we started having regular Sunday night services twice a month. The way we have organized it is, we will meet one night a month at a church member's home and one night a month at the church facilities. We are utilizing this time together for Bible study.

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, AR)

Bro. Tim Simons, Greenwood, LA: The Lord has blessed us with the ability to have two successful outreach Saturdays in March and April, and we are reaping the fruits of that. We have had several visiting while several are out traveling and we still managed to keep our average close to twenty for Sunday services. We started something back in the winter that has been a real blessing to Victory, and that is an old-fashioned prayer meeting. On the third Wednesday of every month we meet and have a Scripture reading/Devotional followed by prayer requests, concerns, and praises shared by all who want to participate. Then we have a chain prayer where all in attendance are allowed to pray and then I close. We feel the Lord has used this prayer time to really draw us closer to one another as brethren, but also closer to our Saviour in whom we serve. Praise God for His wonderful grace. The building debt is now paid and we are rejoicing for all the Lord has done for us. Heritage and Victory are both extremely grateful for all of you who have supported us and continue to send support and prayers our way. We will continue to need salary support for now. Heritage is petitioning the ABA for salary support this year at the Messenger Meeting and would ask all of you to pray that it too comes to pass. **(Sponsored by Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA)**

Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA: This has been one of our most eventful and exciting months of ministry and mission work at Acadiana Baptist Church. I was able to spend a week at the World Missions Seminar at Faith BC in North Little Rock. I'm very excited to continue my education through the ministry of MTM and for the collective wisdom and love of missions that the instructors poured into me. With Passover happening around the time of Easter, I took the time to teach on the Passover meal, creating a 4-D

experience by actually cooking unleavened bread and roasting a lamb. It was a great experience that will be remembered by all. We also had two services this Easter Sunday and they were very well attended. We celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and He was glorified in both. We are a little over a month away from this summer's Love on Lafayette outreach. We already have over 120 children registered for JAM Camps without a single paid advertisement. This is spreading like wildfire via social media and word of mouth. We currently have 130 adults and young people coming to serve this year and we know that God is going to do a mighty work in Lafayette this summer! **(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, LA)**

Bro. Jared Conatser, Lafayette, LA: April was another wonderful month on the mission field here in Lafayette, LA, filled with all manner of ministry. April started with the opportunity to attend the Magnolia State Association Spring Fellowship. Not only was this a chance for us to engage with other churches and pastors, but it also provided us the opportunity to meet with our sending church as well. Being seven hours from Hatley means these in-person meetings are a blessing when they come. The second weekend of April was home to our Sunday Night Life event where we as a church meet together with the purpose of either inward building or outreach. This SNL afforded us the opportunity to do both! We met in one of the large local parks to have a grill out and afterwards spent time passing out invitations to our Easter Sunday services the following week. Our second SNL was the chance to host a Backyard Bible Club. For those that may be unfamiliar with that, think of it as a concentrated version of a VBS. We, as a church, were able to host nearly twenty children in the Hebert's backyard and put on a showcase of games, activities, snacks and, most importantly, a lesson from the Bible. The focus surrounded keeping Jesus as your treasure in life. Please pray for all of the young ones and their families that we were able to make contact with. We really hope to see the seed of Christ grow in these families. **(Sponsored by Hatley MBC, Amory, MS)**

Bro. Joseph Anding, Choudrant, LA: I am happy to report that numbers are up this month and we are starting to see more people get involved. We had a wonderful Easter service with a few visitors and a fellowship afterwards that included an Easter Egg hunt for all the kids. Sister Alaina Nash put together a great Sunday School lesson for the kids about Easter. We are very blessed with a good youth group who love church. I am proud of the church and would like to commend them on voting to send \$50.00 a month to the mission at Sterlington, Louisiana and their willingness to give. We now have over \$10,000 in our own building fund, in which about half has come from the church members themselves. We would like to thank the First Springhill Association Men's Brotherhood and Whispering Pines for their love offerings. We all thank those who have given in offerings and in prayers. Please continue to pray for Shady Oaks.

