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From the Editor

Life is made up of incredible webs. I recently saw a spider's web that had been covered in early morning dew. What a beautiful and intricately designed tool. Each arm of the web reached out and reached in. From the hub to the farthest extremity, and yet connected by both longitude and latitude lines of web. If you will, what we are presenting to you in this paper is like that beautiful web.

Unique and valuable, this issue of *The Bible Methodist* is a resource that reaches in and reaches out. It stretches across your church and into the center of your soul. It can be the bridge tread that makes it possible for you and your church to more effectively minister to your family, church and community.

You will notice the normal news from each Regional Conference and Bible Methodist Missions. These are a little like the long arms of the web that connect to various regions of the world but connect us to the center. This issue of the paper also provides an exhaustive list of resources that are available to you from people who are part of our community of faith. These resources inter-connect us from side to side from top to bottom, reminding us that we all need anchor points in several directions to keep us properly centered and connected.

In a world that provides more information and knowledge than one can ever fully assimilate, we often miss those resources that are most valuable and within our reach. On the following pages you will find sources of excellently prepared material that is presented attractively for your use. Material that is designed to strengthen you, your church and positively impact your community.

Those of us who have a history rooted in the holiness movement have a clear sense of the hesitation to endorse and embrace new methods, especially tools for media. If you will, our carefulness is like the bridge line a spider lays for the construction of his web. The hesitation, without a doubt, rises from a couple deeply attached anchor points of the web. One end is attached to the desire to live so as to please the Lord Jesus. The other end of that bridge line is attached to an understanding that Scripture calls us to a careful and simple lifestyle. Now we may take those anchor points and build a beautiful web with lines of grace, love and mercy or we can use them to create a web of injustice, censoriousness and death.

As you read through the material remember every tool available to the Church can be a line for nourishment and strength or it may be a web line to entangle and destroy. The difference is the leadership and balance the Scripture and the Holy Spirit brings to the structure of our lives and churches.

Every new line in the web we build offers new opportunity for strength. But those new lines must also come under the

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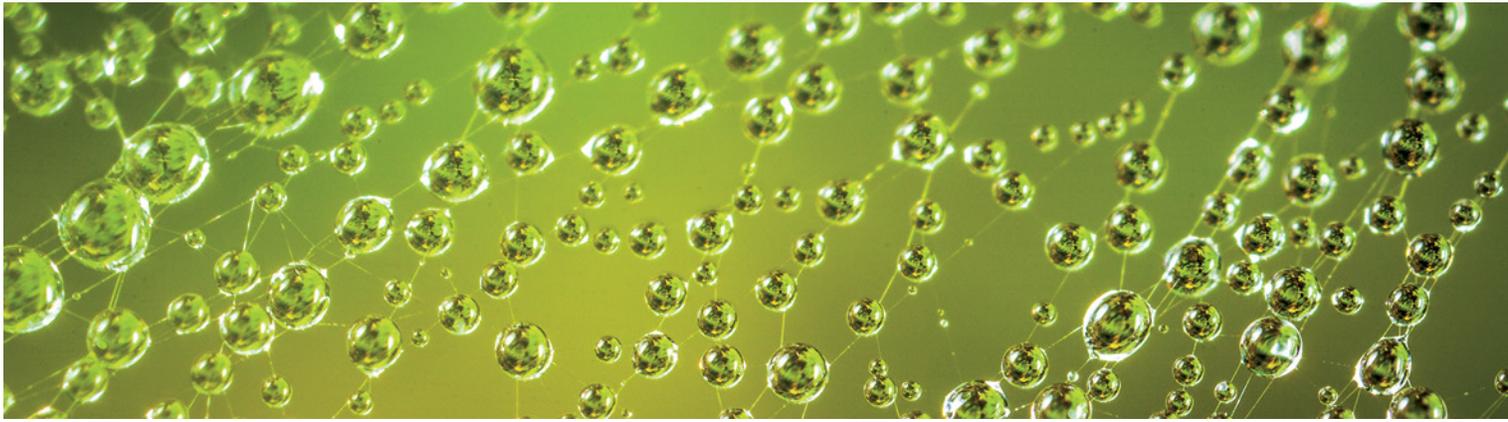
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authority of the Spirit and the Church or they will entangle us in minutiae or dead ritualistic endeavors.

Please, embrace the new things the Lord is doing through the hearts, dreams, lives and ministry of the people listed in this periodical. As they suit your needs they will offer rich and abundant help to the whole of your life.

Some of the material listed will challenge your soul, material like Dr. Avery's focus on deeper life. He will call you to embrace holiness from a clearly Biblical perspective.

You will find a list of people whose heart and ministry deal with healing. That healing may need to be spiritual, or relational or emotional. Counselors like Rebecca Miller, Butch Heath, or the Parkers may help save your marriage or your home. If you know people wrestling with addictions I strongly encourage you to contact one or more of these capable people.

Humor and excitement can be found in books. The children's books written by Burt Cole and Mark Coy will bless your children or grandchildren and they may even help older folk. Valorie Quesenberry reminds women that it is Biblical to be ladies and live beautifully. Pastors Dr. David Bubb and Jon Earls offer books that call us to the Scripture. Larry Smith and Dr. Michael Avery write about who we are and how we should live.

