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“Loving Others is the Answer”

By Chris Gonthier
BMAO Moral Action

As of today, May 3, 2021, there is an important bill going to the governor's desk. It is HB1775 that has cleared both the house and the senate banning critical race theory.

There has been, and I am sure will continue to be, pressure placed on Governor Stitt to veto this bill. We need to call Governor Stitt and ask him to sign it. A very simple summary of critical race theory is it is racism at its worst.

You can call his office at (405)521-2342 and ask him to sign the bill.

If this bill is NOT allowed to be signed into law our children will be brainwashed into believing lies. This bill would ban teaching that one race is superior to another.

Some that have hijacked our school system wish to teach that all white people are racist. They also want us to become perpetually guilty of crimes or incidents that happened hundreds of years ago.

One of the objectives of those who teach critical race theory is to destroy patriotism. This is another method that is being used to try to force us into a globalist society.

Some have made objections stating this bill would prohibit teaching certain

historical subjects and events. I do not believe this to be true, it will just make it illegal to slant this type of subject matter and prevent them from brainwashing our children.

It is not the job of teachers to indoctrinate our children, just to teach the facts. We know that there were horrors that were committed in our nation regarding how certain groups were treated. Africans were most definitely treated very poorly and were forced into inhumane conditions. They were not, however, the only group that faced difficulties.

You can call it indentured servitude, but the Irish were also sold into slavery. They were used as breeding stock and were forced to have children with African slaves so their descendants could be used for labor.

The light skin of the Irish made it difficult for them to be used outdoors, so they were used as indoor slaves, and were used in what we would call human trafficking today.

Many thousands were forced from

Ireland and sent to America for profit.

The native Americans, or Indians, were very cruelly treated as well. They were kicked off land that they lived on for years.

We have heard of the Trail of Tears and numerous other incidents forced upon the various tribes. Many groups of people were denied the right to vote and were victims of horrible injustices.

The Chinese, as well as other ethnic groups not mentioned were all mistreated.

It was not just ethnic groups that were mistreated, but even Baptists faced intolerance. We really did not

have places to go and faced persecution in colonial America.

Some colonies were favorable to certain denominational beliefs and were intolerant to others. It is true that there were many problems at the beginning of our nation.

These problems were realized, and through a period of time many improvements were made. That is why we have amendments to the constitution.

Now the real question is “what should our biblical view be?” as we consider this matter.

Deuteronomy 24:16 tells us, “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.”

So God teaches us that personal accountability is the solution.

I need to be clear, I have never owned a slave, nor do I ever want to own a slave. I also do not know anyone alive today that was a legal slave. This means that not only is the idea of reparations for slavery ridiculous, but it also

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**“We need to confront evil and offer the solution.
Teach our children and grandchildren
right and wrong according to scripture.”**

New Generation Norman Coming Back in Full Swing

Well, it seems as if we are finally beginning to get back to normal services. I'm hoping that it is going well for you and your church.

We are continuing in the following activities:

- Bible studies through the week at various locations around town.
- Planning for additional evangelism training at our church building on May 19, 20. If you are interested in this training, you can go online to Evangelism Explosion's website and register.
- Services on line (Zoom) and in person.
- Our Hispanic services also continue with Bro. Luis Santos preaching and his wife, Melissa interpreting.
- Continued outreach through the Mission Norman Food Pantry.

Following is Bro. Chris' report for the month:

Spiritual multiplication is the story for the month of April! Jesus said go and make disciples that make disciples, not just believers that sit in the church pew.

So I'm thankful that has been Steve's heart from the beginning – to develop other leaders and preachers to eventually pass the baton onto.

Although our little mission church is still rather small in number, we have three preachers, Steve, Luis, and myself and several other leaders to do the work of the ministry.

So I believe God has certainly laid the

foundation for future growth!

Not only is God raising up multiple men who feel compelled to preach God's word, and multiplied several bible study leaders within our church, God is also preparing our church to be a hub of spiritual multiplication for other churches through the Evangelism Explosion International training program!

Please pray for our upcoming evangelism training event where we will be training at least five pastors from other churches on May 19 and 20 to equip their churches so that every believer is a witness to the risen Savior!