John Preached Jesus

John 3:22-26

By James A. Crain

God promised Israel a line of prophets which would be fulfilled in the great prophet, Jesus Christ (Duet. 18:18-22). John the Baptist was the last prophet of that line of prophets before the appearance of Jesus Christ. He is often referred to as the forerunner of Christ. God sent John to prepare a people for the Lord (Luke 1:17). Jesus Christ would come and take those people and form a New Testament Church (the Bride, verse 29).

John completed his work of preparing a people and turned those people over to Jesus, John 1:35-39. John, for a short time, continued his ministry while Jesus began his ministry (John 3:22-24). During this short period of time, John continued to point people to Jesus, and identify Him as the Messiah whom men should follow.

Certain disciples and Jews came to John and questioned the authenticity of Jesus (John 3:25,26). The sermon of John was in response to this question. His message was the longest dissertation by John ever recorded. He proclaimed many great truths in a few words. He preached Jesus Christ. This article explores nine divisions of the sermon of John. As in the days of John, these nine truths are often questioned by those who question the Biblical teachings about Christ, such as, His deity. John valiantly proclaimed the truths of Christ.

The Authority of Christ (3:27). John rightly declared the authority of Jesus Christ. As God had given John a witness of the Savior, the Heavenly Father had sent His only begotten Son with heavenly authority, (John 20:21; Matt. 28:18).

The Superiority of Christ (3:28). John readily admitted that he was not the Christ, but he knew Who was the Christ, and that Jesus was superior to him. Jesus Christ is superior to man, angels and all creation. He is eternally the Second Person of the Divine Trinity.

The Relationship of Christ (3:29). Jesus Christ, according to the sermon of John, was the Divine Bridegroom. The New Testament church is the bride of Jesus Christ. Although John announced the bride relationship with Christ, he excluded himself from the bride relationship with Christ. John was a prophet and belonged to the Old Testament dispensation as to his position. He was never a member of the New Testament church that Jesus began. He was, as he proclaimed, "the friend of the bridegroom." His relationship with Christ and the relationship Christ had with His bride brought joy to the heart of this great prophet. He said, "this my joy therefore is fulfilled." John was a man who was satisfied and felt his life fulfilled just being what God wanted him to be and doing only what God wanted him to do, "prepare a people for the Lord."

The Work of Christ (3:30). John realized that his work was temporary, while the work of Christ was eternal. He said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John would soon die, but he would die in hope of the resurrection, a hope based on the work of Christ (Matt. 14; John 11:25).

The Preeminence of Christ (3:31). John declared the preeminence of Christ. He declared Christ to be "above all." He explained that that which was earthly could not be preeminent over that which was heavenly, rather, He that was of heavenly origin was above all. Paul later wrote, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

The Testimony of Christ (3:32, 33). Jesus came from heaven with a testimony given to Him by the Father (John 5:30-39). He is the Faithful Witness of God (Rev. 1:5). Jesus testifies of truth to man. He is God's revelation of truth in human form (John 1:4). As men receive the testimony of Christ, they become a living seal or testimony to the truth.

The Fullness of Christ (3:34). The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person and cannot be measured out like fluid. He is whole at all times and in all places that He dwells. The Holy Spirit conceived in Mary the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit sustained Him. The Holy Spirit resurrected Him. Christ did not have the presence of the Holy Spirit in measure or in part, but the Person of the Holy Spirit, even as the whole of the Godhead, dwelt in Christ complete and full. Paul wrote, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the God head bodily" (Col. 2:9).

The Sovereignty of Christ (3:35). The Father has promised the Son that He would place all enemies under His feet and that He would be declared among the creation as the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords (Psa 110:1; Phil. 2; Rev. 19:16). Jesus, because of His victory over sin, death, and the grave, holds the keys to hell and death (Rev. 1:18). John declared that the Father has given all things into the hand of the Son. Jesus Christ will judge all things.

The Power of Christ (3:36). The power of Christ is most experienced in ways that it relates to salvation. John affirmed that salvation was through believing in Christ. Eternal life, he explained, came only to "He that believeth on the Son." Paul declared, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Although we do not possess many writings and sermons of John, in this one discourse, John preached the truths of Jesus as well as any one could. Thank you John for a fine message. A message for which he would give his life.

