

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph 5:15-16

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## Lifeword Around The World

### An unprecedented gathering

On Tuesday evening August 11 an incredible global meeting took place from locations and time zones around the world. An unprecedented gathering of Lifeword's global team, it was more than just an opportunity to meet and greet . . . it was a time of fellowship and praise.

Logging on from five of the world's continents (some at 1 a.m. and 3 a.m.), these media ministry leaders manage and produce gospel content in their heart languages and load it onto the Lifeword cloud. Director of Operations Luis Ortega introduced the participants then let them say a few words about their ministries. All of them shared their appreciation for being able to see co-laborers for the first time.



Lifeword screenshot of zoom global meeting

Director of Church Connections Lauren Crawley, who organized the Zoom meeting, explains that, "In June Donny (Parrish, Lifeword executive director) began envisioning a meeting where Team Lifeword leaders (church coordinators) and Lifeword's global partners could

connect. The goal was to affirm that the work these leaders do each year to plan and organize their church's Lifeword Sunday fund-raising is truly impacting lives around the world.

"Having everyone in one meeting on one screen at the same time we knew could be difficult with time differences and possible wifi problems, but as planning continued, excitement grew and we extended this invitation to all Lifeword partners and supporters. We included the staff serving in Conway, board members, and Faith Inner Circle supporters."

Fund Accountant Ellen Siler said, "In a year filled with so much turmoil, we were able to witness a great time of rejoicing and sweet fellowship. As I

scanned the faces on the screen I thought that Lifeword could never fulfill her mission without the help and hard work of every person pictured, with everyone working for a common goal of sharing Jesus and his gift of salvation with the world."

To be respectful of everyone's time, the meeting was set to last

## Lifeword

45 minutes, but after a closing prayer by Dr. Steve Crawley, no one wanted to log off, and conversations began among the participants. There was one hundred percent agreement on another meeting, so Ortega promised one would be scheduled soon, possibly by region.

Director of Internet Broadcasting and Digital Strategy Jon Dodson saw this unprecedented meeting from a different perspective: "As we continue to experience separation due to a glo-

bal pandemic, God continues to use technology to connect his people for his purpose. Tonight's online meeting was so much more than encouraging to the global Lifeword team and all who were able to attend. A beautiful picture of and experience for God's family!"

Pedro Etabag, who has been serving Lifeword for 45 years in the Philippines, agreed that the meeting was very special: "Amen! Glad to be a part of a wonderful team, Team Lifeword! Let's do it again! So blessed to see and hear from all of you. What an encouragement, because sometimes we feel alone, but glad to know there are a lot of us doing what pleases God all over the world! God bless!"

The Lifeword team is encouraged as well and excited to host more meetings for the men and women who make his name famous around the world through media.

## WHAT IS NORMAL? - "An encouragement to do our part"

by Jackie Ricks, Editor  
National WMA

Masks, social distancing, quarantine, masks, washing hands, lock down, no cleaning products, masks, virtual school, eating too much, unavailable food supplies, lost jobs, masks, virtual church, NO TP!

This spring and summer has been a new environment for most of us in the United States. We've seen things we never dreamed we'd see. We're wondering when it will all get back to "normal." However, we are not the only ones impacted by this COVID-19 pandemic. It seems to be worldwide. Here are a few examples from around the world:

It seems that most nations

*The thing we need to remember is that God is the One in control. We may not understand this situation, but He knows the plans He has and it will all be for His honor and glory in the long run.*

have been affected economically. Many people lost their jobs in Romania during a period of lock down, according to Chandra Barnett. Tamy Gaitan says the same thing occurred in Nicaragua, although most of their church congregation were spared. In Zambia, Meagan Phiri explains that many businesses had to completely shut down or at least let workers go because theirs is a tourist town. According to Donna Scroggins, the Philippines is beginning to open back up with people returning to work after being shut

down earlier.

Just as in the USA, various items have been unavailable in these countries, some being hit harder than others. When most items are imported, as in Zambia, then it is hard to get things when the borders are closed. In the Philippines even inter-island travel stopped. Most of our missions and churches have helped as best they could during these times of food shortage. Although the Philippine government set up the Catholic church to distribute food, the other believers were left out because they

delivered food only to the parishioners. When Sam Freeman was able to leave the house, he delivered food to those in need in their area of the Philippines as a result of donations for the famine that they have endured during this time. It has not been easy since at one point, they were allowed to leave the house only once a week.

One of the big controversies in our country is dealing with the government's regulations. The same has been true in Zambia and the Philippines. Romania was on complete lock down

for about two months but is beginning to reopen with the wearing of masks. Nicaragua, on the other hand, did not put any restrictions on their citizens. However, businesses themselves insist on masks and temperatures taken at the door.

At the beginning, school in the Philippines was unaffected since their year usually runs from June to March. However, they were unable to go back for the new year in June. The Bible College runs on the American schedule and hopefully will begin soon. In Zambia schools closed in March, but allowed those who were writing exams

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# A Parent's Guide to Biblical Wisdom: Part Eight

from Lifeword Ministries

(Missionary to Thailand Brandon Lingle has written a parenting book in Thai, and he has graciously agreed to share it in English.)

Continued from August 15th issue

## How To Discipline

### Step 1: Talk

When do we discipline our kids? When they have not obeyed us.

Where do we discipline our kids? We do it in a private area. Maybe a bedroom or bathroom, because we need private time alone to correct them and we do not want to shame them in front of others. Also, going to another private area is good because it will give you time to cool down and think while you and your child are headed to that spot.

Step one in the discipline process is talking to our kids. While we are in a room alone we now have their undivided attention. It's good to get on our knees at their level because we will be intimidating enough. They might not do it at first, but we want them to stand in front of us, still and ready to talk to us. If they are crying it's good to try to hold them and calm them down so we can talk to them.

Now, what do we talk about? We are often tempted to do the majority of talking, but it is better to let the kid do the talking first. There are many ways, but here are three good foundational questions to get them talking about their hearts:

Question #1: What happened? (Let them tell their side of the story.)

