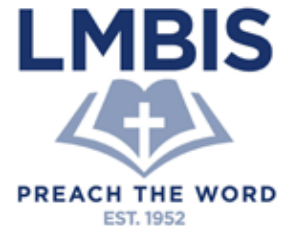


The MISSIONARY BAPTIST NEWS

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FORMER DEAN RETURNS FOR GRADUATION



The faculty and staff are excited to announce that former instructor and dean Bro. Joe Brown will be returning to LMBIS for the 2025 Commencement Ceremonies on May 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana. Bro. Brown served on the faculty teaching Greek, Biblical Counseling, and

other courses from 1993 to 2016. Bro. Brown received his Doctor of Theology in 1995. He served on the faculty teaching Greek, Biblical Counseling, and other courses from 1993 to 2016.

Bro. Brown began his ministry serving the Lord in youth ministry at Faith MBC in Alexandria, Louisiana. He then served as the pastor of Temple MBC in Pineville, Louisiana and Liberty MBC in Shreveport, Louisiana. He served as a missionary of New Hope MBC in Rogers, Arkansas. Bro. Brown is married to Sis. Ruby and they have three children and five grandchildren.

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting an Alumni Reception in their gymnasium at 6:15 p.m. prior to commencement. All alumni and their families are invited to attend.



2025 BIBLE CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS



The 2025 Bible Conference at LMBIS was all about missions. With three mission-minded and experienced speakers, the faculty, students, and guests were blessed to hear

instruction on fulfilling our commission from the Lord. Many guests were also present from our sister churches and enjoyed fellowshiping with our students.

Bro. Doug Clements of SIMBSS spoke extensively about the priority of the spiritual side of mission work. He taught that no physical labor should ever take the place of the spiritual work that must be done while on mission trips.

Bro. Al Valladares of the Mexican Baptist Institute shared his heart for young preachers and the need to be faithful where they are. Through personal illustrations, he encouraged the students not to waste their youth and to be faithful in their labors for the Lord.

Bro. Justin Coburn, Secretary/Treasurer of Missions for the ABA, shared convicting messages focused on mission work through our churches. He also took time to explain to the students how churches of the American Baptist Association accomplish mission work as an association.

The school is grateful to these men, their families, and their ministries for sacrificing their time and sharing

2025 LMBIS EMPHASIS RALLY GOAL EXCEEDED

The annual Emphasis Rally was held Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Missionary Baptist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana. The congregation enjoyed special music brought by members of the churches of the local association as well as a song by the seminary students. We rejoice in the Lord by exceeding our goal and raising \$56,548.45!



From the President Investing in Legacy

Mike Wilkes

On the day of this writing, I attended the funeral of Bro. Royce Chapman, the son of Bro. Roy Chapman, and the nephew of Bro. Cloy Chapman. Bro. Roy and Cloy (twin brothers) were long-time pastors of several churches associating in the ABA. Attending the funeral and seeing many people whom I haven't seen in a while has caused me to reflect.

For many years, Bro. Roy Chapman taught all the first-year classes at LMBIS. I was just one of the many young preacher boys who sat at his feet. Bro. Roy patiently took men who were young in the ministry, and helped position their thinking to ensure maturity in the Word of God. I still regularly quote Bro. Roy.

Bro. Cloy Chapman was a long-time substitute teacher for the seminary. Every time he was positioned behind the desk, the student was assured of receiving a fresh perspective. Bro. Cloy was known for his wit and ability to cut-off any branch a young preacher dared to climb on.

While reflecting on these men in particular, my mind started remembering all of the men who sat behind the desk and invested in me. Brethren such as Don McCormick, Wilton Wager, John Cooper, Clayton Shook, Wayne Watson, David McCormick, Bill Pickard, Joe Brown, Jim Crain, and Joe Morrell, have all contributed to help this young "preacher boy". To all of these men, I will forever be indebted.

The legacy of Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary can never be overstated. Since 1952, LMBIS has been helping young preachers prepare themselves for the ministry, and helping God's people become everything they can be for our Lord. The men sitting behind the desks are the ones Paul wrote about when he messaged Timothy and wrote, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). The men sitting behind the desks today are simply passing on what was passed to them.