Book sellers like Paul Bundy, William Snider and Bennie Durr offer excellent reading material. They can also help you find out of print material or locate hymnals and Bibles. One of the great needs among the clergy and laity of today's church is people reading material that challenges minds and stretches

souls. You can and should read material written by people of other traditions. But in all your gaining of knowledge, please, please, please don't abandon the deep and valuable theology and practice that has formed Bible Methodists. You should be reading, living, and preaching the theology of Wesley, Asbury, and Fletcher, and you can locate that kind of material through these book sellers.

Maria Stetler's article reminds us of the deep importance of having a positive presence on the web (internet). If I could I would challenge every church to have a website! A website is equivalent, in this time, to the yellow pages of 20 years ago. Your church needs to be visible on the internet! If you expect people from your community to attend your church you must purposefully offer them opportunity to know you and to know who you are. Jason Weed does web design professionally. Maria Stetler is well equipped and experienced in constructing and maintaining a presence on digital media.

Millennials will not follow or participate in an organization that refuses to connect. The most popular social media sites at present are: 1) Facebook with some 2 billion users, 2) YouTube recording 1.2 billion users, 3) Instagram with 800 million using their blog posts, 4) Twitter with 330 million users, 5) Pinterest with some 200 million people connected, 6) VK (which is the Russian equivalent to Facebook) reaching 97 million monthly users, and 7) Reddit displaying 250 million users on its website. (*Taken from dreamgrow.com.*)

In the book, *Handbook of Research on the Societal Impact on Digital Media*, The author wrote, "Digital media provides an unprecedented opportunity for

the whole of society to instantly access instructional content and learn more concepts than any set of humans in recorded history." In other words, if we are to effectively reach this generation with the message of the gospel we must use all the resources we have available! The web (not the spiders, this time) is certainly not the only tool, but it will be effective if properly constructed and used.

Another new tool we are highlighting is the Discipleship material available through comeafterme.com. Nathan Brown has constructed a site full of very valuable material for your family and church. We must disciple our families and new Christians. Another are of effective training is Shepherds Global Classroom. Tim Keep dreamed of this training vehicle and is seeing a growing list of resources being offered to a large number of people in several nations.

Pulpit ministry, which is the clearest Bible tool of evangelism, discipleship material, theological and practical training, devotional material, recreational and practical material are all available to you through people you know and appreciate. We are blessed to have so many capable and professional people offering their gifts and strengths to us.

Look closely, that the web that is within reach. Reaching across your world is a spider's web of material, people and resources. These resources have the ability to enhance your walk with the Lord, strengthen your church, encourage your family. Reach out and touch the amazing web that is around you. ■

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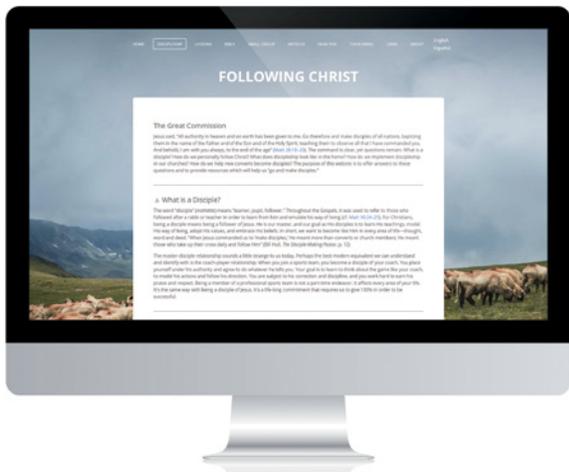
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Nathan Brown
ComeAfterMe.com

The mission of comeafterme.com is to assist the church in carrying out Christ's command to go and make disciples. The lessons in the Following Christ booklet are designed to take believers from baptism to the early stages of growth and maturity in Christ. Each lesson is part of a larger theme and can be taught in the given order or in a different order depending on the needs of your disciples. The lessons can also be used in a variety of settings, from personal study to new convert discipleship.

The comeafterme.com website also has many other resources that can be used to supplement your teaching ministry, including a Bible reading and prayer plan, various articles, lessons and videos of Israel.



ONLINE MATERIALS



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Ever wonder what makes a great website experience? Why do some websites frustrate you and others are a pleasure to use? Since 1998, Jason R. Weed has been shaping better website experiences for non-profits, churches, and schools. He offers the following services: branding your organization, creating a content strategy for your business, organizing the website for your users and of course hosting and maintaining your website. He also has special pricing for Christian schools as well as Bible Methodist churches.

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You need an online presence for your church and/or ministry. But where do you begin? MediaSense Solutions would love to provide a free consultation to your church. We can lead you through concept, setup, and maintenance of a website and other media presence.

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Jon Earls
ClassicHolinessSermons.com

Jon grew up hearing the names of some of the great preachers

that were instrumental the founding and the leadership of the conservative holiness movement. He heard the names of men like S.D. Herron, J. Wesley Adcock, Lawrence B. Hicks and others. However, he never had the privilege of hearing these men in person. Jon began collecting tapes of their sermons and while listening, soon became convinced their sermons needed to live on but the tape recordings of their messages were quickly disappearing. It troubled him that when he looked up the word “holiness” online, he was directed to materials from many other groups, but finding material from a conservative holiness perspective was much more difficult.

Out of this, and a desire to see the message of full salvation proclaimed, the website classicholinesssermons.com was born. The “official” purpose of this site is the proclamation of the message of Full Salvation from sin, by the preservation and publication of great sermons from conservative holiness preachers of the past and present.

Since the site was launched it has had hundreds of thousands of page views and Jon has had several people contact him and testify to having either gotten back to the Lord or having been entirely sanctified as a result of listening to the sermons on the site – to God be the glory!

