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### April 1st 2024

Hello, All.

Lectureship week is quickly coming upon us. At the time of writing this, it begins a week from now, next Sunday. the 7th. Everything feels like we've been building towards this moment for the last 3 months. Hopefully, it will be as rewarding and fulfilling as it has been stressful and looming. I'm a little stir crazy if you couldn't tell, HAHA.

Lectureship season also means that this quarter, the 3rd quarter, is ending as well. I can already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for my first year here at Tri-Cities which is a crazy already see the light at the end of the tunnel for the support live received, without it, I would be amiss to not say thank you again for the support live received, without it, I would not have been able to pursue this venture for the last nine months. You all have been a blessing to me.

Otherwise, classes have been going fine. Each quarter the workload has been ramping up in small increments so my grit reserves have been deepened recently, which is a good thing. School is pushing me more than ever before in terms of academic discipline and studying. I guess we could say that these are the moments that make the man.

As for the evangelism front, my friend & I, Josh Alley, have been studying weekly with a friend of ours from the church of God denomination. He's a lively, passionate fellow so we have no problem with the frequency of our studies, but we are having a difficult time getting him to slow down and process our points. Please pray for his obedience to the Gospel. Please pray for my zeal and development. Thank you all.

With Love, Drew Kranawetter

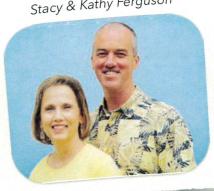
# MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

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to the Pacific...

"go into all the world" Mk. 16:15

Stacy & Kathy Ferguson



### PIBC in Pohnpei, FSM

After finishing up our work in the Marshall Islands, we headed to the Federated States of Micronesia. Micronesia is divided into four states: Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap. We would be teaching in two different states, first Pohnpei and then Chuuk.

We were having to take the island hopper that goes from Honolulu to Guam making five stops along the way. As we boarded the plane at Ebeye, we saw our friends that had left early that morning from Honolulu, Don and Janet Wilson. It was good to see them and we were looking forward to working with them in Pohnpei. We had been

together with them another time in Pohnpei on a campaign many years ago, but had never worked together teaching Pacific Islands Bible College classes. Don and Janet had lived many years in our same area on the south side of Atlanta. We knew them when they were attending at Forest Park and then after that worshipping in McDonough. We enjoyed getting to know them much better on this trip.

It is always good to have people that know what they are doing. Don and Janet have been helping with the work in Pohnpei for many years. Back in about 2006, if I remember correctly, is when Scott and Rebecca Shanahan moved to Pohnpei. (Scott, since you and I always read each other's newsletters, you can congregation where the Wilsons worked and served. They were directly correct me if this is not right). involved with Scott and Rebecca. Because they have many years of experience, and they know the place and the people, they had a lot of knowledge that was very helpful to us on this trip. It was indeed a great blessing to have them out



One of the first things on the list for the work here was getting the church building ready for the on the field. evening classes. The church has a good place to meet, but they needed some lightbulbs and also a mat for the kids to sit on during the evening classes. We found a painting drop cloth at Ace Hardware that was perfect for our purpose. I guess it worked perfect. I'm not the one who had to sit on it. A great thing about Islanders is they are not picky, and they can adapt to any situation.

Asher Abraham, one of the local brothers helped us in many different ways. I will talk about that more in next month's newsletter. When we first picked him up, I noticed that his foot and ankle were very

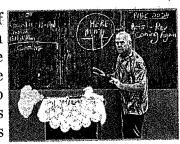


swollen. He could barely walk. After seeing him, we went to see another Christian lady. Her daughter, Tisha has had a terrible skin problem over her whole body. Janet thought it was eczema so she gave some medicine to help. Don and Janet knew of a doctor at a private clinic. So we went there and made appointments for Asher and Tisha. It is amazing the simple things that Islanders suffer through because they do not have the proper medical care, medicine or money to get things treated.

We took them to their doctor's appointments. I know how slow things can be with doctors and especially in the Pacific so I had no

idea how long it would take. I was surprised that it really did not take very long. Tisha did have eczema that was infected. It was so bad it had been hard for her to rest and she was embarrassed to go anywhere. The doctor was able to give both of them an antibiotic. They both were very thankful for the help. We were glad that we could do this small thing for them. Working in the Pacific helps me see how good our medical care is in the USA. We are BLESSED!

Don's lessons were on the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke. This is a lot of material to cover, but he did an excellent job. It is always good to learn from other teachers. This is one of the places where we have to use translators while we are teaching and preaching. Thankfully, the church has two men that are very capable of doing this. Don did a good job using a translator. Don also helped out on Sundays with Bible class and preaching. I could tell that he has spent time learning, studying, and teaching God's word even though he has done secular work all of his life.





Janet taught the kids every evening. That is usually Kathy's responsibility, but Janet took on this good work. Again, this was another way to know she had experience working in the Pacific. She jumped in and hit the ground running. She knew how to handle these island kids and keep them in line. Kathy and Janet had a good time together. I'm glad that Kathy had another lady to be with her because usually it is only men that come out to teach.

Lord willing, more great news to come next month!

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# MISSIONARY JOURNEYS to the Pacific...

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### Stacy & Kathy Ferguson



### Various Works in Pohnpei, FSM I really love and respect Asher Abraham. He is a very humble, diligent

servant of the Lord. In my last newsletter I mentioned that Asher was having problems with an infection in his foot and ankle. After he started taking the antibiotic, it

started getting better, but the whole time we were there his foot and ankle continued to bother him. One Sunday morning, he walked from his house to the church building, even though his foot was not well, because the transport was late picking



him up. Christians like Asher show their dedication and devotion to God by the way they serve him. He helped us make visits, translated for Bible studies and the PIBC classes.

Salter is a Christian that is homebound. He has had serious health problems for many years. Asher goes every Sunday to his house to worship with him. Don, Janet, Kathy and I were able to go with Asher to Salter's house to worship. We found out that his wife had died which has made it even harder for him. Thankfully he has two kids that live with him and care for him. We tried to encourage him and being together to worship is one of God's ways to accomplish this (Hebrews 10:25). This is another way Asher is serving the Lord and others.

I thought many times how handicapped we would be (or hindered might be a better word) if we did not have Asher helping. He took us to visit Cassiano and Petrina. They are Christians who were baptized by Scott around 2006. They have three kids that are Christians. We wanted to study with them because they have been unfaithful, but this would not have been possible without Asher translating. In one of the studies we started with about five

people and ended up with about thirteen. One day we had seven people



and another day nine. We never knew how many people would be there each day. I love studies like these with Islanders. Some of them may not be very interested, but it is an opportunity for them to learn the truth. Several young people about the ages 16-21 were in these studies. Hopefully Cassiano and Petrina will continue to come to worship and others will obey the gospel.



widow in the church did not have a back door. She was having to slide a small washing machine in front of the door to try to keep critters out. When looking for doors, Don and I were only finding wooden doors and those are not good for the Pacific due to the moisture and termites. We found a door made out of PVC and got it put up for her. Gratefully we found that type of door. Hopefully it will last longer. These people don't have much of anything, but she prepared some food for us because we did the work.

One wedding and two baptisms...

A couple, Koner and Sylvia, were wanting to get married and be baptized. Our time was about to run out so we were trying to get this handled. When I went to the government office to check about [ them and the marriage requirements, I found out in their system that she was married to another man. I was not expecting this. On Friday morning, we went to find Sylvia at her work and see about her marriage situation. She told us that her husband had died over 20 years ago. Then we went to the marriage office to find out what to do since he was still listed as her husband. That was an ordeal, but we finally got it straightened out so that they could be married the next day, Saturday.



That Saturday afternoon when everyone got to the building for PIBC classes, we had the wedding. There was no decorating, special dress, no best man or brides maids. They just stood up and I did the wedding ceremony. Then we started the Bible College class. After class we took Koner and Sylvia to be baptized. It was a great day. On Monday, I went and filed the papers with the government, and we left on the next day.

Ladies Bible College Class...

