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“The Morality of Politics”

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BMAO Moral Action

Many Christians are divided as to what, if any, role they should play in politics. Our United States Constitution does not grant any rights but rather protects our God-given rights.

There is a biblical principle we must consider; the bible clearly states we are to be good stewards of what God gives us. Our freedom of religion, covered by the first amendment, guarantees Americans the ability to worship God as we choose.

As government tramples on the rights of citizens, our liberties are directly affected. As attempts are made to suppress Bible truths citizens must realize the laziness leads to loss of rights. So when we fight for any constitutional right, we are fighting to protect them all, including being able to preach.

A number of years back there was a major U S city who had a mayor tell preachers they had to submit their messages before they preached them. This mayor, from what I heard, was pushing for any speech addressing sexual orientation to be approved.

The Texas Tribune had an article October 16, 2014, The Guardian, October 17, 2014, Time Magazine, October 17, 2014, as did many other news agencies.

This should never have happened but thank God we have a “pesky little document” that some liberals hate called the Constitution. There was considerable backlash and evidently this unconstitutional attempt failed. This is a clear example of why we need to closely watch the attempts of state, federal and local legislators.

In Oklahoma we have many bills being considered that would potentially restrict, if not eliminate, our constitutional rights. In the matter of Senate Bill 857 and House Bill 1626

and the use of automatic license plate readers, including, but not limited to “Flock” cameras. They are pushing these bills in the name of safety, all the while violating our rights.

Upon review of the proposed bills, the House Bill 1626 and the Senate Bill 857, I have to recommend complete rejection of the language and intent of these proposed pieces of legislation. Amendment IV of the US Constitution says, “The right of the people: to be secure in their person, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or things to be seized.”

So what does the word “effects” mean? I searched the definition online, Webster’s 1828 dictionary.

The applicable definition reads as follows: “In the plural, effects are goods; moveables; personal estate.” (The people escaped from the town with their effects.)

Though cars were not in existence at this time, buggies were. Thank God the word used here is effects, otherwise the Amish would be protected, but we would not. Cars

are moveable parts of a person’s estate. Without a search warrant that particularly describes what is to be searched, and what is to be seized, this would make using these devices a constitutional violation.

Seizing information is like seizing one’s papers. The state has personal information on record tied to the vehicle’s license plate number. The state makes the claim that we have no reasonable expectation of privacy while in public.

A citizen has a protected First Amendment right to take pictures. They do not have access to state data. They do not make arrests as the state does.

The Constitution was written to protect citizens from governmental overreach. So according to the Fourth Amendment, we DO have a right to expect privacy from the GOVERNMENT.

The bills describe that after 30 days information is to be completely deleted. Once data is electronically captured it cannot be tracked as it is shared. There is absolutely no way we can be sure it is 100% deleted. Data captured by Chinese backed companies must give the Chinese government access to their data.

Tik Tok is scheduled to be banned because the Chinese are getting our data. Section 4.2 of the Flock (ALPR camera company) agreement states: “Customer grants Flock a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, license to use the Customer Generated Data for the purpose of providing Flock Services.” So for the very reasons Tik Tok is to be banned, so should these cameras.

Another concern is that every law enforcement agency is to develop a policy for

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Central District WMA Prepares for 2025

The Central District Ladies Missionary groups met Saturday, January 25, at New Generations Mission in Norman. The host church led the music which was sung in English and Spanish. We sang “Oh Happy Day,” and “Amazing Grace.”

Heather Krausse gave the Bible lesson, “You are a daughter of the King.” Several ladies brought family heirlooms and shared their stories, from their relatives of years ago.

New officers were elected and our new project was chosen. The ladies goal for the past year was the New Generation Mission. We exceeded our goal of \$2024.00. We praise God for His blessings on our district ladies group. Our goal for this years is to help with donations to the College Heights Baptist Church in Ada, OK. Our offerings will be for the nursery and children’s areas. Bro. Preston Edgar is the new pastor of this church.