It is an entirely free website without any advertising. Presently the site has approximately 150 sermons. Jon’s vision and hope is to see the site eventually have hundreds more Biblical sermons on holiness for people to listen to free of charge. Due to personal time constraints, he is not able to convert and upload sermons as often as he would like, but he would love to have others join him on this mission. He can make it possible for them to upload the sermons from wherever they are.

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Darrell Stetler II
SermonSubscribe.com

SermonSubscribe is a preaching ministry that fills the pulpit for holiness churches without a pastor. Darrell Stetler II preaches live in Oklahoma City, edits the video, and adds in any PowerPoint or graphics. The subscribing churches receive the video before Sunday, along with fill-in-the-blank handouts. The ministry started with planting Servant’s Heart Chapel in Clovis, NM, and has served 5 churches in 5 different states.

“It’s a joy to serve these churches, some of whom are struggling to find a pastor,” Darrell says. “Often, the lay leaders are stressed and scrambling to figure out how to fill the pulpit. I’m glad SermonSubscribe can help lift that load and feed those sheep.”

Melissa Avery, from Carey Street Fellowship in Zanesville, OH, agrees. “I firmly believe that God led our church to SermonSubscribe. With God’s help, Pastor Darrell has helped us to grow spiritually and has encouraged us to persevere during this challenging time in our church.”

While there are a number of churches providing live streaming options these days, SermonSubscribe is different in several ways. Sermons are sent in advance, so worship planning is easy. Handouts are included whenever Darrell

uses one in preaching. Sermons are high quality video, instead of the lower quality of streaming. Additionally, if there’s no internet in your church, sermons can be downloaded on a laptop at home, then showed in the service. If the internet goes down on Sunday morning, no problem -- there’s still a sermon available!

For more info, including pricing, videos and frequently asked questions, visit sermonssubscribe.com.



BibleMethodist.org

On the official Bible Methodist website, you may find a long list of resources to help you and your church fulfill its purpose for ministry. You will find the list of Core Values and each of the Regional Conferences with lists of their leadership and the churches that minister under their leadership. You can read about Bible Methodist Missions Director Tim Keep and each of our missionaries.

Under the “Shop” section you can find and order books that have been written on a variety of subjects. For instance, you can find Dr. Garen Wolf’s books on music, Valorie Quesenberry’s books addressing women’s subjects, pastor’s books on ministry, and Shepherd’s Global Class Room material. You may also find discipleship material prepared by Nathan Brown.

The full Bible Methodist Discipline is available online. You may also find all the forms a local church or regional conference needs for the year. Pastors may locate and print rituals for communion, baptism, baby dedication and marriage.

Additionally, we will be making individual articles from The Bible Methodist Magazine available as blog posts.

BOOKS



Dr. Michael Avery
“The Call”

Dr. Avery is co-author of *The Call: Essays to the Conservative Holiness Movement*. This book seeks to address issues tied directly to the prosperity and perhaps even the survival of the Conservative Holiness Movement (CHM) in the United States. It was written as both explanation and commentary to *A Call to the Conservative Holiness Movement* issued by the Ministerial Education faculty of God’s Bible School and College. The essays are offered humbly and prayerfully in earnest hope that they will encourage serious dialogue, as well as renewed commitment to the great foundational principles of the origin of the CHM. *The Call* is available at gbs.edu or amazon.com.



E. R. Trouten
“What Meaneth These Stones?”

“What Meaneth These Stones?”: The Story of the Wesleyan Connection of Churches (July 1966 - July 1969) is the short story of the beginning of the Bible Methodists (called The

Wesleyan Connection of Churches for the first three years). It is a real, living, first-person account of the birth of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches. You will meet the people involved and you will feel the tensions in an almost day-by-day drama. Available for \$7.50 on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Valorie Quesenberry
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Valorie Quesenberry has a passion for communicating truth, and a specific calling to speak to Christian women. Her nonfiction books range from daily devotionals to Bible studies to treatments of topics like gender and beauty. Titles available include:

- *It's Still a Good Idea: Why Femininity in Dress Makes Sense* ^
- *It Isn't Random: Why Gender Matters* ^
- *Does God Want Me to Be Beautiful? and Other Questions to Ask about Adornment* ^
- *Reflecting Beauty: Embracing the Creator's Design* *
- *Redeeming Romance: Delighting in God's Love* *
- *Simply Content: Finding Freedom in a Culture of Excess* *
- *Everyday Moments with God* *
- *His Praise is On My Lips* *
- *Today God Wants You to Know You're Beautiful* *

^ Available from the author
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"The Homemade Christmas Tree"

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Dr. James Keaton
"ABC's for Pastors"

This book is highly recommended for any preacher. Dr. James Keaton gives some very pertinent pointers, especially for pastors. It reveals much about the author's philosophy of and passion for the ministry, and is written to encourage and assist the reader's efforts in the noble cause of Christian ministry.

Of this book, E. R. Trouten says, "Reading through *ABC's For Pastors*, I saw more than simple instruction to pastors. I saw a man's heart that lives and breathes ministry. I am constantly amazed at the insight and wisdom he demonstrates as we face

issues in ministering together. I heartily recommend *ABC's for Pastors*. Do not be fooled by the simple title. It is a mine of practical and spiritual gems."

Available for \$10.00 from store.countrypinesprinting.com.