After Don finished his class the first hour, we divided the men and the women for the second hour. I taught the course on Bible Class / Sermon Preparation and Delivery. Kathy had a class for the ladies. Below are some comments from Kathy about her class:

I have taught classes in the Pacific many times. Often I am blessed to work with children. However, this time was different because it was a course for the women. The title of this series of lessons is "Godly W'men". Thanks to Debbie Kea and other good friends, I was able to create a text book before taking on llenge. The class here was attended by a small group of ladies, which helped create a comfortable ment for class discussions. I really appreciated this because this made it easier for the women to ask questions and more comfortable for them to answer when I questioned them. The first evening, the lesson centered around the two possible destinations for our eternal souls. Sylvia was sitting next to me. She spoke some English, but often communicated through a translator. However, near the end of class she looked at me and indicated in broken English that she did not want to go to hell. She wanted to be God's child. Of course, I was glad to hear this. What a blessing to be involved in work for the Lord

Thank you for your prayers and support Stacy and Kathy.

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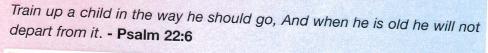
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### **Monthly Newsletter**

## VDER A PALWIREE

Psalm 92:12

We want to take this newsletter to do something extra special. As parents we are all charged with the responsibility of training and guiding our children to learn to love others and to live a faithful life to God. One of the greatest privileges of this work is the ability to raise our children on the mission field.





Rachel and I are thankful to the Lord for Atticus and Zoe. Atticus is our oldest at seven and Zoe our youngest at five (almost six!). They have been on several trips to the Pacific and each time they have done exceptionally well. At such a young age they have been into several countries and experienced so many different cultures. As this newsletter reaches you we are currently in Saipan which is a completely new place for Rachel and the children.

The traveling is very hard especially for little ones. Being up late waiting to get on a plane is exhausting even for an adult. The flights are very long and no one sleeps well on a plane. Even still they are amazing at adapting to their environment. When it comes to doing the work of the Lord they do

not fall behind. The children work just as hard as any of us. The island people have a great respect for children in their culture. They have told us that bringing our children with us, to work with the Church made a big difference. Being in the country, among the people with the children, seems to generate a level of respect from the Island people.



In the past few years one of the major things we have done with the children is go out into the villages and marketplaces to hand out free Bible tracts. On one particular venture we were in Labasa, Fiji handing out tracts on a blistering hot day. At this time



my father, mother, wife, children and I were all together along with two local Christians, Atu and Sereana. We went around several roads, handing out tracts at every home we passed. One of those homes belonged to an elderly couple who upon seeing the children with us, invited us in for some cold drinks and a snack. They were very hospitable, they seemed to enjoy talking to the children the most. When the children go from house to house and hand out tracts the island people light up with big smiles. The people are very open and receptive to free Bible material especially when it is given out by the little ones. The day was very long and we were all sweating, and starting to get dehydrated. Still, the children were working hard, even racing each



other to see who could give the tracts out first. At the time my oldest was faster, but after he would hand out tracts my daughter would come behind him and hand out her tracts to the same person. We ended up making them take turns. It was wonderful to see their excitement.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."- Matthew 19:14

On another trip on a different year, we were in Nadi, Fiji handing out tracts. My father and I were together with the children and we were in an open market handing out tracts. If you are not familiar, the markets in the Pacific are huge buildings built of concrete pillars and tin roofs. They usually are



open on all four sides so that people can come in and out. The locals will take their vegetables, clothes, anything really and sell them in these marketplaces. This is a large source of their livelihood for many people in the Pacific. The busiest time for these markets is on Saturdays but you can find people selling any day of the week. The children split up each taking a side of the market. They went row by row, to every station giving tracts to anyone they could. The people were very happy to meet them. The people would often stop



to talk to the kids, one of them gave the children bananas. Atticus and Zoe quickly ran out of tracts after giving out every single one. I am grateful to God for their willingness to work for the kingdom.

Atticus and Zoe wanted everyone to know that they say hello from Saipan! Please continue to pray for us as we are traveling and laboring together for the Lord.

RESPECTFULLY,
NATHANIEL & RACHEL FERGUSON

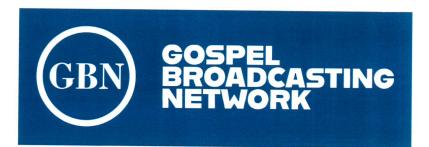
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# July 2024 Newsletter



### RECENT CONVERSIONS

We were informed by a member of the church in Ghana, Africa that he has baptized two individuals using material from GBN. Their names are **Paul** and **Richlove**. Pray for these souls as they begin their Christian walk!





### DON'T FORGET



PTP Branson is already here and PTP Sevierville will be coming up soon! It's not too late to register to attend this event August 16-22. Don Blackwell, Aaron Gallagher, and Joey Treat will all be speaking.

### RECENT PROJECTS

The third season of Make It Plain is now being released! A new episode will come out every Friday at 8 a.m. CST.



The fifth season of **The Authentic Christian Podcast** is also coming out this month! Watch for new episodes Wednesdays at 12 p.m. CST.



Both of these podcasts can be found on the GBN website, Youtube channel, and app. The Authentic Christian Podcast is also on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts.

### **Speaking Schedule**

Don Blackwell			
Date	Town	Congregation	
7/14- 7/17	McMinnville, TN	Hebron Church of Christ	
7/26- 7/28	Paducah, KY	Sunny Slope Church of Christ	

Stoney Creek

Church of Christ

### Aaron Gallagher

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7/28-

7/31

Date	Town	Congregation
7/1	Olive Branch, MS	Olive Branch church of Christ
7/31	Fayetteville, TN	West Fayetteville Church of Christ
8/3- 8/7	Berea, AL	Berea Church of Christ

### Joey Treat

Date	Town	Congregation
7/24	Cookeville, TN	Cookeville church of Christ
7/27- 7/28	Bloomington, IN	Liberty Church of Christ

Thank you for the continued prayers and support for the work here at GBN.

Brotherly,

Don Bhiswell

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

### **Monthly Newsletter**

### VDER A PALMIREE

Psalm 92:12

We continue to keep everyone in our prayers as we all go through life. The Lord has always encouraged us through scripture. He knows that we will have hard days and joyous days. I am thankful we all have a God that is concerned about us.

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

This summer is set to be a busy one with trips to the Pacific as well as reporting to our supporting



Our Family on the Road Reporting

congregations. In the midst of this I have other aspects of my work as in instructor for the PIBC. One thing that I have been commissioned to do by brother Robert Martin is film and edit a video presentation in which he discusses the culture of the people in the Pacific as well as the mission efforts conducted there over the past 50 years. At our overseeing congregation in Georgia, Brother Robert has created a room with many items from the Pacific that he has collected over the years in his mission work. As he is getting older, he wanted to create a presentation to be played in the room for visitors. In it he teaches the viewer about the history of the island people. Then he goes around the room giving details about the collection and his stories of traveling to these remote places with the Gospel.



Robert Martin Giving his Presentation on the Pacific islands

Back at the end of last year, I filmed Brother Robert giving this presentation and have been in the midst of editing the two plus hours of footage together. My goal is to have this available for anyone who may want to view the Pacific Missions and Culture room during our World Mission Forum taking place on October 17-20 at the Forest Park church of Christ. I am able to work on the presentation on my laptop which allows me to work while I am traveling and reporting. The Forest Park congregation also partners with the Georgia School of Preaching. The entire mission team are preparing to teach a round of classes focused on missions and training men to be missionaries.



Ferguson & O'Dell Families

As our reporting year is in full swing, we most recently we were able travel up to Mammoth Spring Church of Christ in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. This is about 8 hours from our home base in Atlanta. I have family that work with the congregation there in Mammoth so we were excited to be able to spend time with them. Unfortunately, a tornado hit the area while we were there and we had to all load up and get to the basement of the church building. Thankfully none of the tornados hit the town and we were able to give our report during worship Sunday. Things are never boring while traveling for the work but God always takes care of us. We

appreciate the congregation there at Mammoth Spring and enjoy getting to fellowship there.

This month we also spent time with several family members in Alabama while reporting. We are grateful for the opportunity to see a lot of our physical family, but also to see so many of our spiritual family. It is so good to see all of you every two years, it is a great blessing to spend time with everyone. We have our reporting trips booked throughout the summer. We will take a break to go on our trip to Saipan but when we get back we will launch right back into reporting. If we have not seen you yet, we will soon, Lord willing.