Question #2: How did that make you feel? (Identify heart attitudes; ex: angry, sad, jealous, etc.)

Question #3: How did you respond? (Help them to see the response/behavior is a result of what started first in their hearts.)

After we have helped them

speak about their feelings and actions we have the opportunity to share the gospel with them. It can be said differently with every situation. After talking with



Lingle Family - Brandon, Brittney, Josie and J.J.

them, usually no more than three minutes, we then proceed to the part no one likes but must be done.

### Step 2: The Rod

Spanking is a bite-sized portion of consequences that kids can handle. If a kid puts his hand in an electrical socket, touches a stove, or tries to jump down the stairs there are bigger consequences. We want to teach our kids the biblical principle that you "reap what you sow" (Galatians 6:7-8). Meaning that bad decisions will have consequences.

Use a rod that is light. It should sting but not bruise. Try to avoid using your hand, because that should be associated with play, holding, feeding, etc. The rod should be used on the bottom only. It is sensitive enough to feel, but also cushioned in a way that will not allow for damage.

There is a huge difference between hitting and spanking. Even though some in our day will say they are the same, a child can even tell the difference. After my kids got into a physical fight I remember talk-

## Obituaries

### Bro. Wexford Parmer

Bro. Wexford Parmer, age 78, passed away on August 24, 2020. He was born October 11, 1941 in Hamilton, Alabama to T. Grady Parmer and Ethel Feltman Parmer. He married Wanda Sue Johnson on August 12, 1960 sharing 60 years together. Bro.



Wexford Parmer

Wexford surrendered to the ministry in 1962 and pastored BMA Baptist churches in Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi. He

worked as a regional manager, employed by Prudential Savings and Loans during the 1970s before becoming a full-time pastor.

Services were held August 27, 2020 at Holland Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Richards (Son-in-law) and Bro. Guyton Hinds officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Parmer of Tupelo; sons, Delane Parmer (Michelle) of North Little Rock, AR, and Jonathan Parmer (Julie) of Saltillo; daughters, Melissa Hassler (Tim) of St. Clair, MO, and Merinda Richards (Jeff) of Potosi, MO; brothers, Grover Parmer (Doris) of Fulton, Winford Parmer (Joan) of Selma, AL, and sisters, Gladys Mann of Tupelo, Imarie Hughes of Tupelo,

ing to one of them and asking if it is loving to hit someone. I could tell they were thinking, so I asked them, "Does daddy love you?" They said, "Yes." I then asked, "Have I ever hit you?" "No" was their response. They know I have spanked them, quite a few times at that, but they have never thought for one moment that I was hitting them. Spanking is done in a controlled manner and for a purpose. Hitting is done out of control and for no good reason.

The question I remember asking a friend when we first entered the spanking phase was, "When do we start? How old

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and sister-in-law Carolyn Parmer of Saltillo; grandchildren, Andrea Noll, Mindy McCabe, Rachel Cox, Samantha Parmer, Benjamin Parmer, Caleb Henry, Blake Henry, Emily Parmer, Ethan Parmer, Daniel Parmer, and Jonah Parmer; six great-grandchildren; and a host of extended relatives, church family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, T.G. Parmer.

Memorials may be sent to South Green Street Baptist Church, 3185 S. Green Street, Tupelo, MS 38801, or Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Highway 15 North, Laurel, MS 39440, or The Gideons International, Tupelo South Camp 23117, P.O. Box 2647, Tupelo, MS 38803.

### Lucedale Pastor

Rev. Wyman Bradley, 66, of Buckatunna, Mississippi, died Monday, August 17, 2020. He was born on August 24, 1953 to Chester Arthur Bradley and Mattie V. Bradley. He was currently serving pastor of Pineview Missionary Baptist Church in Lucedale. He



was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Jerone Bradley; father, Chester Arthur Bradley; mother, Mattie V. Bradley. He is survived by his son, Heath Bradley (Ellene), Thicket, TX; daughter, Jaeda Moseley (Allan), Clara, MS; brother, Douglas Bradley (Linda Faye), Buckatunna, MS; sister, Marilyn Dunagan (David), Moss Point, MS; two grandchildren, Zane Bradley, Zachary Bradley, both of Thicket, TX.

Funeral Services were held August 22 at Freeman Funeral Home, Waynesboro, with Rev. Harry Cherry officiating. Memorial donations can be made to Pineview Missionary Baptist Church, 110 Ward Pineview Road, Lucedale, MS 39452.

### Editor of Louisiana Paper

Funeral services for Bobby G. Kelley, 87, of Bernice, Louisiana, were held August 17, 2020 at Farrar Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Fletcher and Bro. Luke Hockenjos officiating.



Bobby G. Kelley

Bro. Kelley went to his heavenly home on August 13, 2020.

Kelley served Mt. Sterling Baptist Church as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years. After retirement, he became Editor and Treasurer of Louisiana Baptist Builder for the Mt. Calvary Association. Mr. Kelley was a proud United States Veteran, serving in the United States Navy for 8 years. He served as a Naval Photographer for four years and four years in the United States Naval Reserve.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Janette Kelley; one son, Alan Kelley (Karen); two daughters, Susan Noles (Gary) and Ginger Murphey (Toby); one brother, Herman Kelley; five grandchildren, Rachael Lary (Ben), Nathan Kelley (Tracey), Brandon Noles, Shelby Murphey and Riley Murphey; two great-grandchildren, Jake Lary and Emma Lary; numerous step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

### Church Seeking Pastor

Spring Branch Baptist Church of Taylor, Arkansas, is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. We are a small BMA church looking to grow our congregation. Please send resumes to Jody Taylor at jodytaylor2019@icloud.com or P.O. Box 366, Sarepta, LA 71071.

For any questions or concerns feel free to call Jody Taylor, Pastor Search Committee, Spring Branch Baptist Church at 318-230-5856.

