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From the President

Keep the Cart Behind the Horse

Mike Wilkes

As we near the end of our fall semester, my heart rejoices. I am thankful for the hard work of our students, faculty, and staff. It looks as though we will finish the semester well. I am also thankful for the continued support of so many churches and individuals. Just as the operating costs of every church have dramatically increased over the past several years, so have ours. But God has used you to meet our needs, and for that we praise Him. The objective at LMBIS has not changed since its beginning in 1952. We strive to help God's people to become everything they can be for the honor of our Lord. We need more men who are doctrinally sound bearers of the good news.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul wrote, "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust" (1 Timothy 1:8-11).

While this list of sins is not exhaustive, it is quite extensive. These are words which should not be used to accurately describe the Lord's people. God's people must be careful to maintain good works, and God's men need to preach against sin. But if we preachers aren't careful, we might find ourselves sliding down the slide of negativity. While sin must be preached against, the preacher's ministry needs to be like a battery. This means that while it does have some negative, it also needs to have some positive. The negative is there so that the positive can work. The gospel is good news. Verse 11 begins with the words "according to". The translators translated this phrase from the Greek preposition 'kata'. 'Kata' was used to show the relationship of sound doctrine to the glorious gospel. "Any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine" is measured by the gospel. The gospel is the standard. Paul tells Timothy that sound doctrine is the standard by which every behavior must be measured. While people might argue over what is, or isn't, sound doctrine, no one can argue the continued need for the presentation of the gospel.

While no one can deny the importance of sound doctrine, I sometimes think we need to reassess. Have I become overly negative? Do I present Jesus as being sent to be a Savior for the sinner, or just a critic of the sinner? May God's men always remember that the gospel (the good news) pulls the cart that contains "all things whatsoever I have commanded you".



From the Dean of Students

A Season of Thanksgiving

Micah Carter

As we approach the end of another fall semester at Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary, we have much to be thankful for. November naturally turns our attention toward Thanksgiving, but for the child of God, gratitude should never be limited to a season on the calendar. It ought to be a consistent part of our Christian lives.

Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

What a wonderful reminder! Thanksgiving is not merely something we do when everything goes our way. It is an attitude of the heart that recognizes the goodness and faithfulness of God in every season of life.

As we reflect upon this semester, we have witnessed that faithfulness once again. The Lord has blessed us with another wonderful semester of learning, teaching, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We are thankful for every student who has committed to further his/her Christian education, for every instructor who faithfully invests in their students, and for every church and individual who prays for and supports this work.

Christian education is a privilege that we should never take for granted. There is something particularly special about gathering with others who share a desire to better understand God's Word and prepare themselves to serve Him more faithfully. We are not passing along information or fulfilling academic requirements. We are participating in the preparation of men and women who will serve the Lord and influence others for the cause of Christ.

Paul instructed Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2, "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."

That verse reminds us that the work of Christian education reaches far beyond the classroom. The investment made in a student's life today may influence churches, families, and communities for generations to come. What a tremendous responsibility, but also what a wonderful privilege!

As this semester draws to a close, I hope we will take time to reflect upon the many ways God has blessed us. Certainly, there have been challenges, loss, demanding schedules, and difficult days. Yet through it all, God has remained faithful.

The psalmist declared, "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 107:1).

We thank God for a great semester, for the opportunity to be involved in Christian education, and for the privilege of having a small part in preparing others for His service.

May we never lose our gratitude for what God has allowed us to do, and may He receive the glory for it all.

LOUISIANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY
September/October 2026

Balance Forwarded. 48,217.58
Receipts 33,314.13
Disbursements 49,131.05
Balance 32,400.66

