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Philippians 2:16

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Applications Being Accepted For Two BMA of Missouri State Association Positions

The BMA of MO is seeking to fill two Departmental Director positions in the coming year – the Director of Missions and the Editor of the Missouri Missionary Baptist Paper.

Both positions are part-time. Interested applicants can send a resume to the Association Clerk along with a cover letter including the position(s) applied for and any other pertinent information.

Resumes will be accepted through January 1, 2020.

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**“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,
though thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, yet out of
thee shall he come forth unto me
that is to be ruler in Israel...”**

Micah 5:2

This verse is one of many Old Testament Scriptures that reminds us that the birth of Christ was not an afterthought with God, but was part of His plan from the beginning. God in His wisdom knew He would need to rescue man from the penalty of sin and through His love He had a plan to meet that need. That plan included all the details revealed in the Old Testament and included when, where, who would be involved, and many minute details that were fulfilled when Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb by the Holy Spirit and was born into this world as a human being and lived a perfect sinless life. He was crucified because of our sins and arose from the grave as the Living Savior of all who will accept the gift of eternal life by trusting in HIM!

As we celebrate Christmas, we can rejoice in knowing our heavenly Father loves us and will be with us no matter what we face each day. Those who have trusted in Christ as Savior know that we will be with God forever when we leave this world, either by death or by Jesus’ second coming when He comes as King of King and Lord of Lords!

Trust Jesus - He NEVER fails!!

Journey to a Quiet Time in 2020

by Ben Kingston, Pastor • Bethel Baptist Church, Lonedell, MO

Dear churches

As I have stated in the past I have a goal of submitting an article each month just to do my part in helping Bro. Jim fill out this paper and he has regularly encouraged any of us to do just that, submit an article. So here we go! I would like to share with you my journey to a quiet time and what God orchestrated to what I still do today after about 30 years.

Now I know that quiet times can be about as different and personalized as finger prints and as long as they are God honoring they are not wrong.

Let’s first answer the question, “What is a quiet time?” Simply put, it is spending time with God, having a personal daily worship time with God. It also envelopes the term discipline, and putting God First, etc.

So let’s make some assumptions: These are not deal breakers but preferences for sure.

The place you have your quiet time needs to be quiet. It needs to be a place and time that you can enter into solitude. Being alone with God.

Now let’s answer some questions: “Why a quiet time?”

God has clearly delineated in His word that this is His desire! He wants all of you all the time but work, family, and life’s demands have to be experienced, so He desires at least “some” daily moments.

David said, “Early will I seek thee... in a dry and thirsty land where no water is.” (Psalm 63:1) “Seek ye first the kingdom of God... and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

And, we seek God because “man doth not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

When? I think we have already answered that! The morning, if possible. But, if the morning is a no go a quiet time at night is better than no quiet time at all.

Where? Again probably already answered that, somewhere where you can focus. I know a lot of people who have their quiet time in the car on their way to work.

That’s alright!

So lastly, **How?** Because you know The **Who?**

So here’s my story: I went to college never hearing the term “quiet time,” but it seemed that in the internal fraternity of Christian colleges, this was a sacred rite and practice in which only rank heathen did not participate..

Therefore I quickly adopted the language and gave tepid practice to the discipline of spending a daily quiet time with God; but if the true story is to be told it wasn’t until a year or so into my youth director job at Bethel that Keith Ragsdale approached me to participate in a study on how to have a structured quiet time.

Needless to say it changed my life for good and for God.

So I am going to end this article with the actual verbiage that I pray each day and, no it is not a ritualistic prayer as much as my daily discipline in approaching God in a time of solitude.

The basic approach is that you have two types of prayer. You first respond to God’s holiness with confession, God’s attributes

with Praise, To God’s Glory with worship, To God’s blessings with thanksgiving, Then you ask God, as your Father, what you need for that day, and then you ask God, as your Master, for the kingdom needs.

Here is my rough outline that I use each day:

I respond to His Holiness with confession. *Dear Father if there is any unclean way in me please forgive me and cleanse me....*

I respond to His attributes with praise. *I praise you for being all knowing, all powerful, ever present, sinless, immortal, unchanging, wrathful, just, merciful, kind, compassionate,...*

I respond to His Glory with worship.

I worship you.... Worship is the response of an adoring heart to the magnificence of God in the highest sense of the word. It is the occupation of the created with the creator. It is the pure joy of knowing that you’re worshipping the One who’s name is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I respond to His blessings with thanksgiving. *I thank you Lord for Jesus your son, our Savior; your Spirit; and You! Your heaven - your Word - your armor - your people - purposes - your ways - (the church) - Your wife, Dawn - your daughter, Molly - your son, Benjamin - your son, Tony - your salvation health and personality - Your future salvation - health and personality - your clothes - food - cars - trucks - vans - riches - houses - and lands...*

Now I ask Him for what I need since He is my Father.