Jon Earls
"Sermons on THE Sermon"

Sermons on THE Sermon is the result of the sermon series Pastor Earls preached at his church. Initially, this book was only intended for his congregation. Several people in his congregation had told him they would like to read his manuscripts. As a result, he decided to put them in book form after he had finished preaching the series. While this was his original intent, after encouragement from his wife and church family, he decided to publish it for others to read as well.

Available for \$18.00 from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Larry Smith
Various

"The road to tomorrow runs through yesterday." This quotation underscores Larry Smith's love of history, which absorbed him even in childhood and certainly as a youngster in high school and college. History is utterly fascinating, because it is the continuing narrative of men and women reacting to each other, to civil authority and to divine purpose. But even more significantly, next to the Bible, history is the best teacher we have; instructing us in what we ought to do and in what we ought not to do. Our future will inevitably be determined by how we react to the lessons of our past.

To Christians, church history is particularly important since its broad panorama displays the triumphs and defeats of the Church Militant, warns of the latter and encourages with the former, and assures of the destiny of the Church Militant. As a child in his father's study, Larry pored through the pages of Steven's classic, *History of Methodism*, and the Holy Spirit used its stirring accounts to create in his heart an intense longing for the spiritual earnestness and authenticity of his own Christian heritage. Larry says, "I wish I had displayed this purpose more effectively, but it has shaped my life and ministry. I believe that in great measure, our tomorrow will be decided by our treatment of yesterday."

During Larry's tenure at GBS (1995–2015), he authored and co-authored the following books:

- *When Steeples Are Falling*, a collection of essay-editorials
- *A Century on the Mount of Blessings*, a history of GBS.
- *God's Clock Keeps Perfect Time*, a pictorial history of GBS, with Kevin Moser
- *The Call*, a critique of the holiness movement, with Michael Avery.

You may access Larry Smith's material from gbs.edu or [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Burton Cole
Various

Riding cows to the dairy drive-through window? Rescuing snow accident victims with a sled pulled by a pet riding pig? Chickens dripping in strawberry-rhubarb pie flapping amok in a fire station? Yep, sure thing, and duck! That's just the tip of the haystack of trouble in a side-splitting series of kids' novels full of faith, fun, and farm pranks from Pulitzer nominee and award-winning humor columnist Burton W. Cole.

Written for middle grade readers who love to laugh, these chapter books also are devoured by adults, have been used in family devotions and are worked into home-school curriculums for reluctant readers.

Author Burton W. Cole, a member of the West Mecca (Ohio) Bible Methodist Church, (formerly the Warren Bible Methodist Church), also visits classrooms, libraries, services and conferences to hold creative writing seminars for students and adults, delivers keynote speeches based on his weekly humor column, *Burt's Eye View*, and gives inspirational talks on the topic "If God Gives the Dream, Don't Fear to Follow It."

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His books are:

- *Bash and the Pirate Pig* (Hardcover) – \$12.00
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Dr. David Bubb is a seasoned pastor with almost 40 years of pastoral ministry experience. He also served 4 years as the Ministerial Department Chair of Hobe Sound Bible College. He has a heart for reaching our generation through outreach and a renewal of clear biblical preaching. He has authored two books.

Reaching Them is a small practical book on how to invite people to Sunday School and Church. The cost is \$3.00 plus postage.

Living Life At A Perfect Ten is a book that shares how the Ten Commandments are relevant to our generation and how to live them in the 21st century. The cost of the book is \$5.00 plus postage. They are available by emailing davidbubb@hsbc.edu.



Becky Keep
Various

Becky Keep is a freelance author and speaker. She has been married to her husband, Tim, for 29 years and is the mother of five children and "Nana" to two little girls. Becky and her family spent thirteen fruitful years as missionaries in the Philippine Islands. Becky has authored two books.

"Eyes To See chronicles the loss of a little boy's sight in one of the most powerful human interest stories I have read in years. Like thread pulled by a needle, you will quickly be drawn into the traumatic events that plunged a young missionary couple into deep uncertainty, and their youngest son, Jesse, into total darkness. As physical sight is lost, spiritual insight is gained – insight so profound that your eyes will be opened to see how God can redeem the most agonizing experiences for our good and His glory!" (Dr. Michael Avery)

"It's all about Obedience describes the amazing journey of faith and obedience that Tim and Becky traveled as God prepared them and later took them as missionaries from America to the Philippines. It is a brutally frank, part-testimony, part-confession, part-exhortation... As a person who has traveled a similar road for the past 28 years in Nigeria, I commend this book to all who want to know what missionary life is really like and to be challenged by it." (Dr. Danny McCain)

Becky's books are available through biblemethodist.org or on amazon.com.

PULPIT MINISTRY



Dr. Michael Avery
Deeper Life Ministries

Deeper Life Ministries exist to deepen the spiritual life of Christians everywhere by encouraging and enabling the development of personal holiness (Christlikeness). It seeks to hold Deeper Life Conferences in a variety of settings globally. The goals of the ministry are to promote personal holiness through evangelism, revivals, conventions, Bible conferences, leadership training, strategic planning sessions, books, DVD's, and other special events and to train pastors and church leaders how to disciple people into mature Christians that value and live scriptural holiness. Dr. Avery is also equipped to lead in strategic planning.

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Richard earned a MA in Counseling from Liberty University. He provides pastoral counseling for individuals, couples and families. He provides premarital and marital counseling and administers the PREPARE and ENRICH Inventories for couples. Believing that relationships "make or break us," his preaching, teaching and conference presentations emphasize relationship principles with God and others as found in scripture and supported by science. He conducts seminars on healthy relationships, marriage, parenting and conflict resolution. He has taught courses in counseling, psychology, Christian education and church administration.