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"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." James 1:22

Recently, my granddaughter was dealing with a loose tooth. It was all but out, and the new tooth was visibly helping it along. She asked grandpa to help her, but was insistent on trying to pull it out by herself. As I sat there providing her with encouragement, she blurted out, "Why can't God just let it fall out?" I tried to think of the moment and the possibility this opportunity provided to share something that would stay with her long beyond this experience. I said, "Darling, God is a good God." "Who do you think put that new tooth underneath this one?"

At this, she looked at me with anticipation that I would add to the lesson. I said, "Darling, God has done the part that He wanted to do. He put a new tooth in your mouth and slowly moved it up and pushed the old one out of the way; all but a tiny bit remains for you to do. He left that part for you, so that you could do something that would be a part of what He is doing. He knows that you

will learn courage that will build character and develop you for challenges later. With the next try, she successfully pulled the tooth. With a huge smile she turned and hugged me and made me feel so wonderful. For me, the lesson was simple. God cares about even the smallest of things and teaches us through every experience.

That is why being a "...doer of the word..." is such a valuable opportunity for each believer and church. Through each opportunity to do our little part of what God is doing, we develop Christian character. In my experience, sometimes, when churches say they want to do missions, they really just want God to let it fall out on its own. But it just does not work that way. We must do our part to carry the gospel to the unsaved and unchurched. I pray that sharing this small lesson in a little girl's life will inspire you to, "...be ye doers of the word...". The following are some updates from our Missionaries:

### Report from Canaan Land Baptist Mission

"Greetings from Canaan Land Baptist Mission. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for the continued support prayerfully, as well as monetarily. Please continue to pray for us. We have been very busy this past month and it has been full of blessings from the Lord. We have had the opportunity to see a young man, in a family that we have been ministering to, get gloriously born again! Now, he will soon follow the Lord in baptism. God has been good. Services have been going well, and our discipleship classes are continuing. I do strongly believe as preacher and a pas-

tor we need to do a better job in teaching our congregations why we believe what we believe and better equip the saints of God. We have been doing door to door



Canaan Land Baptist Mission Core Group evangelism. Please pray for those efforts. COVID-19 is still running through Wayne County and it seems as though it is hindering the desire for people to attend church.

The renovations on our church building are continuing. It amazes me to see the provisions of God and God's people while accomplishing this project. The outside of the building is in the process of being painted, and the stone and the brick for the front of the building have arrived. On the inside of the building, the ceilings are in the process of being textured, the platform is being built and new lighting should be just around the corner. We recently had a church donate some very beautiful pews to this



Canaan Land Mission Building ...Coming Along

mission work that we are very grateful for. We are currently in the process of planning a workday in September and Brother Sidney Farmer has been a great help in this. If you or some of your church members are interested in helping, we would love to have you all please contact Bro. Scott Brocious or Bro. Jason Howard.

I also would like to encourage you that if you are around the Wayne County area and would like to see the progress of the mission, we would love to show you. We just wrapped up the matching funds campaign. I would love to tell each and everybody that had a part in this effort, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart." Also, I would like to personally thank the BMA of Mississippi for their part in this effort. If you all have any questions about the work at Canaan Land Baptist Mission, feel free to contact us. Thank you once more and may God bless you all." - Bro. Scott Brocious and Bro. Jason Howard.

### Living Hope Baptist Mission

"The Lord said in Jeremiah 33 to call unto Him and He will show you great and mighty things that we know not.



This past month, God has proved this verse over and over to me. We, in our weakness, have called unto Him, and He has kept His word in a miraculous way! In the month of July, we began core group meetings with two families from our mother church, Big Creek Baptist. With these two families joining ours, the Lord has blessed us with 10 people to begin the mission. We have been able to meet five times, with a high core group attendance of 19. In this past month, we have seen God bless financially, as well. Churches have gotten on board with the mission and have given graciously - Thank you. Through your giving, we have been able to secure our initial meeting place in Meridian. Our first service in Meridian will be October 4th. Also, throughout this past month,

we have been able to secure our logo, begin our website, look for places to live in Meridian, and begin the process for advertising. God has done and is doing



Living Hope Baptist Mission  
Core Group meets for worship.

great things for Living Hope Baptist Mission/Church, and I look forward to what He is going to do in this coming month.

Thank you so much for embracing my family and me with open arms. It is such a blessing to work with such a wonderful association. I am truly blessed! Please be in prayer for these specific prayer requests: 1) that the Lord will save souls and give us favor with the people of Meridian as we begin our targeted outreach this month, 2) that we will have a great first service on October 4th, 3) that the Lord will allow us to find the right house in Meridian, so we can be ministering continually, and 4) that the Lord will provide all of one time start up needs.

Also, if you would love to have us to your church or association meeting, please contact the Missions' office or me directly at 810-869-3063. Thank you again, and we are honored to be your missionaries!" Missionary Chris Yager

### Redemption Baptist Mission

"Greetings from Diamondhead. I hope that you are all well. The Lord has continued to bless us in Diamondhead. We have continued to see good attendance even amidst the pandemic. We have met several new families and are seeing a great interest in the church. At the same time, we are continuing to

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# Southeastern Baptist College

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*Serving Christ  
With A Biblical World View  
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## President's Perspective

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." Psalm 66:6

The Lord continues to amaze us with his blessings! He's leading us forward by transforming SBC into the world class educational platform that He wants it to be. Last year at this time I published a list of accomplishment the Lord enabled us to miraculously achieve. Here is a sample listing of the many upgrades to the college that have occurred in recent days and weeks:

The entire upstairs dormitory of Hilbun Hall has been remodeled and occupied by new students.

The Lighthouse Café has reopened after several months of closure due to COVID 19.

The required renovation of the gym floor is over halfway complete.

Grandberry Hall has fresh paint downstairs and new blinds hung throughout.

The carpets in the men's and women's dormitories, classrooms and main hallway along with the library carpets, were professionally cleaned.