I ask you to fill me with your Spirit, conform me to your

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NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings once again from **Lindsey Lane, Florissant**. We pray God's richest blessings on you and yours at this beautiful Christmas Season. We thank God that we do not worship our Lord just once a year but everyday! Our soccer program ended with our sports banquet! What a time! Our kids love it. Our coaches and all the volunteers work so hard. Thank you Bro. Andrew and Sis. Amy for all your hard work. We love you! Our AWANA program is in full swing as well as our Thursday night Bible study on the Messiah. Sis. Michelle is directing the young kids in the Christmas program. We had a fun time at the ladies' painting party on the 22nd. This is always a great time of laughter and fellowship. Our thanksgiving lunch was the 24th. So it's been a very busy weekend. We continue to see visitors in our services and we are thankful for them as well as our regulars. We miss Bro. and Sis. Cornett as they are house bound. Please pray for them. We extend our sympathy to the Page family as her daughter-in-law was called Home recently. We pray for God's comfort and strength during this time. We have a group heading to Branson the 2nd thru the 4th! Branson may never be the same! We want to tell Bro. Hoffmann "Thank you" for all the hard work in getting the paper to us. Brian Meade, Pastor • Kathy Chapman, Reporter.

Stony Point, Mineral Point, sends it's love and Christmas Greetings to everyone! November 2nd the church held a work day. A great deal was accomplished, including the rescue of two of our members from the roof of the gymnasium....seems that Bros. Marty Essmyer and Michael Bourbon were hard at work on the roof when their ladder fell. The gym, being nearly a two story building, was more than these two "mighty men" were willing to "leap in a single bound." Thankfully, after a long period of praying VERY LOUDLY for help, Bro. Claude and a concerned passerby came to the aid of our lofty brethren. Bates Creek was in revival on the 13th, 14th and 15th and several members of Stony Point attended and were blessed each evening. The church rejoiced in Thanksgiving on the 24th with a dinner and everyone expressing things for which they were thankful. We would like to recognize some of our young people of whom we are so very proud; Ali Schaefer, Vivian Dontrich, Lybie Morgan, Emmalou Henry and Nora Henry have now completed the Maiden Step of GMA's. Piper Weeks and Raigan Stone have begun GMA study. Evan Schaefer has begun Galilean study. Merry Christmas to all! Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, from **Bethel, Sikeston!** November 6th Makayla Kinder came forward giving her testimony of being saved a while back but never was baptized. She requested baptism and wanted to join the church and was baptized the following Sunday night and given the hand and hugs of fellowship! We filled Thanksgiving baskets and delivered them to the needy. It's always more blessed to give than to receive! The Trail Life group filled and wrapped 20 Christmas shoeboxes for the Samaritans Purse Ministry this year. We are so thankful for all of the outreach ministries going out of our church body! We covet your prayers as we have members in the hospital and nursing homes. Our pastor and some members go to Wendell Apartments every other week to have services with them. A few weeks ago a gentleman named Robert gave his heart to Jesus! Praise God! Congratulations to Bro. Gary Lindsey and Sis. Karen Bryant who were united in marriage November 30th! May God bless them with many happy years together! Bro. Matt and Sis. Keeley Bolen are working on our Christmas program that will be December 22nd. The name of it is "What Child is This?" Starting Sunday night January 5th, Bro. Tom Mccanless will be teaching

on the Book of Revelation. He is very knowledgeable in this study, and we are looking forward to his teaching on it. We are praying that everyone has a Blessed Christmas and remembers the real reason for this very special occasion! Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Our main focus should be on why Jesus came to this earth! Billy Davis, Pastor
Joan Wood, Reporter

Abundant Life in Christ, Charleston, rejoices in the addition of Audie and Thomas Perry by baptism. Rodney Dunlap, Pastor

Greetings from **Landmark, DeSoto**. We are now deep into the season of celebrating our Savior's birth. As Christians it means so much more to us than it does to those without Christ. We had a barbecue November 2nd which was open to the public. We always have good barbecue and good opportunities to witness. Denver and I had a sad Thanksgiving. Our daughter-in-law in Alabama passed away on the Sunday before. Thankfully, she knew Christ as her Savior. I had requested prayer for her many times in my reports. She had suffered so much with her diabetes, and now she suffers no more. Please remember our son, Kevin Hawkins and their son, Michael, in your prayers. I also want to thank those of you that had been praying for her on a regular basis. Bro. Jeff Richards brought us a very good message on the 10th, and his wife, Merinda, gave us a beautiful message in song. Denver preached the morning message at Central, Union the 17th. They were celebrating Thanksgiving on that day and fed us with all the treats that usually are on a Thanksgiving table. Bro. Crites was with us the other Sundays this month. You can add him to your prayer list as he will be having surgery soon. We have two ladies that will be having surgery this coming week. And as always,

many others are in need of prayer. Please pray for Landmark as we seek a bi-vocational pastor. Until next month or until the Lord returns, David Crites, Interim Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington!** We are so thankful to God for you. We are happy to report that Janet Howard joined the church this month. What a blessing she has already been for all of us. The Ladies Bible Study meets every Wednesday afternoon at Sis. Frieda's house. We have completed the first two disciplines in Discipleship with 6 regular students and the teacher. After completing the Prayer Discipline, we held a one day prayer retreat. What a treat it was and we hope to hold another in the near future. We plan to hold a community Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner December 14 at 5 p.m. as we express our thanks for those faithful first responders in the Webb Creek Community. We are learning how to walk with Jesus every day from our pastor's messages through the Book of John! The Sunday School lessons through John's Epistles with Bro. Albert teaching have blessed us all and brought good discussions among the students. We were encouraged to pass the manuals along to someone that comes to mind. Other blessings have been seen through that plan. Most of the members hosted family dinners on Thanksgiving. Pastor Meade and Sis. Carolyn were happy to join the feast with the Howard family in Piedmont. We are very thankful for all the doctors, nurses, and caregivers that take care of our many sick ones. Continue to pray for one another. Our praise reports grow along with the prayer requests. Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

