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Philippians 2:16

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Central Baptist College Announces Priority Scholarship Deadline for Fall 2021

(Conway, Arkansas – November 2, 2020) High school seniors and transfer students who will be attending CBC for the Fall 2021 semester have until December 10 to meet the requirements for the priority scholarship deadline. Students meeting this deadline will be eligible to receive the best scholarship awards of the year. To be eligible for the priority scholarship deadline, students must complete the following by the December 10 deadline:

- Apply for admission at cbc.edu/apply
- Submit transcript(s)
- Submit ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer test scores
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at studentaid.gov

Students that complete these steps will be automatically qualified to receive a scholarship award package. On average, CBC freshmen receive \$9,947 towards the cost of tuition, fees, room and board (meal plan). This average amount is made up of CBC institutional scholarships, state aid, and federal grants, not including student loans.

“We work hard to keep the cost of attending Central Baptist College affordable so that as many students as possible can experience the special Christ-centered college environment we offer,” said President Terry Kimbrow.

According to Ryan Johnson, Vice President for Enrollment Management, “CBC is \$13,000 less than the average to attend a 4-year private institution in the state of Arkansas and nearly \$25,000 less than the average to attend a 4-year private institution in the United States.” Johnson encourages prospective students and their families to visit cbc.edu/ cost for more information on CBC’s cost before scholarships are applied.

For questions about the admissions process or the priority scholarship deadline please contact a Personal Admissions Officer at admissions@cbc.edu or 501-329-6873.

Fall 2021 classes are scheduled to begin August 19.

Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. CBC offers approximately 40 baccalaureate degree programs, 16 athletic teams that compete in the AMC conference of the NAIA, and 6 fine arts performance groups.

For more information about CBC visit cbc.edu.

*“Gratitude is the Attitude of Giving Thanks”
“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

I Thessalonians 5:18

Our Father has blessed us by forgiving our sin and promising us eternal life and it is our privilege to remember to thank Him everyday for all His blessings. We need to cultivate the attitude of gratitude and express our thankfulness continually. As we enter this “Thanksgiving Season” remember that we need to praise Him, not only with our voices, but with our thoughts, actions, words and deeds.

A good way to cultivate the attitude of gratitude is to start each day thinking about how Good God is to us and thanking Him all day long as we experience His mercy and grace.

This will be an especially joyful Thanksgiving because we have the attitude of gratitude!

**Important Note
From Our Clerk!
Several BMA of MO
churches have not yet
sent in their 2020 An-
nual Church Letter.
The clerk will accept
these through the first
of December.**

**Send them to:
Don Burke
704 Valley Road
Potosi, MO 63664**

*The receipt of these letters
is important for your church’s
participation in our State
Association! (see the updated
report from our clerk on page
five of this edition!*

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Soflthy’s Attic by Barbara White via *The Mississippi Baptist*

Combating Loneliness

One of the serious side effects of this pandemic is the feeling of loneliness. As a result of being cut off from general visiting with each other sometimes loneliness will overcome a person.

Well, the other day, I was visiting with a man who said he had conquered the loneliness thing. He accidentally stumbled on this solution. He moved his two cars out of his carport in order to be able to blow the leaves, etc. out of the carport. When he finished his blowing, he left the cars parked out in front of his house. He said the rest of the day, every time he looked out the window and saw cars parked in front of his house he thought he had company.

Just the sight of those cars put gladness in his heart for the split second it took to realize they were his cars!

But that gladness reminded me of Psalms 4:7-8: “*Thou hast put gladness in my heart...I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.*”



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NEWS BRIEFS



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ from **First Baptist Church, Potosi**. September and October were months of trials for many people. Several of our members have been quarantined due to Covid-19, so our services have not been as large in attendance. Whole families were out at a time; even Bro. Kevin and his family were quarantined. COW had to be canceled for two weeks, but the women's Bible study group continued to meet, and the FBC Kids detective program continued through October. Now FBCKids Christmas Choir begins. "An Out of the Box Christmas" will be performed December 13th. The GMA began again in October while taking all precautions necessary to provide a safe environment. Celebrate recovery continued to meet even though several of our leaders were self-quarantined just to be safe. Leaders eat at 6:00, doors open at 6:30 for everyone else. Then, at 7:00 everyone goes to the COW room for worship and the program. The meal is pre-packaged and families sit at their own table in order to practice social distancing. Fellowship Baptist Church and the Hopewell Church of God provided meals for September and October. It is a blessing that these churches help in this community ministry. Sis. Brenda Wilson does an excellent job organizing the meal part of the ministry. A four-week new members class will begin Sunday, November 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You do not have to be a new member to participate. Lifeword Sunday was October 18th along with pastor appreciation Sunday. Rowe Crop Farm provided free admission to the corn maze and other activities to assist in everyone celebrating appreciation for our pastors. We are so blessed with Bro. Jim and Bro. Kevin. We have many on the prayer list for a variety of reasons. Please pray for us as we pray for you.

Jim Ainley, Pastor • Deborah Rauhut, Reporter

Greetings from **Ozark Heights Baptist Church, Potosi!** I hope all is well with all our churches. Things are going well here. We just finished the Walk of Faith raising over \$ 500.! The Lord has continued to be faithful in all things. Praise to his name! We are gearing up for our first Drive thru Nativity December 12-13 from 6 to 8 p.m. We would love for y'all to come out! Last month we baptized William Kingston and are looking forward to seeing what the Lord has for us in the months to come.

