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**YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TO BE**

HOLY.

*YOU
GET TO.*

FROM THE EDITOR



G. Clair Sams
Editor

I wish you could have known the man who pastored me much of my childhood. Rev. A.L. Turner was a mid-sized man with an incredible message preached powerfully yet with love and compassion. He exemplified the beauty of holiness the Psalmist references repeatedly. His preaching was emphasized with truth but it was supported by deep compassion, humor and grace. The doctrine of holiness was attractive when presented with the anointing of the Spirit that accompanied Pastor Turner's ministry.

At the center of The Bible Methodist Connection's theology and orthopraxy (teaching and life) is the same theme, the theme of holiness. Fathers of our faith, like John and Charles Wesley, Adam Clarke, Fletcher, and others, highlighted the Biblical theme of holiness in the Christian life. Through their music, preaching, writing, and discipleship the vibrant theme of holiness was consistently woven into their lives and ministries.

Moses' song in Exodus 15:11 identifies God as holy. Read, "Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (NKJV) God is separate, He is transcendent, He is imminent, He is pure.

In all of our evangelical focus we must keep a clear and balanced message of holiness. Jehovah presented himself to newly delivered Israel as the Holy God who was full of compassion, love and mercy. Notice his words in Exodus 34:6, "And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." (NKJV)

United in His truth, beauty and grace is the perfect balance of compassion, and justness. Again the Psalmist wrote, "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face." Psalm 89:14 (NKJV) In other words He perfectly personifies the rich beauty of holiness.

John captured the thought in chapter one of his Gospel when he wrote that the Word was full of grace and truth. In other words, John was writing that God's communication, the eternal Communicator, Jesus Christ, fully expresses the richness of holiness with a heart of grace and a mind of truth. He perfectly balances the greatness of Divine personhood and then reveals that awesome life in Christ.

The holiness available to believers flows from Christ through the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit into the life of each fully surrendered Christian. Our message is encapsulated in the incredible orthodoxy and orthopraxy that was reemphasized in the Wesley's message. May we hold high that incredible expression of faith.

May the Lord continue to raise up pastors and lay people who know the richness and reality of holiness and live as examples of the fullness of the Spirit's enabling and grace. ■

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THE
PRIVILEGES
AND
POTENTIAL
OF
HOLINESS

BY A. PHILIP BROWN II, PHD

Holiness. When you hear the word holiness, what comes to mind?

Responses from college students in the course Doctrine of Holiness include: “a kind of church that sings traditional hymns,” “a specific set of lifestyle commitments,” “being set apart to God,” “entire sanctification,” and “I don’t know.”

That’s quite the range of ideas! What would you add to that list?

For many, holiness is a ‘have to’ subject not a ‘get to’ subject. By ‘have to’ I have in mind an externally imposed requirement for which we don’t have much heart. A ‘get to’ is something viewed as desirable and enjoyable. How many times have you heard the whine in a child’s voice when they draw out the word “have” in, “Do I *have* to?” Children don’t generally ask, “Do I *have* to eat candy?” or “Do I *have* to go play?” We’re much more likely to hear “Can we go to Grandma’s?” And despite our correction of their use of “can,” they excitedly say, “Oh goody! We *get* to go to Grandma’s!”

I’d like to explore holiness as a ‘get to’ subject. If that language strikes you as too childish, then we can talk about holiness as privilege and holiness as potential. (Scriptural holiness is a continent too vast to explore in one article. The vast tracts left unexplored are by no means denied or demeaned.)

THE BASIC MEANING OF HOLINESS

Let’s start with defining what we mean by holiness. In Scripture, holiness has as its most basic meaning, “the condition of being set apart to God.” When a thing is set apart to God it is “holy,” and its set-apart-to-God status requires people to view and treat it as special. It is not ordinary and is not to be treated in ordinary ways.

For example, at Creation, God made the seventh day holy (Gen. 2:3). It was set apart from the ordinary days of the week. As a result of its set-apart-to-God status, it was to be treated differently. We receive God’s blessing of rest on this day. That

makes it special.

As an aside, it seems worth noting that God’s sanctification (setting apart to Himself) of the seventh day teaches us three things about the holiness of things other than God: 1) holiness is initiated by God; 2) holiness involves relationship with God; and 3) holiness has as its fruit the well-being, the life, the good of the ones encompassed within it. From the very first occurrence of holiness in Scripture, it points toward blessing and benefit, not burden!

