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The Myths of the Critical Race Theory

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One of the most charged issues that we are facing in Oklahoma right now is surrounding HB1775, which prohibits Critical Race Theory from being taught in schools.

When this bill came to the Oklahoma house floor for discussion, there were a few intense moments as opposing views were expressed. The opposition's claim was presented that this bill was an attack against teaching history.

Let it be understood that this is absolutely not the intention of this bill. There was an attempt to block the bill by using false supposition and emotion to try and discredit Republican support for this bill. It is known that when the left does not have facts to support its argument, they will attempt to sway people with emotions.

The bill's intention is to prohibit teaching that any race or gender is superior to another. The idea of white privilege or all white people are racist is wrong and evil.

Let us discuss the idea of slavery for a minute. It is true that there was slavery in America, but it was not isolated to just one race. Besides Africans, the Irish were also sold into slavery.

Several years ago I did an internet study on slavery and discovered a number of credible sources confirming the Irish were slaves. It is interesting to note that when I returned to further my research, these sources mysteriously disappeared. Now the left is using censure and propaganda to create the false narrative that only Africans were slaves.

Please note here that I am not dismissing the horrors that African slaves endured, but simply pointing out that other races were slaves, and other races beside Caucasians owned slaves.

An internet search showed one of the first slave owners, some claim he was the first in America, was indeed an African by the name of Anthony Johnson.

He had four white "indentured servants", the politically correct way of identifying white slaves. He also owned a black slave by the name of John Casor.

Also to note is the fact that Africans sold other Africans into slavery. Before slavery was abolished, there were several thousand Africans who owned slaves, as well as native Americans who owned slaves.

Please understand that my point is not to justify what anyone did. I believe that the slavery that existed in America was terrible.

The point I am trying to make is that no one race was inherently evil, and no one race was the only to suffer. We can make a case the Chinese, American Indians, and many others were definitely mistreated here in America.

So how does this relate to the critical race theory. There is a movement among some educators that describes white people to be racist and evil just because they are white.

Also, because they are white, they all somehow have an advantage over everyone else. I want it to be known that

my American ancestors were not wealthy. My grandparents sacrificed to put my father through Dental school. And although I am white, I had to work. My late wife's parents were never wealthy and struggled financially until they passed away.

Now that it is established, we need to also realize that the vast majority of whites did not own slaves, maybe a low as 2 percent. I mention this because Critical Race theory often leads into the idea of Reparations. So now that all white people are "evil", because perhaps less than 2 percent owned slaves, and forgetting there were white slaves, somehow, we have to pay money for something that happened over 150 years ago. This is illogical, impractical, unscriptural, and not sustainable. Galatians 3:28 KJV 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." In God's eyes there is no difference, we are either saved, or we are lost.

Now there are some attempts in Oklahoma by some public universities and school systems to resist or ignore this law. Be it understood critical race theory is not about history, but it is about propaganda and brainwashing. It is an attack on the patriotism of America.

It is in and of itself teaching racist principles. There are good and evil people in all races. Critical Race theory is meant to divide us so we can be more easily controlled. It is evil and ungodly, and those teaching it are either ignorant of its devices, or intentionally teaching wicked lies.

If our children and grandchildren are ever going to have a nation resembling the nation we know, we must stand strong against this evil. We need to make sure that our local schools and colleges are not teaching these lies. We need to be involved and go to school board meetings. We need godly people to run for school board positions to ensure our children will be taught truth.

Teaching historical facts is good, we don't want to repeat the same mistakes our ancestors made. We do not want to hold guilty those who had no involvement with past atrocities. I am not racist, nor did my parents raise me to be such, and consequently they both were white.

"The best way to change our nation is to preach the gospel and not the message of racism and hatred."

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Latest News From NGBC, Norman

Steve & Lynn Puckett

It's a shame to see things returning to normal. Yes, Covid is on the decline, which is good news. But we are returning to a world locked down with sin, and the consequences of sin cannot be masked.

I have read the words of many people complaining about the situation in the world today, whether it be in the political, economic, social and even religious realms, and on and on.

For most people, they are not willing to hear the real solution to all of today's problems. It's simple. This world is plagued by sin and the only real solution is Jesus Christ. Most people don't want to hear that though, because this means they would be accountable to God in their lives.