Ben Kingston, Pastor

Hello! from **Bethany Baptist Church in St. Louis**. God sure has a way of showing off His creation! Our trees have been beautiful. We want to thank Bro. Gary Gillam for filling our pulpit while Bro. and Sis. Hoffmann had a much needed vacation. Bro. Gillam brought messages that blessed our hearts. We always learn something new from God's Word. Some of our members still need our prayers: Sis. Ella Beeler is still restricted to home as she slowly recovers; Sis. Pansy Parks' sister-in-law passed into glory recently and her family needs our prayers; Sis. Sandra Zumwalt has family members in the hospital and she and them need our prayers; and Bro. Fujiwara's wife is still undergoing treatments, but is showing some improvement. We rejoice in one addition to our church as Sis. Pam Viehland moved her membership back to Bethany. We have been blessed as she is already working with us. November 1st we enjoyed meeting Bro. Juan Fernandez, his wife, Hannah, and their daughters, Victoria and Eleanor. Bro. Juan is interested in starting an Hispanic ministry in the St. Louis area. He shared God's vision and His Word with us. As we go forward, may we all be blessed and God continues to help us. God is so good!

James Hoffmann, Pastor • Betty Johnston, Reporter

Happy Thanksgiving from **Bethel Baptist Church, Sikeston!** We are praying everyone is safe and Covid free. Some of our members went to Matthews city park the 17th to join some of our sister churches in The Walk for the World. Thank you, First Baptist Matthews, for making this possible and for serving a wonderful breakfast. We were blessed to have a beautiful day for this event. We would all be blessed if we took the time to fellowship more with our sister churches. Bro. Billy has started a Bible study in Psalm 19:13 on our **Presumptuous Sins,** which has been a real eye opener and a blessing! We are looking forward to our revival starting on the 9th thru the 12th with Bro. Scotty Rayburn bringing the message each night that God has given him for us. We pray for lost souls to be saved and for saints to be revived. The 25th, at the close of our evening service, Bro. Billy was presented with a gift of appreciation. Sis. Sue King roasted him with a funny poem. Afterwards we had a cake for Him and Sis. Donna in the fellowship hall with snacks served. It was a good time of fellowship. We are very thankful for our pastor and his wife. We hope everyone has a very blessed thanksgiving with your loved ones close around you. Keep praying for our country and our President and remember, no matter what happens, God is still in control!

Billy Davis, Pastor • Joan Wood, Reporter

Landmark, DeSoto started off the month of October by having a scaled back version of our annual homecoming. Bro. David Wright preached a great message for us challenging us to "Staying Separate in a Connected World." We had our noon meal and in the afternoon had a bit of special singing. We appreciated visitors, Bro. David Griggs and Sis. Barbara Williams for bringing some specials in song. Church was dismissed

that evening. The services were canceled for the day October 18th, due to a Covid scare among one of our members that had been present in most of the meetings the previous week. We so appreciate Adam Decker, who always comes and disinfects our church when it is deemed necessary. Sis. Glenda Perry has been quite sick and spent a few days in the hospital with a couple of bad infections. She was finally able to attend Sunday morning service the 1st of Nov. As of this writing, she is back on the way to the hospital with fever, etc. I know that she would covet your prayers. I'm so glad to report that Bro. Earl Denby has been able to attend services the last two Sundays. Sis. Jackie Couch has been quite ill and dealing with different types of cancer. We appreciate our pastor so much and the messages he brings that are always fitting for the day. We are studying "Experiencing God" on Wednesday nights and I for one am being so blessed by dealing with this study. I know that it is an old study but it is still so, so good. Congratulations, to Mark and Cathy Rudloff on the arrival of their newest grandson, Thomas. Thomas's parents have recently moved to Arizona and are serving the Lord there.

Until Next Month or the Lord's Return....

Benjamin Kingston, Pastor • Sharon Page, Reporter

Stony Point, Mineral Point, was extremely blessed during October and we give glory to God! The 11th, Heaven's Echoes made their last appearance at our church. Over the years they have become family to us and it was great to lift up praise to Jesus with them one more time. Each one of them will always have a warm and special place in our hearts and we know that we all will be together again in Glory. Thank God for the blood...and the memories. The 25th the church held our annual harvest festival "without" a hayride thanks to this horrendous virus. Everyone had a great time of fellowship. We also presented Bro. Claude and Sis. Bea with a gift and cake for pastor appreciation month. We do appreciate the blessing the Lord sent us as a pastor more than 20 years ago. We love you both and God bless you!

Claude Evans, Pastor • David Hughes, Reporter

Greetings to all, from **Lower Doe Run Baptist Church, Ellington**. "A song comes running through my mind today. "Thank you Lord for saving my soul." What a blessing to know that you know that you know that Jesus saves. Then I ask the question, Is my life a channel of blessing? Open my eyes, Lord. Let me see the souls that are lost and dying without You. We often pray for God to put someone in our path.