When holiness or holy describes

places (holy city) or events (a holy convocation) or things (holy bread), it always has this basic sense. When it describes people it can also have this sense. For example, the holy prophets (Luke 1:70), holy angels (rev. 14:10), all firstborn Israelite males are holy (Exod. 13:2), and God made Jeremiah holy (set him apart to Himself) before he was born (Jer. 1:5).

CHRISTIAN HOLINESS FLOWS FROM BEING IN CHRIST

When we were children in Sunday School, we were told that Jesus wants to come into our hearts. This is true. Jesus says, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23) What a marvelous truth! Christ in us, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27)!

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But there's more to this story than Christ in us. We must be in Christ in order for Christ to be in us. The Scriptures tell us that God chose us "in Christ" before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless (Eph. 1:4). It is "in him" that we have redemption through his blood (Eph. 1:7). It is "in him" that we have obtained an inheritance (Eph. 1:10-11). It is "in him" that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13). It is "in him" that we are made alive, raised up with him, and seated with him in the heavenly places (Eph. 2:5-6). We are created "in Christ Jesus" for good works (Eph. 2:10). It is "in Christ Jesus" that we who were far off have been brought near by His blood (Eph. 2:13). And, it is "in him" that we have access to the Father by the Spirit (Eph. 2:18). Every spiritual blessing we have as believers flows

from being in Christ (Eph. 1:3)!

I was six years old when I asked Jesus to come into my heart. At that young age, I didn't need to understand everything God was doing for me in that moment. It was enough to know that Jesus had died for my sins and risen again so that I could be forgiven. I asked him to forgive me, and He did! It was years later that I learned that God saved me by uniting me with Christ in his death and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-4). As a result of that union, it is "no longer I that live, but Christ

who lives in me and the life that I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Since Jesus is the "Holy One of God" (John 6:69), all those who are united with Him are holy. The Son of God set himself apart to bring salvation so that we would be set apart to God as well (John 17:19). This is why we preach and teach that Christian holiness begins in salvation.

TWO GREAT PRIVILEGES OF BEING HOLY IN CHRIST

God has given those who are set apart to God in Christ an amazing set of privileges! We can't explore them all in this short space, but I'd like to explore two in particular: citizenship and sonship.

Peter tells us that we "are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's possession" (1 Pet. 2:9). Being set apart to God in Christ makes us members of God's holy nation. In Christ we were transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 2:13). We have turned from the dominion of Satan to the dominion of God (Acts 26:18). Jesus is our king (Psa. 45:6; Heb. 1:8). His law is our light (Isa. 51:4)! His love is unchangeable (Rom. 8:39). All the citizens of this holy nation know the Lord, and some day the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 11:9).

As members of this holy nation, we are citizens of a kingdom that will never pass away (Dan. 4:34). It will never be relegated to the dust bin of history (Dan. 7:14). It will eventually fill the whole earth (Dan. 2:35). All other kingdoms will pass away and be destroyed (Dan. 2:44). Our citizenship guarantees our participation in the New Heavens and New Earth where God will dwell with us forever (Rev. 21:1-3). In the New Earth, the whole world will know peace and righteousness (Isa. 2:4; 9:7).

You may wonder what difference this holy privilege should make in

our day-to-day living. Here's one: it should keep us from getting angry when the wicked prosper. The Holy Spirit says through David, "Do not fret because of evildoers... Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing" (Psalm 37:1, 7-8). As best I can tell, the word translated "fret" means "to heat oneself with anger," as most commentators note. Regardless, the reason God doesn't want us to get upset when evildoers prosper is clear: they won't last forever, but we will.

As citizens of God's holy nation, we will inherit the earth. God assures his holy people five times in this psalm that they will inherit the land (Psa. 37:9, 11, 22, 29, 34). Jesus repeats and clarifies that the "land" his citizens will inherit is the entire planet (Matt. 5:5; cf. 2 Pet. 3:13). The wicked will be rooted out of the earth. Because we know that ultimately the wicked will be altogether destroyed (Psa. 37:38), we can rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him (Psa. 37:7). That doesn't mean we don't care about justice or politics. But it does mean that we see the present in the light of the future. We set current setbacks in the light of total future victory.