Hilbun Hall exterior has been repainted to a pleasant light gray



Dr. Scott Carson  
President

with black trim.

Insulation has been blown into the attic of the old choir room and into Hilbun Hall.

The Library stack have been moved within the library building and transitioned to an on-demand concept.

The previous library stacks area has been transformed into a temporary multipurpose room where chapel, TNT (Tuesday Night Talks), and special events are held.

The parking lot was patched.

Four new coaches were hired to accommodate our new baseball, softball, and volleyball teams.

Several additional professors were added to our roles.

Two huge staff projects were completed and submitted to the

Mississippi Department of Education.

We applied for and received a grant from the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Education

A new Registrar was hired.

A new revision of the college catalog is complete and the website is under reconstruction.

We held the largest Summer Semester in the history of the college.

A highly successful start to our Fall Semester has begun with a 99% increase of students over the Spring Semester, and an increase of 678 hours being attempted compared to last semester. This constitutes the largest class size in several decades!

We acquired all new Informa-

tion Technology infrastructure to accommodate the demands of the 21st century.

We have already had five students accept Jesus as their Savior this semester! Praise the Lord!

This list is not exhaustive, but just a sample of the many projects and focused efforts that I can remember off the top of my head as I write this article. There are many more currently in the process of completion and more being planned for in the future.

Your continued prayers and regular support are greatly appreciated! The stress upon our staff can be strong at times, but our God is stronger! He is leading SBC into a bright future for the BMA of Mississippi and for the glory of the Lord!

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Equipping the Saints!  
Dr. Carson

## Special Emphasis

Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month wraps up on September 1 for focused donations from churches and individuals. Thank you to all the churches and individuals that participated in this year's fund raising activity! As a reminder, Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity.

## Not Fully Funded: Hilbun Dorm Renovation

Renovation is complete on the upstairs of Hilbun Hall dormitory and students have already fully occupied them! We still need donors to help pay for the rooms. This is a tremendous opportunity for your church, yourself, or an organization to adopt as their contribution to the growth of SBC. Four of the rooms are financed by generous donors. There is still an opportunity for you to

donate toward one or more of the other four rooms. For each full sponsor, the sponsor's name will be placed on a plaque on the door of the suite. Each suite will cost \$7,200 to renovate. Please refer to the adjacent flyer for more details.

## Tuesday Talks

Each Tuesday evening, we bring the student body together for a meal and a spiritual lesson. We invite churches and ministries to sponsor a Tuesday Talk by



Dwight Lindsey, Director of the BMA of Mississippi Children's Home and representing First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, leads the Tuesday Night Talks (TNT) music for our 50 plus students.

providing a nutritious catered meal with a person bringing the 15 minute devotion. This program was a huge success last year and we already have six churches signed up for this important ministry. Contact Dr. Carson soon to schedule your night of ministry. A big thank you to student Brother Rogers and Ignite Church, and Brother Goodwin and First Baptist Church of Shady Grove for supporting our first two programs for this semester!

## The Danny Pitts Lecture Series

Mark your calendars! We have set the dates of September 28 – 30 for the Danny Pitts Lecture Series here on the campus of SBC with Dr. Kevin Clayton, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, as our guest speaker. Dr. Clayton will preach at a special pre-seminar program hosted by First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, on Sunday evening, 5:00 p.m., September 27.

## Golf Tournament

The Southeastern Baptist College Golf Tournament will be held at the Laurel Country Club on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Proceeds will go toward SBC Scholarship fund. This tournament will be a 4-man scramble.

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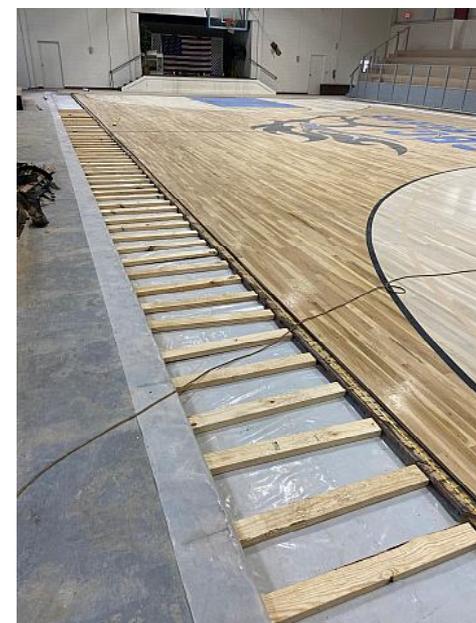
Mulligans \$5 each

## Lighthouse Café is OPEN!

There are COVID 19 protocols in place, however, the café is open Tuesday through Friday, 11-2. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

## Amazon Smile

Anyone shopping on Amazon can select Southeastern Baptist College as your charity. When you do this, a portion of your purchase price will go directly to SBC as a donation from Amazon! Thank you for those who are already using this to benefit SBC.



Progress on the gym floor



Student Tyron Rogers of Ignite Church, Laurel, Mississippi, supporting Tuesday Night Talks (TNT)



Recent graduate, Nathaniel Brown, Pastor of Mineral Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Taylorville, Mississippi, brings the chapel message

# A Parent's Guide from page 2

should our child be?" I remember him saying, "You start when you can tell your child understands he is disobeying." For most that is around 18 months - 2 years old.

The majority of a child's spankings should occur while they are young. I've heard one pastor say 90% of the spankings should happen before they are five years old. Proverbs 23:13-14 says, "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with a rod, you will save his soul from Sheol."

Another scripture worth looking at is Hebrews 12:5-11 which is probably the clearest passages in Scripture about discipline. It says, "[God] disciplines us for our good" and "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields to the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:10-11). God uses discipline to lead his children to repentance.

We must remember to be consistent in our disciplining efforts. It's hard to be diligent when we are tired or in a place that's inconvenient for disciplining, but our kids need us to be consistent. Proverbs 13:24 says, "Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is

diligent to discipline him."