We live in a world of insanity, for without Christ this world has no real meaning. We continue to minister and bring light throughout Norman and the surrounding area. We hear the testimonies of people whose lives have been devastated by the effects of sin. It's heart breaking.

Do we wonder why things are so messed up when we hear stories like the one I heard recently from a young man. He earthly father pushed him into doing drugs at the age of thirteen, both using and selling drugs.

He is now trying to escape this lifestyle after twenty years plus I will leave him unnamed, but I would ask that you please pray for him.

Chris has been a busy young man as his report indicates below. Please pray for him.

With your prayers for healing for Steven, please ask the Lord for Steve's appointments, tests, and treatments to start moving along in a timely manner. The hospital does not seem to be moving with enough urgency!

As for the June report for NGBC, we are seeing some positive results from the EE Leadership clinic hosted back in May for pastors and church leaders, with the Lord providing ten individuals from nine different churches!

And we praise God for several very encouraging testimonies.

"Best training I've ever been in."

Trainee from Norman

"I was revitalized and energized."

Leedey, OK

"I want our youth group to have this."

Stillwater, OK

In these two full day of training, we introduced these pastors and church leaders to material for four evangelism and discipleship classes, as well as an advanced apologetics class called, "Reasonable Answers for Honest Skeptics."

The youth pastor from Stillwater, Deacon, called just four days after the training and scheduled a follow up SYF workshop on June 5 where nine more people were trained, including three pastors and three churches.

This EE Leadership training event is impacting members of our own church as well. Maybe we have just started the New Generation Baptist "School of Discipleship and Evangelism," or as Steve likes to call it, "PADE-4" (Practical Application of Discipleship and Evangelism.)

The curriculum of "PADE-4" consists of the four core classes from the EE Leadership clinic training materials.

Tuesday nights

Discipleship 101

"Means of Growth" (MoG)

Growing as a disciple

Discipleship 201

"Mentoring for Multiplication" (M4M)

Discipling others

Wednesday nights

Evangelism 101

"Share Your Faith" (SYF)

Understanding the Gospel

Evangelism 201

"Everyday Evangelism" (EV2)

Explaining the Gospel to others

These foundational classes are already beginning to bear fruit at NGBC. At the end of May we started our first Tuesday discipleship class with eight students,

including the five means of growth of a disciple. The class has grown to 12 in attendance last night, including several new visitors to the church.

Concurrent with the discipleship class we started a Wednesday night evangelism class, "Share Your Faith", the one day workshop we divided into three parts to serve as an introduction to evangelism, with nine individuals participating.

Starting in July we are planning to start EV2 where we will begin outreach in the community together. Let us know if you would like to enroll in EV2 or any of the other classes offered in Pade-4.

Lastly, it's really neat to see how the Lord has shown us the fruit of our labor from seeds sown several years ago. For example, Andrew is a man that I met six or seven years ago at KFC when I was driving the food truck for Mission Norman.

I remember back then when Andrew always had a very angry bitter outlook on life. I tried ministering the best I could to him and sow seeds, but it didn't seem very promising. However, during the last six months I noticed a complete transformation! His anger and bitterness has been replaced with a much friendlier attitude.

Now he greets and welcomes me just about every time I see him! The past two Sundays Andrew has been attending our Sunday morning service and has also started attending our discipleship class a well, with his wife Dayna!

He wants to share his testimony with our church which I will gladly endorse. It's really encouraging to see how perseverance pays off as we serve the Lord!

"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Galatians 6:9

As always, thank you for your support financially and prayerfully. May God bless you in your journey as you minister to others. Remember, you are a missionary in your part of the world

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"I Was Just Thinkin'"

By Narita Roady

"The Power of a Name"

The 1960's was ushered in by the hippie era. Toward the end of that decade, countless hippie couples relocated to the Santa Cruz coast. Settling down they married and had children.

These youngsters didn't have the run of the mill names like John or Mary. The locals became accustomed to their children's playmates having names such as Time Warp, Tranquilla and Revolution.

In due time Whirlwind, Spring Fever and Daydream were old enough to start school.

Each fall doting parents tearfully put name tags on their precious little ones and sent them to their first day of Kindergarten. As far as names go the Kindergarten teachers had seen it all, until one particular year they met their first "Fruit Stand."

Even this one seemed odd to them but they tried to take it all in stride. "Would you like to paint a picture, Fruit Stand?" they suggested.