Receipts: General Operating Funds

Acadian BC, Lafayette, LA 50.00
Adams Chapel MBC, Chidester, AR 400.00
Anonymous 300.00
Bethel 2 BC, Rison, AR 350.00
Bethel MBC, New Orleans, LA 20.00
Bryan & Sandy Simoneaux, Enterprise, AL. 100.00
Calvary BC, DeRidder, LA. 694.20
Calvary BC, Magnolia, AR 800.00
Calvary BC, Sheridan, AR 200.00
Carthage MBC, Carthage, TX. 265.57
Center MBC, Center, TX. 200.00
Central MBC, Bastrop, LA 900.00
Central MBC, Pineville, LA 300.00
Central MBC, Warren, AR. 200.00
Corinth BC, Stephens, AR 150.00
Corinth MBC, Timpson, TX 400.00
Delight BC, Delight, AR 1,505.00
El Dorado MBC, El Dorado, AR 155.25
Emmanuel MBC, Bogalusa, LA. 200.00
Enterprise MBC, Gary, TX. 310.58
Faith BC, Sterlington, LA 500.00
Fellowship BC, Joaquin, TX 100.00
First Baptist Church, Angie, LA 100.00
First Baptist Church, Wells, TX 600.00
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- Calvary, Minden, LA 2,000.00
- Landmark, Stonewall , LA 173.00
- Liberty, Shreveport , LA 200.00
- Eastside, Minden, LA 432.00
- Greenacres, Bossier City, LA. 800.00
- Heritage, Bossier City 1,200.00
- Mansfield, Mansfield, LA 200.00
- Old Sarepta, Sarepta, LA 2,093.17
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- Whispering Pines, Minden, LA 671.57

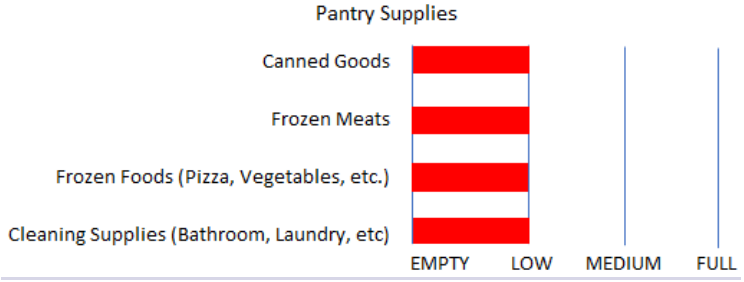
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Justin Coburn

ABA Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

Psalm 107:1–2 reads, "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

We have so much to praise God for and so much to be thankful for! We rejoice that the ABA-recommended missionaries reported 468 professions of faith and 65 baptisms, bringing our totals for this associational year to 1,969 professions of faith and 306 baptisms. Please keep all our missionaries, serving near and far, at the top of your prayer list.

I hope you are planning, promoting, and praying for the upcoming Thanksgiving Missions Offering. This year, the need is greater as the number of missionaries we support has increased, resulting in monthly payouts that are approximately $25,000 higher than last year. Our goal this year is $350,000. We are asking churches to receive a special offering toward this goal on or before November 22, 2026. This offering helps offset monthly deficits and allows us to continue supporting missionaries around the world. Thank you for helping us meet this important need!

October was a busy month filled with ministry opportunities. I preached and presented at Harris Chapel MBC in Mt. Pleasant, TX. Please pray for them as they search for a pastor. I also preached and presented at Westside MBC in New Boston, TX, and preached and worshiped with Calvary BC in Magnolia, AR. It was a blessing to participate in the Bible Conference at Emmaus Bible College in Brandon, FL. Our theme was "Walking in the Old Paths," and it was a wonderful time of preaching and fellowship! While in Florida, I worshiped with Westwood MBC in Winter Haven. I also preached during a chapel service at LMBIS in Minden, LA, and ended the month preaching revival services at Austin Chapel MBC in DeKalb, TX.

"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Psalm 115:1).

October 2026 Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	2,744,862.60
Receipts:	
Interstate Salaries	57,117.36
Foreign & National Salaries	55,594.28
Designated	34,000.26
Undesignated	7,778.11
TOTAL RECEIVED	154,490.01
BALANCE FOR SALARIES	2,899,352.61
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Interstate Salaries	68,640.00
Foreign Salaries	46,320.00
National Salaries	26,498.20
Designated	33,850.26
Salaries & Expenses of Sec.-Treas. Office	24,924.64
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	200,233.10
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	2,699,119.51
DEFICIT FOR THE MONTH	$(45,743.09)



Ray Meigs

Louisiana State Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

During the 2025-26 associational year we gave $35,717.56 to our state project, Faith Baptist Mission in Sterlington. This is a combination of offerings from the 2024-25 year plus offerings from this year. Thank you churches for your faithful support. This year we have two requests for state project funds. First is from Hyde Park MBC in West Monroe for their MBSF at Louisiana Tech in Ruston. They look forward to a future meeting place near campus. Second, Old Sarepta has again requested funds for Faith in Sterlington. They continue to make strides in paying off their building debt. Both requests are worthy of your consideration.