Your contributions to LMBIS are contributions to a legacy, and this year the contributions have exceeded expectations. As of this writing, your contributions have exceeded our emphasis rally goal. Our goal for this year was \$50,000, and at the time of this writing our receipts have totaled over \$55,000 with more donations still trickling in.

We are also in the midst of a complete remodel of the Seminary Bookstore. Our bookstore, as have all brick-and-mortar bookstores, has struggled since the advent of digital resources. So, we have decided to redirect our primary focus on Bibles and gifts. Since our community doesn't currently have any retailer with a high focus on gifts, we feel as though this venture has potential. Keep reading the Missionary Baptist News and keep an eye on social media for updates about our progress.

Thanks again for your support of the continued legacy of LMBIS and consider this your invitation to come see us anytime you have the opportunity. You are always welcome.



Nathan Luellen

From the Dean of Students The Fellowship of Believers

Christian fellowship is a vital part of the believer's walk with God. It provides spiritual encouragement, accountability, and a sense of unity within the body of Christ. The Bible teaches the importance of fellowship among believers and offers guidance on how Christians should interact with one another in love and faith.

Fellowship among believers is rooted in the very nature of God as God exists in perfect fellowship within the Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This divine relationship sets the model for Christian fellowship.

God desires this time of fellowship among His people. 1 John 1:3 states, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." This verse underscores the spiritual connection that Christians share with God and one another. It is more than just social interaction; it is a spiritual communion that stems from a shared faith in Christ.

Christian fellowship serves several important purposes in the life of a believer. First, it is for Encouragement and Strengthening of Faith. Hebrews 10:24-25 instructs believers to support one another: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Gathering with fellow believers encourages growth and perseverance in the faith.

Fellowship also is for Bearing One Another's Burdens. Galatians 6:2 states, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Fellowship allows believers to share their struggles and receive support, reinforcing the love and compassion of Christ in practical ways.

Finally, fellowship will also serve as Spiritual Accountability. Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Fellowship provides accountability, helping believers stay on the path of righteousness through mutual guidance and correction.

Christian fellowship is best expressed through active participation in a church body. We cultivate fellowship through church attendance, joining small groups such as Sunday School, serving alongside each other, and praying for each other. This interaction fosters personal connections that lead to fellowship that benefits believers and glorifies God.

Fellowship is a gift from God, designed to strengthen believers and reflect His love to the world. Through shared faith, encouragement, and service, Christians can grow in their walk with God and with one another. As we commit to genuine fellowship, we will fulfill Christ's desire for His people to be united in love and faith, just as He is united with the Father. May we all seek to deepen our fellowship with fellow believers, keeping in mind the words of Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

LOUISIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY
January/February 2025

Balance Forwarded.	47,862.34
Receipts	36,439.59
Disbursements	33,702.39
Balance	50,599.54

Receipts: General Operating Funds

Acadiana BC, Lafayette, LA	150.00
Adams Chapel MBC, Chidester, AR	200.00
Anonymous	525.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR	360.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA	20.00
Bethlehem BC, Joaquin, TX	100.00
Big Sky MBC, Dillon, MT	25.00
Bryan & Sandy Simoneaux, Enterprise, AL	100.00
Calvary BC, DeRidder, LA	939.52
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR	800.00
Calvary BC, Sheridan, AR	200.00
Carthage MBC, Carthage, TX	327.38
Center MBC, Center, TX	200.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA	900.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	450.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR	200.00
Corinth MBC, Timpson, TX	400.00
Curtis & Shelly Malone, Waldo, AR	1,000.00
Delight BC, Delight, AR	1,692.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR	125.30
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA	100.00
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX	100.00
First Baptist Church, Angie, LA	200.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX	600.00
First Springhill Association:	
Calvary, Minden, LA	2,000.00
Landmark, Stonewall, LA	182.00
Liberty, Shreveport, LA	200.00
Eastside, Minden, LA	432.00
Grace, Many, LA	593.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA	600.00
Heritage, Bossier City, LA	1,200.00
Mansfield, Mansfield, LA	200.00
Old Sarepta, Sarepta, LA	1,061.79
Springhill, Springhill, LA	174.40
Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA	500.00
Walnut Hill, Vivian, LA	100.00
Whispering Pines, Minden, LA	983.07
Forest Grove BC, Taylor, AR	200.00
Gary Eastside BC, Gary, TX	3,097.34
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX	400.00
Hampton MBM, Hampton, AR	70.00
Hatley MBC, Amory, MS	400.00
Holleyman Chapel MBC, Maydelle, TX	400.00
Hyde Park BC, West Monroe, LA	100.00
Landmark MBC, West Monroe, LA	50.00
Lawrence MBC, Loranger, LA	127.60
Lone Cedar BC, Joaquin, TX	200.00
Mary Beth Glover, Sheridan, AR	1,000.00
Mt. Bethel MBC, Gary, TX	200.00
New Home BC, Stephens, AR	259.00
Oak Flat BC, Huntington, TX	300.00
Oakridge MBC, Maud, TX	292.00
Old Shongaloo MBC, Shongaloo, LA	200.00
Park MBC, Prescott, AR	465.00
Pettitt Memorial BC, Bogalusa, LA	200.00