HELLO to all from **Oak Hill, Alton**. We hope and pray everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. We had a few problems at our Hay ride and hot dog roast. There was a pretty good turnout, but my brother, Jesse Williams Jr's truck broke down. We had a replacement Bro. Henry Smith Jr. had a truck that would pull a flatbed trailer but no one knew where Bro. Donnie Cooley's square bales of hay were located. I do not remember why we could not ask Bro. Donnie where he had his hay, but we had a good time roasting hot-dogs around our bonfire. One of our oldest dear members went Home to be with the Lord. Bro. Henry Floyd Smith Sr. passed away November 14th. We will miss him but know he is a lot better off as he joined his wife, Doris, who had already went on to be with the Lord. We have not planned anything yet for the month

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • November 2019

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance October 31, 2019		\$	31,545.30
November Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	<u>2,622.69</u>	
Total Income:	\$	<u>2,622.69</u>	\$ <u>2,622.69</u>
Total Available		\$	34,167.99
Disbursements:			
Director, Salary	\$	650.00	
P.O. Deposit	\$	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$	680.00	\$ <u>(680.00)</u>
Balance November 30, 2019:		\$	33,487.99

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance October 31, 2019		\$	1,101.06
Interest:	\$.02	\$ <u>.02</u>
Balance November 30, 2019:		\$	1,101.08

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance October 31, 2019:		\$	105,152.98
Interest:		\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance August 31, 2019:		\$	105,152.98

Total of all Funds November 30, 2019: \$ **139,742.05**

From Our Director and Editor

My wife and I wish each of you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** as you serve the Lord and look forward to His blessings each day.

Thank you for your support of our Mission Program and the Publication Ministry of our association with which we have been associated for over 30 years.

Please join us in prayer as your Special Missions Committee searches for a new Missions Director and the Publications Committee seeks a new editor and as both committees seek God's direction in planning the future of these departments.

Please pray for God to lay these opportunities on persons who are qualified and dedicated to the task of serving in each capacity. **Remember - the deadline for receiving resumes is January 1, 2020!** (Note the information on page 1 of this issue.) This deadline will only be a few weeks away by the time you receive this paper.

Our offerings for Missions are holding steady and are ample to cover the expenses as we are operating at the present, but we hope to have at least one missionary to consider supporting in the next few months and this will require additional funds coming in each month.

At this time we are barely keeping our Publication Funds in the black and if things do not pick up soon we will have to appeal to the churches with a "Special Emphasis" to build our bank account to be adequate for the transition to a new Editor. Please pray about helping with this need without us having to make a "special" appeal. Thank you for considering this.

Another matter of prayer that I call to your attention is the need of more preachers (pastors) coming to work with the churches in Missouri. It seems over the last several years we have had more leave our state than we have had coming to work with us. This is a cause of concern for many I have talked to this past year and we need to pray that God will lead some

more workers to come and work with us. When we visit other states we need to let people there know we would welcome them to come and join us in this area.

As we look forward to the year ahead we should do so with anticipation about what God can and will do if we pray, seek His face, and do the work He has given us to do.

There are lost souls wherever we are and we need to ask God to make us "conscious" of the opportunities we have to tell them about Jesus. God is still saving souls and we are still commissioned to take the message to them, so let's rededicate ourselves to carry out His program for reaching those who need Jesus before it is too late.

As we think of gifts at Christmas let's remember that the greatest gift a person can receive is JESUS and the greatest gift a Christian can receive at Christmas is to know their family and friends have received the Gift of Eternal Life through Jesus!

7 New Year Resolutions for Christians

As we approach the end of a year we often hear the expression, "It's out with the old and in with the new!" Here are seven things that many of us need to replace in our lives.

1. Replace Pride with Humility.

"But He gives more grace, therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" James 4:6

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way." Psalm 25:9

2. Replace Anger with Self Control.

"An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins." Proverbs 29:22

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

3. Replace Unbelief with Faith.

"See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

Hebrews 3:12-13

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

4. Replace Revenge with Forgiveness.

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."

Romans 12:17-19

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." I Peter 3:9

5. Replace Complaining with Praise.

"Do everything without complaining or arguing."

Philippians 2:14

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise -- the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:15-16

6. Replace Wicked Thoughts with Pure Thoughts.

"The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." Matthew 15:18-19

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think on such things." Philippians 4:8

7. Replace Gossip with Encouragement.

"Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down." Proverbs 26:20

"Do not let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:29-32

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of December. My mother, Edith Williams, will be having a procedure on Wednesday regarding one blockage below her heart. I know she would appreciate any and all prayers. Until next month I hope I will have some good news to tell you but until then we will be praising and honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Bless!!