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Counseling Alliance has been blessed with growth as clinicians who share our core values have joined our practice. Our clinicians have advanced training and hold certifications in specialized areas including relationship problems, marriage and family issues, pornography and sexual addiction, and issues related to trauma and abuse. We also provide treatment for other issues including anxiety and depression, OCD, and grief and loss.

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John and Cathy Parker

Thirty-eight years of pastoral ministry have allowed John and Cathy Parker to feel drawn to a ministry to married couples and struggling people. Cathy grew up without a father, after her father was killed in an accident when she was an infant. She also lacked good role models of healthy marriages from which to learn. As a young pastor's wife, Cathy had a great desire to learn and grow as a wife and mother.

With her nursing background, she read books, studied, journaled, and listened to Christian radio programs to expand her understanding and better equip her for the challenges of life. Out of this came opportunities to face the realities of personal relationship issues. As a result of these crisis experiences in their own lives and marriage, the Parkers learned lessons they have shared with struggling couples and individuals. They have helped marriages be saved and struggling people survive and grow.

Because she trained as an RN, Cathy has the nurturing and healing instincts of a nurse. Journaling her own personal struggles, and then documenting the resources that have been most helpful, inspired her to write and eventually to speak to women's groups. As a result of feed back from these occasions, Cathy shares the material on a blog.

John and Cathy have spoken for Marriage Retreats and Conferences, and have done extensive marriage and premarital counseling. Though they are not Counselors, their background in pastoral ministry and study has opened doors to help many who are struggling. They often refer those who need extra help to professional Christian counselors.

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Butch Heath

Crisis Family Care, Inc.

Pastor Butch Heath is founder and director of Crisis Family Care, Inc. He has been in this counseling ministry full-time for almost 12 years. He is an elder with the Alabama Conference of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches.

He has been married to his wife, Arleen, for over forty-four years. They have four children and ten grandchildren. His education includes a B.A. in Biblical Education from Hobe Sound Bible College and a M.A. in Pastoral Studies from Bob Jones University. He served as Minister of Family Life at Hobe Sound Bible Church for almost thirteen years.

Crisis Family Care is a counseling ministry dedicated to the Family. CFC is incorporated in the state of Florida and is recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit organization.

Crisis Family Care exists to impact the relational health and godliness of the family unit and is endeavoring to do that through counseling and teaching Biblical Family Principles.

Through the ministry of Crisis Family Care, Butch provides premarital and post marital counseling. He works to help marriages start right and then provides counseling and marriage seminars to strengthen marriages for life. God has given him a passion to help families.

There are five different marriage seminars available online with the teaching notes and handouts. These are available for pastors, teachers, or individuals to help strengthen marriages and families.

He has held marriage seminars and conferences throughout the US and other countries including Russia, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Haiti, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Ukraine, and Cuba.

Teaching sources are available on our website.

Website: crisisfamilycare.com

FINANCES



Monte Stetler Jr.

Accounting records and financial reporting is one of the main pillars of any church. At times, this process can become complex and even confusing. An annual review of procedures in accounting, reconciling receipts and disbursements with bank deposits, and reviewing the church budget is a good starting point. There are a number of cloud based accounting softwares that are available at a reasonable price. Two programs to consider: aplos.com and quickbooks.intuit.com/church-accounting. Over the years I've helped a number of organizations with creating accounting policy, maintaining the accounting, expanding the financial reporting and with strategic planning.

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Harold Fourman

Harold would be happy to be available to discuss bookkeeping, budgeting and financial record keeping. He has developed an Excel Workbook and Spreadsheets that can be used by Church Treasurers that he would share with anyone wanting something to use in their church financial accounting. It is a very easy program to use and builds reports automatically as information is entered into the ledger.

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EDUCATION



Jenny Crotts

My heart is in Christian Education and specifically where God had called me to be, Bible Methodist Christian School. Your church, district or Conference should support Christian Education, whether it is an actual institution, home schooling, or Christian families in the public school system. Recently I read a book that every pastor, Christian educator, and Administrator should read: *Kingdom Education: God's Plan for Educating Future Generations* by Glen Schultz. This book totally convicted and transformed my philosophy on Christian Education to the point that it is propped up on my desk, where I can see it daily. I pray every time I see it that God will help me to be a Kingdom Educator. This book is an absolute must! Kingdom Education involves the Conference, Churches, Schools and Families working together. It isn't a separate entity and shouldn't stand alone. We really must have a true Biblical Worldview if we are going to have Christian children and young people ready to take our places in the future.

Also, have administrators contact their state Education Executive Director. In Alabama it is Mr. Robin Mears, alabamachristianed.com, or the American Association of Christian Schools at aacs.org.

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Marianne Brown

If you're thinking about homeschooling, the first step is to sit down and write out why you're homeschooling and what you hope to accomplish. This framework will be the basis from which you will make all of your decisions. It will also anchor you to your purpose when you face the storms that will come as you educate your child/children at home.

To set your plan in motion, first, find out what your state laws are concerning homeschooling. Homeschooling is legal in all 50 states, but each state has different requirements for

notification and filing, and what subject areas need to be covered. Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is the best place to find these requirements. Second, connect with veteran homeschool moms who have been there, tried that and can pass on their "do's and don'ts" for your consideration. Every family and child is different so no two homeschool situations are going to be the same but there are some common paths to success and some common ways to avoid frustration. Find homeschooling co-ops in your area or look for Facebook Homeschooling groups that will help you connect with and find these types of families.