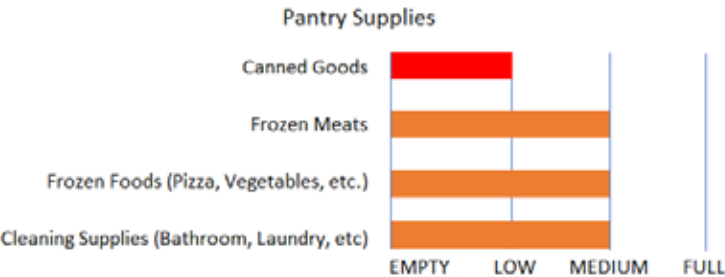
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR	200.00
Providence MBC, Center, TX	200.00
Providence Landmark MBC, Thornton, AR	50.00
Robert Slack, Minden, LA	600.00
Salem BC, Rusk, TX	200.00
Second Avenue MBC, Strong, AR	400.00
State Line BC, Taylor, AR	367.00
Timpson MBC, Timpson, TX	250.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR	200.00
Trinity MBC, Doyline, LA	200.00
Trinity BC, Carthage, TX	400.00
Union Heritage BC, Bogalusa, LA	50.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR	275.00
West Heights MBC, West Monroe, LA	425.00
White Rock MBC, Center, TX	200.00
Baptist News	485.00
Enrollment Fees	617.50
Rent & Utilities	4,875.01
Rent Deposit	50.00
Seminary Baptist Bookstore—Textbooks on Credit Card	493.68

Scholarships

New Scholarship	
First Union Association	2,500.00
Holvis M. Stout Scholarship	100.00
Wayne Watson Scholarship	
Tommy & Patsy McDanuiel, Minden, LA	200.00

Pantry

Green Acres MBC, Bossier City, LA	meat
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA	groceries
Shiloh MBC, Springhill, LA	groceries
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA	paper goods
Pine Grove MBC, Blanchard, LA	groceries
Adams Chapel MBC, Chidester, AR	200.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	100.00
Faith BC, Sterlington, LA	250.00
Landmark MBC, Libby, MT	100.00
Old Shongaloo MBC, Shongaloo, LA	200.00
Pine Grove, Blanchard, LA	160.00
Promise Land BC, Hamburg, AR	250.00
Westside BC, Haynesville, LA	150.00
Whispering Pines MBC Ladies Auxiliary, Minden, LA	130.00





Justin Coburn



ABA Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

We rejoice for another fruitful month for ABA Missions. For the month of February, the recommended missionaries reported 378 professions of faith and 32 baptisms. That brings our totals for this associational year to 4,037 professions of faith and 332 baptisms! To God be the glory!

I spent two weeks in Kenya during this past month. I spent half of the trip with Ernie Hopper and the other half with Eddie Williams. Together, these two men have a combined 60 years of ministry in the country of Kenya. God continues to bless and use them mightily. During my time in Nairobi, I preached a Sunday morning service and then to church leaders in the afternoon. I also taught a 2-day lecture on the life of Elijah to seminary instructors and students. My time in Turkana was also a very busy time of ministry. We had 3 crusades in different villages and an organization of a new church. Out of those 4 days of ministry there were 62 professions of faith, 27 baptisms and a new church to be the light in that village. I preached a total of 14 times and although my mind and body were tired, my heart and spirit were full. May God continue to bless in the country of Kenya.