Again, thanks for your prayers and support.

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Grace Harbor Reaching Out to Local School

We had a big and exciting development this month as we were officially invited back into the local elementary school to provide a meal for the teachers and staff for teacher appreciation week.

It has been more than one year since we have had any contact with the school in a formal way, and we could not be more excited about the opportunity to serve and love and meet this need.

So, next Thursday, May 6 we will be feeding the crew there and hopefully getting our foot back in the door to share the Gospel and the love of Christ.

We had a wonderful Easter service and, like many of you, were so grateful to see so many of our folks back in our gathering.

On a personal note, my wife will be having our sixth child next week. We are very excited to welcome Charlotte!

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"I Was Just Thinkin'"

By Narita Roady

"Too Small to Count"

One percent. When you hear that amount what do you think?

"That's not enough to bother with."

"That number isn't important."

"That's such so small it doesn't even count."

We are quick to dismiss such a microscopic figure. Did you know this year, one percent accounts for:

- Two million documents lost by the IRS.
- 811,000 faulty rolls of 35 mm film sold.
- 22,000 checks will be deducted from the wrong bank accounts every hour.
- 268,500 defective tires and 14,208 defective personal computers will be manufactured.
- 2,488,200 books will be shipped with the wrong cover.
- 5,517,200 cases of soft drinks produced with have no fizz.

- 1 8 , 3 2 2 pieces of mail will be mishandled hourly.

- 8 8 0 , 0 0 0 credit cards in circulation have the wrong cardholder information on their magnetic strips.

- 20,000 incorrect prescriptions will be written this year.

- 114,500 mismatched shoes will be shipped this year.

- \$761,900 will be spent on tapes and compact discs that won't play.

- 315 entries in Webster's Dictionary will turn out to be misspelled

Surprised?

Much like saving pennies. If you save a penny and double that amount each day, by the 31st day you will have saved \$21,474,836.47!!!

Wow!! Small things do add up don't they?! So why are we so quick to



dismiss them, to ignore their value? I think that is why in God's eyes there is no small stuff.

Have you gone into the kitchen and looked at a mustard seed lately? God tells us that if our faith is even the size of that tiny seed, we can do amazing things and nothing will be impossible for us! Matthew 17:20.

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

It's obvious that faith in any amount is no small thing to Him!

On the other end of the scale folks have a tendency to disregard sin they have labeled as "little". They reason that certain sins "won't hurt" their walk with God.

Unfortunately for them, there is no LITTLE sin in God's eyes. It all ends in the same result, infecting and destroying all it touches. That is why He warns in Galatians 5:9, that, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump".

What about material things? Our Heavenly Father doesn't need an abundance to provide for us. Any amount will do in the hands of God.

Who could forget the feeding of the 5,000? While the disciples were worrying about how to cater the event, Jesus only needed the scant lunch of a young boy to make a feast. John 6:9-12

There are also times we feel God has not provided enough for our necessities to be met. We don't see anyway we can make ends meet.

Yet if we are faithful and obedient to Him, no matter how skimpy our resources

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"Nothing is insignificant to God. He knowingly and lovingly created every molecule or cell that exists. But He did not stop there. The smallest details of His creation continue to be important to Him."

CBC Endowed Scholarships Established

Central Baptist College president Terry Kimbrow has announced the establishment of the Maggie Chandler Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was established by Maggie's husband, Don Chandler, and the Chandler family.

Priority in awarding of the Maggie Chandler Endowed Scholarship will be given to a male or female member of Central Baptist Church in Conway, AR who is seeking a degree in ministry.

Maggie had a varied career in work and ministry. She attended Central Baptist College, in Conway, AR and graduated with an AA degree.

She was Governor Mike Huckabee's administrative assistant, worked for several years in state government, wrote and took part in TV shows for Lifeword Broadcast Ministries interviewing many well-known Christians.

For almost 30 years she wrote a weekly article entitled, "I Wish I'd Said That" for the Baptist Trumpet newspaper and she created a study guide to the book of Revelation on cassette tape.

In her home church, Central Baptist of

Conway, AR, she served as a Life Group teacher for 40 years and worked with women's ministries.