The good thing about the rod is it doesn't drag out the discipline. You correct, and it's over. So how many swats do we give them? It depends on the offense. Some say the number of their age and that has worked for us. The word spanking exists because there should be a special word to explain this loving and controlled act of teaching and discipline.

Discipline is a way to correct your children. A way to please God. It is not a way to vent your feelings or frustrations. If you need to spank in order to vent you shouldn't spank them; ask your spouse to do it. There is a clear difference between a few swats on their little bottom and throwing a kid around a room or hitting them in the face. Those who abuse their children will have to stand before God one day for such acts, and their poor kids will not only have external hurts and pains, but internal painful memories and emotions.

### Step 3: Reconcile

After we have first talked with them then used the rod (if necessary), the last step is to reconcile with them by calming them down, hugging them, praying with them, then going on our merry own way. We should try

to hold them until they calm down if we can. This is the ideal thing to do, but sometimes the child doesn't want us to hold them and that's OK. They sometimes need to have a little time to cool down before they are ready for any kind of reconciliation. Teach them to come to you for reconciliation and comfort, but don't expect them to if you just disciplined them out of anger. They will likely not want to come to us. And in those moments we should tell them what we did was wrong, we are truly sorry, and ask for their forgiveness.

Another important step is to pray with them after disciplining. This is a great opportunity to teach them how to go to God for help with their hearts, ask forgiveness, and pray about anything else pertaining to the situation. After we have held them, prayed with them, and talked to them after the spanking, both the parent and child should come out smiling and reconciled. Granted, this doesn't always happen, but it can the majority of the time if the child is disciplined properly and loved much. After the discipline tell them to go out and ask forgiveness from whomever they've offended or hurt. Having them use the language of forgiveness is training them towards the gospel.

Kids should be more upset and concerned about being out of fellowship with mom/dad or family because of their sin than about the disciplining process. The love and joy should be so rich and real in the home that the kid sees how misbehavior, fighting, and talking bad disrupts that.

Lastly, may we not forget to do what one author has mentioned, "Behind almost every child's weakness is a corresponding strength. After you have disciplined the weakness, take a moment to identify the strength." Our kids need to be built up. If they are just spanked without any affection and encouragement they can easily feel unloved and like we are constantly tearing them down. One

example that comes to mind is when one kid is tearing up the other sibling's book. The child gets mad that their book is getting messed up so they start to fight to protect it. After disciplining, a strength that could be highlighted is the child's desire to take care of his or her belongings.

### Wrong Ways to Discipline

One of the simplest but greatest pieces of advice I was given is "Discipline the sin not childishness." We give children spankings because they have broken a rule that has been clearly established and warned about it. You and I should never discipline our kids because they are getting on our nerves, or they are clumsy, or anything else that just comes with being a kid.

Once I heard Matt Chandler say in a sermon to, "Love the kid you have, not the one you want". Meaning you maybe wanted an athlete but God gave you a reader. You wanted an extrovert, but God gave you an introvert. Don't use "discipline" to make them into something God didn't create them to be.

I also received this advice from his preaching: "Don't use the Bible as a hammer." Don't use

religion to control your kids. The result of doing so will be creating and raising little Pharisees. Hammering down on our kids with Bible verses will not soften their hearts; only the gospel will.

Another preacher, Douglas Wilson, said there are two common ways parents fail in administering the rod. The first is parents who beat their kids. Those parents can just reach up to scratch their head and their children flinch. That shows something is wrong. That is abuse. Slugging your kid is a sin. You should repent and stop. Seek forgiveness from God and your children. Another truth worth stating here is, "Discipline is painful, but not everything that is painful is discipline."

We should never spank our kids without them seeing it coming. It should always be done in a controlled manner. And it should never be done without first talking with them and making sure they understand why they are about to be disciplined. They are being disciplined for disobedience, not for childish mistakes. We always

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# Missions Report

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work toward organization. Lord willing, we will be able to make those plans soon. I want to thank you for all your prayers and support.” –Missionary Wesley Martin

“God has continued to bless at Redemption Church. Our attendance and offerings continue to improve. We are still moving forward with meeting on Sunday mornings and also Wednesday nights. I am also placing a sermon on Sunday nights on our Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Thanks for your continued support and prayers. God Bless!” - Missionary Daniel Allen

## Report from Midway at Batesville

“Greetings! Not much has changed since my last report. We are continuing to have Sunday School and Worship each Sunday and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. Attendance is low due to the fear of COVID19 and the executive orders from the governor and the CDC. Also, we have been hindered by other illnesses and difficulties. Those who do come are enjoying getting together and worshipping in church capacity. I am seeing Spiritual growth week by week and the group is strongly bonding in Christian love. As a mission, we will soon begin our fifth year and will be focusing on those things necessary to organize into a New Testament Church. We have much to do and learn over the course of the ensuing year. Pray for us as we plan toward that goal. We are working diligently to stay in contact with all who have attended services at Midway, desiring to get them back into services once the virus has been brought under control. As difficult as these days are, we are not, and I am not, discouraged. Our Lord is in control, always, and continues to bless us. Satan was defeated at the Cross and will not score a victory at Midway. God raised up this

Mission and He will establish His Church in place, near Batesville and Oxford. Praise, honor, and glory to Him! Blessings upon all of you who support us through prayer and offerings.” Dr. Kenneth Pollock, Mission Pastor

## Salt Light Baptist Mission in Waveland

On August 17th we had a fellowship dinner after our morning worship service. We have not been able to do this much here lately, and we have really missed it. Face time and phone call cannot replace sitting across the table from someone and talking and laughing and sharing about how good the Lord is and has been to us. We enjoyed it so much that we planned to have some



Salt Light Fellowship Meal

special friends with us on the 5th Sunday of this month to sing some and then we are going to have homemade ice cream and sherbet with finger foods afterwards for some more fellowship time. We are still averaging 20 - 25 in attendance. And we are still working on some projects in the fellowship/Sunday school building. We just need a little more time. It is starting to come together and the folks who are actively coming and who are involved and invested in the mission can see great things coming. Please keep us in your prayers. To God be the Glory! We couldn't