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FINANCIAL REPORT BMA OF MISSOURI MISSIONS • October 2020

General Fund:

Checking Account:

Balance September 30, 2020		\$	48,712.00
October Receipts:			
Missions:	\$	2,104.46	
Total Income:	\$	2,104.46	\$ 2,104.46
Total Available		\$	50,816.46
Disbursements:			
Directors & Clerical	\$	1,300.00	
Office	\$	104.99	
BPH Tanzania Lit.	\$	5,000.00	
Insurance	\$	10,771.47	
Open New Check Acct.	\$	20,000.00	
Spec. Miss. Com. Exp.	\$	729.33	
Total Disbursements	\$	37,905.79	\$ (37,905.79)
Balance October 31, 2020:			\$ 12,910.67

Bank of America Savings Account:

Balance September 30, 2020		\$	1,101.25
Interest:	\$.01	\$.01
Balance October 31, 2020:			\$ 1,101.26

Investment in BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund:

Balance September 30, 2020:	\$	107,411.56
Interest:	\$	0.00
Balance October 31, 2020:	\$	107,411.26
Total of all Funds October 31, 2020:	\$	121,423.19

From Our Director...

A Page From My Heart...

Dear sister churches:

I hope things are going well for you in this Thanksgiving and Christmas season! Believe it or not, we are in this time of year as well as deer season, but that's a whole different topic!

I am thrilled to be your newly-elected state Missions Director. We had a tremendous meeting with Brother Juan Fernandez last month. There will be much more information coming about this potential effort when it is available. Please be praying for this opportunity and for the state and local association involvement.

This first month is basically getting acclimated to the needs and expectations of this office. We set up a bank account this week and would remind you to update the address to send your Missions offerings:

BMA of MO Missions
c/o 1220 Park Drive
St. Clair, MO 63077

If I, as the Missions Director, can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling:

(636) 629-2526

or writing to:

BMA Missions Director
569 Bethel Church Rd.
Lonedell MO 63060

In the months to follow, I will be using this article to flesh out the dream and desire of carrying out missions through our state association churches. I would beg you to pray for me to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit as to how He wants this department to work, and specifically for our churches that we would carry out mission on a local, state, national, and global level.

I am praying for our Pastors and Churches to have a clear understanding of what that should look like. May the Lord richly bless you this month as you strive to carry out the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ben Kingston

**Remember to Pray
 Daily for our
 Missions Director
 as he seeks God's
 Leadership!**

Attention: Meramec Association!

“There will be a Special called meeting of the Missionary Committee of Meramec Landmark Baptist Association for Thursday, Dec 10, 2020 at Friendship Baptist Church 630 N Commercial Ave, St Clair, MO 63077, to consider a recommendation to join with the BMA of America and the BMA of Missouri in support of Bro. Juan Fernandez and family in developing a Hispanic ministry in the State of Missouri. Dinner at the church 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m.”

Bro Mike Hearst

Latest News from the Philippines

by Missionaries Stan & Donna Scroggins

While things seem to be opening up, we are still not able to return. We pray our visa type will be next on the list.

It has now been three months since our first departure back to the Philippines was canceled. Donna and I are doing our best to stay in contact with all our ministry partners in the Philippines and teaching “on-line” classes each week. We will keep everyone updated as to our status. As soon as the door opens to return we are “out of here!” We are receiving encouraging “notions” that doors will open soon for our return. Pray with us that it will not be too long.

We received word from the Bible College of the need to help with providing food for students during the weekends. Due to the lock-down students are not able to go to their respective weekend work locations and are quarantined on the campus. Thank you, Northview Baptist Church and Pastor Mike Cantrell for helping us with funds to purchase food to feed our students over the weekends.

The Ati People

The Ati people are an indigenous group of tribal people living in the mountains of our island Negros Occidental. These are groups of indigenous tribes isolated in the mountains and islands throughout the country. These people predate modern “Polynesians” Filipinos and genetically are related to Australian Aborigines. The Philippine government protects the culture of these tribal people by restricting outside contact with them. Access is by invitation only. About two years ago Donna was invited to do ministry with the tribe and we began a work with them. The BMA of America Missions department supports a Filipino missionary who works directly with the tribe. We now have a church in their village and our first Ati student, Roter Enario, at the Bible College. During the lock-down, and because of their extreme isolation, word was sent out of starvation and famine conditions in the tribe affecting some 40 families. Thank you to Pastor Eric Goble and Brister Baptist Church, Pastor Randy Murphy and First Baptist Church and Pastor Dan Wisely and Kewanee Baptist Church who have helped us get food to the tribe.

Let me introduce to you our newest hero.

Pastor John Rey Vallejera, (Pastor JoJo), is a graduate of our Bible College. He is also our BMAA Filipino missionary serving as church planter in Hong Kong. Recent unrest in Hong Kong forced him and his family to return to the Philippines. Because of the lock-down in the Philippines Pastor JoJo has not been able to return to Hong Kong. With that being said his delay has allowed him to serve as a conduit to distribute food to the Bible College students and to the Ati Tribe in the mountains of the Philippines. Also, Pastor JoJo has been able to get a travel pass which allows him to freely travel across quarantine lines. Thank you, Pastor JoJo, for your love of your people and for working to help us get food to them.