Maggie's impact on everyone she met is her legacy. She was a godly woman who made a remarkable impact on her husband's pastoral ministry. They worked and worshiped together for 55 plus years. Maggie's love of learning and seeing others learn is the reason her family established this endowed scholarship fund.

"Maggie's legacy of loving God and loving people will remain in perpetuity through this endowed fund at Central Baptist College through the students who benefit from the scholarships it produces each year," said CBC President Terry Kimbrow.

Maggie and Don Chandler were married for 53 years. Their children are Lori Kulbeth and husband Donnie, Michael Chandler and wife Shelly, and Marlo Atwell and husband Cory.

They also have seven grandchildren: Matt Kulbeth, Zach Kulbeth, Gabe Chandler, Noah Chandler, Luke Chandler, Chanley Atwell, and Nate Atwell.

Memorial gifts to the Maggie Chandler Endowed Scholarship Fund can be sent to Central Baptist College, 1501 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034.

Checks should be made payable to Central Baptist College with "Maggie Chandler Endowed Scholarship" indicated on the memo line. Contributions can be made online at cbc.edu/give.

Once to the giving form, select "other" as the fund from the drop-down menu.

Then type "Maggie Chandler Endowed Scholarship" in the comment box that appears.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

Sancy Faulk
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sfaulk@cbc.edu

Calhoun Endowed Scholarship Established at Central Baptist College

Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow is pleased to announce the establishment of the Calhoun Endowed Scholarship.

The Calhoun Endowed Scholarship was established by Cory and Cari Calhoun and will give first priority to residents of Benton County and Saline County, AR.

Second priority will be given to graduates of the Baptist Preparatory School in Little Rock, AR.

"It is so encouraging when CBC alumni, and former employees, give back to the College in such a meaningful way," said President Kimbrow.

"I am so thankful to Cory and Cari for sharing God's blessings in their lives with CBC."

Cory and Cari (O'Dell) Calhoun are both Central Baptist College alumni who were raised in Bryant, AR (Saline County), and Cari graduated from Baptist Prep.

Cory received his Associates degree in General Education and then transferred to the University of Central Arkansas where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics before returning to CBC to serve as the Director of Admissions.

Cari received her Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Counseling and then went on to the University of Central Arkansas and earned her Master's degree in School Psychology.

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Cory and Cari currently reside in Rogers, Arkansas with their children Lincoln and Emery. Cory is the Senior Manufacturing Recruiter at Management Recruiters of Rogers.

Cari is a School Psychologist with Bentonville Schools. Cory and Cari hope that by establishing this endowed scholarship fund, it encourages others to support scholarships at Central Baptist College.

Central Baptist College has more than seventy endowed scholarships representing over \$3.6 million in contributions. Endowed scholarships serve as a lasting tribute, as contributions are placed in the permanent endowment and only a portion of the interest is awarded as scholarships.

Endowed scholarships are awarded by vote of the CBC Scholarship Committee, taking into account the qualifications and eligibility of the applicants as detailed in the scholarship agreement.

Additional contributions to the Calhoun Endowed Scholarship fund can be sent to

Central Baptist College
1501 College Avenue
Conway, AR 72034.

Checks should be made payable to Central Baptist College with "Calhoun Endowed Scholarship" indicated on the memo line. Gifts can also be made online at www.cbc.edu/endowed <<http://www.cbc.edu/endowed>>.

Include "Calhoun Endowed Scholarship" in the comments box on the online donation form.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

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Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. CBC offers approximately 40 baccalaureate degree programs, 16 athletic teams that compete in the AMC conference of the NAIA, and six fine arts performance groups. For more information about CBC visit cbc.edu.

Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 Information for New Students

PACE Program

Whether you or someone you know is a working adult looking to start or complete their college degree or a high school or transfer student wanting to find their college home, now is the time to make enrollment plans for Summer 2021 and Fall 2021 classes.

For those of you with a full-time job that need a convenient and flexible college option. The next application deadline to enroll for the fall semester in the PACE Program is Friday, June 11.

Classes begin July 6 and are offered in-class, online or in a hybrid option.