Our next ladies meeting will be held April 26, at 10:00am at the Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell. All ladies are invited to participate in our quarterly meetings.

Debbie Clark, Secretary

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"From the Pastor's Pen"

By Wearthly Shank

"Our God is an Awesome God"



Mountains. From the majestic mountains of the Northwest to the Grand Canyon of the Southwest, we can see the Hand of God in every inch of it.

From the huge trees to the smallest insect, God owns it all; He made it.

From the dry, hot deserts to the swamps of the Mississippi Delta, with all the critters in each domain, He is the author and finisher of it all.

Next time you wander out in the yard at night, look up at the breath-taking beauty of the sky. Soak in the luxurious comfort of God's creation.

And whisper a prayer of joy and thanksgiving for what God has surrounded you with.

Think about it!

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard. Psalm 19:1-3

The Apostle Paul spoke in Romans 1:20 that the invisible things of the creation are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made. Paul speaks in his writing concerning the wayward man in his sin.

The Psalmist, David speaks of mankind in general.

When we see the magnificence of God's handiwork in scenery from the sea to the east, across this vast land to the sea to the west, we witness many breath-taking scenes of the landscape.

I am especially favorable towards the awesome high hills and deep valleys of the Appalachian Mountains. A simple log cabin left over from yesteryear, resting on

a hillside above a babbling creek.

You may see a field of green grain growing to maturity for the fall harvest in the midwestern states, called the "breadbasket of the world." Or the huge farm machinery harvesting that grain.

If you're in the south, you may see cotton fields, sugar cane fields, and rolling hills of large cattle herds.

Still others may see the marvelous beauty of the ruggedness of the Rocky

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"I Was Just Thinkin'"

By Narita Roady

"Ten Times"

I have read my Bible from beginning to end several times since accepting Christ but it has been a while. So I decided I would do it again this year.

I was a little halfway through the book of Numbers when the Lord stopped me cold in my tracks. As I read Numbers 14:22-23 my mind kept going over and over these two verses.

"Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these 10 times, and have not hearkened to my voice; surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:"

The part that really caught my attention was *"have tempted me now these 10 times, and have not hearkened to my voice;"* It was still fresh on my mind the lack of trust the Israelites had for God.

I had become pretty aggravated at them myself as I read over and over how God had provided for them without fail and yet in the face of each new difficulty or obstacle they doubted Him and again! They even had the nerve to accuse and complain to Him.

Actually I had become a little more than aggravated! It ate away at me how they could be filled with such mistrust, disbelief and even suspicion after all God had done!! How could they be so foolish as to question such miracles?!! That was until I came to this verse.

The number 10 caught my eye, I hadn't counted the incidents but God had. I knew they were a griping ungrateful bunch, but I began to want to search deeper and see what their root problem was at the base of each offense.

I know the Holy Spirit was at work because a still small voice tapped on my shoulder and said, *"You do the same thing to Him, Narita"*.

Regrettably I knew this to be true and had been convicted of it time and time again. Without ceasing, all through my life, God has been with me during every trial, doing marvelous things that left me without a doubt it was His Hand. Yet let a new trouble appear and I am back to base one, fearing, doubting, wondering what will happen.

Yes, after the initial shock I may get a grip on myself and allow Him to give me that peace that passes all understanding by putting all my trust and faith in Him.

But the bottom line is I was no different than these Hebrew children I had been so disgusted with as I read their story.

With gentle prodding, (okay a SHOVE from the Holy Spirit), I began to study to see more exactly how I and countless others like me *"tempt"* the Lord just as the bratty Israelites did.

Lacking trust at the crossing of the Red Sea Exodus 14:10-12

Now most of us would completely understand the fear of the Israelite children standing at the Red Sea, all 4 to six million of them, no weapons, children in tow, and Pharaoh's enraged army following close behind, right?

Well, God understood that they did not trust Him! He had cared for them from the beginning of time and had just miraculously delivered them from 400 years of brutal slavery.

Why would He now suddenly let them die? This was a real slap in the face to God.