Our goal for the 2024 Thanksgiving Missions Offering was \$350,000. We are pleased to report that the 2024 Thanksgiving Missions Offering total was \$329,298.46!

Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness! Thank you for your incredible sacrifice!

Please note that the 2025 Missionary Recommendation Forms can be filled out and submitted electronically. These forms can be found on our website. If you have any questions, reach out to us by phone or email. I hope you will join us for the 2025 Pre-Association Standing Missionary Committee meeting which will be held at Northern Hills BC in Texarkana, AR. The meeting will begin at 1 pm on May 19 and conclude around noon on May 20.

February 2025 Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	2,785,266.00
Receipts:	
Interstate Salaries	55,481.15
Foreign & National Salaries	51,680.57
Designated	37,419.44
Undesignated	7,784.40
TOTAL RECEIVED	152,365.56
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	2,937,631.56
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	65,076.00
Foreign Salaries	34,182.88
National Salaries	25,355.00
Designated	40,369.44
Salaries & Expenses of Sec-Treas. Office	16,554.70
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	181,538.02
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	2,756,093.57
DEFICIT FOR THE MONTH	\$(29,172.46)



Ray Meigs



Louisiana State Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

One of the benefits of our associated work is the network of churches and pastors that we meet and get to fellowship with. On March 1, I attended the Georgia State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches. I went there to represent and give a report of Bogard Press and the literature printing ministry in Texarkana. While I was there, I was honored to preach the Missions Message. I was able to talk about Louisiana Missions and my work as Secretary-Treasurer. I told them of our missionaries and the fine work they are doing. Also, I gave a report of the various funds we have and their intended use to help our state.

I am proud of our work in Louisiana and I enjoy sharing it with others. Our national fellowship of churches enables me and others to share ideas and discuss ways to better strengthen the churches. I have always believed that mission work is the life-blood of our churches. Strong and vibrant churches have strong and vibrant missions' programs. And strong missions' programs will strengthen the churches. Let's do our part to develop a mind for missions among our churches.

We have two mission works in Louisiana. Both are doing well. Missionary Jason Hebert and Acadiana Baptist Mission in Lafayette are continuing their progress toward their organization into a New Testament church. Please pray with them about this matter. Bro Kevin Hutcheson and Faith Baptist Mission in Sterlington have received their final approval and will be building a permanent building on their property soon. Pray for them.

As always, thank you for your support of Louisiana Missions and continue to pray for our missionaries and their work.

February 2025 Report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance	\$1,000.00
Receipts	\$420.00
Disbursements	\$420.00
Gen. Operating Fund Balance	\$1,000.00
LA State Association General Fund Balance	2,746.03
Emergency Fund Balance	\$4,591.16
Offerings for the Goal	\$1,489.11

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Calvary MBC, Minden, LA	\$100.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	100.00
Forest Grove MBC, Taylor, AR	40.00
Grapeland MBC, Grapeland, TX	200.00
Heritage MBC, Bossier City, LA	240.00
Landmark MBC, Stonewall, LA	80.00
Liberty MBC, Shreveport, LA	50.00
Mansfield MBC, Mansfield, LA	50.00
State Line MBC, Taylor, AR	40.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA	25.00
Renewal	50.00
Total	\$920.00

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Jason Hebert, Lafayette, LA:

To be such a short month, February was packed with A LOT of activity and some big steps forward for the mission! I hope this report finds you incredibly encouraged and excited about the mission work in Lafayette!

We started the month with some very beautiful upgrades at the mission. We had some much-needed lighting installed outside the building and finally got our sign illuminated. At night, our building looks SO GOOD! It's amazing how a few lights under the soffit can change so much. Right after the lighting was finished, we also had our parking lot pressure washed and restriped. Once again, it is shocking how a little paint can go a long way. Inside and outside, our church may be smaller than most but I would put our interior and exterior design up against anyone else. If you would love to come and see it for yourself, please accept THIS report as a personal invitation. I know that you will love it just as much as we do!