With eight enrollment periods per year and five-week courses, busy working adults always have an opportunity to get started.

Take advantage of our \$500 BMAA Grant that applies for all students who attend a BMAA church, the Ministry Tuition Grant, student referral grant, or the Veterans Tuition Grant.

Visit cbc.edu/online to apply or learn what PACE can do for you. If you have questions, contact the Admissions Office at pace@cbc.edu or 501.329.6873.

Fall 2021 Traditional Semester

For traditional high school students and college transfer students now is the time to apply for Fall 2021, and scholarships are still available.

To schedule an on Campus Personal Campus Visit Experience, go to cbc.edu/visit. Students can also make a virtual campus visit or schedule a virtual meeting with a Personal Admissions Officer on that website.

Once new students complete the easy application process which includes applying for admission, submitting transcripts and test scores, and completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), each student will receive a scholarship award package.

Begin the admissions process at cbc.edu/apply. Contact Admissions at admissions@cbc.edu or 501.329.6873 with any questions.

Summer 2021 Classes

Central Baptist College will offer online courses for two five-week sessions and one ten-week session for Summer 2021.

The registration and payment deadline for the Summer 1 session is May 17 with classes beginning May 24 and ending June 24.

The registration and payment deadline for the Summer 2 session is June 21 with classes beginning July 28 and ending July 29.

The registration and payment deadline for the ten-week Summer 3 session is May 24 with classes beginning May 24 and ending July 29.

Summer courses are available for both current and non-current CBC students.

A schedule of courses, tuition and fees, and payment information can be found at cbc.edu/summersessions.



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"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

" It's All in the Wrist"

I don't recall all the uses for the term, "It's in the wrist," but I know I've heard it applied to golf strokes about how to make a good connecting swing.

There are many things it might apply to, such as my arthritis sometimes, because with it, it truly is "in the wrist." However, the way a ball is thrown or a firearm is held in shooting are more common uses.

I think the most amusing use of a take-off on that term was in an old movie, "It Happened One Night," when Clark Gable was teaching Claudette Colbert how to hitchhike.

He went through some very elaborate thumb actions for different types of motorists. He stated, "It's all in the thumb." Of course, she showed him up by other methods to get a ride.

The term "It's all in the thumb or wrist," would almost always refer to instructions to correct a problem someone is having.

When I heard Mr. Gable's use of the "It's all in the thumb" phrase, I thought of other similar instructions needed to correct problems someone might be having. That is in the spiritual realm.

If someone is having a spiritual problem and trying all manner of other things to solve the problem, the answer is not, "It's all in the wrist." It is, "It's all in the knees."

Most of us know an answer to our prayers doesn't normally depend on our body position. However, I'm convinced that many times kneeling is the only way to properly talk with God.

Often, kneeling is the only way to be as submissive and humble as we ought to be before the Lord.

God doesn't expect us to always

kneel for our prayers, but many then take that to mean God doesn't ever want us to kneel in His presence.

While it is true God doesn't demand our kneeling, He does require humility and submissiveness. There's a good reason kneeling is usually associated with prayer.

It's a position that will almost always automatically call for humility. It's hard to be proud from a kneeling position. When we always stand or remain seated while praying, it becomes too easy to forget our true position before God.

Most of us have had our knees hurt after we've worked while kneeling. Kneeling in the flower bed, or kneeling on them in some other labor. Perhaps even on a ladder with our knees against a rung for balance, or in some other

way of putting pressure on them.

However, a good question for each of us is, "When was the last time our knees hurt because we spent time on the in prayer?"

