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"A Night With the Frogs" By Chris Gonthier, BMAO Moral Action

Many of us that have been in church for a number of years have heard a sermon titled, "Another Night with the Frogs." This is based on the biblical account in Exodus when Pharaoh and Moses did not see eye to eye.

The important thing to note here is that Moses was speaking the things of God, and on behalf of God. Pharaoh was fighting the messenger of God, and the will of God. Whereas there was a distinct difference between Pharaoh (the lost), and God's people, the biblical principle of rejecting God will bring judgment is clear.

The accounting of the plagues shows how thorough God is when he takes action.

Exodus 8:1-2, "And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:"

God goes into detail of what will happen and how it will happen. It is very clear that God is showing himself in the events of Exodus. Notice God is very serious about his people serving him, so much so that Pharaoh and all of Egypt suffer many plagues due to hardheartedness and rebellion.

As we read through the plagues, we can't help but wonder why Pharaoh was being so dumb, I mean why do people choose to suffer. The request was simple, just allow God's people to serve him. One might say, Pharaoh wasn't choosing to suffer, but the truth is he put himself in the situation to incur the wrath of God.

Furthermore, it was not just the ruler who suffered for his bad decisions, but the whole land of Egypt. We must realize that our bad actions hurt others besides just

ourselves. Pharaoh asked Moses for help, and we might think, "Well Pharaoh learned his lesson."

When judgment was being imposed, he was ready to repent, but as soon as he felt relief he went back to his wicked ways.

I think back on periods of time in the history of our nation, and I am reminded just how much we act like Pharaoh. When war broke out, the people came to church. The war ended and it seemed as though people no longer needed God.

I look at many more recent events and how churches were shut down and people's religious choice was, and is, no longer allowed. Since when is it ok to tell people they no longer have the right to serve God as they choose.

With power comes responsibility and leaders must be conscious they are accountable to God. They also must realize that the consequences of poor



decisions effect all of us. Israel has many recorded instances in her history where as a nation she rebelled and God judged her.

I expect lost people to act like lost people, because until they are taught, they don't really know how to act properly. What really blows my mind is when a supposedly mature Christian will ignore the truth of God's Word and act surprised at the outcome.

Every day believers choose to rebel against God and intentionally suffer judgment.

One of the most obvious dangers is when parents do not even take their children to church.

Children under the age of accountability and those who have received Christ are often prevented from serving God due to the bondage their own parents have put them in.

Children should not tell parents they do not want to go to church; it is not optional.

Don't let your children spend time away from home Saturday night if they don't come to church on Sunday.

Read through the plagues written in Exodus and see why we need to stay true to the Lord. Don't spend another night with the frogs, because one day you may end up losing your children, as happened in the land of Egypt.

Read through Exodus 12 to see how far God will go when we become hardened towards God.

New Enrollment Method for the National Meeting

In an effort to streamline the enrollment process, our committee recently met with the Coordinating Council and began asking hard questions. After much discussion it was determined that certain changes could save us both time and money as well as speed up registration lines at the meeting.

This year for the first time there will be no pre-registration, no letter to fill out and send in, and no online registration. You will simply elect messengers within your church and come to the meeting.

When you come to the registration table, tell us the name of your church and the number of messengers and visitors. If you have any "minute funds" we can collect that at the registration table or you can send it by mail to BMA America LLC, P.O. Box 1188, Conway, AR, 72033. If you are a church or know of a church petitioning to join BMA America, please fill out the online form found at bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Springfield!

Grant Barnett

Chairman of Enrollment and Finance

Sunray Baptist Celebrating 75 Years

Sunray Baptist Church, Purcell, was organized through the efforts of local missionary M.L. West and the South Canadian Missionary Association (known today as the BMA of Central Oklahoma). Bro. West made contacts and the church was organized on March 23, 1947, with nine charter members.

The church first met at the Odd Fellows Hall located on South Canadian Street.

Land was purchased in 1949 and a building was built on the corner of Fourth St. and Jefferson. The first service there was on March 15, 1950.

Land was purchased on North Ninth St. and the present building was built. The first service here was on Mother's Day, May 14, 1989.

Sunray will celebrate their 75th birthday with special services the weekend of March 19-20, 2022.

On Saturday, March 19 at 6:00pm we will be hosting a gospel singing service with the Gastineaus and Sound Street.