Later on they asked, "Fruit Stand, would you like some juice and cookies?" Timidly he'd accept their offer. As the first day neared an end, his name didn't seem any stranger than Beth's or Revolution's.

The day passed quickly and time to go home had arrived. The teachers began leading the children out to their buses to go home. "Fruit Stand", his teacher questioned, "do you know which bus you are supposed to ride."

He just stood staring at her with his big brown eyes but did not answer. She wasn't surprised as Fruit Stand hadn't spoken all day. Attributing it to the shyness most new students experience she thought nothing of it.

At enrollment the parents had been told to write the name of their child's bus stop on the reverse side of their name tag. His teacher turned his tag over to find out which bus he should ride and there, carefully written, was the word "Andrew."

Names are very important, just ask "Fruit Stand", poor little guy. Your name distinguishes you from others. People associate it with not only what you look like, but possibly your family, your reputation, and your character, and that's just concerning our birth name.

When you are born again and go by the name Christian the stakes become much higher because that name means "Christ-like".

Once people hear it they expect you to literally be like Christ! That's a BIG responsibility and calling, one most folks don't give much thought to, much less live up to.

In the Bible the Lord changed a person's name because they had a new identity in Him. For example, in Genesis 17:5, Abram's name meaning "high father" was changed to Abraham "father of multitude"; Sarai's name, "my princess," was changed to Sarah "mother of nations"; Genesis 32:28, Jacob, "supplanter", became, Israel, "having power with God"; and John 1:42, Simon "God has heard" became Peter "rock".

At this point each of these saint's lives were taking a new direction; God had a new mission for them. They were being set aside for His purpose and plans. The same holds true when we take on the name Christian.

Now being like Jesus isn't something we can conjure up on our own; it is the Holy Spirit working in us. Don't get me wrong we still have a substantial part in this.

He can't do His work if we don't yield our lives completely to God, allowing Him to take control of every aspect of our lives and transform us.

Now we can go through (which is a study each of us should diligently undertake) and look at all Christ's characteristics to have a clear

understanding of exactly what we are to emulate. Such knowledge is very important but it is so easy to skim over the list and overlook our shortcomings or deceive ourselves into thinking we possess these qualities.

Reflecting Christ in our life is much more than this. We in affect hang up an "Under New Management" sign. His purpose guides our choices, His spirit controls our moods, and His love directs our conduct.

Remember Jesus faced the same feelings and temptations as we do. He experienced it all and at any point could have chosen to "give in" to all that fleshly pressure, but He didn't. We have in our power to choose too.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15

Think for a moment how different our lives and Scripture would be had He chosen what He wanted over God's plan. As He faced the cross, knowing the pain and suffering He was to endure, Luke 22: 41-42, 43, tells us the natural man in Him didn't want to do it.

So great was his anguish He even sweated blood. Yet He chose God's purpose to guide His choices and how very thankful we are that He did. Otherwise we would all be looking forward to eternal hell.

"And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done"

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

Being part man, you know Jesus had bad days and could have easily slipped into a bad mood. Matthew 19:13-15, would have certainly been recorded differently if He had.

Just imagine the all important Pharisees talking to Jesus and parents bringing their little children to Him, interrupting, talking to Him at once. The precious children

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“Reflecting on the Past Year”

By Dr. Gary McAllister
Vice President
Academic Affairs
Central Baptist College

On Saturday, May 8, 2021, Central Baptist College held its annual commencement ceremony. Graduation is always bittersweet.

It's a joyous occasion, filled with family and friends celebrating a milestone in the lives of their students, but it's also a sad occasion as faculty and staff say goodbye to the students they have nurtured and grown to love over the years.

The parting is difficult, but happiness can be found knowing that the mission of Central Baptist College has been accomplished.

While we concluded the year successfully, it could not have happened without embracing change, and I cannot fully express my gratitude for the wonderful job our faculty have done!

They have done more than just teach their subject areas; they have taught in the light of faith, modeled Christian values, encouraged spiritual growth, and utilized technology to overcome the limitations of COVID-19. They are truly gifted and amazing!

Teaching a course in multiple modalities is very challenging, but faculty accepted the challenge so that we could do our best to ensure the safety of our students and meet

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In Oklahoma we see controversy rearing its ugly head in such things as the Tulsa race riot. I was not here for that event, nor am I aware that any of my ancestors lived here at the time. I believe it was an incredibly sad and dark time in Oklahoma history.