A second privilege of being set apart to God in Christ is the privilege of sonship. Now I know this may sound a bit theologically old hat. You may think, "Doesn't every Christian know that they are sons of God?" Perhaps. But I wonder how many see a clear connection between sonship and holiness. Because we are holy in the Son, we too are holy sons of God. Our union with the Holy One means that we are all holy brothers and sisters (Heb. 3:1). Our adoption into the Holy Family means Jesus' Holy Father is our Holy Father. The Father promises to provide for us. The Son promises we can ask the Father in His name and receive good things. The Spirit promises that we have

been written into the Father's will. And perhaps the greatest of present privileges is that the holy sons of God are led by the Holy Spirit of God in freedom from slavery to sin.

THE POTENTIAL OF BEING HOLY IN CHRIST

Being set apart to God in Christ opens amazing potential. In Christ by the Spirit, we are freed from sin (Rom. 6:7). We are dead to sin and alive to God (Rom. 6:2-4). When we reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to God and present ourselves as servants of righteousness, we live

lives of righteousness (Rom. 6:11-19). We are no longer bound to sin (Rom. 7:4-5). The good that we want to do, we can do. The evil that we do not want, we can resist doing. We are empowered to fulfill the desires of the Spirit and not to fulfill the desires of the flesh (Gal. 5:16).

The potential of holiness highlights another sense of this word. In addition to meaning "set apart to God," holiness also means "set apart to God by character and behavior that reflects God's character and behavior." Because we have been set apart to God in Christ, we have the power by the Spirit to behave the way God behaves. Said another way, union with Christ enables likeness to Christ.

A common American evangelical narrative about holiness is that, despite being born from above and united with Christ, Christians are

still just sinners who will not attain holiness until they are in heaven. Jesus denied this narrative when he told those he forgave, “Go and sin no more” (John 5:14; cp. John 8:11). Jesus denied this narrative when he describes believers at Sardis who have not soiled their garments and are worthy to walk with him in white (Rev. 3:4). The apostles deny this narrative in their descriptions of early believers: of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom (Acts 6:3), good, full of faith and the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24), and righteous and god-fearing (Acts 10:22).

The apostles deny this narrative in their expectations of believers: stop sinning (1 Cor. 15:34), add to your faith moral excellence and godliness (2 Pet. 1:6-7), “I write these things so that you do not sin” (1 John 2:1). The apostles deny this narrative in calling believers

“holy ones” (saints) more than 60 times in the NT. The apostles deny this narrative in their personal testimonies: “I have lived my life before God in all good conscience to this day” (Acts 23:1) and “Our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you” (2 Cor. 1:12).

In Christ by the Spirit there is grace to share God’s character. We have been made

partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). God actively disciplines us so that we can share His holiness (Heb. 12:10). We are not yet what we shall be (1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12), but neither are we what we used to be (1 Pet. 4:3-4). We are being changed from glory to glory by the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18). We are pursuing peace with all men and holiness, i.e., greater and greater likeness to Christ (Heb. 12:14). We are by the Spirit putting to death the deeds of the body (Rom. 8:13). Peter’s command, “Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior” (1 Pet. 1:15) echoes the command God gave Moses.

Seeking the good of others, i.e., love, seems to lie at the heart of God’s character and behavior. This is why love of God and others is the primary expression of this sense of holiness. “You shall be holy, for I am holy” (Lev. 19:2) heads a long list of instructions that primarily have to do with how to love other people. Love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:18) is at the heart of God’s call to be like Him in our behavior.

The beautiful truth is that the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead extends his power to us (Eph 1:17-20) to shine as lights in the world, living as blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation (Phil. 2:15)! The same Spirit that filled and led Christ fills and leads us to be diligent to be found by Christ in peace, spotless and blameless (2 Pet. 3:14).

CONCLUSION

Holiness grants us marvelous privileges. Holiness offers amazing potential. We get to be holy! We get to be a holy nation. We get to be holy sons and holy brothers in the holy family of the Holy Father. We get to live free from the penalty and power of sin. We get to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live holy lives to the glory of God. Thanks be to God for the unspeakable gift of holiness that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord! ■

UNION WITH CHRIST ENABLES LIKENESS TO CHRIST.



ANNUAL CONNECTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Connectional Committee met for its annual meeting on the campus of God's Bible College. During the meeting reports were presented and plans for the 2022 General Conference were formulated.