Sound Street was formed in 2019 and is composed of Jarrod Vanderslice, his daughter Jaylie, and Ryan Bilby. Jarrod travelled and performed with the

Galloways many years as well as singing solo. He has been a worship leader and currently serves as a pastor in Waynesboro, MS.

The Gastineaus, from Stonewall, OK, are a family group composed of mother Gaye and daughters Kami and Maci. They embrace the call to share the gospel of hope wherever God leads.

Join us for this special evening of worship, praise and song. A love offering will be taken to help with expenses.



On Sunday, March 20, we will be having a Homecoming service with Dennis Clark preaching. This will be followed by lunch and no evening service.

Sunray is located at 2223 N. 9th St. in Purcell, OK. For additional information call:

405.426.2844

Latest News From New Generation

Greetings from Norman, OK. Things are going well here, except for the cold weather we have experienced. We are making some improvements on the building, painting and new flooring. We have also been able to add some additional restrooms and storage. We now have the capability to have more people in the building for training, meetings, etc.

We have plans to start a Wednesday evening service soon. Brother Luis Santos will start us off initially. Our Sunday morning services consist of teaching at 9:30 and singing and preaching beginning at 10:30. If you are not involved in a Sunday evening service you are welcome to come and join us at 5:00 for preaching and then a time of prayer.

In the near future we plan to ordain brothers Chris and Luis. We also have the hope that this mission will be able to form into a New Testament church soon. We would ask for your prayers in this regard.

Here is an excerpt from Chris's monthly report:

We just finished the EE "Partners in Discipleship" book with a small group this past week, which is a nice, foundational discipleship book for new believers. I'm glad that Natalie and her sister Evelyn have been participating, as well as a few others who are newer to the church – Lydia and Taraz.

Our discipleship efforts with new believers started last summer with Lee, and since then there has been an ongoing discipleship group consisting of some of our regular attendees, new believers, and visitors from outside the church, studying nearly the full gamut of evangelism and discipleship material together offered by the ministry of Evangelism Explosion.

Please continue to support and pray for the ministry here. Our attendance continues to hold steady with maybe even a slight increase. We are still reaching out-of-state folks in Arizona and Nevada.

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"I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

"ARE YOU GUILTY OF TITHE EVASION?"



Tax season is hot upon our heels. Receipts are being unearthed, pens are flying and sweat is pouring off many a brow trying to meet the deadline and wondering what will be owed.

When Jerry was in accounting, a client received notice that their unemployment taxes were due. In the fine print they saw the tax was referred to as a contribution. Politely they returned it with a note stating they chose not to contribute! Quickly a reply came that it was not a choice!

Yes we must obey Mark 12:17a, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," but who wouldn't love to choose what to pay the IRS? Most would pay nothing.

Some view taxes as robbing them of money that is rightfully theirs, yet how many Christians think nothing of robbing God? Mark 12:17 continues with, "and to God the things that are God's."

The church has no IRS with a fraud division to go after delinquent titheers and impose penalties or threaten imprisonment. Yet while God's children would never think of not faithfully paying their taxes, far too many Christians fail to see their responsibility and obligation to give to the Lord as He has prospered them.

Did you know that only 4% of professing Christians tithe? .

Do you realize the Lord generously allows us to keep 90% of HIS money, and He only asks for 10% back!

In reality, non-titheers do to God what they accuse the government of doing to them, but the government demands and God doesn't.

There's no denying our tax dollars are misused in some areas, but they still allow us to live in the greatest country in the world with privileges beyond the wildest dreams of most of the world's population.

Without taxes our country would collapse . . . much like many of our churches are doing today due to lack of funds.

I love the old saying, "Excuses are like arm pits. Everyone has a couple and a lot of them

stink!' Tithing is no exception. Let's look at just a few, maybe you will recognize one of yours.

EXCUSE 1: Tithing is a personal thing between God and me

True, it is a VERY personal thing what we choose to do with HIS money. What we do with His money shows Him how trustworthy we are. Just read the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-29 if you want to see God's point of view.

It is so personal that it determines how many spiritual blessings He can trust us with.

Luke 16:11, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

EXCUSE 2: What I chose to do with my money is my business

This translates, "God, stay out of MY finances I can take care of myself." So He does. Suddenly, all sorts of bills, and financial problems arise.

People with this type of thinking get mad at God and accuse Him of not caring for them. The Bible clearly shows man what to do that he might be blessed... but he ignores it.

Despite all our wrong, He STILL provides for his children. Their difficulties stem from their disobedience and leaving God out. He does far above what He should for them in view of their rebellion.