We must not, however, continue to allow these things to divide us. Christ died for all and wants all to come unto him. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.

The best way to change our nation is to preach the gospel and not the message of racism and hatred.

their diverse needs.

In a typical class, faculty taught students who physically came to the classroom, but they also taught those who connected remotely to the class via Zoom, or those who took the course in an asynchronous, online manner.

This involved a lot of preparation, and faculty were faced with the difficult task of creating community and promoting learning.

Faculty used many different techniques to accomplish their learning objectives:

- 1) developed extensive content for Canvas, our learning management system,
- 2) utilized state-of-the-art video conferencing technology,
- 3) employed new software and methods to discourage cheating,
- 4) modified teaching to enhance learning, and
- 5) maintained accessibility through Zoom for tutoring and advising.

What did we learn? We learned that we have the means and ability to teach effectively in any modality.

We also discovered that some students are not well-suited for virtual learning. Although the flexibility of online learning can be an advantage for most students, for others, it is too much of a good thing.

They tend to be lax in attendance, procrastinate and fail to submit assignments and tests, or have a poor or non-existent Internet connection.

Despite the challenges, this has been a good year. We learned a lot, both students and faculty, and we thank God for His bountiful blessings!

CBC Announces Two New Hires,

Central Baptist College is pleased to announce the addition of new employees, Patrick Jacobs and Tamarah Allen. Jessica Faulkner has been named the Director of Alumni and Public Relations.

Tamarah Allen has joined the Business Department and will serve as the Student

Accounts Receivable Analyst. Allen earned her Bachelor of Science in Health Education from the University of Central Arkansas.

As Student Accounts Receivable Analyst, Allen will maintain all student records in relation to course billing, account charges, payments received, and financial aid applied.

Allen is a member of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock. Tamarah has one daughter, Autumn.

Patrick Jacob has joined the Professional Adult College Education (PACE) department and will be serving as an Enrollment Counselor.

Jacob earned his Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Central Baptist College PACE program.

Jacob received his Master's in Human Resource Management from Webster University.

As a PACE Enrollment Counselor, Jacob will represent Central Baptist College at Camp Robinson. Jacob will work with prospective students, organizations, all veterans, active duty, guard and reserve members of the military. His primary focus will be recruiting and retaining military students.

Jacob is a member of Eighth Street Baptist Church in North Little Rock. Patrick and his wife Latedra reside in Sherwood with their two children, Victoria and William.

Faulkner named Director Alumni and Public Relations

Jessica Faulkner has been named Director of Alumni and Public Relations. Faulkner most recently served as Director of Alumni Engagement at Central Baptist College.

Faulkner earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts and Communications from the University of Central Arkansas.

Faulkner is a member of the Conway Kiwanis Club where she currently serves as President-Elect. Faulkner is a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway. She is married to Daniel and they have two daughters, Mary Helen and Anna Claire.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BMAA
Pre-Associational Events
See Ad This Page

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

National WMA Events

August 2-6:00pm
Farley Street Baptist
WMA Officer's meeting

August 3-8:30am
Heritage Baptist
Registration for Sharing the
Vision Women's Conference and Luncheon

Don't forget to pre-register for the
Conference and Luncheon by July 15!

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Latest News from Grace Harbor

Grace Harbor's event in the park turned out better than we could have planned. I think we served more hot dogs, burgers, and sno cones than we ever have (nearly 150)!

The weather cooperated for the most part until about two hours into the event when a mighty rain storm came through.

We met two folks that night who had been watching our church from a distance for nearly three years. They had dropped by a couple of our previous events, one being our movie night in the Fall and the other a previous park event.

They have not been involved in a

church in a little while, and really felt convicted about recommitting themselves to the Lord and to the church.

Well, since then, they have become very active folks in our church, and wish to unite with our church as members and we will be baptizing them in July!

We are so grateful to see the fruit and the seeds planted from several years of steady and consistent presence in our community.

This week, we have 13 campers at BMAO Kids Camp in Binger.

We are looking forward to a great week and praying for the Lord to speak to these kids in a clear and convicting way.