Edward Casey, Pastor • Jennifer Williams, Reporter

Merry Christmas from **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi!** We have a busy month planned. You are welcome if you would like to join us for any of these special events! We are caroling in the community on the 14th, then come to the pastors' house for fellowship afterwards! On the 15th, Sunday morning we will have the adult cantata! On the 22nd we will have our children's cantata! Remember the reason for the season is our glorious Savior Jesus Christ!

Brian Kingston, Pastor

Greetings from **Briar, Doniphan!** Our youth made it back safely from their mission trip to the Navajo Indians with lots of stories to tell! A good time was had by all that went and they experienced a lot as well. They took 64 complete Christmas shoeboxes and an undetermined amount of partial boxes. They met some of the children who will be receiving the boxes and attended church with them on Sunday morning. Some got to ride on the bus to pick the children up for church on Sunday morning. Sis. Kenzie Roberts has been invited back to the Navajo church to help with a program they do during the summer. She is feeling the call on her life to do more on the mission field and this will be a great experience for her. The youth group has already started making plans for next year's Christmas Shoeboxes. Please join us in prayer for them. We observed the Lord's Supper the 2nd Sunday evening of November. As always, it was a great time of remembrance of what the Lord has done for us and to give thanks for the safe trip He allowed our youth to attend. The November Youth in Harvest was held at Friendship in Harviell. Those present had a great time with Bro. Rob Duckett's version of Jeopardy. No, the answers to the questions were not money, but no one complained with the candy they received. Everyone really enjoyed the final question of each category when they saw the full size chocolate candy bar! The December Youth in Harvest will be held at Zalma in Zalma and we are looking forward to what Bro. Dale Fish has in store for us. Sis. Jean Russell, a former member of Briar has returned. She had moved away for some time but has recently moved back and has come back to us. We were very excited to welcome her back. Briar would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God bless everyone with safe travels for their families and friends! May God continue to bless us all! Continue to pray for our country, our leaders, our Pastors and the churches without Pastors.

David Grubb, Pastor • Yvonne Hill, Reporter

Greetings from **First Baptist Church, Potosi.** The past two months have been full of activities along with a lot of illnesses. It seems strep and the flu have been running rampant; my great-granddaughter even had whooping cough. We had a wonderful luncheon in October celebrating our appreciation for our pastors followed by our **LifeWord Walk**. The weather was perfect; Keaten Ainley won the competition by walking/running around the church 22 times. Bro. Kevin has started a **Defenders** class which discusses why we believe what we believe. Our older adult classes are studying the book of Colossians. I never thought of reading this book to understand a better way to pray, but now I do. **UPWARD BOUND** is getting ready to begin practices. This is a great outreach to the community. Everyone attending receives the Word of God.

Up Date on Bro. Larry Henbest

In a recent communication with Bro. Larry Henbest's wife, Vicky, your editor inquired about how Bro. Larry was doing as he has been undergoing surgeries and treatments since earlier this year. I asked her if it was alright if I shared a brief report of his progress in this December issue, since I knew many of our readers had been praying for the Henbests and would probably appreciate an update. She consented and sent me a more detailed report to print if I desired. The following is her report.

After being mentally and physically sluggish in March this year, a 5 cm oval-shaped tumor in the left front part of Larry's brain was found by CT scan Thursday, March 28, 2019, at Cox Monett Hospital ER. I was shocked! I never saw this coming. Transferred by ambulance to South Cox Hospital, Springfield, Larry had a brain biopsy Friday, March 29th. Larry's prognosis after diagnosis April 18th (stage 4 high-grade aggressive Glioblastoma) was 6 months - 1 year without treatment, and maybe another year with 30 radiation/chemo treatments.

Our Sunday School lesson happened to be "Waiting On God" and I decided to do that! Neither of us saw this diagnosis coming and I did not know what was best for Larry's health. The Springfield surgeon did not want to remove Larry's tumor, since it was on the speech and interpreting speech areas of his brain. I asked for second opinions and waited on God's direction. Doors were being closed as major hospitals in 4 cities did not want to accept Larry's insurance. I asked God "what do I do? No one wants to accept his insurance card."

We received a home phone message from a friend Friday, May 3rd, who said she had told her doctor about Larry and her doctor asked us to call his office. I knew in my heart that was the call and direction I had been waiting on. Larry already had an MRI scheduled Monday, May 6th. (God had his hands all over this day!)

The day he went for the MRI, I called the friends's doctor. The first question I was asked was "Has he started radiation/chemo?" I answered, "No, but after Larry is finished with the MRI, we are walking across the street to Hulston Cancer Center to start radiation/chemo treatments." The office said "no, don't do that! Can you be in our office this afternoon by 3:15?" Shocked and surprised, I said "Well, it'll take me 4 or 5 hours, but I'll try to be there." They said, "come on!"

I called close friends at Plumerville, AR and asked how to get from Sgfld, MO to that area of AR. They told me to take Hwy. 65, call them when I got to Clinton, AR, and they would meet us at Conway, AR and take us to the doctor. I got a copy of the MRI, put Larry in the car at 10 a.m., prayed aloud asking God to guide us, and drove to Conway, where our friends met us and took us to the Arkansas Neuroscience Institute (ANI), Sherwood, AR. Dr. Ali Krisht walked in and said "I can take 80 - 90% of the tumor out." We were shocked! I said "go for it!"