Thanks to the foresight of the messengers, any funds in excess of $1,000.00 in the Missions General Operating fund goes to the Emergency Fund. We have contributed $2,529.94 to this fund. Now the Emergency Fund stands at $8757.86. These funds will go a long way if a natural emergency takes place in our state.

We have not had any requests for loans from our loan fund. Currently, the Loan Fund has drawn $5471.32 in interest and stands at $199,735.66. I have made a recommendation for a change in our mission policy concerning this fund. While waiting on insurance money, a church in our state could have used this money to get started on demolition and repair of their fellowship hall. As it stands now, we can only act on requests during our annual meeting. I have recommended that the Standing Missionary Committee and the officers of the Louisiana Association can approve loans with a 2/3 vote. This will allow funds to be given in a timelier manner.

Thank you for giving me to opportunity to serve you!

October 2026 Report

Gen. Operating Fund Beg. Balance	$1,000.00
Receipts	$340.00
Disbursements	$340.00
Gen. Operating Fund Balance	$1,000.00
LA State Association General Fund Balance	$2,237.58
Emergency Fund Balance	$8,757.86
Offerings for the Goal	$1,195.24

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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	160.00
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
Stockwell Road MBC, Bossier City, LA	150.00
Whispering Pines MBC, Minden, LA	50.00
Total	$1,020.00

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHTS

Bro. Kevin Hutcheson, Sterlington, LA:

The Lord is blessing us down here in Sterlington! We had another family join on the first Sunday of the month. We are so glad to welcome them into our church family and are looking forward to how God is going to use them in our church. He is a student at LMBIS and is a preacher of the Gospel. He and his wife both joined by letter. We praise the Lord for His goodness and for adding to our church!

We have been shouting praise for a few weeks now and are extremely grateful to be able to share it with you all on this report. Eastside MBC in Minden, LA sent us a check for $131,796.25! They sold the building from their mission point in Homer, LA and voted to send the money to us for our building! 10 of us gathered up and drove over to Minden on a Sunday night to personally express our gratitude to the church for their most gracious gift. Their pastor was kind enough to let me preach, too! It was a great time in the Lord as we worshipped with one of our sister churches.

We have some exciting things coming up over the next few weeks! We will be having a chili cook-off on October 31st. Everyone on our street has always used our property as a staging area for their vehicles while they take their children around the neighborhood in search of candy. This year, we are going to meet them outside and do some outreach. Please pray for us as we share the Gospel with our neighbors and let them have the chance to get to know us better. We will also be kicking off a new Sunday School class AND a new college Bible study! Y'all join us in praising the Lord for all of His marvelous and perfect blessing!

I was so excited about all of the great things that happened this month that I forgot to take any pictures! I apologize for not having any on this report. I will try harder for next month! That being said, you can now follow us on our new Instagram and TikTok page for newer pictures and videos. We would also invite you to check out our new website, www.faithbaptiststerlington.org. We would greatly appreciate you keeping up with us!

We thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. We are so grateful to the Lord for every church and individual that gives so generously and prays without ceasing for our mission work and the many others that our association is a part of. God bless y'all!

(Sponsored by Promise Land MBC, Hamburg, Arkansas)





The Seminary in Minden

Michael Clark

Growing up, I was under the impression that LMBIS, also commonly expressed as "The Seminary in Minden" was for young preachers to learn how to become better preachers.

That assumption was off by a lot! "The Seminary in Minden" is for anyone who wants to learn more about God's Holy Word! Here I am at 52 (I surrendered to preach at age 46) sitting in this school with people of all different ages from all different walks of life.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to attend "seminary," here are a few reasons why this experience is amazing!

First, every member of the staff and every student honors and loves God. There is no substitute for surrounding yourself with Godly people. The fellowship is truly sweet!

Second, the teaching and learning here is second to none. The education you receive covers a wide range of subjects: from Bible Survey, three different languages (English, Greek, and Hebrew), and church history. The school also strives to cover as many aspects of the ministry as possible.

Third, we attend chapel each day. At chapel, we get to sit under God's word preached by godly men from all over the country. Each session leaves us blessed!

Fourth, have I mentioned that the fellowship is exceptional? Everyone here comes from truly diverse backgrounds and gets along and genuinely cares for the others with authentic love. That fellowship is clear among the students, but that example is set by the staff who also interact daily with the students in teaching, casual conversation, and just joking around.