We do it too. I know I have. That impossible situation looms ahead, filling my heart with fear and "what ifs". I fail to trust God to protect and care for me and my loved ones. How could I?

Has He not proven Himself over and over for me too? His Word is filled with promises that He will never let me down.

2 Corinthians 1:9-10, *"But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;"*

If He can save our souls from hell, He can deliver us from any problem or threat of danger. What a slap in the face to God to not trust Him and believe He has the power and desire to handle everything we face.

Mark 10:27 assures God can do it all. *"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."*

Do you trust God with the impossible?

Complaining over bitter water at Marah Exodus 15:23-24

Stuck in the desert and the only water they find is too bitter to drink. Once again they distrust God and complain. Bitterness is symbolic of affliction, misery, suffering, and hardship.

While bad water has never been a problem, I have had situations in my life that caused me great distress, haven't you?

False accusations, mistreatment at the hand of another, maybe even a family member, financial pinches, health problems, the list goes on.

I know for a while I was a good cowgirl and would 'buck up' and take it, but then as a quick solution did not present itself, I am ashamed to say there have been instances I succumbed to whining at God. "This is too hard. What am I to do? I don't know how much more I can take?"

What I should be doing is once again putting my trust in Him, asking Him what it is He wants me to learn, and thanking Him for carrying me through.

How it must hurt Him when we think He would do anything to harm us after He has shown us such great love.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

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“Here Am I, Send Me!”

BMAA World Missions Sunday

Send Me: Asia

With World Missions Day right around the corner, we have been reflecting on all that God has done through BMA Global since its inception.

In Asia, BMA Global has been actively engaged in church planting since the early 1950s, and over the decades, the work has expanded from initial efforts in Taiwan and Japan to a broader presence throughout Asia, including more than ten countries.

In China the Johnsons are reaching a massive international community.

In Papua New Guinea, the Hambrice and Sanders families continue to teach and translate the Bible for the people in their village, and now these people have a heart to share the story of Jesus with those outside their village.

In the Himalayas, Jacob and Miriam are hosting Bible studies and are committed to sharing the gospel where it is not welcome.

In Thailand the Yaebeangs are training up pastors and the Lingles are planting a

new church.

In India, the Prakashes continue to invest in both young people and leaders alike.

In the Philippines, the Lees are training future leaders and the Ballards are planting churches.

These are just our American missionaries. In these countries plus Cambodia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Myanmar, ChangeMakers are also planting churches, discipling believers, and growing the Kingdom. We could not do what we do without our ChangeMakers.

And our missionaries and ChangeMakers could not do what they do without your support.

World Missions Day is an opportunity for our BMA church family to rally around the purpose for which we exist—to fulfill the Great Commission.

We would love to see more churches than ever join us this year in our celebration of 75 years of global missions!

Send Me: Europe

World Missions Day is quickly approaching, and as the BMA continues to celebrate all that God has done through BMA Global over the past 75 years, we focus this week on Europe.

BMA Global's presence in Europe dates back to 1962 when Harold Morris became the first BMA missionary to serve in the region.

After more than a decade of ministry in Brazil, Morris spent a year in France and Portugal laying the groundwork for future missions in Europe.

Today, BMA Global has five missionary families planting churches in the region: in France are Sean and Kendall Pasley, and in Romania, Bryan and Pam Risner, Cristian and Vanessa Martinez, Candra Barnett, and Sara Filimon.

Numerous ChangeMakers also serve throughout the region in Romania, Portugal, Czech Republic, and Ukraine.

ChangeMakers in Ukraine face unique challenges serving during wartime. These challenges haven't stopped the work there, but instead the opportunities are endless.

Sasha Grebenyuk is one ChangeMaker who has been serving in Ukraine since well before the war began three years ago. In the last three years, five new

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churches have formed. The gospel is still reaching people, war or no war.

As a part of our World Missions Day celebration, we are excited to offer a free special anniversary edition Gleaner magazine.

This edition features an overview of the history of our global work as well as a look at what’s happening now and our vision for the future.

We have so much to thank God for, and we hope you will join us for World Missions Day.