After we got home to wait for surgery the next week at CHI St. Vincent North Hospital, Sherwood, AR, I called the office

Another great outreach is **The Taste of Christmas**. Dinner is by special invitation only and then everyone is invited to the service and dessert. Our hope is to reach as many people who need Jesus as possible. Sis. Jessica Ainley is the organizer behind this project and she has many people who assist her. It has been a great success. Our new group **WE** (widows) is preparing for their second outing. The **JOY** (just older youth) group went to Kimswick last month and will be planning another adventure soon. We held our annual **White Elephant Sale**, which is our youth's only fund raiser. It was a lot of fun and very profitable for our youth. Bro. Kevin is preparing our youth for the winter **Youth Alive** conference. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful youth pastor and family. Christmas boxes are on their way to the children on the reservation; Bro. Leonard Compton and Bro. Wayne Thornton deliver these to the missionary who then disperses the gifts. The

and told the receptionist that I forgot to ask if Larry's medical insurance was accepted. I was told "yes." I said "Can you repeat that?" She did. I asked again "Are you sure?" She was. I told her "Do you know how many places God has closed doors to get us here?" She said, "yes." I hung up the phone and cried.

Dr. Krisht removed 85% of Larry's tumor May 14th, leaving 15%, due to possible paralysis. Larry had a second surgery June 19th when the 15% grew into another tumor. Larry has a "very aggressive" tumor. After 33 radiation/chemo treatments at CARTI, Little Rock, from July thru September 6th, the radiation stopped the tumor from growing larger. He is now taking maintenance chemo (3 pills 100 mg each together at bedtime 5 nights, Monday - Friday, per month for a year; started in October). It's been almost 8 months since Larry's tumor was found and he's still here! He's had 5 surgeries, plus 2 other hospital visits, due to complications. Due to Larry's very aggressive tumor, we see Dr. Krisht each month.

Larry resigned Oak Ridge MBC as pastor and the BMA of SW MO as moderator. His mind works well, but he struggles to speak words at times. We take each day as it comes.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us as we walk this road! We deeply appreciate all the prayers!

"When God is all you have, He's all you need!"

"With God, all things are possible!"

GMA prepared forty boxes for this project along with others. I know Sis. Brenda Wilson prepared many boxes also. **Celebrate Recovery** is going strong, but could still use prayers. Thank you again to Fellowship Baptist Church for helping with our meals for this program. **FBC KIDS** is preparing for the Christmas program and **Junior Worship** has been memorizing Psalm 23.

Jim Ainley, Pastor

Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Can You Tell the Difference Between A Sermon and A Talk and A Preacher and A Talker?

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It was said of one of the medieval popes, "He might have been a good pope, if he had been just a little bit religious." And, it might be said of some preachers, "They might have been good Bible preachers if there had been just a little bit of the Bible in their sermons." The main admonition to, and identifier of, a real preacher is that he, "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2a). Here is what might be a startling proposition to some in this untoward generation today who stand behind pulpits and sit in the pews of churches across this country: There's no such thing as preaching the Word when the Word is not being preached. And, there's no such thing as a Bible preacher who doesn't preach the Bible.

Preachers whose sermons consist of mostly stories, rants of one sort or another about everything from politics to how to make good biscuits or whose sermons are laced with snippets about themselves aren't preaching the Word of God. The same can and should be said of preachers who use their time behind the pulpit to sing the praises of other preachers past and present or to wax eloquent about their romantic feelings towards their wives, and on and on and on. The pulpit is not the place, and the time designated for preaching the Word of God isn't the time for this sort of thing. And it was a sad day for New Testament churches and the ministry specifically when this sort of thing became acceptable, commonplace and widely applauded.

Grimsley Charitable Gift Annuity Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grimsley of Springdale, Arkansas, recently secured a two life \$1,000,000 charitable gift annuity through the BMA Foundation to benefit Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas, and BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. The Grimsleys are long-time BMA church members and have been generous donors to other BMA entities through the years. He has served as deacon at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Springdale for approximately fifty years and also served as church clerk, song leader and adult Sunday school teacher for many years. Mrs. Grimsley is currently serving as organist, assistant pianist and church clerk.

They funded their annuity with highly appreciated stock which allowed them to avoid capital gains tax on part of their gift, receive a significant income tax deduction the year of the gift and part of their income from the annuity will be free from federal income taxation.

Charitable gift annuities provide a set amount of income to the donor and/or another specified person for the remainder of their lives and after the Lord has called them home, the amount remaining from their gift plus earnings goes to the beneficiaries specified in the annuity contract.

Bro. Charles Attebery, BMA Foundation Executive Director said, "In giving permission to announce this gift, the Grimsleys made it clear they were not seeking recognition for themselves but wanted to encourage others to consider taking advantage of what a charitable gift annuity can do for them and at the same time help BMA ministries."

Charitable gift annuities offer very favorable rates which are based on the donor's age at the time of their gift. For example, a single life annuity is currently paying 5.10% for a 65 year old, 6.20% for a 75 year old and 9.50% for a 95 year old.

For more information about charitable gift annuities available through the BMA Foundation, please contact Executive Director Charles Attebery by email, charles@bmaamerica.org or by telephone 501-472-2183.