Pictured left-to-right are: (front row) Blake Jones, Michael Avery, Jack Hooker, Tim Keep, John Parker,

Chris Cravens, Clair Sams, (middle row) Steve Miller, Chris Hilling, Michael Covington, (back row) Dewey Murray, Richard Miles, Mike Penelletore, Duane Quesenberry, Phil Brown, David Armstrong, Wayne Fleming, Deron Fourman, and David Ward. Not pictured are David Boardman and James Shiery.



IHC 2022, GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

During IHC 2022 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee the Bible Methodist Connection was represented. Each conference and the missions department participated in representing the Connection.

Pictured left-to-right are Tim Keep, Michael Avery, Clair Sams, John Parker.

WORLD MISSIONS

NEWS UPDATE



Timothy Keep
Missions Director



Report on Our Missions Trip to

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

What a privilege it was to spend an inspiring Easter week in Papua New Guinea with hundreds of delegates gathered for the 32nd annual camp and conference of the PNG Bible Fellowship Church. What a beautiful country! What beautiful believers I met there! Words cannot express how wonder-

ful it was to experience the presence of God with between 800-900 joyful worshippers!

What an honor to make friends of Rev. Timothy Rapula and his team of key leaders, Justus Rapula, Benny Irali, Dr Rendi Moke, James Penti, Roger Porapa, and Donald Yakii, and others as well. These humble

men and their team of pastors are training workers and planting new congregations in at least 5 of PNG's 22 provinces, and they desire to do even more. Please keep them in your prayers.

What a joy as well to do ministry with Sis. Shirley Fogleman (South-west Conference), her daughter,

Holly, and Mike Covington (also Southwest Conference). These missionaries have invested many years of their lives among these PNG congregations, and the fruit of their labors was clearly evidenced all week. I enjoyed being with them so much.

One of the important events of the week was the dedication of a housing duplex built largely through the efforts of Mike Covington. He offered a beautiful

and powerful talk for the dedication on Jesus's desire for unity among his people. It was such a timely, anointed word from God, and I know the Lord used it.

I would ask our readers to be much in prayer for our like-minded brothers and sisters of the BFC of PNG. While in the country, we missionaries had the privilege of sharing in two meetings with the key leaders of the Bible Fellowship Church. In those meetings there

were desires expressed that our respective ministries explore ways to work more closely with one another, should the Lord so direct. We talked about possible ways Bible Methodist Missions could walk with them as they pursue their vision to train workers, and to reach 17 more provinces with the gospel. Regardless of where this may lead, one thing is certain: we discovered our common bond in the Lord Jesus Christ!



Clockwise from top-left: Rev. Rapula during the dedication of the new duplex at Tega, the BFC Bible College; Dr. Rendy Moke leading worship on Easter Sunday; Holly McCarthy with some of her friends; Tim with young church leaders from the City of Lae. Opposite Page: Our team with the Timothy Rapula family.

GREAT LAKES

REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



Blake Jones
Conference President



CONFERENCE YOUTH LOCK-IN

Pilgrim Bible Church hosted a winter lock-in for the conference youth. Rev. Mark Potter was the guest speaker and shared some of the many things God has privileged him to experience since becoming a Christian. Certainly following Jesus is not the end of all exciting adventures and fulfilling challenges!



DAYSTAR SHOE FUNDRAISER

Pastor Phil Mills at the **Evart Bible Methodist Church** lead a unique fundraiser to help pay teachers at their **Daystar Christian Academy**. New and gently used shoes were donated by various churches to help in this project. Interestingly, as Pastor Mills drove to one of the collection sites to gather shoes, he passed a memorial shoe tree along the highway. He could have really increased his shoe drive if he had carried a ladder with him!

DAWN VALLEY EASTER CELEBRATION

The Dawn Valley Bible Methodist Church in Southern Ontario celebrated Easter with an egg hunt and Bible story presentation. Pictured here is Pastor Joe Krohn's wife, Clarissa, sharing the lesson and other pictures of the community children.





CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

A ladies ministry called Circle of Friends met on the Great Lakes Camp Ground for a special brunch

meeting. Mrs. Patti Hartkopf was the guest speaker for the group of over 70 women. The presence of God was very real as she shared the story of her husband's return to Christ.