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2021 Pre-Association Meeting



DR. JOHN DAVID SMITH

BMAA Missions Executive Director

Preaching in Worship
Sunday 8/1 | 9 & 10:30 am

THE ERWINS

Award Winning Sibling Ensemble

Live in Concert
Sunday 8/1 | 6:00 pm



DR. MIKE SMITH

former President of Jacksonville College

Preaching Prep Course on
Ezra: A Time to Rebuild
Monday 8/2 | 1:30-4:30 pm

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"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"When I Met Jesus"

One of Ray Boltz's beautiful songs is titled, "Where I Met Jesus." It is the story of an elderly man who went to the altar in church and was saved.

The recurring phrase, "This is where I met Jesus," is given. It has beautiful message, but as I listened to it again the other day, I thought about significance of that.

There was a definite time and place in my life and in the life of every child of God when they met Jesus.

There is a teaching in the religious arena today that salvation develops over a period of time. Something like osmosis. According to them, they were unsaved and began going to church, read the Bible, and did a bunch of good things, and then suddenly they woke up one day to discover they had been saved along the way.

Ray Boltz's song declares a point in time when salvation comes about, but regardless of what the song declares, the Bible is our rule of faith and practice, and IT declares that fact.

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through

faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

John 3:18

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

I worry about someone who can't put their finger upon a point in time and say, "That is where I met Jesus!" Someone who is truly saved may not be able to give you a calendar date, but they will be able to tell you a point in time when it happened.

I happen to be able to tell you that I was saved on Saturday night, May 10, 1947. I remember the incident very clearly and I remember it was a revival service meeting at Pilgrim Rest

Missionary Baptist Church, Stratford, OK.

It was around 8:00pm when I went to the altar and was saved.

However, I remember the date, May 10, because my mother wrote that date in the family Bible. For many years I didn't know the date. I just knew I was saved.

However, when we began attending youth meetings years later, they often sang a song, "Somebody Touched Me." As they went through the days of the week, the ones who were saved on that day would stand. We would sing, "It was on a Sunday, somebody touched me." Everyone who was saved on a Sunday would stand. Then we would sing, "It was on a Monday, somebody touched me."

Everyone saved on a Monday would stand, and so on through all the days of the week. For those of us who didn't remember which day we would sing, "It was on a one day, somebody touched me."

I just got tired of standing on that day, so I checked the family Bible to see what date my mother had written. She had written May 10, 1947. I looked the date up and found it was on a Saturday. So from then on, when we sang that song, I was able to stand on Saturday.

On the other hand, there are those who will tell you when they were saved they saw a blinding light, a ball of fire, or some other such spooky event.

One person told me that. The man I was with said later, "Maybe he did see a ball of fire in his living room." We both knew the man, and had he seen a ball of fire in his living he would have made a hole through the back wall making his exit.

When salvation comes, it will be a definite point in time, but it isn't going to be like the light Paul saw on the road to Damascus either. It's more likely to be in the form of a still small voice and a settled peace in your heart.

However it comes, we will be able to say, "It was THERE I met Jesus."



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crowding around Him, pulling on his garments, climbing in his lap, and calling His name?

What if He had snapped like we often do and said, “BE QUIET! Quit hanging on me! You are driving me crazy! I never get a minutes peace!”

Sound familiar? How many lives would be damaged and people hurt if He did not allow God’s spirit to control His moods? For that matter, in what manner would our lives be affected if we never knew what mood Christ our Mediator might be in when we call upon Him for help?

“Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and

forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence”.

What would the outcome have been for the multitudes in Matthew 15:29-30, 32 had Christ not chose for God’s love to direct His conduct?

“And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them:

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me

now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.”

Jesus had been there for three days surrounded by people, healing and listening to them. I am sure He was very tired and hungry Himself. How easy it would have been to ignore their needs, after all, hadn’t He already done enough by healing them?

That love strengthened, fed, and saved many from possible death.

“And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.”

Matthew 15:37-38

Taking Christ’s name is more than simply the choice of accepting salvation. Being a Christian isn’t merely trying to be like Him. It is first and foremost choosing to give Him power over your life minute by minute.

Let’s say for one day Jesus became you. He wakes up in your bed; your family becomes His family, goes to your job, your church, and takes over your life completely. The only exception being, the circumstances of your life do not change. Your health, finances, problems all remain the same.

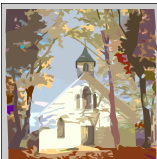
Do you think those that know you would notice a change? Would your loved ones feel more love, compassion and patience? Would your boss and co-workers see a greater diligence and cooperativeness? Would your enemies receive more mercy and see forgiveness? Would your church family be uplifted and inspired by being near you? . . . if Christ became you for a day?