In other news, the mission went on a mission trip. Six of us went to New Orleans for the Outreach Bible Project Super Bowl Outreach. We handed out Bibles and we were even able to have a few Gospel conversations. I was very nervous because one member of our team was a middle schooler but I kept her close the whole time on the streets. They did so good and made me so proud! We weren't alone in this endeavor, and all totaled, there were 17 professions of faith!

Speaking of the Super Bowl, we also had our annual Souper Bowl Sunday, and this year, we were blessed with some visitors from our sponsoring church. It was a really great Sunday, and it ended with a great watch party at my house!

Lastly, there were huge strides taken in the praise and worship ministry of ABC! For the longest time, we have used, for lack of a better word, karaoke for our music service. I have also been leading with our team. However, this month I was able to step down and the team took over. It was a HUGE relief (because I'm not the best singer) because they are making it their own. We also used a Sunday as "practice" for an outdoor service we are planning at the end of March and Alec led the service with his guitar. The place sounded great without the help of karaoke! As a result, the team wants to stop using it! I am so proud of them and how the church is stepping up! Please continue to remember us and the mission in your prayers!

(Sponsored by Calvary MBC, Minden, Louisiana)

Bro. Kevin Hutcheson, Sterlington, LA:

Greetings everyone! I pray that this report reaches you all in good health and in service to the Lord.

The Lord has blessed us tremendously in our building project over this last month. Myself and several men from our sending church in Hamburg got together and were able to get the barrier fence installed around our property that we have to have in order to begin construction. We are still facing some setbacks and hold ups because of the weather that we have had here so please pray for God's Hand to keep it warm and dry!

I was blessed to be able to attend the missions conference at Nevill's Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, TX. The church loves missions and missionaries

and goes above and beyond to make sure that missionaries' needs are met. We enjoyed some great fellowship together and were all challenged by the preaching each night. Their new legacy building was amazing and was used for most of the meetings while we were there.

The Lord has blessed us at Sterlington with a great influx of visitors again this past month. We had 5 first time visitors and 3 of them have been coming faithfully since they first walked in. We are so excited about our upcoming building and the possibilities that await us with having our own building. I also had the opportunity to meet with a college student that shared his testimony with me and encouraged me with his faithfulness. He and his friends are freshmen at ULM.

We cannot thank you enough for all of your kindness, encouragement, support, and prayers. We are blessed to have you all on this journey with us and look forward to the great things that God is going to do!

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, Arkansas)

Bro. Brandon Jones, ABATech:

NEW PCS ORDERED FOR MARLOW MBC, SHERIDAN, ARKANSAS

In February, I worked with Marlow MBC of Sheridan, Arkansas, to purchase two new computers with dual monitors to be used by the pastoral staff at the church. Bro. John Mark Williams, pastor, reported that they are extremely pleased with the purchase, just as they have been with the other equipment I installed for them last year, which included a PC, projection software, a PTZ Optics camera, and a new sound system. This church was great to work with on both projects.

SOUND EQUIPMENT REMOVED FROM HERITAGE MBC, TYLER, TEXAS

Since beginning this ministry nine years ago, I have helped numerous churches grow and expand their ministry reach, whether it be through designing a professional logo for their church; installing equipment such as cameras, sound equipment, or TVs; providing free website hosting; or providing a platform for online giving. Last month, for the first time, I helped with the closing of a church. Heritage MBC in Tyler, Texas, is closing her doors, and pastor Garry Langford contacted me about retrieving their sound equipment from the building. It was a bittersweet project because there was a sadness in the air to see the church building being emptied of its pews, song books, pulpit, and sound equipment, but we found comfort in knowing the items can be used in other ABA works which are in need. The most special part of this project for me was having some of my own church family, Tim and Ada Lowe, along with their four children, join me on the project, and praying for Bro. Garry and the Heritage members as they seek the Lord in how and where to worship and serve God going forward. I know they would appreciate your prayers as well.

PULPITS FILLED:

I filled the pulpit at Vanderbilt MBC in Tyler, Texas, Walnut Hill in Vivian, Louisiana, and Tanglewood MBC of Atlanta, Texas. These are three of so many churches without a pastor. Please pray for our churches.

(Sponsored by White Rock MBC, Center, Texas)

School Goal 2025

We want to thank each church and individual who contributed to the Emphasis Rally this year. These contributions are used to cover rising operating costs..