Third, choose curriculum that fits both your philosophy of education and state guidelines. There are so many to choose from that it can be overwhelming. Most major curriculum publishers will have their materials available for preview at homeschool conventions such as the Great Homeschool Conventions and Teach Them Diligently. Also check your state associations, and watch for smaller curriculum displays where they typically offer their best specials. These start in early spring and run through mid-summer. Take advantage of these displays to look at materials, ask questions, and see what may work for you.

Finally, put in place organizational systems and schedules that will allow you to both teach your children and run your household. There are many good planners and homeschooling blogs (e.g. lifeofahomeschoolmom.com) to help you.

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Tim Keep

Shepherds Global Classroom

SGC's vision to train Christian leaders around the world is underlined by statistics I came across recently: "There is only one trained church leader for every 450,000 people outside the USA, 50,000 new churches open their doors every year, and that if every training institution in the world operated at 120% capacity, less than 10% of the unequipped leaders would be trained." I have no doubt that the Lord has raised us up to help meet this desperate need in His body. What an amazing opportunity we have before us.

SGC courses are now being used in Ukraine, Hungary, Albania, Liberia, Ghana, Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Philippines, Haiti, the USA and Canada. Door seem to be opening in Spain, Russia and in Papua New Guinea. Testimonies are starting to come in from men and women who have been impacted by the curriculum.

By the first of March, SGC hopes to have digital courses ready for instant downloading, and at the very low cost of \$4.99 each in English! Other languages will cost only \$1 or \$2. With each download permission will be granted to download a purchased course to 3 devices! Please go to the SGC website and check out our latest courses.

Courses:

- *Biblical Evangelism and Discipleship*
- *Christian Beliefs*
- *Doctrine and Practice of the Church*
- *Exploring the New Testament*
- *Exploring the Old Testament*
- *Introduction to Apologetics*

- *Introduction to Christian Worship*
- *Life and Ministry of Jesus*
- *Ministry Leadership*
- *Principles of Biblical Interpretation*
- *Principles of Communication*
- *Romans*
- *Survey of Church History I*
- *Survey of Church History II*
- *World Religions and Cults*
- *Doctrine and Life of Holiness* by Randall McElwain,
- *The Life and Ministry of Jesus* by Randall McElwain
- *Eschatology* by Steve Gibson
- *Spiritual Formation* (This course should be ready for purchase by the first of April.)

Website: shepherdsglobalclassroom.org



CHAPLAINCY



Mark Cravens

Mark Cravens ministers as a member of the Ministerial Division at God's Bible School and College. Recently, he completed 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and has worked as a hospice chaplain for Crossroads Hospice in Cincinnati, OH. He is also completing an MA in Pastoral Care and Counseling and plans to complete two additional units of CPE training in the near future.

Some resources Mark suggests you use:

- *Chaplaincy: A Ministry of Presence* by Matt Sanders
- *Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook* by Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts and Rev. Nancy K. Anderson
- *Hearing Beyond the Words: How to Become a Listening Pastor* by Emma J. Justes
- *The Lost Art of Listening: How Learning to Listen Can Improve Relationships* by Michael P. Nichols

Websites:

- HealthCare Chaplaincy Network
healthcarechaplaincy.org
- Association of Professional Chaplaincy
professionalchaplains.org
- Association for Clinical Education
acpe.edu

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YOUR CHURCH NEEDS AN ONLINE PRESENCE

Today, more than ever, people find their information online. For many churches, reaching an online audience can seem overwhelming and expensive, but it doesn't have to be. Here are three reasons why your church needs to invest in a website and social media presence.

1: You have an audience

Whether it's the new person in town, the neighbor who drives by every day, or the evangelist passing through, people are looking for YOUR church online. Are you there?

2: You have a message

Every week your church is creating and discussing content that could change the lives of people in your community. You may think, "I don't have anything to post." You do! It's as simple as learning to re-purpose your current content to fit an online platform. Are you using the available resource of the web to reach your community?

3: You have a vehicle

Use the tools that are readily available to you. The cost is minimal and the coverage is extensive.

Maybe this article has convinced you that you need an online presence. But where do you begin? MediaSense Solutions would love to provide a free consultation to your church.

Contact us at (513) 535-4639 or mediasensesolutions@gmail.com. Or visit our website at mediasensesolutions.com.

Maria Stetler

MediaSense Solutions

WORLD MISSIONS

NEWS UPDATE

TIMOTHY KEEP | MISSIONS DIRECTOR



The kind Christmas wishes and gifts from our Bible Methodist family were so heartwarming to receive. Thank you so much for your continuous kindness and support to us missionaries — may God bless you richly for your generosity.

Maricka Herrero

Thank you all for the generous Christmas offerings! May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

- Blessings, Paul, Esther, Menita, Isaiah, & Yoshua Troyer

For more than 20 years our BMC family has blessed us at Christmas time! Your generosity never seems to run out! Nor does our gratitude!

-Tim and Becky Keep

Thank you so much for all of the Christmas cards, greetings, and financial gifts which sent to us during the recent holiday season. We feel so blessed to have friends like you!

*- Affectionately Yours,
R.G. & Sarah Hutchison*



Once again we were blessed by your generous giving over the Christmas season. Each of the cards and gifts were so greatly appreciated. We don't deserve your kindness and we can't thank you enough for all that you do for us. We hope that each of you had as special a Christmas as we did.