No one should notice the difference should they? He does live in us. “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

We have His mind that we may think as He does and view everything through His eyes.

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 2:16

Are you living up to your name, CHRISTIAN?



Church News

Greetings,

The Lord continues to bless here at Missionary Baptist Church, Lindsay. Our attendance is holding steady. We continue to do outreach for both the English and Spanish services. The pastor is preaching through the Gospel of Luke on Sunday mornings. The home Bible study on Wednesday nights is focusing on 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians, to help us better understand the events surrounding the Second Coming.

In the Spanish services, the pastor is preaching through the Gospel of John. Our attendance in the Spanish service is also holding steady, and slightly improving. For the last month, we had an average attendance of six.

We are moving closer to being able to stream our services live. We have a camera, and have gotten a dedicated service line. The dedicated service line must be extended and we are in the process of becoming more knowledgeable of the use and operation of the camera.

We are also beginning a fellowship on the last Sunday of each month to celebrate birthdays, and then have a time of singing and testimonies, following the fellowship. We are believing that this, the home Bible studies, the outreach, and other activities will help generate greater interest and attendance.

On July 22, our pastor will celebrate his fifty third anniversary in the ministry. The church will celebrate its seventieth anniversary next year. Please pray for GOD’s direction and for the pastor as he begins to plan for this celebration of this anniversary of the church. We will announce this special service as the time grows closer. Currently, the anticipated date for this celebration will be the last Sunday of April, 2022.

In Christ’s Service
Thomas Dickerson

72nd Annual BMA of America National Meeting

August 2-4, 2021

Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX

Monday Afternoon, August 2

2:00pm Seminary Trustee Meeting Farley Street Room: 1408
6:00 National WMA Officers Meeting Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie TX

Monday Evening, August 2

6:00pm Registration 2nd Floor Mezzanine Worship Center
7:00pm Welcome President - Farley Street Worship Center
7:05pm The Martin's Concert
8:15pm President's Message Pastor Jeff Swart
Initial Associational Business

Tuesday Morning, August 3

8:30am BMA Orientation for New Pastors and Churches Farley Street Room: Parlor
8:30am Registration for Women's Ministry Conference Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie TX
9:00am Women's Ministry Conference, "Share the Vision" Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie TX
9:00am National Brotherhood Meeting Farley Street Room: Choir Room 1207
9:30am Committee Meetings
Missions Advisory Committee Farley Street Room: 1408
Moral Action Farley Street Room: 2405
Baptist Publishing House Farley Street Room: 2409

9:30am Breakout Sessions

&10:45am **Faithlife Corporation**- *Electronic tools for Bible study including Logo software* Farley Street Room: Worship Center
Jason Prewitt- *Involving Junior High, High School and College Students in Ministry* Farley Street Room: 2401
Jon Dodson, Lifeword - *Website - Your Church's Front Door* Farley Street Room: 2413B
Bruce Bruinsma, Envoy Financial - *Retirement Reformation* Farley Street Room: 2402
Gary Rohmayer, BMA Missions - *Spiritual Dynamics* Farley Street Room: Student Center
Dr. Philip Attebery, BMA Seminary/Baptist Publishing House - *Teach for Results* Farley Street Room: 2410

Tuesday Afternoon, August 3

3:00pm BMA Missions Legacy Awards Farley Street Worship Center
4:00pm BMA Town Hall Meeting Farley Street Worship Center
5:00pm Seminary Dinner Heritage Baptist Church, Waxahachie, TX

Tuesday Evening, August 3

7:00pm Worship Service Farley Street Worship Center Annual Message, Luis Ortega
Election of Officers, Business as needed

Wednesday Morning, August 4

8:30am BMA Associational Business Farley Street Worship Center
BMA Foundation Moral Action Agency
Baptist Publishing House Daniel Springs Encampment Ministers
Resource Services BMA Theological Seminary
Lifeword Missions Department Miscellaneous Business

Wednesday Afternoon, August 4

2:00pm Associational Business if needed Farley Street Worship Center

Wednesday Evening, August 4

7:00pm Missions Commissioning Service Farley Street Worship Center

Ministry Display Area Farley Street Gym

August 2nd
6:00pm Opens
9:30pm Closes

August 3rd
9:00am Opens
9:00pm Closes

August 4th
9:00am - Opens