Send Me: North America By Larry Barker, VP Church Strategy and Training

The BMA has a rich legacy of church planting in North America, evidenced by more than 1,100 BMA churches that exist today in North America.

What’s even more exciting is reaching the nations within our own borders—we have church plants serving eight different language groups within the United States, and we hope to add many more in the years to come.

CBC Hires New PACE Chair/Director Online Studies

Central Baptist College (CBC) is pleased to announce the addition of Michael Davis, PACE (Professional Adult College Education) Department Chair and Director of Online Studies. He most recently served as an Adjunct Professor in the Business Department.

"We are excited to have Michael joining us full time at CBC," said Executive Vice President Dr. Jeremy Langley. "He has been a tremendous asset to the College during his time as an adjunct business instructor. His previous work experience, commitment to seeing students succeed, and his love for the Lord make him a great fit for CBC and the PACE program."

As PACE Department Chair and Director of Online Studies, Davis will develop, articulate, and foster a vision for the department. He will also engage in the department’s curriculum plan to include new programs and degree ideas beneficial to the PACE Department.

Davis received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Strayer University in Washington, D.C., and his Master of Business Administration from Louisiana State University in Shreveport, LA.

Davis and his wife Keri (1994) are from Benton, AR, and attend Trinity Baptist Church, where he also serves as Minister of Music.

Central Baptist College, a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas, is dedicated to transforming lives through education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

Offering approximately 40 baccalaureate degree programs, CBC also boasts 16 athletic teams competing in the AMC conference of the NAIA and supports six fine arts performance groups.

For more information about CBC, visit cbc.edu.



We already have new projects on the horizon that we are excited about! In just a few short months at the National Meeting we hope to present six or seven new North American church planters.

Three of these will be new Spanish-speaking plants and one Ukrainian, and then we hope to have planters going to Utah and Indianapolis as well.

Not including these new planters to be commissioned, we currently have 16 families serving across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

All the way from the Bronx, NY, to just outside San Diego, CA. From the center of Utah to Phoenix, AZ.

From just across the river in St Louis, MO, to Orlando, FL, the gospel is being advanced by these families committed to the mission of God!

God is raising up men who are willing to go. We need more church planters, and we need you. It’s through the Jerry Kidd Missions Offering that will be taken up on World Missions Day, February 23, that we will be able to take on these projects and support them.

I’m asking God to do exceeding and abundantly above all that we could ask or think. Join me in this prayer, and also pray that we will see more church planters raised up to expand the Kingdom through multiplication.

Prayerfully consider how you can be involved in the Jerry Kidd Missions Offering this World Missions Day.

Request resources and learn more about how you and your church can get involved in World Missions Day by visiting:

bmaglobal.org/worldmissionsday
or
emailing_sidney@bmaglobal.org.



"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"Contrasting Examples"

One of my cousins whose "elevator didn't got to the top floor" once called me a "Funeral Go-er," which meant she thought I went to funerals just for the sake of going to a funeral.

In the first place, as a minister, I'm required to go to most of the ones I attend because I'm the one handling the thing.

In the second place, I've never attended a funeral of someone I didn't know or who wasn't related to someone I knew.

And in the third place, since she didn't like me, I don't know why she even cared what I did.

I give you that about my cousin because this article involves another funeral I attended and I didn't want you to think of me as a "Funeral Go-er." I really do enjoy other forms of entertainment more. Also, I do have sources for bulletin articles other than funerals.

One of the last funerals I attended was a very spiritually comforting one. The songs and the message were great. The text used was John 3:16 which directed everyone to Jesus.

As I sat listening to the services I truly appreciated those who were giving such comfort to the family who had lost a mother, sister, and wife.

Suddenly I thought of another funeral I attended not too long before that in which there was no spiritual understanding of what had taken place.

The message was a very superficial one that gave very little hope to those left behind. Jesus was only mentioned a couple of times, but then, more in passing than as the source of comfort needed by those left behind.