ROCK LAKE CAMP CARETAKER

God has blessed the Great Lakes Conference with a grounds keeper who lives on the Rock Lake Camp Ground. Pastor Shawn English, from the Grawn Bible Methodist Church, contacted Conference President Jones and recommended a newer convert from his church to fill this position. The conference trustees welcomed the recommendation with gratitude! Pictured here is Pastor English on the left and Mr. Ed Wells the new grounds keeper on the right. Interestingly, Mr. Wells extended family have been an integral part of the conference and camp in years past. Mr. Wells has joined the Rock Lake Church and has wonderfully fit into the flow of church and camp activities.



VESTABURG COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Rock Lake Bible Methodist Church helped to sponsor the Penn View Bible Institute Choir at a "Preparation for the Passion" Community Service. Pastors from eight community churches took part in the service that was held in the large sanctuary of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Communion was shared in this special gathering as believers celebrated Christ's death and resurrection together. It was a great joy to offer Penn View's blessed ministry of music to the local community.

HEARTLAND

REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



Chris Cravens
Conference President

AROUND THE CONFERENCE



Left-to-Right: (Top Row) Great time of fellowship with the Beech City church and the Stephani's; President and Mrs. Cravens and Rev. Brian Wardlaw II ministering in revival in Greenfield, IN; Mortgage burning on new building in Port Clinton, OH and celebrating completion of Phase 1 of their building project.

(Middle Row) Deron Fourman speaking at Outreach and Bus Convention; Rev. John Eavey preaching his wife's (Hope) funeral; President Cravens and the Sams ministering in special services in Ft. Wayne, IN. (Bottom Row) Easter ensemble ministers in song in Findlay, OH; Franklin, OH church hosts GBSC College Choir.

PRESIDENT CRAVENS VISITS BIBLE COLLEGES



Above: Preaching in chapel. Pictured with Rev. Duane Quesenberry, PR Director.

Left: A meeting with ministerial students.



Above, Left: Breakfast with ministerial students.

Above: Heartland Reception with a number of (Heartland) Alumni.

Left: Representing Bible Methodism with other Conference Presidents.



SOUTHERN

REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



John Parker
Conference President



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE INDOOR CAMP

Rev. John Maley brought challenging messages and Rev. Henry and Jan Miller sang for the indoor camp meeting at Ada Chapel, March 22–27. Rev. Steve Vernon, Camp President, led the services. Churches in the area came together

to worship, and seek God during this vital Conference event. Bible college singing groups from Penn View Bible College and God's Bible School & College ministered in the pre-services. Friday evening is always Youth Night with a great time of fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall. Indoor camp has become a favorite and blessed time each Spring.



DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

We had a profitable Deeper Life Conference on the campgrounds in February! Numerous comments were made that expressed gratitude for the event and the material Dr. Michael Avery shared. Some commented that they understood holiness and holy living for the very first time!



FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION

Register online for the Southern Bible Methodist Camp Meeting July 4–10, 2022. Just focus your phone's camera on this QR Code to be directed to the online registration form.

HISPANIC CHURCH PLANTS

We hosted the Hope International Spanish Ministries Training on the campground and then took the group to visit a potential Spanish Language Church plant in Northern Alabama.





SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Our Southern Conference Missionary Society raised funds to replace washers and dryers in the camp laundry. They were able to upgrade to Speed Queen commercial machines! This will be a real asset to many young families who attend Youth Camp and Family Camp! A special thank you to our camp treasurer and camp manager, Ryan and Katrina Paulus for on taking this project and make it possible with their giving and labors!



GLEND A BYRD

Glenda Ruth (Sparks) Byrd passed away on March 4, 2022. “Sparky” as she was fondly called, was a member of Nixon Chapel. She had taught in the Bible Methodist Christian School and been a vital part of the Southern Conference for many years.



KATHLEEN CHURCHILL

Kathleen Faye Rummel Churchill, wife of Paul Churchill, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022. Sister Kathy was a member of Easley Bible Methodist Church. She had served in various roles with Indiana, PA Wesleyan Methodist church as local church treasurer and district treasurer. She was a founding member of Marriage Matter Retreat and was a founder of Women of Worth, Indiana, Pennsylvania chapter.