• **NEWS From Page 2** •

Well, one day as we were fellowshiping after lunch at the church, a lady came to the door to ask the pastor to visit her brother to see if he was saved. What a joyful message it was for the pastor and he could hardly wait to do that visit. Result, the man said he was saved and his two friends with him gave the same news. The next Sunday we had three men in church services with news that they would be back! Pray for them. The church held our annual hayride and wiener roast with about 40 riding on the hay wagon and 10 waiting at the church. With five visitors on Sunday. Last Sunday we met in the sanctuary with a temperature of 50 degrees. We had run out of gas! We met in the fellowship with two heaters and several blankets! Great services! We are so thankful for the ministry of Life-word and happy to support as God supplies. We are so thankful for dedicated missionaries and happy to support as God supplies. We are so thankful for faithful pastors leading their flocks as God provides. The church has blessed our pastor and wife with a weekend off to be with family on Thanksgiving. Melvin Meade, Pastor • Carolyn Meade, Reporter

October started out busy at **Ohlman Baptist Church** near **Bunker**. October 4th we had Bro. Terry Sharpe filling the

pulpit for both services. He stayed in the area for the entire week, assisting with the revival services. Our WMA also started meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. with eight ladies present. We pray that this interest and participation continues. October 5th our revival services began with Bro. Scotty Rayburn as evangelist. Sis. Renee Rayburn came with him this time. It was a pleasure to meet her. They visited some of the beautiful springs and other sites while here in the Ozarks. Each night was well attended by not only church members but others from the community. We thank Bro. Larry May, Jr. for arranging to have special

music each night. Our own “kids” Dalton and Allie Harper and Jaelyn May blessed us for two of the nights, filling in one night at the last minute when the scheduled persons had to cancel. Friday, the 9th, before services, the Brotherhood and others treated everyone to a huge “fish fry” with all the fixings. Afterwards we enjoyed hearing Gaylon, Katrina, Dalton and Allie Harper and Hannah Mendenhall provide the worship music. We pray that the words that Bro. Scotty delivered to us will continue to help us stay revived and see church growth, spiritually and physically. Sunday, October 11th we had a very full house. After preaching about Hannah dedicating Samuel to the Lord, Bro. Terry Sharpe conducted a baby dedication service for the twin babies of Joel and Dottie May Steelman. As you can see from the picture, there was a lot of family and close friends in attendance showing their physical and spiritual support for Lane and Lora Steelman. Pray for members of Ohlman as well as several in the community who have had loved ones pass away as well as many who are having health issues. Pray for Juanita May and her brothers as they have placed “Grandma” Lorene Lanham in the Brent B. Tinnin Manor in Ellington, MO. Pray for Ohlman as we search for a pastor.

Janet Widger, Reporter



Baby Dedication at Ohlman

The Bible and Debt

by Dr. Steve Crawley, Executive Director
Ministers Resource Services
via *The Mississippi Baptist*

Debt has become a normal part of our American economic system: perhaps too normal. As such, Christians may be prone to gravitate to a worldly view of its use versus a biblical view. While debt has been normalized in our society, it is not necessarily normal from a biblical perspective.

There are many views and perspectives among Christians as to the use of debt. This article evaluates a few of the guiding principles of Scripture regarding the topic.

Biblical Warnings About Debt

- Debt creates a form of bondage. If you have listened to Dave Ramsey, you’ve no doubt heard him quote Proverbs 22:7 where Solomon writes, “...*the borrower is slave to the lender.*” Slave is a word that evokes much emotion today, yet that is the picture Scripture paints regarding our use of debt.

Even though the context of Solomon’s day was obviously much different, it is hard to deny that debt creates a form of bondage. Furthermore, debt has been known to cause anxiety, high blood pressure, headaches, back pain, ulcers, depression and a host of relational problems.

- Debt creates a potentially dangerous situation. Is it a sin to play around with a rattlesnake? No, it is not a sin: however, you better not get careless, become flippant, fail to respect it or not pay attention to it, else it will be disastrous. So it is with debt. While borrowing is permitted in Scripture, there are many warnings about its dangers.

- Debt creates a serious obligation. Believers taking on debt have a biblical and oral obligation to do everything in their power to repay it (Psalm 37:21). Moreover, Solomon warns that co-signing a loan creates an obligation that is considered unwise (Proverbs 11:15).

- Debt creates a conundrum. While the Bible does not say it is wrong to borrow, it does warn against presuming upon the future (James 4:13-15). Hasty use of debt also may deny God an opportunity to provide (Phil.4:19).

After reading these warnings you may be led to think Christians should never use debt. Yet the Bible does not forbid its practice or consider it a sin. When evaluating its use perhaps a good question to consider is not whether it is right or wrong but is it wise or unwise.

Criteria When Using Debt

Ron Blue shares four cri-

teria to consider when using debt that will aid us in evaluating whether its use is wise or not:

- Economic Criteria -- Is the economic return greater than the economic cost? If the item purchased will likely increase in value in the future, it meets the criteria. Real estate, for example, will likely increase while a car will decrease in value. Thus, purchasing a house meets the criteria as it will likely appreciate after purchase. A car, on the other hand, does not meet the criteria as it will depreciate after purchase.

Is there a guaranteed way of repayment? If you purchase a house with a 20% down payment, you should be in a position to guarantee its repayment. In a worst case scenario where the asset had to be sold, you would likely be able to sell the property at 80% of its value. This principle is why highly leveraged debt is unwise. It would not meet the criteria.

- Psychological Criteria -- You and your spouse are free from anxiety and unified about the decision.

- Spiritual Criteria -- there is a spiritual peace of mind and the decision does not violate biblical principles. Any use of debt should be preceded with prayer. You should only take action as you feel the Holy Spirit guiding and granting peace in the decision.