Bogg Spring's Family Camp

July 1-5, 2019

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Looking Unto Jesus:

Trust and Obey

Micah Carter

There is an old hymn which reads, “trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” There’s an amazing biblical truth found in these lyrics. Many saved people today are searching for happiness outside of obedience to Christ. It will not be found! Happiness will only be found when we submit to Christ. How do we submit? Simply trust and obey Him. Remember this truth, partial obedience to God is total disobedience. Let’s notice some biblical examples of those who learned this lesson.

First, would you consider yourself to be obedient to God? Obedient means, “Submissive to authority, yielding to commands or performing what is required.” Our ultimate example is Jesus. God is our father. He has a set of standards, requirements, and commands which we must submit to if we want His blessings, forgiveness, eternal life, revival, etc. We wonder why lives, homes, marriages, and country is falling apart. Often, it is due to disobedience.

One biblical example is Adam and Eve. We find the story in Genesis 3:1-7. God told them that they could eat of any tree save the one. What did they have to do to continue enjoying peace, perfection and happiness, Trust and Obey God? It’s a simple task, however, their disobedience led to the fall of mankind into sin. Notice, eating fruit isn’t a bad thing. God told them not to eat of this specific fruit tree and they did eat. That’s disobedience. There is no happiness for God’s Children in a disobedient life.

Another biblical example is Cain and Abel. We find the story in Genesis 4:1-7. God wanted a sacrifice so they brought sacrifices. There’s nothing wrong with bringing a sacrifice. It’s what God wanted from them. However, God wanted blood to be shed, and instead, Cain brought the fruits of his hands. Partial obedience is total disobedience. We cannot please God by disobeying Him and trying to impress Him on our terms. In turn, we will find no happiness by partially trusting and obeying.

A final example is Samuel and Saul. We find the story in 1 Samuel 13:8-14. Saul made a sacrifice in thanksgiving to God after a battle won. However, this was not Saul’s right. Samuel was to handle that. God had set a standard and Saul disregarded it. He did not obey. This led to him losing his right to sit on the throne. Disobedience always costs God’s People.

Are you obedient? We often wonder why we are losing in life. Perhaps, it is due to our disobedience towards God. Maybe you are serving Him, but are you serving Him on his terms or on yours? Partial obedience is total disobedience.



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Bible Truth is a Healthy Spiritual Diet

Religious Reflections
by Pastor Richard Merritt
Pastor of Trinity MBC, Camden, AR

An old saying reminds us that we need to be as wise as cows – they spit out the weeds when they eat. The same is true with God’s people concerning their spiritual diet. We need to have enough spiritual discernment to spit out the weeds of false teaching. When cows fail to spit out one particular weed, they get sick and their milk doesn’t taste good. False doctrine shouldn’t taste good to God’s people. “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding” (Proverbs 23:23 KJV). When the weeds of false doctrine taste good to believers, they get spiritually sick from a bad diet.

A healthy congregation feeds on sound doctrine. “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31, 32 KJV). Those that do not continue in the truth will be bound by false teachings.

A healthy spiritual diet includes rest, exercise and good nutritional food. The believer must rest in Christ in order to continue to grow spiritually. “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV). The right exercise for a believer is walking with Jesus, worshipping in the truth and studying His Word. “And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32 KJV). Bible truth is the only nutritional food for believers.

There is a lot of junk food that is presented in the form of preaching and teaching. Those that choose spiritual junk food for their diet will continue to be “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7 KJV). Sound doctrine is so wholesome that children of God experience spiritual growth as they digest and ponder the Word of God. Some spiritual fast food involves skipping true Bible study and relying on men’s ideas.

If the Bible does not teach it as the truth, the idea presented is unscriptural. You can build a very popular and entertaining speech on an unscriptural concept. At our church, we baptize those new believers who have just been saved before we accept them as church members according to the vote of the church. I’ve seen dogs and cats baptized by kids playing church, but never a chicken. Zach baptizes his chicken.