So, if "seminary" sounds intriguing, try it!

The psalmist said, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psalm 34:8).

As I close in on the halfway mark of my third year, my honest evaluation of my time in seminary is that it is truly a wonderful experience. I have learned a lot, and as I've learned, I am also humbled in what I do not know. There is a common expression here at LMBIS that goes "the more I learn, the less I know," and that expression summarizes this feeling. I have learned a lot, I have grown a lot, and I still know there is much more I still need to know.

- Bro. Michael Clark serves as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Waldo, Arkansas.



It's Time to Get Uncomfortable

Marnie Gregg

I watched my teenage daughter's face fill with fear as she was asked to run the soundboard during the church service on a Sunday morning. It was something she had never done before, but the service was about to begin, so there was no time to think it through. Although she was nervous, she stepped up to the challenge. Things didn't go perfectly, but the service was great, and the Bible was preached. That afternoon, I told her that I was proud of her for serving even though she was uncomfortable.

God never promises comfort. In fact, the majority of examples in Scripture show that serving God typically takes us out of our comfort zone. Noah was asked to build an ark, even though no one had ever seen a flood before. Joseph was enslaved and imprisoned. Daniel was thrown into a Lion's den. Abraham was asked to move to an unknown location. David faced a giant when no one else would.

When we get uncomfortable, we are more likely to rely on Him for strength, wisdom, and courage. "And he said, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness…" (2 Corinthians 12:9). He can handle everything; we are simply His vessels. Our discomfort helps us to remember that He is the one who brings true comfort and reassurance. He is the rock that we stand on. "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God" (Psalm 62:7).

When you are called to do something that makes you nervous, when you feel led to step out in a new role, embrace the discomfort. It is a sure sign that you are relying on the true rock.

- Sis. Marnie Gregg is the wife of Bro. Doug Gregg, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Minden, Louisiana.

Be Not Afraid; Only Believe

His daughter was dying. He was on his way to her with Jesus. They got delayed. The terrible news came: she died. He was shattered. His hope was gone. It was over, and it felt like the weight of the world pressing on his heart and mind.

But in that moment of despair, Jesus spoke these words: "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36).

No matter your situation. No matter the circumstances. Jesus is speaking those words to your heart.

It's beyond your control. You have reached your breaking point. Your heart is shattered. Your mind is anxious. What do you do now?

Be not afraid; only believe. Not because you know what is going to happen, but simply because you know Jesus. Only believe.

FROM THE EDITOR

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

As we move through the Fall of the year, we are watching God work and fulfill our needs. We have continued to make changes in both building and printing processes. These are changes that will enrich our future for the cause of Christ.

A long-needed expansion of our break room and fellowship area is being considered. This will give us a place for special events such as when our Sunday School Committee is visiting and the employees enjoy a meal and fellowship time with the Committee. At times, we have had to have it outside or in the back warehouse, but this will allow for it to be where it needs to be, in the break room.

After selling the old press and supporting equipment, we now have a great deal of empty space in the old press room. The current Print-on-Demand units take up much less space and are all in one room. We are planning and working to move our shipping and warehouse into the old press area. This is basically where it was many years ago. Through the use of newer technology, we need less space so that we are able to downsize. This will possibly empty the back warehouse and save much on the utility cost. Even leasing the back building is a consideration.

We are also discussing the selling of some or our back out-of-the-way property. This property cost us about $15,000 per year in taxes and maintenance. We do not foresee ever using it and it would be a blessing to not have to continue to carry this burden.

Other property and building repairs are in the process. We are having to repair the front porch ceiling as the old pop-corn covering is falling off. Also, our front road sign was damaged from high winds and is costing us about $7,000.00 to repair.

I have recently reported that we are in need of replacing the roof on the bookstore and office areas. We first received bids of around $430,000.00 from two major companies. That large number concerned me as to how we could afford it. God, however, has recently connected us with a local company who said they could patch the roof for a while and then replace it at a cost of $163,000.00 (current price). This was indeed good news. In response, we have placed $100,000.00 in a Roof Fund with the plans to raise the remaining funds as we can. If anybody can help us with this special project, please send an offering marked "Roof Fund" and we will much appreciate it.

It is a privilege and a blessing to be able to serve in this great ministry. Anytime I can be a help or service, please call on me.

J.A. Crain

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF REPORT

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