New Sound Both at Salt Light do it without you! In His Love, Power and Grace!” - Missionary Johnny Williams

## Hispanic Missions Report by Bro. Estuardo Marroquin

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”. (1Thessalonians5:18) From the beginning of this Pandemic to the present day have been weeks of challenges for each missionary field. God has been faithful and has opened doors to continue missionary work in the Hispanic community. The use of technology has been one of the tools that has helped in these months to continue the work of missionary work, expanding fields and new contacts. Every week, online worship meetings, small group meetings, biblical discipleship have not stopped. The church continues to meet to this day. Thank God, most members of each Church and Hispanic mission have been faithful even in the midst of this situation, yet some have left their interest in continuing to gather. It has not been a source of discouragement; the work is not yet completed, and each field goes forward until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

El Camino Mission - Hattiesburg reports that after praying, the congregation returned to the church building to begin to gather in celebrate Worship services on Sundays. Thank God they have had an average attendance of 30 people in the last 6 weeks. The rejoining brought great joy and encouragement to all members of the mission with the desire to continue sharing the gospel of Jesus. Please continue praying for El

Camino Mission - Hattiesburg and Bro. Leo Adan and his family.

Bro. Lucas Gomez from El Camino Mission - Canton reports that in the last 6 weeks only, he has had home bible studies with his family. Bro. Lucas shared the gospel with two people and one person was saved last month and he continues to disciple the new believers online.

El Camino Mission - Biloxi The congregation only has had small group gatherings by Internet; thank God most of them have remained faithful to bible studies. They are praying to follow God's will and will return to their worship services again in the month of September. Please we ask you to keep praying for this missionary field.

El Camino Church at Laurel It has continued the transmission of their meetings over the Internet. They have had results using technology to bring the word of God to the congregation and to many others who have joined these broadcasts. On weekdays, they are constantly motivating the whole congregation to have prayer time on Wednesdays in the houses. They have developed a plan to return to meet on Sundays. Due to the space at the Sanctuary the congregation has been distributed in two groups to attend meetings each Sunday. Also, the church continues the work of evangelism. Three people accepted Jesus as Savior. The Hispanic Church and Missions in the North of the State have continued their meetings by online each week. Please pray for them as the Lord continues to open doors for this missionary field. As a Hispanic Missions Manager, I thank God for these men who give their lives, time, and heart to do missionary work in our Hispanic Ministry in the middle of this crisis and I thank God for every local Church and Local Association in our State of Mississippi for the continuous support and prayer. May God Bless you, in Christ,”

Bro. Estuardo Marroquin,  
BMA of Mississippi  
Hispanic Missions Manager

## Refuge Baptist Mission

Please pray for Bro. Josh Daniels. He has contracted the COVID - 19 virus and is in quarantine.

## Have You Visited Our Website

We hope you will take advantage of the new features on our recently launched website. Preachers can now build a resume directly on our page and make it available to churches who are looking to fill important positions. Churches can share, directly on the website, any position they may be seeking to fill and the website will cross check it with existing resumes to see if anyone fits the profile. You can access information about our Association including recent copies of the annual yearbook and church statistical letter. You can find historical information about our Association and current information about our missionaries and churches. Please take a moment to visit our site at [www.bmams.org](http://www.bmams.org).

# What Is Normal

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to return in June until they finished. Other areas are making hard decisions as the new school year approaches, just as the schools in the states are doing, including wearing masks and social distancing.

Finally, how has this pandemic affected the spiritual lives of people around the world? Churches were completely closed in Romania for two months, but were one of the first things to open back up. After initially shutting down the churches in Zambia, the government reopened them because so many people complained.

Some are meeting outside, however, as a precaution. Although the government did not shut down the churches in Nicaragua, the Gaitans decided to utilize online as well as meeting in person.

Obviously, this does not cover information from the whole world, but I can only report what I learn. I did not contact everyone, and some I contacted did not answer. However, this is enough to let us know that our situation is similar around the world.

The thing we need to remember is



that God is the One in control. We may not understand this situation, but He knows the plans He has and it will all be for His honor and glory in the long run. In the midst of whatever “hardships” we think we have, we should be thankful that at least we know Who is in control and that He will take care of us. In the meantime, we should also help those in need, whether at home or abroad. Ephesians 5:16 tells us to “make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.”

Some of us can help financially by contacting the missions office or the missionaries. Even if we're unable to help financially or other tangible ways, we can all pray for God's love and help in each area of the world, including our own.



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### Assured by the Hand that Holds

Teach what is right. Show them what love looks like. Trust Christ's work of Grace and His power to keep your children.

The new school year has begun. Kids are either in classrooms or sitting at computer desks at home. In some ways it gives a small sense of normalcy. In other ways it just shows how we have a very different normal today than we use to.

I find my time of meditation is now in the van while waiting to pick up or drop off kids. As we

all get in our new routines my mind goes to a verse often quoted by many. Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it." I don't presume to know every reader's thoughts, but I can let you know how mine formed. When I was a child this verse seemed to be used and as soothing biblical

promise given to parents who were struggling with rebellious children. I even heard parents give themselves encouragement, "I know I taught them right, one day...one day I know they will come around." I don't mean to pick on someone else's parenting. I know I'm not a perfect dad. But, as I grew in my desire to study the Word of God more and more I developed an uncomfortable itch about how I had seen this verse so often used.

The Proverbs are a very quippy and quotable part of the Bible. They are written to be that way on purpose. It makes them easier to remember and to be used on a regular basis. Here is the issue that often gets overlooked and was overlooked by myself for quite some time: Proverbs are principles not promises. It does not say this explicitly, but it is the way interpreta-

tion must be applied. Why? I will give you three examples.