CONTRIBUTION LIST

FIRST COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

Calvary, Magnolia, AR	2,036.00
Corinth, Stephens, AR	250.00
Forest Grove, Taylor, AR	2,050.00
Shiloh, Springhill, LA	750.00
State Line, Taylor, AR	1,200.00
Plate Offering	291.00
TOTAL	6,577.00

FIRST UNION ASSOCIATION

Beech Creek, Waldo, AR	500.00
White Oak Grove, Hope, AR	3,295.00
Misc Checks	500.00
TOTAL	4,295.00

FIRST SPRIGHILL ASSOCIATION

Calvary, Minden, LA	8,120.00
Eastside, Minden, LA	2,000.00
Greenacres, Bossier City, LA	13,000.00
Heritage, Bossier City, LA	4,100.00
Heritage MBC, Ladies Auxiliary	200.00
Landmark, Stonewall, LA	1,200.00
Liberty, Shreveport, LA	1,100.00
Mansfield, Mansfield, LA	500.00
Old Sarepta, Sarepta, LA	3,500.00
Pine Grove, Blanchard, LA	480.00
Stockwell Road, Bossier City, LA	1,000.00
Victory, Greenwood, LA	568.00
Whispering Pines, Minden, LA	4,000.00
Plate Offering - Emphasis Rally	908.45
TOTAL	40,676.45

OTHER

Anonymous	300.00
Landmark, Waco, TX	500.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA	1,000.00
Holleyman Chapel, Maydell, TX	500.00
James & Beverly Crain, Magnolia, AR	500.00
Trinity MBC, Camden, AR	2,000.00
Unity MBC, Camden, AR	200.00
TOTAL	5,000.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$56,548.45

Bro. Cameron Hays gives an offering for Calvary MBC.



Bro. Kevin Arinder gives an offering for Liberty MBC.



ABOVE: Bro. Jerrell Head gives an offering for Stonewall MBC.



LEFT: Bro. Colton Kelley gives an offering for Eastside MBC.



Bro. Mike Wilkes and Bro. Nathan Luellen pose after all the offerings have been received.

As March 2025 begins, we can look back at the year 2024. It appears that our sales increased in 2024 over 2023 and our Profit & Loss for the year shows a good profit. We have a wonderful group of employees and after working at it for a couple years, we have gotten our pay scale up to a more competitive level. All in all, 2024 was a good year. Although our finances have been pretty good, we are constantly challenged with the costs of repairing or replacing equipment and building parts. Our building and all the equipment, parts, and machines in it are getting older and more of them are coming to a time of needing to be replaced or repaired. The following are some examples:

Our smaller press (GTO 5 unit) is having problems. After meetings and discussions, and researching the cost of new and refurbished units, it is our consensus that the GTO is not worth putting possibly \$100,000 into it to refurbish it. It would probably have to be sent to Dallas to be refurbished. A new press to replace it could cost \$1 million to \$2 million. We are working toward printing more on the Digital Print-on-Demand units (POD). We currently have two PODs and could get a third one if needed. PODs are on lease with toner and maintenance/parts included. Going more digital for secondary printing seems a wise direction for the future.

The cold weather has shown us we have heating problems in 3 areas in the building. We just spent \$5,000 in repairs and in the coming year, we may have as much as \$90,000.00 in additional expenses to fix old heat and air systems.

The collator pump stopped working and is not repairable. We have ordered a new one for \$10,300.00.

The roof on our front building (Store and offices) has a 20-year life rating. It was done in 2005 for \$56,000.00. It will likely need a new coating soon and the cost will likely be much more than \$56k.

The cooler machines and snack dispenser in our break room, 3 machines total, have all quit working. We found a used cooler box that will do what we need for now for \$275.00. A new one is normally about \$1800.00 dollars.

I could continue with this list but suffice it to know that while we are having constant expenses, God has been good to supply our needs, and I know He will continue to do so. Come visit anytime with us in Texarkana.