We are very busy preparing our family to travel to Saipan and preparing the materials to teach. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel around the states and across the Pacific.

RESPECTFULLY,
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### Meet Our Newest House Parents



### New Houseparents for our Basic Program: Cortney and Anthony Myers, Houseparents

Cortney and Anthony Myers became houseparents at Childhaven in January 2024. They have been married for 3 years and are excited to serve in this role at Childhaven! Cortney and Anthony came to us from Florence, AL where they previously served as houseparents to teenage girls. Both of their families have been involved with foster care and adoption throughout their lives and have instilled that love in Cortney and Anthony!

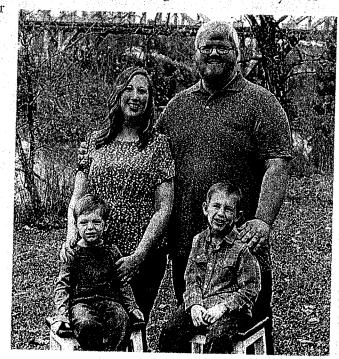
# We are Excited to Announce the Reopening of Our Genesis Program!

Childhaven's Genesis program has, for many years, served teenage girls in the foster care system that are pregnant or mothering. The program is designed to give these girls the opportunity to learn parenting skills; break the cycle of

abuse; and prevent another generation from entering the foster care system! For over a year, this program has been in need of houseparents but finally our prayers are answered and we can introduce...

### Alicia and Jonathan Powell, Houseparents for Mother/Infant Program.

Jonathan and Alicia come to us by way of the Wetumpka Church where Jonathan served as the deacon over Benevolence. That service ignited in him a passion for serving those in need. Alicia is a graduate of Faulkner with her MA in Counseling. She has also worked with Faulkner proctoring for students with disabilities. Jonathan and Alicia, along with their two boys, will be serving in our Mother/Infant Program.





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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

My online Fishers of Men evangelism training with brethren in Kenya has been concluded – at least for the most part. My son, Titus, and I are planning to travel to Kenya at the end of this month. While there, we plan to have our FOM graduation to recognize the students who put in so much time and effort. Additionally, we plan to have an evangelism seminar to remind the FOM students of some of the principles they learned during the course and to introduce others to FOM. There have been several new congregations planted in recent months as a result of work done by my current and former FOM students. We plan to visit and encourage some of these brethren. Some of these congregations were denominational groups who learned the Truth and converted. To God be the Glory!

During the course, these FOM students in Kenya have reported on 83 Bible studies with 56 different souls and 18 baptisms! It is wonderful to see the work growing and continuing!

We request your prayers for our upcoming journey to Kenya.

Thank you for being a part of this work!

Because of Him,

Tim II and Rachel Wilkes



Tim also works with NetCasters Overseeing Eldership: Coldwater Church of Christ P.O. Box 363 Coldwater, MS 38618



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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

Former First Lady Barbara Bush once said about giving, "Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our minds to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others." I am so grateful that you have opened your mind and heart to the needs of our students! Your recent gift of \$200.00 will be put to work in the Bible Teaching Program fund as you have requested.

Mid-South Youth Camp is in session! Running from May 26 to July 19, Mid-South Youth Camp offers weeks for senior and junior campers. Visit www.fhu.edu/msyc for more information. And Horizons week is set for July 7-12. The theme this year is "Renovate", and more information is available at www.fhu.edu/horizons.

Thank you again for your generous gift. If you have any questions about your donation or the way it is being used, contact Holly Chism at 1-800-FHU-FHU1 (348-3481), ext. 6017, or at hchism@fhu.edu.

Sincerely,

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June 14, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Adamsville Parkway Adamsville, AL 35005-1399

Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

I am not sure why it is often called summer "vacation" when it is easy to get worn out. The summers at Heritage Christian University are packed with opportunities to serve the Lord and grow Spiritually. There are youth camps, evangelism workshops, group retreats and mission trips. Colossians 3:23-24 reminds us of our purpose when life gets busy when it says "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." We are always motivated to work harder when we remember who we are working for.

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** It has been received with gratitude and will be used as you have directed. By giving to Heritage Christian University, you are helping our students to thrive in their ministry for the Lord. Your support for this institution is incredibly generous and we are grateful for your partnership.

Again, thank you for your generosity! On behalf of the HCU team, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or at <a href="mailto:jharrison@hcu.edu">jharrison@hcu.edu</a>.

Sincerely,

J. T. Harrison

Vice President of Advancement

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# June 2024 Newsletter



### RECENT Projects

GBN has several new releases on the GBN website: the Power Lectureship books, David Paden's books, and Bobby Duncan's book on the Holy Spirit. We are also planning to release Bobby Duncan's book of sermon outlines soon. These can all be found in the GBN Library.

### RECENT CONVERSIONS

In May we were informed that **Elijah McCarver** obeyed the gospel in Knoxville, TN after watching a video on baptism done by a GBN staff member.

On May 6, **Joel Borchelt** was baptized in Sparta, MO after Don Blackwell and Joey Treat traveled there and Don preached that evening.

On May 8, **Diane Mathis** also obeyed the gospel at the Sparta Church of Christ in MO.







Thank you for the continued prayers for the work here at GBN.

Brotherly,

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Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

### DON'T Forget



Polishing the Pulpit is next month! PTP Branson will be July 10-15. Aaron Gallagher and Joey Treat will both be speaking. Also register for PTP Severiville which will be August 16-22.

### **Speaking Schedule**

### Don Blackwell

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6/26	Fayetteville, TN	West Fayetteville Church of Christ
7/4	Trenton, GA	Trenton church of Christ
7/7- 7/10	Crossville, TN	Newton church of Christ
7/14- 7/17	McMinnville, TN	Hebron Church of Christ
7/26- 7/28	Paducah, KY	Sunny Slope Church of Christ

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June 10, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr. Adamsville, AL 35005

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Bear Valley Bible Institute. Just a few weeks ago, we wrapped up another successful and challenging school year. We offer all praise and honor to God for His continued blessings for and through our imperfect efforts.

Your partnership in this work is both necessary and greatly appreciated. We could not do what we do without your financial support. We thank God for you often in our chapel services and in our private prayers.

You may already be aware, but there has been a transition of leadership here at Bear Valley. After faithfully serving as the school president for 20 years, Denny Petrillo has resigned from that position. Thankfully, Denny will remain on staff in the role of President Emeritus and he will continue to teach full-time.

In Denny's place, I will do my best to continue the legacy of faithfulness at Bear Valley and to maintain a good relationship with all who support this good work. Thank you for sharing the burden and blessings of training preachers.

In His Service,

Wayne Jones, MDiv.

Wayre Jones, MDiv.

President

June 7th, 2024 Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Veterans Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

Brethren,

It has been a wonderful quarter. The challenges and obstacles have been spiritually rewarding in many ways. From memorizing the book of James to studying the book of Acts and everything else in between, we have been able to work diligently. The students had the opportunity to attend the Truth in Love Lectures earlier in May. It was such a blessing to go and listen to men of God proclaim the Gospel. I was excited to take notes to help grow my faith and grab a few sermon ideas while I was there. All students had the privilege of attending the Forest Hill Church of Christ's VBS. This was full of informational classes, and of course, the smiling faces of the children who were excited to learn about God. I cannot express my gratitude in a proper way that would reflect the feelings in my heart. Your support and prayers have allowed me to study and learn without distractions. I have been blessed beyond measure. God is so good. My faith has never been stronger and my zeal for the Lord has grown exponentially. Without the help of the congregation, none of this would be possible. The knowledge learned within these two years will help carry me into the next phase of my life in ministry. My prayers are with you daily and I am excited to continue sharing my experiences throughout my time here.

In Christ,

Logan Peters 205.703.6978



#### To the Elders:

I am writing you today to express my **appreciation**, as well as that of President Shannon, and Freed-Hardeman University. **Your decision to financially support the Bible Teaching Program** has and continues to be a mainstay in our success in **educating and training** young people in service to the church and community.