The reading of a solitary passage of Scripture after which the preacher heads off to parts unknown doesn't meet the criteria for preaching either. G. Campbell Morgan rightly wrote that "A text without a context is nothing but a pretext." And, no raising of the voice, pounding of the pulpit or emotional expression throughout can turn what isn't a biblical sermon into one. Another has wisely said, "The preacher is not a chef; he's a waiter. God doesn't want you to make the meal; He just wants you to deliver it to the table without messing it up. That's all."

I once read of a man who was taken to court for false advertising. Ninety-five percent of the 'beef' sausage he advertised turned out to consist of horse meat. When he protested that five percent

of the content of his product was indeed beef, the judge explained that that simply wasn't enough to qualify what he was selling as genuine beef sausage. This is the way it is when so-called preaching of the Word has hardly any "Word" in it. It isn't preaching. It's just talking.

An old shaving crème commercial ended with the words, "Give the guy the toe of your boot that tries to give you substitute." We're not advocating that physical harm be done to anyone. We are advocating for more spiritual discernment and honesty where preaching is concerned. We are advocating for a return to the standard set in Scripture that identifies what real Bible preaching is and who real Bible preachers are.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32

The Johnsons are Moving to Ecuador

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to accompany Trevor Morris and his wife to Ecuador as they surveyed the country in search of the area where they were to plant a new BMA church. We traveled through several cities, towns and villages until we came to the place where he would settle and plant the first BMA church in Ecuador. During the time he was there, I visited him several times and was thrilled as God blessed Trevor's work.

After just over two years in Cuenca, Ecuador, he returned to the States and later perished in an airplane crash. Chris Huson, David Dickson, John Michael Poulin, Eric Johnson and I have continued to work with Marco Tamay, who is the leader of the mission in Cuenca. The investment the BMA of America has made in this part of the world has been blessed, but is struggling in many ways. During the past couple of years it has become evident to us that the labor of love begun by Trevor needs help if it is to survive and reproduce.

Taffy and I feel that the Lord can use us to help lead the church toward maturity. We plan to move to Cuenca in the summer of 2020 and work with the people in the church there. We will work in evangelism, discipleship and church planting with the young pastor. We plan to dedicate at least a year of our lives to the work God has begun and pour as much of ourselves into the people there as possible.

Taffy is leaving her teaching position and we are trusting the Lord to supply our needs while we are in Cuenca. We need your help!

We need your prayers for wisdom, provision, protection and for the people we will learn to love and tell about Jesus. We would love for your church to partner with us in this endeavor. I'd be glad to visit your church and help you become acquainted with what God has placed in our hearts for the people of Ecuador. Please contact me at abudjohn@att.net or (903) 278-7147.

Last Minute Reminder...

Alive Student Conference 2019
December 29 - 31, 2019
DoubleTree Chesterfield, MO
go to alivestudentconference.org for more information, registration forms, schedule, and other information

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image, please put on the armor - Your helmet of salvation, it is your salvation - The breastplate of righteousness, it is your righteousness - The girdle of truth, it is your truth - The shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace, it's your gospel and your peace, and peace with you - The shield of faith It's your faith (Ephesians 2:8,9) - The sword of the Spirit, it's your Word - And with all praying for all saints

Then I ask Him as my Master for what I need to accomplish His kingdom work. Dear Father, help us to know you - Let us in on your kingdom work - help us to bear your fruit in Jesus name, I pray amen.

May the Lord bless you as you seek His face each day. If you do not already, please find what works for you and seek Him daily.

The Savior Has Come!

According to Luke 2:11, the angel of the Lord told the shepherds "...Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The Savior came, He fulfilled the Fathers plan and overcame sin and death and provided us with the gift of salvation.

During this Christmas season may we be thankful enough to share this gift with those around us and introduce them to The Savior who is coming again, soon!!

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From Our National President

Greetings Ladies!

The holidays are coming up soon! A time of the year when we reflect on what we are thankful for and enjoy time with our families. Let us also remember our missionaries, who are serving the Lord and many won't be with their families during this holiday season. Let's be sure to remember them in our prayers and in our giving.

I hope all our women's groups are working hard to raise

money for Missionary Care, our National Project. Our goal this year is \$85,000.00 with 80% going to our project. If you have fund raising ideas, I would love for you to share them. Email them to me at jodigrhea@live.com.

I wish each one of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! I will be back in touch after Christmas with details for our National meeting in 2020. Sis. Brenda Hornaday has a wonderful program planned for the Women's Conference. It's going to be great!

God bless you!

Jodi Rhea, President

1st Corinthians 13 • A Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most I have missed the point.

.. in other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But the **gift of love** will endure.

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The SON of God

Became the Son of Man so that

The Children of Man

Could Become the Children of God!!

The Master's Builders at First Baptist Church Crandall, TX

The Master's Builders arrived at First Baptist Church, Crandall, Texas, to begin interior work on their new 75'x 40' 3,000 sq. ft. Education and Learning Center. Working on the inside of a metal building, the Builders framed up and sheet rocked the walls of a new youth area, nursery and toddler rooms, 2 adult classrooms and a reception area with a coffee bar, seating area, and two restrooms. For some of the Builders it was a new challenge and learning experience in that the studs used to build all of the walls were metal! It was great to work with a new framing material and the men (and women) enjoyed the task.