1. We have all seen or been a part of families where children are raised the same way by the same godly parents, but the re-

sults are some of their children become people of faith while some of their children reject God. Either the proverb is a broken promise or a principle.

2. The Bible is full of imperfect fathers. The kings of Judah often alternated between good kings and bad kings. So, either the proverb is a broken promise or it is a principle.

3. The Bible also gives us one perfect Father. All but one of the perfect Father's children is rebellious. Some of them return to Him, but many depart never to return. The proverb is either a broken promise or a principle.

Why am I picking on all of us about this passage? I don't mean to brow beat anyone or pile on myself. As I thought of this familiar passage, I examined my parenting and asked myself if the kids God has put in our care are solely dependent on my ability to teach them the way to go. While I should strive to teach them biblically, their eternity is not dependent on my ability. John 6:37 says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to

me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." And, John 10:27-28 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Jesus will not throw His brothers and sisters away. He will not lose them and no one can take them from Him. Those words from Christ about His works are what gives me peace about my kids. I hope it can give every parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle peace today. Teach what is right. Show them what love looks like. Trust Christ's work of Grace and His power to keep your children. Remember this - mine aren't mine; they are His and He will never let them go, especially when we fail. Let's all pray for those who train children, teach children, and care for children. Let's trust Christ.

#### Available

I am still available to speak to our churches when requested. I would love to share what the Lord is doing here and what we are trying to do to keep up. With all the flux around our local association meetings it has been hard not seeing so many of you, and with our children, school starting, and extra curricular events it can be difficult sometimes to get away during the week. We hope to fellowship again soon.

### A Parent's Guide

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want them to connect disobedience to discipline. That alone is the reason we do it.

The second way parents can fail in using the rod, which is probably the more common one, is when they deliver the occasional and very inconsistent "pop" on top of the diaper or somewhere else. They felt nothing so nothing was accomplished. A confused look is probably all you will get.

#### Don't Discipline in Anger

We parents can be like dormant volcanoes to our kids. We are big, strong, peaceful, and calm, but then out of nowhere (even a surprise to us) we explode! We cause damage and fear. So what do we do to make sure we are not spewing lava everywhere?

We have already talked extensively about how what comes out of us is what is already in us. If we have lava spewing out it's because we had some in us. If we are angry it's because we already have anger in our hearts. But there is hope, God can help us grow in this area.

The disturbing thing about our sin nature is that we are more motivated to discipline our children when we are upset. But really at that time we are not ready or qualified to do it. But during times that we are not angry we are qualified to discipline them, but then we are not motivated.

Keep calm. Galatians 6:1 tells

us to rebuke in gentleness. It says, "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." This verse refers to Christians in general correcting someone, but the principle is still applicable to parents correcting their children. Notice with me two things in this verse: It calls us to be "spiritual" when we correct them and that we are to watch ourselves lest we be tempted as well, meaning we can also fall into sin.

Here is an example: While you are trying to get your kids to stop playing with their food at the dinner table you start yelling at them. What was the greater sin? The kids playing at the table or dad yelling? Well, Proverbs 15:1 says, "... a harsh word stirs up anger," James 3:5-8 describes how our "tongue" is like "a fire" that causes destruction, and Colossians 3:8 tells us to put away "obscene talk from your mouth."

So what should a dad do in that moment when everyone is shocked or scared? He should name what he did wrong and ask forgiveness from those he sinned in front of. He might think he lost authority or face, but he didn't; it shows he is under God's authority. We have to live under authority just like our children do.

I have disciplined our kids out of anger more times than I

want to remember. But we should know this: Our weakness preaches the gospel to our children. Admit when you made a mistake, ask for forgiveness, and tell them how much you need God's grace in your life too.

#### Don't Provoke Them to Anger

Don't set your children up, and don't trap them with newly-made-up rules or unclear ones. I remember going out with my wife, and little did I know that not far into our trip I would be tested. We were driving along and suddenly I saw sirens behind me. The officer who pulled me over said I was doing 68 mph when I should have been going 55. That road was 70 mph for a long time, but the one little spot where the police were waiting drops down to 55 mph then quickly back to 70 and is a well-known speed trap. I was furious.

In the same way, we shouldn't just trap our kids so we can get on to them. We are not out there to "get them" or "make them pay." Ephesians 6:4 says, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

#### Is It Working?

When I have talked with friends about disciplining I usually get the same response: "Well, it's not working for me." Parenting is like a diet: We often wonder if what we are doing is right because we don't

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### Mississippi WMA Project Support Needed

by Marylyn Welborn

Our State WMA recently sent out letters to each of our churches concerning our State Project. Due to the circumstances, we know it is difficult to raise money with the usual fund-raisers. But please put the project in your bulletin, make an announcement at your church or even set aside a Sunday for an offering for the project.

Brother Sam Freeman is using the funds in the Philippines to renovate a portion of the Publications building so it can be used as a Missionary Training Center. Please pray for Brother Freeman and the work in the Philippines.

Deadline for funds is September 25th. Please mail to Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443. Thank you for supporting such a worthy project.



Sam & Dawn Freeman ministering in Philippines

## National Galilean Officers Plan 2021 Camp

The 2020-2021 Galilean Officers met at Ponca Bible Camp to plan for National Galilean Camp 2021, to be held at StoneRidge Baptist Camp, Smithville, Arkansas, June 25-28, 2021. The theme will be "Rooted in the Gospel". The overall theme verse is Romans 1:16. Sub themes are: Grace, Ephesians 2:8-9; Faith, Hebrews 11:1; Justification, Romans 3:21-26; Sanctification, I Corinthians 1:30; Worship, Revelation 8:9-14 and Remember, Ecclesiastes 12:21. Emphasis will be placed on presenting God's plan of salvation clearly and correctly.

The officers will work together online in the coming months to complete the banner and t-shirt designs. The officers are praying you will make plans now for your boys and men to attend camp next summer. For more information about the Galilean Ministry or the 2021 camp, call or text Kenneth Colvert at 479.629.3258 or e-mail krcolvert@cox.net.