- Thanks, Brennan, Ivon, Brennan, & Jared

By the time you read this, Brennan and Ivon will be settled back into their ministry in San Gabriel, now with a brand new family member! The Lord has given them a vision to focus more than ever on training young Christian workers, using SGC curriculum. Please keep them in your prayers.

Shepherds' Seminar, Philippines

I want to thank those of you who have prayed for the recent Shepherds' Seminars (January 19-23) in which we have participated during the past week. Over and over again we felt God's help as we preached and taught. I was personally blessed with the ministries of Tim Keep, Maricka Herrero,

David Yucaddi, Sr., and Brendel Macadangdang. It is always a privilege to work together with God and with His people. We count each of you as also our co-workers through the ministry of prayer.
 – R.G. Hutchison



1: Our newest missionary, Maricka Herrero, connecting with Lennie Yucaddi. 2: Sunday worship at the campus church. 3: January 18th was the 73rd anniversary celebration at Caramutan BMC (Shepherd's College Campus Church). Even the children get prizes! 4: Praising the Lord for His wonderful presence during the Gospel Light pastors conference. 5: Meal during the Shepherd's College Campus Church anniversary celebration. 6: Maricka speaking and Daisy Comilang, attending from Paris, interpreting. 7: Shepherd's seminar at Alibagu. R.G. gave wonderful lectures on "The Fellowship of the Trinity." 8: Philippine BMC national office and conference center. 9: Brendel Macadangdang is now completing his 12th year as National Overseer of the BMC in the Philippines. 10: A Filipino meal. 11: Lady students from the Shepherd's College who attended the Shepherd's seminar in Alibagu. 12: David Yucaddi (Overseer for the Gospel Light Bible Methodist), Maricka Herrero, Tim Keep and R.G. Hutchinson. 13-15: Praise the Lord for His continued blessing on the College. Year after year they continue to prepare workers for the harvest, and without a doubt this institution continues to be one of the BMM's most important investments.



Many of you may remember that R.G. is named after R.G. Flexon, a mentor and friend to R.G.'s father, Rick Hutchison, as well as a missionary leader who, decades ago, carried a burden for the remote tribal peoples of Northern Luzon. In this photo, taken January 17th, R.G. stands beside a man who was a little boy when Bro. Flexon came to his village and shared the gospel. He is now a believer, and is connected to a church and bible school built on property purchased by Bro. Flexon.

Without a doubt R.G. and Sarah are a part of the answer to Bro. Flexon's prayers that the peoples of the Cordillera's (mountain region) would come to know Christ. Bible Methodist Missions now has more than 30 congregations in this mountain region—Gospel Light BMC.

ALABAMA REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

JOHN PARKER | CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Alabama Regional Conference Media

Conference President John Parker uses digital media tools to communicate. He posts frequently to Facebook. President Parker's primary tool for general information about Alabama Regional Conference is *The Communicator*. The digital newsletter is posted weekly and is sent to Facebook as well as e-mailed. You can either like Alabama Bible Methodist Facebook page or e-mail johnparker@juno to ask to be added to the e-mail list.



Ordination of Rev. Glenn Gault

A rare winter snow storm forced John and Cathy Parker to leave early for a trip west on December 8th. The Parkers visited churches in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas over 10 days. Their trip was cut short when they had to travel to South Carolina for Rev. Dan Parker's heart surgery. The highlight of the trip was the ordination of Rev. Glenn Gault, Africa Regional Director for Hope International Missions, and a member of the Alabama Conference. The Chairman of the Education and Elders Orders Committee, Rev. Bob Blankenship flew out for the special service in Ottawa, KS, and Pastor Darrell Stetler II drove up from Oklahoma City to participate as well. Pastor Dale Stratton, father-in-law to Glenn, hosted the Ordination service at the church he pastors in Ottawa.



Pastor's Wife has Kidney Transplant

On Sunday, December 10th, Vonda Hubbard Brown was urgently summonsed to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham to prepare for the kidney transplant she had prayed for during many years of dialysis. The transplant was successful and she is recovering well. We praise the Lord for this wonderful answer to prayer!



Syrup Making – A Church Community Event

Nothing draws us to the country quite like Syrup making days. The Ada Chapel community has a steady stream of quests who come to watch the old tradition of squeezing the sugar cane and slowly boiling it down until it is perfect! Hot biscuits are never far away to sample the result! It's a family, church and community event that has been carried on by the Marchant family over many generations and is still being passed to the next generation.



Indoor Camp Meeting

One of the highlights of the Conference year is the Indoor Camp Meeting hosted by the Ada Chapel church. Pastor Steve Vernon is the President of the camp and does a great job of promoting it. Churches from all over come together to enjoy a bit of Camp Meeting in the winter. Rev. David Black was the evangelist and Pastor Jonathan and LuRhe Edwards did the music for the camp. The ministry of our evangelistic team was rich and blessed. The crowds were very good and the spirit of the camp was uplifting.



Ordination of Rev. Shirl Rosengreen

Conference President John Parker and Chairman of the Education and Elders Orders Committee, Rev. Bob Blankenship drove to Easley, SC after the Sunday morning service at Talladega Bible Methodist to meet up with Rev. Walter Hedstrom for the ordination of Shirl Rosengreen. Shirl and his wife, Tiffany, are doing ministry among the Navajos in Arizona. Shirl is a graduate of Hobe Sound Bible College. He felt God calling him from the cowboy life to ministry among the Native American people. He lived with his family in Wyoming before moving to Arizona. He is a member of the Easley Bible Methodist Church. Pastor Jonathan Slagenweit is a close personal friend and assisted in the ordination. Tiffany's uncle, Pastor Phil and Joy Budensiek of our Mt. Tabor Church in Covington, GA also came, as well as her mother, sister and aunts.