There were 7 RV's in the parking lot during the two weeks we worked at Crandall. The crew was much smaller than we usually have for this size job, but during the course of the build we had additional help from Builders who could only come for a few days here and there. We were thankful and pleased at what the group was able to accomplish! We were also grateful for each of the Builders who were able to come and work as they could! We had a treat with long time Builder Ruby Taylor being able to come and help for the first week.

There were several men from FBC Crandall who worked with our men and also did different jobs to help in the completion of the building. Bro. Gordon Black from the church was the on site Project Coordinator and an invaluable member of the team! He was there each day to make sure all of the materials were in place and the inspectors were on hand when they were needed. He also helped in the building when not "coordinating." What a fun group we had!! Pastor, Michael Waits, Sr., provided spiritual encouragement and great preaching in between working his full time job as a Nursing Supervisor. Sons, Marcos and Joshua Waits, were on hand each day to help also. We enjoyed the time with them and the other men of the church who were able to lend a hand to help when they could.

A great big "THANK YOU" to the ladies of FBC Crandall who fed us all so well while we worked! Lunch was provided each day and the meals and fellowship were so very special. Meal coordination was done by Brother Mike's wife, Teresa Waits, and lots of the ladies of the church helped prepare meals and serve. Too many names to mention each one, but you know who you are!

We also had a treat during our time together as Brother Randy Decker from Jacksonville College brought over the Jacksonville College Choir to sing for us. The students prayed with, and for, us as we enjoyed Friday "Pie Day" with them! What a blessing we received! They are an awesome group of young men and women who love the Lord! You can see a clip of them singing on our Facebook page.

There are several of our Master's Builders family members who are not doing well at this time. Many have serious health problems, some have lost their spouses, and others have problems that are not allowing them to get to come to the jobs. We ask for your prayers in this and that the Lord would send more workers; NO training needed! You must have a love for the Lord and a desire for the increase in His Kingdom. The Master's Builders experienced a big loss to our group during this job with the passing of Jesse William "J W" Payne, (87). J W and Della have been serving with the Master's Builders since 1994 and were married 67 years. They had plans to join us on this job for a few days when he became ill and could not travel. He will be missed by many.

The Master's Builders will be on winter break until March of 2020. Pray for us during this time of respite and please pray for the work of the Master's Builders ministry in 2020 already on the books.

If you have any questions about The Master's Builders ministry or if your church has building needs, contact: Office /Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675. "Like" us on Facebook and follow us in prayer... The Master's Builders.

Rose Bittner - Reporter

Brothers.... Dealing with men's issues
and Promoting the Fellowship & Growth
of Men in the BMA of Missouri

Promised Comfort

John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me."

The hearts of the apostles were troubled because Jesus had announced to the apostles that He was going to leave them and return back to the Father. The apostle's lives were about to be turned upside down, things were going to change. They were afraid because in their mind their leader and Savior was leaving them. All of this change would be a test of their faith.

Jesus promised comfort to the apostles that even after He returned to the Father, they could be assured that they would be in His presences both in this life and life after death. The believer in Jesus Christ can be assured that Jesus will always be present in their lives.

Jesus promised comfort to the believer by promising that they will go to heaven. In Scripture, heaven is a place where God dwells. Heaven is described as **1) a kingdom**, II Peter 1:11, "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." **2) an inheritance**, I Peter 1:4, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." **3) a country**, Hebrews 11:16, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." and **4) a home**, John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Heaven is a place where Jesus dwells. John 14:4, "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." The believer in Jesus Christ can have comfort in the knowledge that no matter what we face in this life we will go to heaven!

Jesus was claiming to be God. When the believer discovers that Jesus is the God of creation and the Governor of the universe, he will also discover that there is no need for his heart to be troubled. The believer can be assured that God is in control.

The success of the disciples would be based on communication with Jesus through prayer. When the task seems impossible the believer can pray. We can accomplish great things for God because we are able to communicate with the Father through prayer.

The Christian cannot live the Christian life without the help of the Holy Spirit. II Peter 1:21, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The same Holy Spirit that helped to write the Scriptures helps the believer to understand the Scriptures. Jesus promised, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;" Only the believer can know the comfort of the Holy Spirit because He dwells in the believer. He can rest assured that the Holy Spirit will guide, guard, and teach him the things of God as taught in Scriptures.

Jesus assured the disciples that there was no need for the heart to be troubled because He would give them the gift of peace. Jesus was going back to the Father, but He assured the disciples that they would have fellowship with Him through study of Scripture, prayer, and the Holy Spirit.

John 14:28, "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I." Many will face death, but death is not the end of God's comfort in the life of the believer. Jesus stated in John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come

Good News For Ukraine Fall Update

Missionaries Larry & Tammy Wood

An Incredible Day!

Sunday, November 17, 2019 was an incredible day here in Lutsk, Ukraine. We were able to have our official launch service for Water of Life church. We had 122 in attendance to celebrate what God is doing here in Lutsk through this new fellowship of believers. While many were invited guests and members of our mother church, Fimiam Baptist, there were twenty first time guests. We are excited about our opportunities to build relationships with these guests and share the gospel with them. God is doing wonderful things here and we are so glad He lets us be a small part.