MARILYN MARCHANT DAY

The Southern Conference and Ada Chapel Bible Methodist Church honored the life and ministry of one of our faithful missionaries, Sister Marilyn Marchant. She has exemplified faithfulness and devotion to Christ’s Kingdom for around 60 years. Ada Chapel is raising funds to create a College Scholarship at Hobe Sound Bible College in her honor! Dr. Sidney Grant and his wife, Gretel, who served under Marilyn’s ministry came to honor her as well.



SOUTHWEST

PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



G. Clair Sams
Conference President



MINISTERIAL

What a joy it was for the pastors of the Southwest Conference to gather for the annual Ministerial. Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, pastored by Dennis Cable, hosted us because of vandalization of the Oklahoma City Bible Methodist Church.

Marc Sankey was the featured speaker and lead us with passion, grace and balance. The Sankeys, along with others from the Confer-

ence, blessed us with special music.

The devotionals were lead by two pastors. Pastor Aaron Johnson led Friday's devotional Pastor Don Steele led Saturday's devotional. Dr. Steve Oliver presented material on Sunday school though a video presentation.

We enjoyed meals together, prayer, singing and worship. The Ministerial was a great time of making acquaintances, renewing friendships and uniting in purpose.

LAKWOOD, COLORADO

Easter was a special time of celebration and connecting with the community as the church organized and celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord through worship and community activities. Two of the children were awarded gift cards to "Ice cream."

Sunday April 24th the church hosted Missionary to Honduras Shane Walters and his wife for the evening service.

One special project the church is hosting is Community Gardens. The church people are working with people in the neighborhood to build raised garden boxes that will be made available for growing vegetables.



CALDWELL, IDAHO

Palm Sunday we had a beautiful and meaningful communion service followed by an egg hunt and fellowship meal. This was also the debut of our new coffee bar made by some of our young people for the fellowship hall.

Resurrection Sunday the church was filled with 25 lilies which were donated by one of our families. Each one bore the name of a loved one

who had recently passed and as we honored their memory, we rejoiced in the hope of the resurrection. Our children and young people blessed us with special poems, readings

and music. We had a good crowd with several new faces. We hosted another fellowship meal and an egg hunt at a nearby park after morning service.





OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

A vandal threw a rock through the window at the OKC Bible Methodist Church and then set the church on fire. Fire and smoke damage meant the church needed to be completely torn out and remodeled. KOCO News in Oklahoma City

covered the OKC Church’s Easter Sunday where they had “Bring Your Own Chair” Sunday while waiting for their new sanctuary seating. The OKC Church worshipped elsewhere for 8 weeks while the remodel was completed.

The Church welcomed everyone back to their building for a Grand Re-opening on Easter Sunday.



DERIDDER, LOUISIANA

What a special day. The sacrament of baptism is always a special time. It was wonderful to feel God’s as these fellows made an outward commitment in front of God and man to live their lives in service to Him. We know God has big plans for our church and we are looking forward to what the future holds.

Easter Celebration at DeRidder included special songs, and special presentation by the children. What a time of rejoicing we had



celebrating our risen Savior on Easter Sunday! We were so blessed to have new people in the service! Our prayer is that they will never get over the presence of God and they will earnestly seek after Him!



SHERMAN, TEXAS

Pastor Stephen Snodgrass and the congregation at Sherman hosted the Texas Inter-church Holiness Convention May 3-4, 2022. Convention leadership sent Curtis Going to moderate, David Fulton to speak and the Mayhle Family to sing.

BIBLE METHODIST CONNECTION OF CHURCHES

FAMILY CAMPS

Summer 2022

Great Lakes Conference

DATE

July 8–17, 2022

LOCATION

Pine Grove Rd, Rock Lake, MI 48891

EVANGELISTS

Dr. Allan Brown & Dr. Adam Buckler

SONG EVANGELISTS

Wetherald Family & Emery Family

CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Gene Davis Family

Heartland Conference

DATE

June 20–26 2022

LOCATION

00605 Barber Werner Rd, Mendon OH 45862

EVANGELISTS

Dr. Michael Avery & Dr. Steven Smith

SONG EVANGELISTS

Daniel Edwards Family

YOUTH EVANGELIST

Doug Eads

CHILDREN'S WORKERS

Wesley and Janna Cressman

Southern Conference

DATE

July 4–10

LOCATION

1355 Chula Vista Dr, Pell City, AL 35125

EVANGELISTS

Dr. R.G. Hutchison & Rev. Chris Cravens

SONG EVANGELISTS

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YOUTH EVANGELIST

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