As I recalled that service I became

disturbed that family was left without the comfort Jesus offers in times of such loss. Why aren't they given the same type of hope this one was offering to this family.

Almost as if in answer to my silent, mental question, the thought came to me. I was privileged to attend this service in order to be reminded of my responsibility as a minister to those attending this service, to point them to Jesus as the source of the comfort they need.

Please understand. Life isn't "about me" and this funeral wasn't "about me." The service was in memory of the one who had gone to be with the Lord and for the comfort of those left behind. I was only an observer.

But life is God's classroom. He has lessons for us all. He gives the lesson and it is up to us what we do with it. Our

experiences should all be applied to our life so we can learn more about God and how to serve Him in a greater way.

This service was going to be held whether I attended or not, but God had a lesson for me that was available at that funeral. But God had a lesson for everyone who attended that funeral. What they do with it is between them and God.

There was a man once who had a terrible reputation in his town. He was just about everything he shouldn't be and nothing he should be.

A minister in town had a reputation for always seeing the best in everyone. He never said anything bad about anyone.

When this man died everyone attended the funeral to see what the preacher could possibly say good about this wicked man. The preachers said, "Well, he was an example to us all. A horrible one, but an example for us, nonetheless."

Thank the Lord the contrast between these two funerals. One was a horrible example and the other a blessed example.

BMA Meetings on the Horizon

BMAO Midyear Meeting Shady Grove, McAlester

April 5



BMAA National Meeting Pathway, Waxahachie, TX April 22-24

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**Do you trust God
that He will only allow
what is best for your life?**

Complaining in the Wilderness of Sin Exodus 16:1-3

Here they go again! They were hungry so instead of asking God for food they complained again. They added insult to injury by saying they were better off in Egypt than now.

If I were God I would be shaking my head saying, “Why did I even bother.”

In Egypt the Israelites were in slavery working themselves to death. Since they had left Egypt they hadn't had a need go unmet and they didn't have to work to boot!

Remember back to a time when God has delivered you from a problem you endured. You praised Him, thanked Him

and looked in awe at all the new blessings He bestowed upon you.

Then life goes on and the new wears off and all of a sudden you are faced with a test, a lack in an area of need, a difficulty that makes life uncomfortable.

You begin to look back: The old house was smaller and the payments weren't so high, your old job wasn't this demanding not to mention your employer appreciated you, and on we go. You might even begin to blame others for your problems.

Ahhh, the leeks and cucumbers of Egypt. It was so much better.

Are we crazy?! Wake up!

Just as these rebellious Hebrews we fail to see all that God has done for us! We must always remember the great things He has done for us and what He has brought us from.

An excellent way to do this is by keeping a prayer journal or a praise journal. If we always keep words of praise and thankfulness on our lips, not only will we not forget His great works but we will also trust Him to care for us yet again.

Matthew 6:31-33 gives us not only God's promise (vs. 31 and 32) but also a cure for our troubled hearts (vs. 33).

“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?”

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

**Do you trust God when you face
neediness and distress?**

forced into homelessness, could potentially lose existing services.

Why not let local communities decide for themselves how they are to address such a crisis. Also, during inclement weather are we just going to allow people to freeze to death? I mean, if they want to reduce the homeless population, letting them die would do so.

There are so many bills with both positive and/or negative components we need to be on alert. God has given us a nation to freely worship him and it is our duty to make sure it stays that way.

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the use of these systems. Without a statewide policy there will be no consistency or continuity to policy.

Truth is we are asking the fox to develop a policy to protect the hens in the henhouse. The description of data is so broad and inclusive as to prevent people being secure. The requirements are not exclusive to the specific vehicle, but could potentially encompass many innocent people and their vehicles.

People and the inside contents of the vehicles are photographically captured and retained. This is way too broad with too much opportunity to be abused.

Also, how can you control data that is overseas or in another country? You cannot legislate the affairs of another country.

Now the section on penalties refers only to civil repercussions. There should also be criminal repercussions to those who are in government who violate citizen's rights. Further, what guidelines are in place for adding things to the "Hot List", that will ultimately lead to unwelcome interactions with law enforcement.