You, as elders, are so keenly aware of the challenges that face the church today and the need to be prepared to stand for the faith. That is why at Freed-Hardeman University (Prov.11:14):

- Every student (over 2,300) takes at least one Bible course every semester
- Teach the scriptures and proper application of such to the students' daily life
- Provide unsurpassed training for future gospel preachers, teachers, elders, deacons, in kingdom service
- Receive additional knowledge and encouragement during daily chapel

FHU and **your congregation** have a shared investment in the **Bible Teaching Program** and mission of keeping our young people faithful and actively serving the Lord's church. They are given a nurturing Christian environment where they may **learn**, **grow**, **serve**, **and nourish their faith!** 

Most importantly, we want you to know that your commitment and contribution in support of the Bible Teaching Program is an absolute integral pillar of this success.

I hope your congregation has been blessed this year. If so, and you have a desire to **increase** your support, please know we will faithfully and continually provide an **essential spiritual return on your investment in voung people**.

As elders, I pray for you much wisdom and strength in your responsibilities! We ask for your prayers as we pray for you. If you have questions of any nature, please contact me and I will gladly reply.

Randall Harris

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June 13, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ The Franklin Camp-Bobby Duncan Scholarshi 4207 Veterans Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

Dear Brethren,

Greetings and gratitude from the Memphis School of Preaching!

We look forward to the upcoming Graduation Day at MSOP with great anticipation. This day, filled with pride, joy, and a touch of melancholy, is a special occasion as another group of students completes their coursework and receives their well-deserved graduation diplomas. It happens every Father's Day but could not happen without you! Your generous gifts have made it possible for these students to devote themselves wholly to learning the Word and learning how to "preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2).

These graduates will take the gospel with them to places near and far as they fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). The command to "teach all nations" is still in the Bible (Matt. 28:19). Our Lord still expects us to discharge this command. Your contribution to MSOP equips us with the resources needed to do our part in carrying out the Lord's command. Thank you so very much!

In a few days, new students will arrive to begin their education in the greatest Book in the whole world. At about that same time, approximately 165 young men and women will populate our campus for a week of specialized training, known as Foundations. This program has been extremely effective for well over 15 years now, and it continues to grow every year. Furthermore, over the years, we have been blessed to have a good number of our male Foundations campers become students at the Memphis School of Preaching. Thank you for supporting all of our efforts to spread the Word!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke Director



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June 6, 2024

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Sincerely,

John Stubblefield

Director of Finance and Personnel Gospel Broadcasting Network

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# **June 2024 Newsletter**



### RECENT PROJECTS

GBN has several new releases on the GBN website: the Power Lectureship books, David Paden's books, and Bobby Duncan's book on the Holy Spirit. We are also planning to release Bobby Duncan's book of sermon outlines soon. These can all be found in the GBN Library.

### RECENT CONVERSIONS

In May we were informed that **Elijah McCarver** obeyed the gospel in Knoxville, TN after watching a video on baptism done by a GBN staff member.

On May 6, **Joel Borchelt** was baptized in Sparta, MO after Don Blackwell and Joey Treat traveled there and Don preached that evening.

On May 8, **Diane Mathis** also obeyed the gospel at the Sparta Church of Christ in MO.







Thank you for the continued prayers for the work here at GBN.

Brotherly,

Don Bhiswell

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

### DON'T FORGET



Polishing the Pulpit is next month! PTP Branson will be July 10-15. Aaron Gallagher and Joey Treat will both be speaking. Also register for PTP Severiville which will be August 16-22.

### **Speaking Schedule**

### Don Blackwell

Date	Town	Congregation
6/26	Fayetteville, TN	West Fayetteville Church of Christ
7/4	Trenton, GA	Trenton church of Christ
7/7- 7/10	Crossville, TN	Newton church of Christ
7/14- 7/17	McMinnville, TN	Hebron Church of Christ
7/26- 7/28	Paducah, KY	Sunny Slope Church of Christ

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### Ken Butterworth 16598 Arbor Drive Athens, AL 35613 Phone: (256) 452-2521

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My Dear Brethren,

June 10, 2024

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We thank our God each day for you brethren. Hearts full of love, appreciation, and thanksgiving are sent with this note.

We are doing good and we hope and pray this finds all of you doing well.

Just wanted to touch base and let you know that my work is going well. Our prayer is that God receives all the glory and honor from our work together.

God continues to open doors for us to teach the gospel of our Master: radio, books, BCC, preaching, filling requests etc. You are making this possible.

The two radio programs continue to draw much interest. A Christian in Cullman informed me that the station manager is a regular listener and is showing interest in the church. I continue to receive requests for cd copies and written materials of the lessons coming out of Gadsden and Cullman. As I mentioned before, others are using the lessons on podcasts, websites etc. There are folks in and out of the state listening to the programs. Two of my eight books have now gone into a second printing. I hope to get back to putting together another book. Interest in the BCC continues. God has opened doors of opportunities for me to preach on occasions. I am so honored concerning the amount of interest and requests for written materials on specified subjects, questions etc. Again, it is all to God's glory and the one true blood bought church (the church of Christ) and not for Ken Butterworth.

I received a call asking if I would consider videoing weekly sermons to be used on websites, podcasts etc. I am indeed honored, but I just cannot possibly take that on with what I am attempting to do already. I thank our God for the opportunity, but pray I have not said no to God.

Brethren, without you, none of this would be possible.

I count the Adamsville congregation there as stars for God because you are causing a spiritual resurrection of truth by turning many to God's word (Dan. 12:1-3).

God Bless Each of You,

Ken

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Most Sincerely,

Gary Hicks

**Executive Director** 

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To the beloved brethren,

As I'm writing this the end is in sight. I'll have my first year of preaching school under my belt in less than 30 days! Again, I know this is redundant but your support matters to me and is greatly appreciated. My entire support system through and through is fantastic and you all are obviously a big part of that so thank you.

Rob Whiteacre & The House to House, Heart to Heart School of Evangelism visited the school in early May bringing a greatly rejuvenating workshop. If anyone reading this has an opportunity to attend one of his seminars I highly recommend it. That being said, my craving for evangelism has been rekindled, PTL. If you remember my earlier letters mentioning the Eastern Orthodox fellow, Fred, we have begun studying again with great fervor. We just recently completed Back To The Bible lesson 2 and will hopefully go through lesson 3 in the foreseeable future. On top of that, Fred also came to hear me preach today at the Stoney Creek congregation, which was one of my best sermons to date... so things are looking up.

But we're not done. Josh Alley (one of my closest, trusted brothers) and I have started to befriend the mennonite community here in TN. There is a coffee shop called "Auntie Ruth's Pretzels & Donuts" that we frequent about once a month where we have made good connections with them. Currently, I think of and pray for them more than anything else. They are great people, specifically a good group of young adults, with wholesome values, which we're really enjoying building relationships with. Please continue to pray for them all and for me as well.

With love in the Lord,

**Drew Kranawetter** 



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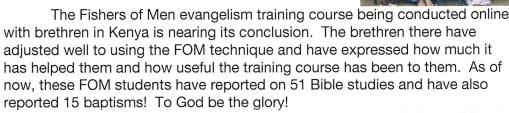
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,



What a blessing to be able to train soul winners around the world!

We are gearing up for a busy summer of participating in multiple Vacation Bible Schools, and also attending Sardis Lake Christian Camp, as we do every year, where I serve as one of the directors of our session, Rachel serves as one of our counselors, and all three of our children attend as campers. Additionally, we also have other youth group activities planned and have other family activities on our schedule as well. It's going to be a busy summer!

Thank you for being a part of this work!

Because of Him,

Tim II and Rachel Wilkes



Tim also works with NetCasters Overseeing Eldership: Coldwater Church of Christ P.O. Box 363 Coldwater, MS 38618



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Psalm 92:12

Greetings to everyone. We pray that the Lord will bless all of you as you are going through life.

#### Numbers 6:24-25

The LORD bless you, and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;

We have been very busy this past month with preparations for our trip to Saipan. We are excited to be going to the Marianas Islands as a family. I have



been once before and it is an amazing place. Filled with beauty, history and people hungry for the Gospel. There is a congregation of the Lord's church located on the island that is faithful and strong. I enjoy spending time with the Christians there. It will be a unique experience for my family they will get to see the remnants of the battle fought during World War Two. The people of Saipan have a very interesting history and culture because of their location in the North Pacific.