Servant's Heart Chapel (Clovis, NM) Church Plant

We enjoyed our exciting visit to Clovis, New Mexico and our stay in the home of Pastor Darrell and Melissa Underwood and their children, Cody and Cheyanna. Pastor Darrell showed us the many facets of the ministry they are planting in this military community and how God is opening doors to new and exciting things. We visited the home of a man whose life has been radically changed through Servant's Heart Chapel. God has also provided a beautiful place for them to worship! This is what church planting ministry looks like! On New Year's Eve, the Underwoods opened their home to those they minister to for a New Year's Eve celebration!



2nd Annual Northern Lights Youth Retreat

Northern Lights Retreat was an exciting and spiritually uplifting event hosted by the Evert Bible Methodist Church on the campus of Pine View Homes. Mr. Doug Derscheid, Conference Youth Director, and the Youth Committee lead the event. Fifty-seven registered youth and many sponsors spent the weekend hearing truth unfolded, connecting with God, nurturing friendships, eating fireside food, sleeping on floors, enjoying ice skating, bonfires in the snow, basketball and volleyball, and sharing the hilarity of numerous group games. This year there were representatives from Penn View Bible Institute, Hobe Sound Bible College, and God's Bible School & College. Our excellent guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Graham from Hobe Sound Florida.

The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning worship service followed by a delicious smorgasbord potluck. As the youth and chaperones prepared to return to their homes, goodbyes were long and smiles were plenty. To watch this scene warmed one's heart in the cold of northern Michigan.

May God continue to bless this wonderful ministry and allow it to light some spiritual fires in the hearts of our youth from now until eternity!

Reporting – Rev. Nathaniel Tucker

Dr. Graham's Northern Light Stewardship Series

(Stewardship = taking care of something)

1. Stewardship of Salvation: Each person has intrinsic value as created in the image of God. God's gift of salvation is open to each one, regardless of what they've done or what has been done to them.

2. Stewardship of Resources: Each of us is tasked with making wise decisions about matters of the mind and body, emotions, and social interactions.

3. Stewardship of Woundedness: God can use our gifts and our woundedness to accomplish His purpose in and through our lives.

4. Stewardship of Community: God's people need to provide a "safe" environment by accepting without judgment and offering a clear plan of restoration. Our wounds and scars need more than a simple "band-aid" solution.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Campfire eating; Rev. Titus Byer, Dr. Andrew Graham, and Mr. Doug Derscheid; Ice skating; Attendees at the Northern Lights Youth Retreat

Ministers' Christmas Meal

The Great Lakes Preachers' Christmas Meal takes place after the rush of the season. It is a special candlelight evening of fellowship and food. Amber Jones catered the event.



Great Lakes Regional Conference Media

Conference President Blake Jones communicates with the churches and pastors via three primary tools. It goes without saying he phones and uses letters to stay in touch as well as digital tools. The Conference communicates through a Conference Minister's text group and Conference Minister's Facebook page, these tools are managed by the Conference specifically for the churches and pastor.

The Conference UpDATE, which is a digital newsletter, is sent out via e-mail and posted on Facebook and is available to anyone who is interested in staying in touch. If you care to receive the UpDATE, please email bejones@nethawk.com.

ROCK LAKE BIBLE METHODIST YOUTH CAMP

June 25-29, 2018

Speaker:
Rev. Jonathan Slagenweit

ROCK LAKE BIBLE METHODIST FAMILY CAMP

July 13-22, 2018

Speakers:
Rev. Nathan Purdy
Dr. David Fry

Singers:
Rev. and Mrs. Seth Wetherald
Mr. and Mrs. Josh Emery

Registrar:
Rev. David Ward
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HEARTLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

CHRIS CRAVENS | CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Christmas Celebrations Around the Conference



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Zanesville welcomes hundreds from the community to their Live Nativity; Voice of Victory enjoys a Christmas concert by the Steve Cassidy family; Village Park; Fairmont, WV presents "Peanut Butter Christmas" to 112; Danville; Findlay hosts their annual Live Nativity





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Conference Executive Committee; Beach City – 97 people gathered for worship, special music, and fellowship at Beach City, OH. Pastor Joe and Wendy Stephani are doing a great work; Coshocton – Pray for this church as they go through a complete renovation project. They hope to be in their new church this summer; Greenfield – Praising God that Pastor Mike Mater’s family is recovering nicely after an accident rolled their SUV. I was privileged to preach for Pastor Mater and be with the people at Greenfield, IN; Kenwood – Pastor Travis Johnson baptizes 12 at Kenwood (Cincinnati, OH); Binghamton – Pastor Randy Brown and the congregation at Binghamton, NY have recently experienced several new converts; A late night...a heavy load...a warm welcome...an unforgettable prayer by Heartland Elder Monte and Mary Stetler; Aerial view of Beulah Grove Campground

HEARTLAND BIBLE METHODIST FAMILY CAMP

June 18-25, 2018

Evangelist:
Rev. Daniel Stetler



Song Evangelist:
Aaron McCarty



Bible Teacher:
R.G. Hutchison



General Conference

JUNE 12-14, 2018



Timothy Keep
June 12 | 7:00 PM



Dr. Michael Avery
June 13 | 7:00 PM

Communion will be shared Thursday afternoon