- Emergency Criteria -- The debt provides a solution for goals and objectives that can’t be met another way. Even if your use of debt meets all of these criteria, wise stewardship demands that you handle debt with extreme care and maintain a sufficient financial margin. While the Bible does not prohibit its use, you must ensure that taking on debt does not restrict your service to God or facilitate the inherent hedonistic tendencies of the flesh.

Updated Highlights From Our Annual Meeting

by Don Burke, Recording Clerk

The Missouri State Association met for our 2020 Annual Meeting at Zion in St. Louis October 10th. Due to COVID concerns many of our group sported masks that morning. Someone commented that as we congregated in the parking lot waiting for the church to be opened we looked like masked bandits waiting to hold up an old west stage or bank. <ha>

As was reflected in the figures Bro. Hoffmann shared last month, the attendance was down this year as churches were asked to limit to just messengers attending. To further attempt to limit exposure, the meeting was pared down to business and a couple of devotional thoughts – there was no annual sermon and no meal.

Among the business that was done, the following new committeemen were elected to the various departments:

- **Publications:**
Don Burke
(term ending 2023)

- **Camp:**
Jason Taylor (2025)
- **Alive:**
Kevin Smith (2024)
- **Special Missions Committee:**
Mike Hurst (2026),
Brian Buckley
(2023),
Don Burke (2027)
- **Resolutions Committee:**
Benjamin Kingston,
Matt Bolen,
Mike Hurst
- **Enrollment Committee:**
Russell Chitwood,
Dan Wisely,
Matt Bolen

Jerry Adams was elected as the 2021 Moderator of the Association; Ben Kingston was elected as Assistance Moderator.

The offering for the Minute Fund (including what has been received since the meeting) currently totals \$2,150. This is down \$500 from last

year, and is approximately \$1,000 short of meeting anticipated expenses for the coming year. Even with the Minute Funds already in the bank, we are some \$400 short for the coming year.

Probably the biggest change for the coming year is the new Director for the Missions Department. Ben Kingston was elected to that position. A new position (Clerical Help) will be filled by Stacey Hatfield, who will assist the Director with book-keeping and other duties. Outgoing director, James Hoffmann, will remain on staff for three months helping with training and transition responsibilities.

The Association voted to give Bro. Hoffmann a rising vote of appreciation and a gift of \$1,200 in appreciation for his six years of service as Missions Director.

The Association will meet with New Testament (Sullivan) May 14-15, 2021. for the Missions Symposium and Semi-Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be at Faith (St. Charles) October 9, 2021.

drants. That was the end of the stargazing for the night! The hydrant is still bent; you can look for it the next time your at camp.

If I were more prepared I would turn that into an object lesson. Maybe I will with another story next month.

We love and miss you guys and are looking forward to seeing life at camp again.

I'd like to express our Thanks to the State for covering not only our Insurance, but also the camp loan. That has really taken a load of concern off.

We hope you all have a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving.

Your Happy Campers:
Looking for a better camping season this year with many mre campers learning about the Lord.

Chris, Laura, Caleb,
Chloe and Abby.

Chris Polk
P.O. Box271
Matthews MO 63867

Raines, Former CBC President, Dies

James Ray Raines, 83 of North Little Rock, AR passed away October 22nd. He surrendered to the ministry July 26, 1953 at the age of 15 at Farmville Baptist Church and faithfully served in ministry for over 67 years.



James Ray Raines

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Central Baptist College in 1960. While a student there, he was the president of the student body in 1956 and honored as Mr. CBC in 1957. He was later named the CBC Alumnus of the Year in 1981.

Bro. Raines pastored several churches, including: Sulphur Springs in Fordyce, Chapel Hill in New Edinburg, Zion in Fordyce, First Baptist in Gurdon, Immanuel Baptist in Camden and Lynch View (later named North View) in North Little Rock.

He served as president of Central Baptist College from 1984-1990. Under his leadership the Harold E. Cooper Complex was constructed. He served in many positions in the BMA at the local, state and national levels, including 25 years as BMAA recording clerk before retiring from that position in 2019.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ann; two sons, Tommy Raines of Camden and Mike Raines of North Little Rock; one daughter, Kim Looney of North Little Rock; three brothers, Wayne Raines of Springhill, La., Dan Raines of Russellville and Marlin Raines of Warren; one sister, Ellen Courtney of Greenbrier; and four grandchildren.

In a Personality Profile for the Baptist Trumpet from March 27, 2002, Bro. Raines said the Bible character he most identified with was “Barnabas, because of his helpful, supportive ministry of encouragement,” and that he would like for his epitaph to read, “He was faithful.”

Services were held Oct. 26 at North View Baptist Church in North Little Rock, and interment was at Crossroads Cemetery near Kingsland under the direction of Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce.

The Benefit of God's Word in Our Daily Life

Psalm 119:11 “I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Psalm 119:16 “I will delight myself in Your statutes. I will not forget Your word.”

Psalm 119:42 “Than I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word.”

Psalm 119:49-50 “Remember the word to Your servant, upon which you have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has quickened me.”

II Timothy 3:16-17 “A Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for

rebuking, for correcting, for disciplining, in righteousness, so that God's man may be capable and equipped for every good work.”

Hebrews 4:12-13 “For the Word of God is living and effective and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and is a judge of the thoughts and deliberations of the heart. And there is not a creature invisible before Him, but all things are naked and revealed to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”

Ephesians 5:18 “And don't get drunk with wine, which is recklessness, but be filled with the Spirit.”