Part of the preparation of to travel is getting all of our materials together. This trip I am going to use my own textbooks for one of the courses. This is my first course to write. This also required us to print every copy that we will use on this trip. There is a professional printer and spiral binder that belongs to



Binding Machine for PIBC Textbooks

the PIBC which allows us to make the books but it does take a large amount of time. Rachel has also spent a lot of time preparing class materials and visuals to teach the children.

I formatted the textbook then created a cover for the book after which Rachel took on the task of printing and binding it all. She prints the covers and laminates them. At the same time she prints the hundreds of pages for the 30 textbooks we need. She will combine all the books, puncture the holes to then insert a spiral binding. I am thankful I have a coworker that is willing and able to do these important tasks.



(In Red) Agyemang Benjamin

We have had several graduates of the school in this past quarter. These graduates are from Rwanda, Majuro, Ghana, and Australia. You might notice that only two of these countries is located in the our normal teaching areas. The PIBC is focused on working in the Pacific but we are also blessed to offer courses to people who hear about the school. We are able to offer courses through the mail or online via our website. We are grateful that the work we do for the Lord is helping others grow in their knowledge of his word.

On that same note since the Pacific Islands has started its records, we have taught over three thousand souls with our courses. We are thankful to have shared the Gospel with so many people through our teaching. We are very close to having 100 graduates and hope to meet that goal this year.

We also have been doing some of our reporting early this year. We have made two reports in the past month to Macland Road Church of Christ and Middle Fayette Church of Christ, both located in Georgia. It was wonderful to be able to visit with both of these congregations. It had been many years since I had worshipped at Middle Fayette. I am looking forward to seeing all of our supporting congregations this year. Please keep your ear out for a phone call from us!

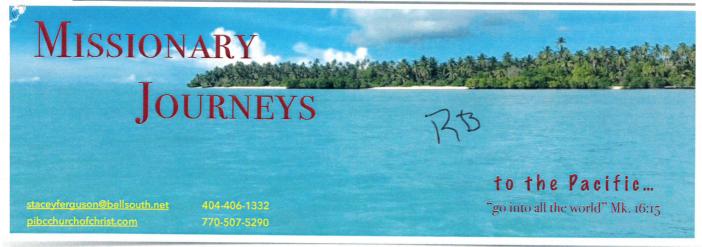
Thank you so much for all of your prayers and your interest in the PIBC. Most of all thank you for your love for the LORD and the souls in the Pacific.

RESPECTFULLY,
NATHANIEL & RACHEL FERGUSON

Nathaniel Ferguson PO Box 1405 Forest Park, GA 30298

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Stacy & Kathy Ferguson



### Soils, Souls, Hearts

Our trip to Tarawa, Kiribati was great. I was having a couple Bible studies, one with Kangooa and another with Kirabuke. These two men remind me of the parable of the sower and the soil in Mathew 13:1-23. They had two different hearts. Kangooa was very open and receptive to the truth. On the day that we had the lesson about what we must do to be saved, I started the study by drawing man separated from God because of sin. I asked him which side he was on. He said he was on the side with God. After the study, I asked him which side he was on. He said he wanted to be on the side with

God. He knew then and there he needed to be baptized into Christ. We are in the Pacific with water everywhere so you would think no problem to baptize someone. Even the house where we were having the study was right on the ocean. You would expect to just walk out the door and do the baptism, but that could not happen. When the tide goes out in Tarawa, the water is not deep enough to baptize and it's too dangerous out by the reef. We have water everywhere and not enough to bury Kangooa. However, we were able to get in the car and go down to a bridge to bury him into Christ. Please pray for Kangooa because he does not live on Tarawa. He will not be a part of an established local church. He lives on an outer island, and he will be the only Christian on that part of the island.

After people are baptized, one of the first lessons I always have is how to pray. Most people are not taught the correct way to pray from the word of God, especially in the Catholic Church. Kangooa was amazed how the Bible teaches us all the things we need to know - even how to pray. I also want to teach this lesson on prayer so that the new child of God can know how to be forgiven of sin now that they are a Christian.

Since Kangooa was going to be by himself on an outer island, we immediately started having lessons to teach him what he would need to do each first day of the week to worship God correctly. This is a lot of responsibility to put on anyone, especially a new Christian by themselves without anybody else around to help. It always concerns me for someone in this situation. My heart goes out to them and I pray for them because I know it will be very difficult. Please keep Kangooa in your prayers to be strong and faithful.

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In one of those lessons teaching Kangooa what he would need to do in worship every first day of the

week, he said that he was very afraid and not sure that he could do it. All of our studies together were being translated. Tabera was translating for me because Kangooa did not understand or speak any English. When Kangooa mentioned about not being sure if he could do it, I asked Tabera to read **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." As soon as Tabera finished reading the scripture, Kangooa smiled real big and started laughing. He told Tabera and then Tabera translated what he said to me. He basically said that he just thought we were going to read another scripture and then when we read that scripture, he said, "That was for me!". God's word always has what we need to help, guide, strengthen and motivate us.

Kirabuke was a different soil (heart). He was very nice and let us study with him, which is typical for most Islanders, but I'm sad to say he did not obey the gospel. One of his hinderances was denominational teaching. To me, one of the biggest deceptions of the devil is denominationalism. People's minds can be so mixed up, confused, and they have heard so many lies that it's hard for them to see the truth. The devil deceives!



In Tarawa, we usually have people that want to study the Bible. This is why Kathy and I love working here. Kathy had some studies with a couple of ladies. These were family members of some of the Christians. Both of these ladies had receptive hearts, and obeyed the gospel, Taboata and Tiera. Tiera is Sara in English. In Kiribati the "ti" makes an "s" sound, such as "Kiribati" ends with an "s" sound.

The attendance for the *Pacific Islams Bible College* classes was good. I taught two classes, Christian Evidences and Revelation. This was my first time to teach Revelation. I really like the encouraging messages found in this wonderful book of God. One of the benefits of everything being shut down during Covid was being able to finish

preparing all of my PIBC courses, such as Revelation.

Whenever we have the classes in Tarawa, we have transports that come from both ends of the island to bring students to the classes. It takes them about 45 minutes to an hour to get to class. We have classes for two hours and then that same time to get back home. This means that they leave about 6 PM and return back home about 10 PM each evening. They had this schedule for three weeks. I always appreciate the brethren giving this time to study the scriptures. I thanked them each evening for giving their time to come to the classes. Their attendance is an encouragement to me.

God through your prayers and support is producing this fruit that abounds to your account - Stacy and Kathy

Stacy and Kathy Ferguson P.O. Box 1405 Forest Park, GA. 30298

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Hello all,

May is here which means the culmination of my first year at Tri-Cities is at hand! The old cliche of "where does the time go" is certainly ringing true for me right now. I am grateful and encouraged to have been supported by you all for the past nine months and excited to finish the year off strong in June.

If you remember from my last letter, we had our annual school lectureship (Jesus Christ-The Center of the Bible) in April which went extremely well. Many of the students and past alumni were on the lectureship, including myself, so if you're interested in seeing our progress and hearing the lessons check out the school's Facebook page. My lectureship covered the Gospel of John with — Jesus: He is the Son of God.

My classes this quarter include Inspiration, Levitcus & Numbers, Preacher & His Work IV, Job, Kings & Chronicles, & English IV. The workload has gotten progressively heavier as the school year has matured, this quarter being no exception. That being said, I am very much looking forward to the one month break we have this summer during July. First, it will be great to get back to Missouri and see everyone. Secondly, it will be nice to be able to study organically. During school, study can obviously become laborious and unexciting, so time off to study topics out of excitement rather than necessity will be nice as well.

I also have attached a copy of my grades from quarter three. Thanks again for supporting me!

In the body with love, Drew Kranawetter Childhaven, Inc.