We are so grateful for the many prayers and financial contributions given for the start of this new church. There is still much work to be done in order for her to become the thriving, mature church she must be, so please continue to pray and give for the work to be accomplished. Our next big step is to fully implement the discipleship process. It is vital that every member be able to share their faith and disciple others in their spiritual growth. We are now teaching evangelism in a way that is culturally relevant. Each of the members have compiled a list of lost family and friends who need to hear the gospel. Please begin praying that these people and others will have open hearts, minds, and hearts to hear and respond.

Thank You!

We want to thank some very special people who came to Ukraine in order to support and celebrate with us the launch of Water of Life. We are very blessed to have so many incredible people who surround us and support us and we are grateful.

Thank you Bro. Richard and Kim Smith for making the long journey to be here with us on this day. We treasure your friendship and support and it was truly a joy to share a little bit of Ukraine with you. Thank you Farley Street Baptist Church for sending them our way!

Thank you Bro. Eric and Kelly Johnson for coming to support and love on us. Water of Life church loves you and were so proud you came back for this occasion. You do a great job of leading and encouraging us and we are so thankful for our time spent together.

Thank you to the Risner's in Romania, Bryan, Pam, Melody, Lindsey, Landon, and Candra Barnette. We are so blessed to have such good friends serving in the neighboring country of Romania. Thank you for making the long drive and crossing borders to be with us. We always love any time we get to spend with you guys and we can't wait to get together again.

Water of Life English Club

We have had a wonderful month of Water of Life English Club which was previously called Practical English School. When we began our church plant, we had 2 rooms and so we reformatted our school and formed two English groups, lower and upper. This has promoted more of a speaking atmosphere and students helping other students speak better. Also, by combining several classes we have been able to team teach with more than one teacher adding something to the lesson. Giving students more than one approach to the same topic helps them have a broader perspective of learning English and listening to more than one person speaking the English Language. Mov-

again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Jesus assured the disciples that they knew the way home. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Christian life is a personal walk with the living God through increased knowledge of God found in study of the Scriptures, prayer, and the Holy Spirit. It is a wonderful journey! It is interaction with The living God!

ing into this facility, we had to have a shortened semester but it has worked out well and we had an enrollment of 55 students. The enrollment will just continue to grow from this semester forward.

We were able to have several American speaking visitors present because of the launch service, which is always a plus and it gives our students a chance to ask questions about living in America and what it is like there. They are certainly curious about this. We have a friend from Wales, Roger Brind, that was able to be with us for an evening of class. British English gives another facet of learning for Ukrainians that is most interesting.

This summer we partnered with Michael Gott International and offered an English for Youth school for children ages 8-16. We were able to reach 700 families and we are grateful to the Lord for these contacts. As we prepare an outreach ministry to share with these children and families starting in 2020, please pray with us as we want this to be the Lord's ministry. We have a playground at the complex where the Lord placed us and there are endless possibilities. Please pray as we reach the parents also and that the two ministries will meet needs physically as well as spiritually in their lives. We desire to share the gospel with all of them. This is our heart's desire and our daily prayer!

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Bible Verses About Christmas

The Bible has many references about the real meaning of Christmas. Below are a few that you are encouraged to read during this Christmas Season to refresh your mind on the wonderful gift God **planned** (before the world was created), **provided** (by sending His Son), and **presents** (to ALL who Believe)! May you **rejoice** as you **remember** what God has done and may you be **strengthened** to **share** this message with others as you **celebrate** this **Christmas** through His Word!

(Note: The references below are from the KJV of the Bible. Only one verse is printed for each reference, but you are encouraged to read all references from your Bible where multiple verses are given)

Isaiah 9:6 - *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Matthew 1:18-25 - *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.*

Acts 20:35 - *I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

John 1:14 - *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Matthew 2:11 - *And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

Luke 6:38 - *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

Matthew 6:19-21 - *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:*

Luke 10:38-42 - *Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.*

Luke 12:15 - *And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*

Luke 1:46-47 - *And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,*

Luke 12:33-34 - *Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.*

Matthew 2:2 - *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

Matthew 2:1-12 - *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,*

Matthew 6:33 - *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Luke 2:8 - *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

Luke 2:1-52 - *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.*

AVAILABLE PREACHERS

The following names are listed as a service to our churches in keeping you informed as to preachers that are available. The publishing of a preacher's availability for preaching appointments or pastoral work should not be considered as a recommendation by the *Missouri Missionary Baptist*. Names are published at the request of the individual and will be published until a request is received to remove it.

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Caleb Houston, youth minister of Kewanee is available for weekend revivals, youth events, and pulpit supply. Contact him at 573-521-7826 or calebhouston@yahoo.com.

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Brian Adams, a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Matthews is available to preach or as the Lord leads. Contact him by e-mail at bkadams27@yahoo.com or by phone 217-779-9264

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If you are a preacher and a member in good standing of a Baptist Missionary Association of America church and would like your name added to this column please contact the editor using the information on page 2.

Keep the Bell Ringing By Showing Who You Are In Your Daily Life

THE BELL

KNOWING WHO I AM!

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (I Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (I Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:1-2)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:31-34)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5)

I am God's temple (I Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (I Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as

God's child (Eph. 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

Who you are?