My View of Camp....

by Chris Polk, Director

As I write this, we are traveling home from camp (Laura is driving). Our first time going to camp in over a month. Way back then everything was green. This time everything is brown. We just made a quick trip after work but even these trips are beneficial. We began the process of winterizing, cleaned a little, worked on some equipment and picked up some camping supplies we need for this weekend.

Of course it was getting dark as we arrived. I left Laura in the hut, walked to the dining hall to look around. Also turned on the heat in dorm 9 and the dining hall to insure they work for a retreat scheduled this winter.

From there I walked back to the new shop, worked on the lawn mower, started everything that would start, took inventory of what wouldn't and what is needed to fix it. Took inventory of what's needed to finish winterizing. Then I walked back to the hut to see how The heaters were working and how Laura was doing.

All together, we were there a little over an hour. Productive???? Ehh, probably not. But what made the trip worth while is the view from the shop back to the hut. I seldom use a light when I'm just walking from place to place after dark at camp. Looking for little satans slithering on the ground, I use a light. But just walking from place to place I'm looking up. I adore the view of Creation from the hill at Garwood. I always have. That reminds me of a story from my list of camp memories.

One night we were all packed in the golf cart idling around camp looking at the stars. Pointing out the dippers, Mars, planes. Then suddenly WHAM! we hit one of the water hy-

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Ladies, Remember **2021 National Women's Conference** **April 20, 2021** **Heritage Baptist Church** **Waxahachie, TX** **Watch this publication for more information**

NRLC Praises Declaration

The countries of Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Uganda and the U.S. co-sponsored a virtual gathering in Washington October 22nd to sign the Geneva Consensus Declaration. Thirty-three countries representing 1.6 billion people signed the Declaration stating that "there is no international right to abortion."

"This Declaration reaffirms that 'every human being has the inherent right to life,'" stated Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). "This is a fundamental belief that must undergird how the United States and signatory member states approach women's health issues around the world and how the United Nations should approach these issues."

With or Without Christ?

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

If we have Christ, we have His blood for pardon, His righteousness for justification, His fullness to supply all our needs, His promises to cheer us, His strength to support us, His wisdom to guide us in all our ways.

We have Him in all the offices He sustains, as Prophet to teach and instruct us, as Priest to atone and plead for us, and as King to rule over us and in us.

We have Him in all the blessed characters He bears, as our Shepherd, our Captain, our Bread of Life, Water of Life and the Wine of God to cheer us.

We have Him in the endearing relationship He sustains as our Elder Brother. And, which is more endearing than all, we have Him as our Husband; and He does not take His bride as we are in the habit of taking ours, for better or for worse. O no! He knew she would have no "better" about her; it would be all "worse;" therefore He took her with all her sin and guilt and stood answerable for all her debts.

Cannot some of you recollect a time when you were without Christ? Up to the time that I was nearly eighteen years of age, I was without Christ; but just before I was eighteen, Christ, in distinguishing love, revealed Himself to me.

I am now within a few weeks of seventy and I feel up to this moment as much necessity of Christ as ever. I have not gained a bit of ground here. Since that time I have preached many thousands of sermons about Christ, I have travelled many thousands of miles to preach about Him and in this respect I think I may say I have labored more abundantly than many.

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Daniel Springs Baptist Camp, Gary, Texas

Jason Prewitt, Director

As you know Daniel Springs Camp was unable to host our normal summer camp season due to the Corona Virus. We were so disappointed not having our summer staff family of young adults that invest their summer into camp and missing church groups being on camps each week of the summer. We so missed seeing the longtime friends and the new relationships with church leaders that come as sponsors and the students that come with their church groups. Needless to say, it was too quiet at Daniel Springs during the months of May, June, July and August.

On an exciting and upbeat note, we were able to host a few small groups this summer thanks to the Daniel Retreat Center that was remodeled with your help. That remodeled building has turned into a huge blessing. It was great seeing groups together, being in God's Word, worshipping, involved in recreation games and building lasting friendships with fellow students and adults.

What does no summer mean for Daniel Springs Camp? We started out the summer very concerned as to what would happen to the camp's financial stability, we have worked so hard to build over the last few years. As many of us have done, we cut back on non-essential expenses. Through all of this God has been amazing. Contributions have dipped down but nothing like we expected – Praise the Lord. We are still watching all the expenses closely because we know this is not over yet but the monthly contributions through associations, churches, individuals and special offerings from different groups have been a huge blessing. A few years ago, our goal was to be strong. Daniel Springs Camp is holding its healthy status, which would not happen without the monthly supports and special offering, as of now but please join us in prayer as we strive to be financially stronger and stronger each day.

Moving forward we are still, like many of you, taking this day by day. We are working on a calendar of events but until the states lift some of the requirements, we are struggling with hosting big events. That does not stop us from hosting church retreats, men's or women's groups, family reunions,

pool parties or small groups activities. We have options of day events or overnight stays. There are plenty of activities such as Archery Tag, gaga pit, volleyball, basketball, human foosball, swimming in the pool, fishing or just the peace and quiet of east Texas. Let us know how we be of service to you, your church or your family.

An excitement is already building about the 2021 summer camp season. We are already working on recruiting our summer staff so if you are or know of a high school junior or senior, a college student or a young adult that would like to invest their summer investing in students and adults send them our way. Dates for summer camps will be coming out soon so keep watching for more details.