Most preachers love chicken. Good old fried chicken does wonderful things for me that junk food cannot do. Have you considered your spiritual diet lately? Are you taking in a lot of “he said” and “she said” instead of “Thus saith the Lord?” Ask yourself, “What saith the scripture?” You will be fed and filled with God’s truth. Try it, you’ll like it.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST NEWS
April, 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
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
TOTAL	425.00

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

Balance Forwarded	\$58,918.57
Receipts	12,311.17
Total	71,229.74
Disbursements	15,903.31
Balance	55,326.43
Receipts: General Operating Funds	
Antioch MBC, Coushatta, LA.....	50.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR.....	225.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA.....	10.00
Calvary BC, Minden, LA Ladies Auxiliary.....	50.00
Calvary MBC, Deridder, LA.....	278.40
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR.....	100.00
Center MBC, Center, TX.....	100.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	300.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....	450.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR	100.00
Denson Springs MBC, Grapeland, TX.....	100.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR.....	92.00
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA.....	100.00
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	151.00
Old Sarepta MBC, Sarepta	611.94
Emmanuel MBC, Minden.....	150.00
Eastside MBC, Minden.....	215.00
Mansfield BC, Mansfield, LA.....	75.00
Springhill MBC, Springhill.....	99.40
Faith BC, Homer, LA.....	25.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA.....	300.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA.....	503.78
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	407.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City.....	300.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA.....	100.00
Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA.....	250.00
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR.....	100.00
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX.....	944.17
Grace BC of North Monroe.....	100.00
Hampton MBC, Hampton, AR	35.00
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS.....	200.00
Hephzibah BC, Emerson, AR.....	1000.00
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.....	75.44
Mt. Zion MBC, Malvern, AR.....	50.00
New Home BC, Stephens, AR.....	93.00
Northeast Association:	
West Heights, West Monroe, LA.....	193.50
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.....	350.00
Pettitt Memorial BC, Bogalusa, LA.....	100.00
Pleasant Springs BC, Center Ridge, AR.....	144.20
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR.....	200.00
Providence MBC, Center, TX.....	100.00
Providence Landmark MBC, Thornton, AR.....	25.00
Stamps Landmark MBC, Stamps, AR.....	135.18
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	158.00
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX.....	319.49
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR.....	200.00
Trinity MBC, Arcadia, LA.....	2 months.....40.00
Trinity MBC, Doyline, LA.....	85.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR.....	100.00
White Rock MBC, Center, TX.....	100.00
Winan MBC, Hot Springs, AR.....	25.00
Refund from Konica Minolta.....	30.17
Rent & Utilities.....	314.50
Scholarship.....David Talbert interest.....	6.98
Pantry: Landmark MBC, Libby, MT.....	50.00
Whispering Pines Ladies Auxiliary, Minden, LA.....	130.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA.....	50.00
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	204.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR.....Bible Doctrine Class.....	118.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA.....groceries &	350.00
Old Shongaloo MBC, Shongaloo, LA.....groceries	

April 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
Randall & Wendy Markham, Sarepta, LA.....	250.00
Doris Lear, Shreveport, LA.. in memory of John Mathews.....	25.00
Grace BC, Many, LA.....	300.00
Rickie & Gail Gray, Minden, LA.....	100.00
in memory of John Mathews	
South Crossett BC, Crossett, AR.....	2,500.00
College Town BC, Hammond, LA.....	100.00
Total April Receipts.....	3,825.00

New Building Fund

Balance forward.....	\$20,000.00
Receipts.....	3,825.00
Balance.....	\$23,825.00

First Springhill Mission Rally

- **When:** Heritage MBC, May 13, 2019
- **Devotion:** Bro. Tim Simons from Phillipians 1; 1-6
- **Sermon:** Bro. Cole Melton from 2 Timothy 1:7-14
- **Offering:** \$366 for Cindy and Hilary Cooper
- **Next Meeting:** July 15 at Springhill MBC, Springhill, LA.

A Picnic Day of Fellowship

On April 29th, the school observed the last day of classes. On the following Tuesday, April 30th, the faculty, students, friends, and families enjoyed a time of food and fellowship, hosted by the Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA. Pastor Mike Wilkes, members Roland and Jo Gills, and others were wonderful hosts for the fellowship. We greatly appreciate these folks and their love for the school.



Top left is Roland Gills, Bro. Britt Dupree, and R. B. Mercer cooking the fish. **Center pictures** is everyone enjoying the feast. **Bottom left** is Hayden Wilkes, Derek Herrington, Hayden Dupree, and Hunter Wilkes. **Center bottom** is Hayden Wilkes coming off a zip line. **Bottom right** is Presley, (Wendy and Tim Herrington's daughter) swinging on the zip line.