Keep in mind that some of the biggest supporters of these cameras are those who financially benefit from the seizing of property captured with the assistance of ALPRs. So it is to be expected that district attorneys and police departments would love this padding of their resources, henceforth their support.

An example of a potentially good piece of legislation would be House Bill 1043. This would invalidate certain driver's licenses from

other states. This would be undocumented immigrants who cannot prove they are here legally.

A good summary of this bill is as follows: “If a drivers license is of a class of licenses issued by another state exclusively to undocumented immigrants who are unable to prove lawful presence in the United States when the licenses are issued, the driver license or other permit purporting to authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle on public roadways, is invalid in the State of Oklahoma and does not authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle in this state.”

We have had an invasion of others who do not share our values, nor respect our laws or the Constitution. Our nation is being overrun by people who do not share our Christian values, and they vote for people and legislation that attack our Christian ideals.

Another example of a very bad bill would be Senate Bill 484. This law would prohibit municipalities with populations under 300,000 from being involved with assisting the homeless.

Interestingly enough the definition of homelessness contained in this bill does include some victims of domestic violence. A city could not even lease property for fair market to private entities to help.

If this passes the effective date would be November 1, 2025, and would force existing or current services to be immediately terminated. So some homeless people, who are victims of crimes and

Central Baptist College Announces Sixth Annual Scholarship Gala

Central Baptist College's 6th Annual Scholarship Gala is just around the corner, but there is still time for you to be involved!

The Gala will take place on Friday, February 28 at 6:00pm at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway.

The evening will be a celebration of CBC's Legacy of Faith and serves as the college's sole fundraising event of the year.

Chef Billie Rodriguez and CBC Dining Services will cater the black-tie optional event.

The keynote speaker for the evening is Arkansas native and former Razorback head football coach Houston Nutt who is sure to be an excellent speaker.

With a career record of 135-96, Houston Nutt's was head football coach at Murray State, Boise State, Arkansas, and Ole Miss.

He was named Coach of the Year and The Football News Division 1-A Coach of the year in 1998 and is a three-time SEC Coach of the Year.

He has been a college football studio analyst on CBS Sports Network since 2012.

He and his wife Diana have four children.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the Central Baptist College Scholarship Fund which supports institutionally funded scholarships.

Oklahoma Students Make CBC Dean's List

Ryan Hermann, Ponca City, OK, and Landon Hitchcock, Broken Arrow, OK are listed on the Fall 2024 Dean's Honors List at Central Baptist College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours and have earned a grade point average of 3.500 or higher out of a possible 4.000.



Event sponsorships begin at \$2,000, and single tickets are available for \$100 each.

If you cannot attend, we ask that you still prayerfully consider participating by making a one-time contribution to the Gala event.

For more information, to purchase single tickets, or to make a one-time donation, visit cbc.edu/gala. Limited event sponsorships are also still available.

For any questions or for more information, contact Jessica Faulkner, Director of Public Relations, by email at jfaulkner@cbc.edu or by phone at 501-205-8800.

CBC truly has a Legacy of Faith, and as we look forward to celebrating this Legacy, we cannot help but praise God for the mighty work He has done in and through this institution.

Like the psalmist, we declare, "O, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

Please continue to pray for us as we strive to accomplish our mission of transforming lives for the glory of God and the furtherance of His kingdom.

Your prayers and gifts are what makes our work here possible, and we thank you for your support!

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Calvary Baptist Church in Morrilton, AR is seeking a Youth and Children's Pastor. Submit resumes to

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for more information.

Bro. Rick Denham is now the pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, Lindsay. He and his wife, Catherine, come to us from the Grace Baptist Church in Ardmore.

Bro. Denham is a graduate of the Bible Baptist College in Springfield, MO. He has been pastoring for 37 years, having spent 20 years of those in Lamikila, Hawaii, teaching, preaching, and serving as an Educational Director.

We are happy to welcome them into our fellowship and our community of Lindsay.