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Most Sincerely,

Gary Hicks

**Executive Director** 

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May 8, 2024 Freed-Hardeman University's 154<sup>th</sup> Year

Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

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Sincerely,

David R. Shannon

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I first became involved in training preachers at Bear Valley in 1985, one of the men who had already been doing this work for over 20 years said: "one thing you'll learn early. There is no way you'll be able to do this work without the support of churches and interested individuals."

It didn't take me long to learn just how true that statement is. As we continue to press forward with this work, you have continually sacrificed for this work. We are very grateful for your "labor of love."

May God continue to bless us as we strive to prepare men to preach the sound gospel of Jesus Christ.

With appreciation,

Denny Petrillo, Ph.D.

Denny Petrillo, Ph.D.

President

May 8th, 2024 Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

#### Brethren,

Thank you for your continued support while I am-attending MSOP. This quarter has been challenging and exciting. It has been wonderful to get back into the swing of my classes, and I have thoroughly enjoyed all of my classes thus far. The first-year students have the privilege of studying II Corinthians, James, the General Epistles, Acts, and church history. Along with English and our dedicated course to the life of the preacher, there is much to do and much to learn. MSOP has been such a blessing, and I am looking forward to continuing the rest of this quarter as I strive to be the best version of myself that I can be. All students will have the opportunity to attend the Truth in Love Lectures from May 11th through May 12th. This lectureship is being held at the East Hill Church of Christ in Pulaski, Tennessee. We are all very excited to be able to go and represent MSOP and learn at the feet of these men of God. Thank you again for all your thoughts and prayers, and I look forward to sharing more information with you soon!

In Christ,

Logan Peters

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May 13, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Adamsville Parkway Adamsville, AL 35005-1399

Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

May is a busy month. We celebrate the women who reared us on Mother's Day. We remember the soldiers who have fought for our freedom on Memorial Day. These special days are to help us show our gratitude to individuals who have greatly impacted our lives, some we may never meet. There are also 28 students graduating with a degree from Heritage Christian University. Our students are aware this is not possible without the support of wonderful people like you. Although, they may never meet you, they are grateful for your generous gift that has allowed them to gain skills and knowledge they will use every day as a worker for the lord. We ask that you join us in praying for them as they work in their ministries.

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** It has been gratefully received and will be used as you have directed. By giving to Heritage Christian University, you are helping our students to thrive in their ministry for God's kingdom. Your support for them does not go unnoticed and we are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Again, thank you for your partnership! On behalf of the entire HCU team, our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or at <a href="mailto:jharrison@hcu.edu">jharrison@hcu.edu</a>.

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May 13, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ The Franklin Camp-Bobby Duncan Scholarshi 4207 Veterans Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from the Memphis School of Preaching family! This year seems to be flying by even faster than usual, but we are enjoying its blessings. First and foremost, your constant partnership with us in training men to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2) is one of our greatest blessings! Thank you so very much for what you do to make this training possible.

We are about one month away from finishing the fourth Quarter. About a dozen students will graduate on Father's Day, June 16th. After a week's intermission, it will be time for Foundations, our annual training camp for teenage boys and girls (June 22-28, 2024). Nearly 160 campers are registered for the camp, and it will be a time of great learning and great fun. The theme for this year's camp is "Best Friends." We want to assist young people in strategies for selecting their friends and rivet their allegiance to the greatest friend of all, Jesus Christ (John 15:13).

As for the 2-year program, Summer School begins on June 24th. There will be three classes, each two weeks in length, with 60 hours in the classroom for each course. The students will study (1) Logic and The Bible, (2) Archaeology and the Bible, and (3) The Gospel Plan of Salvation.

We pray God's richest blessings upon you, and appreciate your prayers for us as well. Thank you!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke Director

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# Nay 2024 Newsletter



# RECENT PROJECTS

GBN will be attending and filming Revival in America at the Lincoln Academy Auditorium in Fayetteville, TN, June 16-19. Each evening will begin with an early singing at 6:45 p.m., then the regular service at 7 p.m. We hope to livestream the event on our YouTube channel.



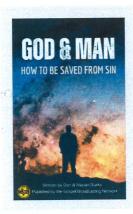
Polishing the Pulpit Branson will be here before we know it! GBN will have staff members working at both PTP Branson and Sevierville this year. Don't forget to register!



Mike Hixson Live has launched and will now be a regular show, airing on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. So far, Mike has discussed topics such as, "Why is America in Decline" and "Are you disturbed by what you see?," addressing subjects such as abortion, the economy, sex trafficking, and much more. Tune in on YouTube or our livestream on the GBN app or website. Enter your questions or comments on the live chat on YouTube to interact with Mike duing the show!

GBN has recently produced a book entitled, "God &Man: How to be Saved From Sin." This book is a tool to use when studying with a nonchristian. The PDF version can

be found on the GBN library page of the GBN website and is free to download. A link to the God & Man website is also provided on this page.



## **Speaking Schedule**

### Don Blackwell

Date	Town	Congregation
5/26- 5/30	Branson, MO	Branson Church of Christ
6/2- 6/5	Jasper, AL	Midway Church of Christ
6/11	Soddy- Daisy, TN	North Hamilton Church of Christ
6/12	Sparta, TN	West Sparta Church of Christ
6/16	McMinnville, TN	Bybee Branch Church of Christ
6/26	Fayetteville, TN	West Fayetteville Church of Christ

### Aaron Gallagher

Date	Town	Congregation
6/14- 6/16	St. Charles, MO	West End Church of Christ
6/19	Rome, GA	Oak Hill Church of Christ

### Joey Treat

Date	Town	Congregation
6/30	Murray, KY	Union Grove Church of Christ

Brotherly,

Don Bluswell

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

### Bryon Jr Buzan <br/> <br/>bryonbuzanjr@gmail.com>



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### Good evening all!

Here is our May Newsletter! Finally finished our first year at BearValley and could not have gone through it if it wasn't for your love, support, and prayers!

We love you all and are so grateful for you! In Christian love, Bryon Buzan

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### **Bryon and Katie Buzan**

Attending: Bearvalley Bible Institute: 2707 S Lamar St, Denver, Co 80123

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### May Newsletter

Hello Brothers and sisters! What a busy but fulfilling month it has been! As always we are so thankful for you all, not just for the support you give us financially, but the love and prayers you have given us through our time here!

From April the 28<sup>th</sup> to May the 12<sup>th</sup>, Katie and I have been traveling to other congregations outside of Colorado. April 28<sup>th</sup> I (Bryon) had the opportunity to accompany Ezekiel Barnes and his wife to Scott City, Kansas. A congregation of 8, but extremely nice people who were excited for visitors! I did not preach but led singing for the congregation.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Katie and I had the opportunity to travel to St Cloud, Minnesota where I preached for their local congregation. We stayed at the home of some members of the congregation who took us around the town to see the city and the Mississippi River. We also had the opportunity to see the Mall of America!

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Katie, Liliana, Ezekiel, Julie, and I were able to visit one of our supporting congregations in Oklahoma City. There Ezekiel Barnes taught an amazing Bible class on the faith of Noah, and I presented a lesson on faith as a whole and what it means to have faith. A beautiful congregation and amazing people! Unfortunately, on the flight coming home was not so pleasant.

We had a layover in Dallas Fort Worth on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, but our ticket said the plane left at 12:38am, we got to the gate around 12:20am and found out our flight left earlier than what our tickets had said. We had to stay in Dallas until 9pm that day when the next flight was available. I learned never to get layovers, only nonstops.

We finished our first official school year on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. How time flies! An amazing year, amazing instructors, amazing friends, and amazing supporters. More importantly what an amazing God we serve to allow us to have an opportunity like this and to have the supporters that we do. Without God, and without you all, none of this would be possible.

Friday night we had a banquet for the seniors, and I couldn't be prouder of them! To have met the seniors when I did and to see how hard they have worked to get where they are is truly amazing and we're so blessed to have them as friends. Each senior gave a speech about their time and classmates, and it was a real tearjerker! Could feel the love and support they had for one another, because I have come to realize Bear Valley is more than somewhere we go to learn, but it is a family. Saturday was their graduation and now they all will move on to their ministries!