God bless,
J.A. Crain
Business Manager

2025 VBS Seminar - TIMELESS - Recap

Northern Hills Baptist Church in Texarkana, AR, kindly opened their doors once again to host our annual VBS Seminar on Saturday, February 22nd. We were privileged to fellowship with more than one hundred twenty guests in person and nearly the same amount streaming online. The presenters did an amazing job of explaining each of the five lessons for TIMELESS VBS:

- Lesson 1: The Determined Spy – Caleb
- Lesson 2: The Courageous Judge – Deborah
- Lesson 3: The Upright King – Joash
- Lesson 4: The Faithful Servants – Aquila and Priscilla
- Lesson 5: The Good Shepherd – Jesus

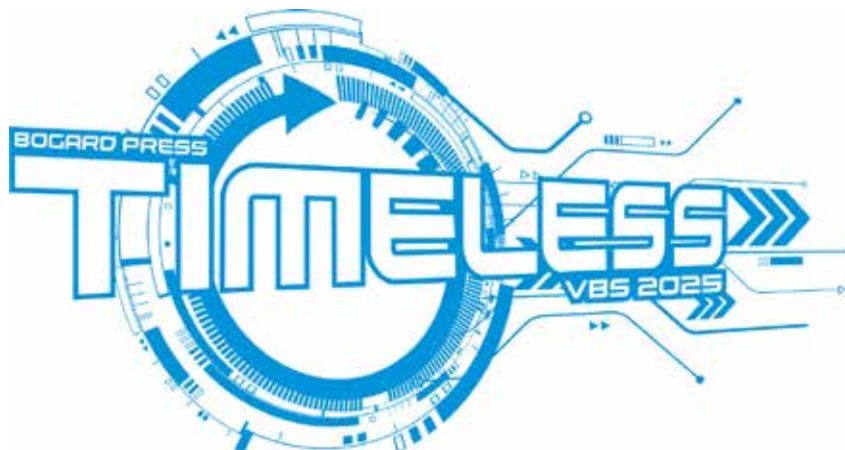
The conference ended with passionate and educational instruction for VBS directors, covering the VBS Director's Plan Book. We are very thankful for our presenters who went above and beyond in their preparation and delivery of the sessions: Kelli Reynolds, Amber Coburn, Ryan Smith, Zach Garrigus and Elizabeth Stacks. If you missed the Seminar, you can watch the entire conference by visiting www.vimeo.com/bogardpress/vbs2025seminar.

We are very excited about this year's Vacation Bible School, TIMELESS. Students will be instructed and inspired by the faithfulness of God's servants recorded in Scripture ("God's Word is timeless"). They will learn that they can do all God asks them to do, with His strength (Caleb). They will be inspired to stand up for others (Deborah). They will be encouraged to do the right thing, no matter how young they might be (Joash). They will be inspired to study

God's Word and support God's work (Aquila and Priscilla). Finally, they will be led to trust Jesus to lead them (Jesus, the Good Shepherd).

We hope you will consider using TIMELESS VBS from Bogard Press for your own Vacation Bible School this year. Please visit our website – www.bogardpress.org/vbs2025 - to see everything that is available for your church to host a successful VBS in your community.

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The LMBIS Student body attended a Mudbugs Hockey game on January 31, 2025. This is one of many extracurricular activities students enjoy during the school year.

Chapel Times & Speakers

Chapel is held on Monday and Tuesday of each week while school is in session from 1:25 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us any time.

- **Tues., Apr. 1 . . .** Bro. Hayden Wilkes
- **Mon., Apr. 7 . . .** Bro. Lukas Burke
- **Tues., Apr. 8 . . .** Bro. Tyler Coltier
- **Mon., Apr. 14 . .** Bro. Jaden Durst
- **Tues., Apr. 15 . .** Bro. Josh Jackson
- **Mon., Apr. 21 . .** Bro. Peyton Hebert
- **Tues., Apr. 22 . .** Bro. Jeremiah Johnson
- **Mon., Apr. 28 . .** Faculty & Student Body
- **Tues., Apr. 29 . .** Bro. Mike Wilkes

99th AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2025 MESSENGER MEETING

The 99th Annual Messenger Assembly of the American Baptist Association will be held in Springfield, Missouri, from June 16 to June 19, 2025. Our sessions will be held at the University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center and the Springfield Expo Center. For more information, please look under the events tab at www.abaptist.org.