If we can be of help or you would like me to come share about Daniel Springs Camp, your camp ministry please let me know. I would love to come and share about the exciting things going on with your camp ministry. My contact information is Jason@DanielSpringsCamp.com or (903) 685-2433.

Getting to Know Our Heavenly Father

Micah 7:18-19 "Who is a God like You who takes away iniquity, who passes over the rebellion of the remnant of his inheritance? He does not stubbornly hold in His anger forever, because he delights in steadfast covenant love. He will even cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

Acts 17:24-27 "The God

But, if you would take away Christ, I would as soon trust the devil as all my doings; and the devil would have as good a hope as I should have; for all my hope comes from, and is centered in, a precious Christ. If we are without Christ, we have nothing but sin and wretchedness; nothing but what will lead us to ruin.

• William Gadsby, *Without Christ*, November 17, 1842

who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all, life and breath and everything. And He has made from one man every nation of men to live all over the face of the earth, and has determined the times prescribed for them and the boundaries of their habitats, so that they might seek God, if perhaps they might reach out for Him and find Him, even though He is not far from each one of us."

Psalm 5:4-7 "For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; evil will not dwell with You. The foolish will not stand in Your sight;

You hate all workers of iniquity. You will destroy those who speak lies; the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; fearing You, I will worship toward Your holy temple."

Psalm 68:19 "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for me?"

Psalm 37:25 "I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread."

Trust God Today!!

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

Ecclesiology - Study of the Church The Ministry of the Contemporary Church

Ephesians 3:21 "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ
Jesus throughout all ages, wold without end. Amen"

"Ecclesiology is crucial to Baptist theology; it is what makes Baptist unique among other Christian groups." (Bryan, 1)

The word contemporary is defined as, "belonging to or occurring in the present." In 1851 in what is known in Baptist history as the Cotton Grove Meeting, J.R. Graves asked the following question in an attempt to establish some sort of standard by which one might evaluate churches, ministers, and Christians. "Can Baptist, consistently with their principles of the Scriptures, recognize those societies not organized according to the pattern of the Jerusalem church, but possessing different governments, different officers, a different class of members, different ordinances, doctrines, and practices, as churches of Christ?" (Bryan, 2) A response is this important question is as crucial to the ministry of the contemporary church as it was in the day of J.R. Graves. This question must be asked because of the effort by many to bring about unity among Christians regardless of their teaching concerning the biblical doctrines of salvation, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Some of the distinctive principles that separate associational Baptist from other organization or so-called churches can be found in J.E. Cobb's, *Brief Studies in Christian Doctrines*:

- 1) The Scriptures are the only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.
- 2) Jesus delegated the responsible to make disciples to the church He established during His personal ministry on earth. The commission found in Matthew 28:18-20, involves evangelism, baptizing, and teaching.
- 3) The local church is composed of a regenerated membership only.
- 4) The biblical order of the New Testament commandments are repentance, faith, baptism, and the Lord's supper.
- 5) Christ gave to the church as an institution, not individual churches the quality of perpetuation.
- 6) The Lord's Supper restricted to members of the local church only.
- 7) The authority of the local church to exercise discipline of disorderly members.
- 8) The commission was given to the local church as the representative of all like local churches. All like churches are under obligation to work for the evangelization of the whole world.
- 9) An association is to be a cooperative effort of the churches to carry out the Lord's commission.
- 10) The local church is the highest ecclesiastical body on earth.
- 11) Those who are truly born again belong to the family of God and are "in Christ."
- 12) It is clear in the New Testament that the family of God and the church of God are two distinct entities.
- 13) A person may be saved and not be a member of a local church. Yet it is God's will that those who receive Christ as Lord and Savior obey His commands of baptism, church membership, and personal ministry.

"Ecclesiology is crucial to Baptist theology; it is what makes Baptist unique among other Christian groups." (Bryan, 1) The church exists to carry out the work of the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit. When a person is saved, he should

Trust God, not Man!

Moses spent 40 years
thinking he was some-
body; 40 years learn-
ing he was nobody; and
40 years discovering
what God can do with a
nobody!

Dwight L. Moody

present himself to a church, make a confession of his faith in Christ, and express his desire to become a member of the church.

Dennis Baker

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Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion ... The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles, which enjoins humility, piety, and benevolence; which acknowledges in every person a brother, or a sister, and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity, and to this we owe our free Constitutions of Government.

Noah Webster

Moral Action

Dr. John Adams • Executive Director

It is our privilege to write again about this great work of God. As I represent the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association I see the responsibility as great. I ask for your prayers personally and for this agency. May I share:

1) Mrs. Adams (Darla) and I continue to contact Representatives and Senators in the Mississippi State House and via letters and texts to D.C. and U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. We humbly ask for their allegiance to an awesome God. Prayerfully, we request that we keep God in our Pledge of Allegiance to our U.S. flag and to keep on our coinage and paper money "In God We Trust". We ask our political leaders to thwart liberals from rewriting our Christian/American history. Antifa desires to completely eradicate God from our history books. Urge your elected officials to be aware of this. And on and on!