Officers pictured left to right (bottom to top) are: Will Martin - National Junior Galilean; Josh Hill - Historian; Charlie Martin - Secretary; Maddox Hendricks - President; Cameron Burroughs - National Senior Galilean; Jason Wiggington - Music Director; Hudson Wallace - 2nd Vice President

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see results as fast as we want. No one should begin a diet, stick to it for a week, then say, "Well, dieting won't help me lose weight; it's not doing anything." That would be silly. It takes time, dedication, and hard work.

Parenting is no different. It takes even longer. We can trust God's plan for us in parenting. We must stay faithful and committed. Don't think that by just

focusing our parenting on their heart and the gospel for just a few weeks or months will yield results. It takes years to see their hearts being shaped. So if they do something they shouldn't for the first time we can explain to them we do not want them to do that again.

Example: My daughter thought her stuffed animals needed lotion one night. I went into her room to find Mr. Bear covered in lotion. Of course I didn't spank her. She didn't know. It was actually kind of cute and sweet, but after that we had a teachable moment we told her from now on please tell me or mommy if she wants to open and use the lotion. Maybe you're thinking, "You're too hard on your kids. She can't remember, or is it a big deal?" She can

remember. That's why the next time she did it she was hiding in her room with her door locked. This was grounds for discipline, and we had a new teachable moment and house rule: Don't lock the door.

### Conclusion

Everytime our children rebel and we ignore it, we are training them that they can get away with disobedience and it's not that important to us or to them.

Ever played a quick pick-up game of football, badminton, or volleyball on a court that didn't have clear out-of-bounds lines? Some homes are that way. Kids are unsure of the "house rules" and boundaries because most of the time they are unclear or change depending on the mood of the parent. May we be clear about our few rules and consistent with our disciplining, for the sake of their hearts to learn obedience.



Pictured to left Will Martin, Bethel, Fulton, MS - Mr. Galilean Jr. Pictured to the right Cameron Burroughs, Immanuel, Greenbrier, AR - Mr. Galilean Sr.

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### Excerpts from the history of the Sandy Creek Association.

In 1839, the Sandy Creek Association convened in Orange County, North Carolina on the 26th day of October. Among other orders of business, a query was presented from Pleasant Grove church, which asked, "Is it consistent with the spirit of the gospel, and according to the Scriptures, for any REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH (Emphasis mine) to receive into her fellowship any member or members of another denomination, who have been baptized by immersion, without baptizing them?"

You will notice the question was not whether Regular Baptist Churches should receive individuals as members who had been sprinkled, but whether they should receive as members those who had been immersed by other denominations.

The Answer was given, "We think it is not." The Vote on this query was unanimous. "The Baptist is the only denomination that is not guilty of schism - of making a division when it came into existence. They existed prior to any pedobaptist denomination now in existence. Baptists have never seceded from any other denomination. All other denominations have either seceded from Rome or one

another; they made a division when they came into existence, instead of receiving their baptisms as valid, they are to be marked and avoided for causing divisions. Romans 16:17.

We cannot admit the validity of their baptisms without admitting that they are true and scriptural gospel churches, if we do this, we unchurch ourselves, for God never set up or authorized but one Christian denomination. He is not the author of confusion, or of antagonistic denominations.

The Baptist is the only denomination that can claim descent from the apostolic churches, through the true persecuted and witnessing church, that fled into the wilderness for 1260 years. See Rev. 12:6&14.

That the Baptists have descended from this true church is susceptible of the clearest proof. This is not true of any other denomination. We all know the day when, and the man or men who set them up, and not one of them had existence before A. D. 1500. Ordinances cannot be validly administered by both Baptists and Pedobaptists, God is not the author of but one of them, consequently, we cannot receive members upon baptism administered by them, without repudiating the ordinances administered by ourselves.

We have no right to admit the validity of baptisms administered by those who were once Baptists and have seceded from us, for they in doing this, caused a division, for

which they are to be marked and avoided." (Pgs. 179-180)

Earlier in 1816, this same association met and approved the following Articles of Faith. "1) We Believe that there is only one true and living God; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power, and glory; yet there are not three God's but one God. 2) That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and only rule of faith and practice. 3) That Adam fell from his original state of purity, and that his sin is imputed to his posterity; that human nature is corrupt, and that man, of his own free will and ability, is impotent to regain the state in which he was primarily placed. 4) We believe in election from eternity, effectual calling by the Holy Spirit of God, and justification in his sight only by the imputation of Christ's righteousness. And we believe that they who are thus elected, effectually called, and justified, will persevere through grace to the end, that none of them be lost. 5) We believe that there will be a resurrection from the dead, and a general or universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. 6) That the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another; having agreed to keep up godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel. 7) That Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and that the government thereof is with the body. 8) That baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and to be

continued by his church until his second coming. 9) That true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode. 10) That the church has no right to admit any but regularly baptized members to communion at the Lord's table." (Pgs. 104-105) In 1845 the New Hampshire Confession of Faith was adopted.

In 1855, Sandy Creek Association met, and among other business, approved the following resolutions. The approval of these resolutions, among other evidence provided in their minutes, prove this association of churches was thoroughly Landmark. "Resolutions were unanimously passed recommending 'The Great Iron Wheel,' and 'Orchard's History of Foreign Baptists.' And also defending the moral character of Elder J. R. Graves, the author of the 'Great Iron Wheel,' against all slanders and misrepresentations of the enemies of that work and recommending him to the confidence of the denomination." (Pgs. 247-248)

All Quotes taken from A HISTORY OF THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN A.D. 1758, TO A.D. 1858.

Baptists historically have been very particular and peculiar concerning what baptisms they would receive as valid. It is my belief one of the reasons for this is that they understood the relationship between the integrity of Baptism and the integrity of the Local Church. Or, as Graves put it, "Where there is no scriptural baptism, there can be no scriptural church - Blood before the Water, Water before the Church."



Jason Howard  
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