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>, Katie, Liliana, and I will make our way to Sunvalley Church of Christ in Gilbert, Arizona where I (Bryon) will be interning with them. I will be working with Cub Orcutt and shadowing, teaching, and preaching as well. Excited to learn under a great man! We will be staying in Arizona until July 15<sup>th</sup>. When we come back home on that weekend we will be flying out to North Carolina where I have been asked by a preacher friend to come preach for the local

congregation there. Following that will be the start of the internship with the Conifer Church of Christ as well as doing my studies with Bear Valley for the second year!

Again, we cannot thank everyone enough for the love, support, and prayers as we continue to go through this program! We love you all and so grateful for each and every person!

Love,

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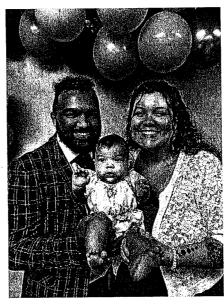
















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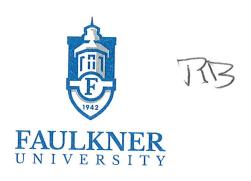
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### Dear Brethren,

We take a moment to recognize your evangelistic efforts. You were in the top 25% in circulation of all congregations participating in the *House to House/Heart to Heart* program this year.

We know that the leadership of the church often goes without recognition, but we express our appreciation for your interest in souls and in building up your congregation. It is our goal to be a part of the church reaching the world with the gospel in this generation. We are so thankful to be coworkers with you in contributing to that goal.

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

In Christ, for Christ, through Christ,

Luke A. Griffin

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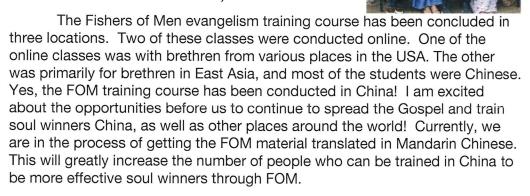
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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,



I also concluded the FOM course Phenix City, AL. This class was conducted in person. These three classes combined reported on 151 Bible studies with 53 different souls. Additionally, there was one baptism and one restoration while the classes were ongoing! We are thankful to God for the fruit being born and for the FOM students who put in so much time and effort in working for the Lord.

The numbers above are just what happened during the course, but FOM is not merely about what happens during the class. We want our students to have a new renewed mindset and lifestyle of evangelism.

I have one ongoing class: an online class with mostly brethren in Kenya. It is week six in the training course and the students have been conducting Bible studies for two weeks. In the first two weeks of reporting, these students reported on seven Bible studies with six different souls. However, some have been having trouble with the online reporting system. There have been more studies but I don't have the exact number. And I expect the reports to increase as the class continues and the students get used to the online reporting system.

Thank you for being a part of this work!

Because of Him,

Tim II and Rachel Wilkes



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Dear Brother and Sister: This year PTS Lectures were just wonderful by the grace of God and by the cooperation of local church and Students. This year attendance was between 7 to 8 hindered but during covid and till 2023 the attendance was 5 to 6 hundred but this year it has increased greatly. Our theme is Parables of our Lord Jesus. Every speaker has shown great impact and we received lots of complements from the audience especially about Bro. David Ables. I am thankful for your prayers and its success. Brothers and sisters attended from 4 different states and 124 congregations represented this year.



29th February Arrived



with one of the Local Church



Lunch at Hotel



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One of the Speaker in the Lectures



33 Annual Lectures on 6,7,8 March 2024



April 16th, 2024 Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Veterans Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

### Brethren,

I would like to, first of all, express my gratitude for your prayers and the support you gave while I was in the hospital and during the recovery from my illness. I cannot express enough how much that has meant to me and my family. During my time at home, I was able to rest and regain strength thanks to your thoughts and prayers. The road to recovery was not easy, but I am so very glad to be past this troubled season. I have had the opportunity to continue in my studies here at MSOP. I am excited to continue learning and growing with the direction of these great men. This quarter, we are studying topics such as the General Epistles, James, and the book of Acts. We have much work to do that will be rewarding and beneficial to our lives as ministers of the Gospel. I look forward to sharing with you more of my experiences and knowledge gained from this quarter. As I continue to adjust back to life here at MSOP, your continued prayers and thoughts are always appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Because of you, my hopes of being a Gospel preacher are still in view. I hope to continue to represent your congregation in the best way possible and to the best of my abilities.

In Christian love,

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April 4, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ The Franklin Camp-Bobby Duncan Scholarshi 4207 Veterans Memorial Drive Adamsville, AL 35005

Dear Brethren,

As I write this letter we are wrapping up our 57th MSOP Lectureship. What a great week it has been in the Word! We have been blessed this week to hear outstanding lessons on "Righteousness Exalts a Nation." The lessons presented have been preached with passion and have been encouraging to all those present.

We have enjoyed the lunches each day prepared by Forest Hill and area congregations. Monday night was the "Change the World" banquet and Tuesday was the Alumni and Friends banquet. The blend of preaching, teaching, and good fellowship made for many good memories.

As we look forward to next year, we would love for you to "Save the Date" for March 30 - April 3, 2025 for our 58th MSOP Lectureship. The theme for next year will be "Teach All Nations."

The students embark next week on a weeklong restoration trip followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year beginning on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. These wonderful opportunities for the students to learn more about God's Word are possible because of our generous contributors. We thank you for enabling us to train men, and to send men forth to "Preach the Word." We continue to covet your prayers on our behalf!

His servant and yours,

B. J. Clarke Director

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April 16, 2024

Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Adamsville Parkway Adamsville, AL 35005-1399



Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

**Thank you for your gift of \$100.00!** Your partnership with Heritage Christian University helps students of the Bible thrive in ministry by allowing them to earn an effective and affordable degree at a university focusing on evangelism and commitment to scripture.

The spring semester is quickly coming to an end. Students are putting the final touches on their assignments, cramming for exams, and ensuring that all of their work is turned in on time, in the correct format. Soon the time will come when they see if their hard work will be deemed worthy to pass the course. In contrast, the Lord sometimes gives us the opportunity to see our hard work pay off on this side of eternity. Your donation is being used to save souls through the training of ministers and teachers of God's word.

Again, thank you for your generosity! On behalf of the HCU team, we pray that the Lord will continue to bless you. When I can be of service to you, please contact me directly at 256-483-1106 or jharrison@hcu.edu.

Sincerely,

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# April 2024 Newsletter



# RECENT CONVERSIONS

Chapman "Chappy"
Chamberlain was baptized into Christ in Sebring, FL following a lesson done by Don Blackwell on February 21st. We congratulate him!





Georgina Atieno was also baptized into Christ on Sunday, March 24th after studying with GBN via Zoom. She is a business finance student in Great Britain. She's originally from Kenya. She was brought to us by Alex Hunter who we taught and baptized after studying with GBN a year or so ago. Congratulations to Georgina!

# RECENT PROJECTS

We are very excited that the GBN Commentary Series (authored by Bob Winton) is being rolled out as a part of the Logos Bible software. The first two were released on March 18th, and others will soon follow.

This month we are launching a brand new show: Mike Hixson Live. This live program will address current events and issues, but with a biblical perspective. Viewers are encouraged to interact with Mike during the show via YouTube or Facebook comments.



## **Speaking Schedule**

### Don Blackwell

Date	Town	Congregation
4/21- 4-24	Mammoth Springs, AR	Mammoth Springs Church of Christ
5/5- 5/8	Sparta, MO	Sparta Church of Christ
5/19- 5/22	Trion, GA	Pleasant Grove Church of Christ

### Aaron Gallagher

Date	Town	Congregation
4/20	Hamilton, AL	Maywood Christian Camp
4/30	Marietta, OK	Marietta Oklahoma Church of Christ
5/5- 5/8	Newton, KS	Old Main St. Church of Christ

### **Joey Treat**

Date	Town	Congregation
4/21	Arnold, MO	Arnold Church of Christ
4/28	Foristell, MO	Foristell Church of Christ
5/12	Double Springs, AL	Double Springs Church of Christ

Brotherly,

Don Bluswell

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN





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Brethren,

Childhaven recognizes the importance of physical, mental and spiritual development to promote the growth of healthy families. We also recognize the mounting pressures on the family unit itself in our society. The need for faith based mental health professionals cannot be overemphasized. The ability for the church as a whole to access such assistance remains limited for many of our families in this present time.