2) Association wise, we have been to Hattiesburg, Ms. for the annual B.M.A. of Mississippi. Our joy was to share about Moral Action's purpose. Later, we travelled to Montgomery, Alabama and shared the annual message for the churches of the B.M.A. of Alabama. Good churches and good people. We shared a video report for President Tom Mitchell and the B.M.A. of Arkansas meeting in Conway, Ar. of the great efforts of Moral Action. Allow us to come and be a part of your association or church – 662-231-3863.

3) Moral Action will begin to distribute through the mail the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association "How to Pray For Our Leaders", a great pamphlet to stay on your desk or table. We are to pray in great intercession.

4) Via Facebook – John Adams we are sharing an 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning Moral Action video-live. Many still are unable to attend church services, so join us. It is best for all to be in church services if possible, but if not, join us each Sunday at 11:00. Our lowest Facebook hit numbers since August 1st is 373 and the highest is 1271 hits/friends. Also join us at www.macbma.net or www.moralactionofmississippi.com.

5) Once again, the Moral Action trustees (18 men and women of Ms. and U.S.A.) sincerely thank the First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Ms. for the beautiful offices. Mrs. Adams and our local workers make this a viable place to glorify our Lord. Thanks F.B.C.!

6) Moral Action needs your financial support, if we are to do a credible effort. Please consider putting us in your budget. God will honor it!

7) Biblical scriptures for America:

I Timothy 2:1-4: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Esther 4:15-16: "Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, God, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish."

I Peter 2:17: "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

The Master's Builders Return to Emmet, AR

October 19th, The Master's Builders met at New Liberty Baptist Church in Emmet, Arkansas, to try to complete their part in the building of the new sanctuary. There were 12 Master's Builders that were able to work all or part of our time there. Two of these men drove back and forth each day, one from Hooks, Texas, and another from Hope.

The Builders were there to prepare the ceiling for sheetrock to be installed, install the baptistry and stairways, build a stage and complete all the sheetrock. A crew of four men spent one day at Hebron Hills, "We Are Free", to install a deck and stairs on the back of the administration building.

The Master's Builders took this beautiful church building about as far as we could on this return trip. We have thoroughly enjoyed this project and the sweet fellowship we have shared. Thank you to all the members of the church family who have made us feel so special. We had great food, fellowship and help with the building. We will keep you in our prayers as you have the finishing work done. Thank you to Bro. James and Carol Cox for everything... The flock you shepherd is special!

This is job #168 for The Master's Builders. What a blessing

each has been! We have some jobs tentatively planned for the spring, but we will wait on the Lord and see what He has planned for us.

If you follow us on Facebook, I hope you can feel how much we love the Lord and each other. We come to know and love so many church families and it is hard to leave them. So, if you feel that you might like to come with us, please contact any of the men below. We would love to have you with us.

For any questions on The Master's Builders or on any building needs your church might have, please contact:

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Douglas Brand, a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Potosi is available for pulpit supply or as the Lord leads (has experience in Music Ministry). Contact Mike Jarvis (573-854-9075) or Larry Lovvorn (417-766-4077) for references. Contact Doug at (573-315-0930) or (573-315-0931) or by email dbrandministries@gmail.com.

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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.

Believer, do you have any burdens, worries, anxieties, concerns or fears?

If you're reading these words you do. We may try to convince ourselves or others that we are so spiritually stable, faithful, and grounded that we are beyond the reach of these plagues of the old man.

But to you who have been made honest and willingly admit the battle that rages within, remember these words of comfort,

"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you"

(1 Peter 5:7).



The Master's Builders need more workers to help those pictured above!

You Are Not A Failure Because You Fail!

by Jeff Swart • BMAA President

There are many things in life that scar us and one of the most common and frequent is failure. Every one of us has failed before and we will fail again. I have often said, "You are not a failure because you fail, you are a failure because you quit."

As I have studied the Word of God and church history, I found that in the life of every great man of God there was a time when he was tempted to quit. For example:

It was after Peter cursed and denied the Lord that he went on to preach the greatest sermon of his ministry on the day of Pentecost.

It was after John Mark quit and deserted Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey and returned back to Jerusalem that he went on to be the traveling companion of Barnabas and pen the second Gospel.

It was after Jonah rebelled against the call of God to go and preach to Nineveh and was swallowed by a great fish that he went on to preach the greatest revival in the history of the

world.

After preaching his first sermon, D.L. Moody's pastor said to him, "You uneducated, blundering fool. The greatest thing you could ever do for the cause of Christ is to keep your mouth shut." It was after that he went on to personally lead two million souls to Christ.

It was after Charles Spurgeon was excluded from his own church that he went on to shake two continents for Christ and was given the affectionate title, "prince of preachers."

It was after Charles Finney's pastor said to him, "I'm sorry our church ever ordained you" that he went on to lead the Second Great Awakening in America.

It was after George W. Truett accidentally shot his best friend on a hunting trip that he went on to build the great First Baptist Church in Dallas.

Every one of these great men was tempted to quit, but didn't. It has been said, "Quitting is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

In my opinion, Winston Churchill was one of the greatest statesmen of this past century. During World War II, when he was Prime Minister of England, his nightly radio broadcasts kept the morale of England high during some of the darkest hours of her history. After the war, he was invited to speak at Harrow College — his alma mater. After being introduced to the graduating class and guests, Winston Churchill stood up and gave the commencement address to the student body. The sum total of the address was, "Young people, never, never, never, turn back." Then he sat down.

If I could leave you with one thought it would be: "Give your heart and life to Jesus Christ and, ...never, never, never, turn back!"