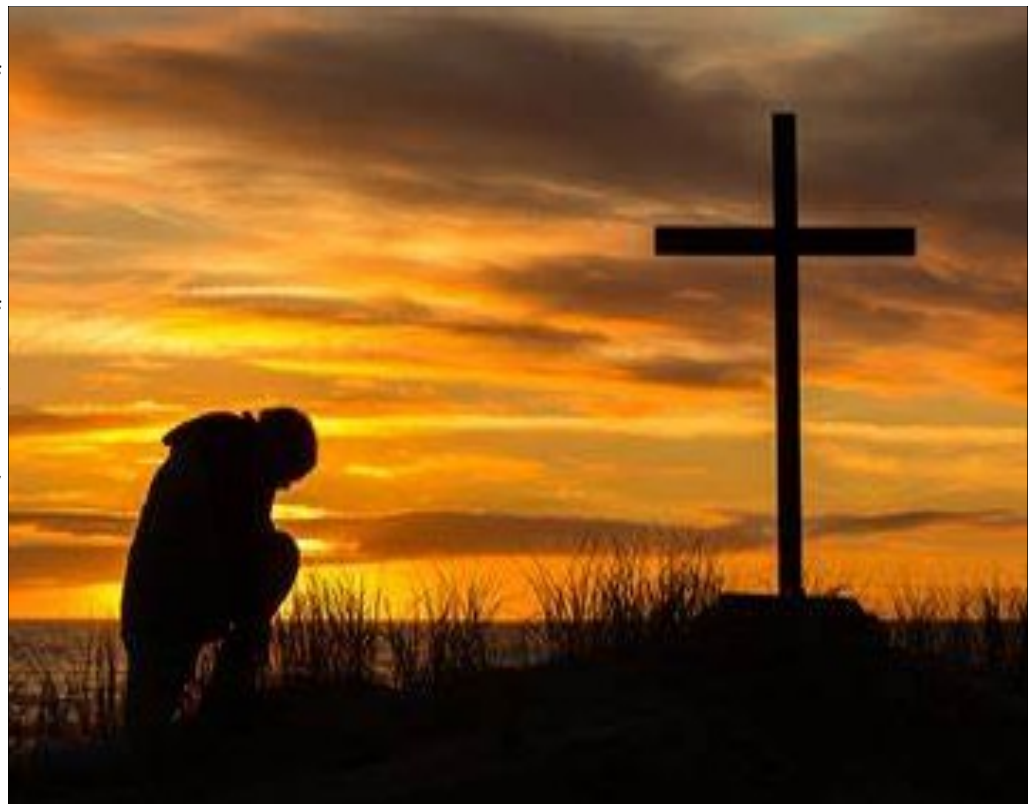
One time an elderly preacher was standing in line behind a lady with a large number of packages. Suddenly, one of her packages slipped from under her arm and fell behind her. It struck the preacher on the knee.

He didn't flinch, but bent down and retrieved the package for her. She was startled and said, "Didn't that hurt when it hit your knee?"

He smiled and said, "No ma'am. I'm a preacher. My knees are the toughest part of my body."

Often, when working from a ladder, I've supported myself by leaning into the ladder and resting knees against one of the rungs. In this way, you could say I'm supported in my work by my knees.

In the same manner, we might think of using our knees to support us in our spiritual activities. Do your knees support you in your prayer life? Are your prayers, "all in the knees?"



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are, they will grow to meet our needs.

Consider the widow in 1 Kings 17:12-16; she had only enough for one meal, then must face starvation. We would do good to follow her example.

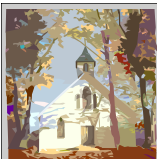
Instead of looking at what she had, she trusted God and verses 15-16 give testimony of His provision.

“And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.”

Nothing is insignificant to God. He knowingly and lovingly created every molecule or cell that exists.

But He did not stop there. The smallest details of His creation continue to be important to Him.



Church News

First Missionary

Lindsay

We had good attendance on Easter Sunday.

This past Sunday, our attendance was lower due to several experiencing the stomach virus that has been circulating, starting with fever, then the other symptoms.

Our attendance in the Spanish service has been steady, however, we have a new family that has promised to attend this Sunday.

Please continue to pray for us as we reach out into the community of Lindsay, OK. We are moving forward with our outreach both to English speaking and Spanish speaking families.

We are also moving forward with our plans to upgrade our technology so that it would permit us to have a social media platform to increase our presence in the community and even further.

Praise report: The pastor is improving and recovering from the torn muscle tissue in his left leg. The swelling has diminished and he is making progress through the physical therapy. He is able to walk, using a walker.