In response to this need, we feel a responsibility to make available the resources, namely our people with this specific expertise, training and experience. Childhaven sees an opportunity for the church to have those voids filled. Childhaven consists of mental health professionals that hold the license and certifications to be able to assist. Childhaven presents a centralized location for such services.



Childhaven extends an invitation to all of our brethren to consider utilizing us as the source for your individual members, couples and family units' counseling needs. We invite you to take advantage of our newly opened counseling program and work with us in helping meet this great challenge facing today's families. Our facility lends itself to traditional face to face therapy, as well as making use of all of the newest tele-health technology. Tele-health allows us to serve anyone in the state of Alabama.

We have begun the process to be able to take insurance for mental health services and hope to be approved in the late months of the summer season. Until such a time as that is possible, contact us for possible partnerships that will allow us to begin immediately serving this need.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kip Green M.Ed. M.A. LPC



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Adamsville Church of Christ 4207 Veterans Memorial Dr Adamsville, AL 35005

Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

We are nearing the end of the Fishers of Men evangelism training course in three locations. Two of these classes are being taught online. One of the online classes is for brethren scattered in different places around the USA. The other is primarily for brethren in East Asia, most of whom are in China. It is a blessing for me to be able to work with brethren all over the world and help them to become more effective soul winners! We are also looking at getting the FOM material translated in Mandarin Chinese so that we can increase the number of people we can train there.

I am also teaching the FOM training course in person in Phenix City, AL. This class is also doing well, and we are trying to make a big final push to get more work started with Bible Studies before the class is over, so we are sure they will have studies continuing when the class is over.

Although we keep count of all the studies and activity happening while the class is ongoing (I'll give you're the grand total when the classes are complete), FOM is not merely about what happens during the class. This is about having a new lifestyle of evangelism!

Also, I recently started another online class with brethren in Kenya. We had our second class meeting yesterday and the students are getting in the routine of doing their daily homework and other assignments to prepare them to be better teachers!

You are appreciated!

Because of Him,

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Most Sincerely,

Gary Hicks

**Executive Director** 

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of Paul's great lines is found in Philippians 3:13: "forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead."

Remembering past victories might have limited value, but it is far more important to think about the future. It is exciting to think about what can be. When we consider where the Bible Institute might be in 10 years, 20 years, or (if the Lord tarries) even 50 years, it is so exciting! How many more men will be trained? How many more have been added to the Lord's church through the preaching of Bear Valley graduates? How many new churches have been established?

We don't glory in numbers, but recognize that each number represents a victory in the work of God. We're grateful to have a small part in the worldwide work of God. We're grateful that we've been able to join forces to accomplish so much good. With each preacher, each soul converted and each congregation started, you've played a vital role.

As we press forward, we're thinking about what lies ahead. Thanks for being with us on this journey.

In His service.

Denny Petrillo, Ph.D.

President



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Dear Adamsville Church of Christ,

I wish that every person who gives to Freed-Hardeman University could attend one of our graduation ceremonies. It's such a joyful celebration with family members everywhere, beaming with pride at the accomplishments of their graduate. And you should be beaming with pride too. Your recent gift of \$100.00 for the Bible Teaching Program is part of the reason these young people can celebrate this special day. Thank you!

Our spring graduation will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. in Loyd Auditorium on the Henderson campus. I hope you will take time to remember our graduates in your prayers as they begin a new phase in their lives. Again, thank you for your generosity.

If you have any questions about your donation or the way it is being used, contact Holly Chism by phone at 1-800-FHU-FHU1 (348-3481), ext. 6017, or email hchism@fhu.edu.

Sincerely,

David R. Shannon

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And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

Over 90 million programs distributed around the world.

April 2024

### Brethren,

The Internet Evangelism Campaign (IEC) began in November 2020. This program continues to play a crucial role in spreading the Gospel and helping to save souls. Over 10 million people have been reached during this time, and more than 1.3 million hours of Bible teaching have been presented to these precious souls. Through this work, people are provided with the answers to life's most important questions.

The **IEC** is designed to help the Lord's church spread His word by utilizing our three most popular and effective evangelism courses: What Must I Do to Be Saved, Where Do We Go When We Die?, and Why Are There So Many Churches?. These courses are designed to plant the seed through the Internet and draw on people's curiosity to pursue God and His teaching.

Think of the world as a field that God has provided us. If you plow the field and don't spread the seed, your work won't yield fruit. The job of the Internet Evangelism Campaign is to use the field that God has given us and spread the seed that we've been commanded to spread. From there, He will provide the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:5-7)

Currently over 5.3 billion people, out of the more than 8 billion people worldwide, have internet access. This shows that there's a lot of work to be done. While we should always reach out to our neighbors, we should also strive to reach people worldwide as the Bible commands us to do in **The Great Commission**. (Matthew 28:19-20) The Internet Evangelism Campaign is an extraordinarily inexpensive way to reach the world!

The **Internet Evangelism Campaign** is not designed to replace foreign missionaries but is a valuable asset to all congregations, including those who already support foreign missionaries. For **\$100**, you can reach **thousands** of seekers and provide them with answers on how they can live a pleasing life in harmony with God!

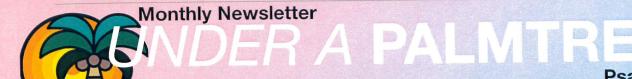
You will receive a report at the end of your campaign, sharing the number of views and how many hours of Bible study were provided during your campaign. Each month, you will also receive a monthly aggregate report for all campaigns that ran during the month. Remember, it's our job to spread His word and grow the kingdom.

**If not you, who? if not now, when?** Please consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity to go into all the world with the soul-saving gospel and start your IEC **TODAY!** 

In His Service,

Wesley Owens IEC Manager

If you have any questions, please call 512-398-5211



Psalm 92:12

Last month I spoke about how Robert Martin and I taught two classes each. In Magiagi we both taught classes and at the end of the series of lessons we gave them a comprehension test. We did this so that we could have a better idea what materials to teach them in the future. We also gave them the test to help them commit the things we taught to memory. The reasoning for all of our tests in the PIBC is to help with memory retention and application. The grading is designed to give them a goal, something to strive for, while also help them retain the information.



Vaimoso Church of Christ

Everyone did well taking the tests. The participants in Magiagi had some difficulty because they could not read english very well. We had a translator while teaching but the tests were all in english. Lord willing, next time we will get someone to translate the text to Samoan. We are grateful for all of the faithful brethren willing to translate for us. In Vaimoso they all did well on the test. We did not need a translator in that location so the test was not an issue for them.

At Vaimoso there is a young man named Alpes who is working to become a great leader in the church. While we were together he lead the class by opening and closing each of our class periods. On Sunday



he would lead the singing and helped with the worship services. It is so encouraging to see faithful young men working so hard for the Lord.

One of the last days we were in Samoa, one of the brothers, Joe Hansell, came to the hotel and took me around the island. Truly, we only went around half the island but what we were able to see was so beautiful. We went up to the top of the mountain and saw a very tall waterfall. It was beautiful to watch, it was surrounded by green vegetation. Samoa is a beautiful country.

Waterfall in Samoa



(Left) Mika, (Right) Aples

We also went down to the coast and Joe told me of a tsunami they had several years ago. It wiped out all of the homes in the area. The mountains were the only thing that kept the damage from covering the whole island. The tsunami had occurred many years ago and while there were homes built in the area the destruction from the tsunami could still be seen.

On our last night together with the Christians in Samoa we had a dinner together. We gave back everyone's tests and told them how much we appreciated their hard work. When we finished eating and speaking a

brother named Mika and Alpes, the young man I mentioned above, got up and said some things on behalf of the congregation. They said they appreciated all our work to help the church in the Pacific and they gave us some gifts. I received a hand woven purse made from Pandanus leafs, a Samoa style button up shirt, and a Samoan style tie. The brothers in Samoa are very generous.

We always want to thank you who support our work across the Pacific. Without you this would not be possible. You are part of this work and will share in the blessings from God. If you have been receiving our newsletter and you want to begin supporting us we would greatly appreciate the time to come and talk to you about our mission work.

RESPECTFULLY,
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