He will still need to preach from a seated position at least for the next two weeks, according to the physical therapist, who holds a doctor's degree in orthopedics and physical therapy.

Should any of the other churches have musicians who are not actively serving and using their talents and abilities for the honor and glory of the Lord, have them contact me at
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(405) 756-2414, office phone

Leave message, or via email:
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Thomas Dickerson, Pastor

Pleasant Hill Blanchard

Things are progressing well as we slowly try to re-discover a sense of normalcy in our midst.

We have tried to stay involved in community events and efforts throughout the year.

We saw a large crowd of folks attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt our church hosted. So good to see so many out just enjoying the fellowship again.

Not even a baby bird falls from its nest that God does not know.

When one hair is caught in our brush, He adjusts the total.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered”. Matthew 10:29-30

If such small matters are so critical to the Creator of the universe, we would be wise not regard any matter as insignificant.

In the 21st Century, we are too much in the habit of valuing only what is big and flashy.

What about our God given responsibilities? We find it incredibly easy to soothe our conscience when it comes to this. Any ol' excuse will do.

“It's okay I missed church, I had a headache. I'll tell them about the Lord next time I see them”.

Sound familiar?

This world has twisted responsibility to mean “Whatever I feel like doing at the moment, what ever benefits me the most, or whatever I will suffer a consequence for not doing.”

In God's eyes, responsibility means faithfulness, and that is important to Him in even the smallest task.

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much”. Luke 16:10.

He rewards us far above the true value of our meager efforts. He even says so Himself in Luke 19:17.

“And he said unto him, Well done, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.”

Definitely not a bad return, huh?

When you think about it, that one percent is really a lot. In reality, it is just as important as the 99.9% because the Lord wants 100% from us.

After all, that's what He gave us isn't it?

As the world progresses back into normalcy, we would love to report on how all our churches are doing. Please send any church news you would like to see in *The Oklahoma Baptist* to:

michael.mobly@yahoo.com

Master's Builders Back At Work

On April 12, The Master's Builders began work at Stoneridge Baptist Camp, Smithville, AR. This project was scheduled for last year, but due to Covid, was postponed.

We had 15 men there to work on this project and enjoyed having Mike Shelton join us again. Mike is hoping to become a regular in our group, if the Lord allows.

Scott Small, director of Stoneridge, was there every day working, consulting, and running to get materials. He, and wife Myrtie, are a dedicated couple who are humble, faithful and hard working.

They fed our group two meals a day (except weekends) and we so enjoyed our time with them and their family. We

can never express what they mean to us!

While at Stoneridge, the Builders built a 12X56 back porch on their house with a tin roof, handrails, and steps. They built a 12X24 storage building with shelves.

They remodeled one bathroom to be handicap accessible. They built a 24' wall in one dorm to divide it up for summer workers. They cut off the bottom of 22 doors. This was job #170 for the Master's Builders.

If you have questions about our ministry, or if your church has building needs, contact:

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David Axe at (903)918-0720

Keep up with us day to day on Facebook! Rose Bittner does a wonderful job with pictures and info on what's going on each day. So "Like Us" at "The Master's Builders"



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unscriptural. We are not responsible for the evils our ancestors may, or may not have, committed.

Galatians 3:28-29 tells us, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

So a Bible believer will not view others differently because they are not the same race.

1 John 4:20 tells us, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

It is clear that there was, and is, too much racial division in our world today. But not everyone is a racist, and not everyone in a certain race is a racist.

To assume all white people are racist is just as wrong as saying all black people are evil. It is not about color; it is about character. We definitely need to improve as a society, so what do we do? The answer is simple, but the application is not.

The best way to deal with this is to teach that all people have a depraved nature apart from the Lord Jesus Christ and all of the evil we discussed today is sin. We need to confront evil and offer the solution. Teach our children and grandchildren right and wrong according to scripture.

When you love others, as Christ loves us, then the world will begin to change.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Southeast District Camp
Goddard Youth Camp
Sulphur, OK
June 7-12**

**SOAR
BMA Youth Conference
Hotel Anatole, Dallas, TX
July 6-8, 2021**

**BMAA
National Meeting
August 2-4, 2021
Waxahachie, TX**