The truth is, people are getting what they asked for, just minus the wonderful blessings He wants to pour out upon them.

EXCUSE 3: Tithing is a Sunday morning thing

I wasn't in church, or I didn't have any money until later in the week. Tithing has nothing to do with a day, a time or a place, it has to do with a heart that obeys God and is committed to Him.

Sunday is when we BRING that tithe to the Lord. He will gladly receive it any day or time. It is a sincere expression in a very materialistic world to show one's true belief in God and His power. After all, how can a

person say they trust the Almighty God to save their soul, but cannot trust Him to provide for them financially? Such double mindedness shows serious doubts as to how much they truly believe God is who He says He is.

EXCUSE 4: I'd like to tithe but by the end of the week I have no money left

Too much week not enough money? This is the result of tithing incorrectly. The minute we receive a paycheck or any income, at that very moment, we should set aside 10% for the Lord. That keeps it safe and sound from being spent. It should be the first check we write no matter what day it is!

Would a responsible individual wait till the day their electric bill is due to see if there is money to pay it? No, they would set aside funds as soon as the amount is known.

Why not even more so with God's money? I am not advocating not paying our bills, but I would rather owe someone else than God. God can help pay our bills; our creditors will never help us pay God back.

EXCUSE 5: I would like to tithe but I just can't afford to

Look at it this way, we can't afford not to! Debt is the reason Christians believe they can't tithe, which is a by-product of misusing God's money. And just admit it, a lot of bills are due to folks buying things they don't need.

So many wonder why they are having such a tough time financially – it is because they are robbing God! Tithing when finances are short shows that God is more important than anyone else. How arrogant to expect Him to provide and a take care for them when they rob Him!

That's a pretty sad deal when a person won't even give Him the measly dime He asks for on every \$1.00 He blesses them with!

We aren't giving Him anything out of our good graces; we are handing over a small portion of HIS money that HE has loaned us. We steal from Him when we keep it for ourselves.

Get the idea? It is NOT OUR MONEY.

EXCUSE 6: When God blesses me with more money, or I get my bills paid off, then I can tithe.

When hard times come, giving to God first shows faith in Him. Such faith opens the door

("Tithe Evasion," cont on pg 7)

“Healthy Church Leadership”

By Bro. Larry Barker

“Pity the leader who is caught between unloving critics and uncritical lovers.”

John Gardner applies this statement to spiritual leadership and the importance of good godly counsel. It is crucial to not only listen to those who will tell you what you want to hear but also to those who have the liberty to say what you need to hear.

It has been said that, “Flattery will get you nowhere.”

Proverbs 28:23 says, *“One who rebukes a person will later find more favor than one who flatters with his tongue.”*

God guides us through the authority of Scripture, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the counsel of other believers.

The book of Proverbs has much to say about the danger of not listening to the wisdom of others:

Proverbs 11:14 - *“Without guidance, people fall, but with many counselors there is deliverance.”*

Proverbs 15:22 - *“Plans fail where there is no counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”*

John Gardner’s quote reminds us of the reality that criticism can crush you and applause can corrupt you. Enlisting the advice of godly mentors can guard you against foolish decisions. They can save a lot of heartache if you’re willing to listen and prayerfully consider their input.

A mentor is someone who has been where you want to go and is willing to help you get there, so think about who knows what you need to know and find them. Then make sure you have a teachable spirit and willingness to learn.

“Seeking wise godly counsel can save a lot of heartache and disappointment and help you accomplish more because there is strength in numbers.”

Are you open to learning from others?
Are you willing to listen and accept wise, sound counsel?

Perhaps the biggest obstacle that keeps us from accepting advice is our own pride. You can easily fall into the trap of believing that as the leader you have to produce all the answers, but you do not. Look to others and recruit a variety of godly counselors.

God has placed many around you who have unique expertise and experiences. The core principle of spiritual leadership is trusting God as He speaks to us through the wise counsel of other believers.

Give believers in your circle of influence the freedom to express their opinions. The key is not that you always agree but that you discuss and decide together as you prayerfully consider decisions that need to be made.

You need confidants who will speak the truth you need to hear when you need to hear it.

You do not need “yes men” but men who love you enough to step into your office, pull the door closed, and say, “We need to talk.”

You need leaders who love you enough to confront you privately and speak into your life before you make a decision that could damage you or the church.

Invite people into your inner circle to discuss and give feedback. If you’re a leader, have you developed a culture where opinions are valued and desired?

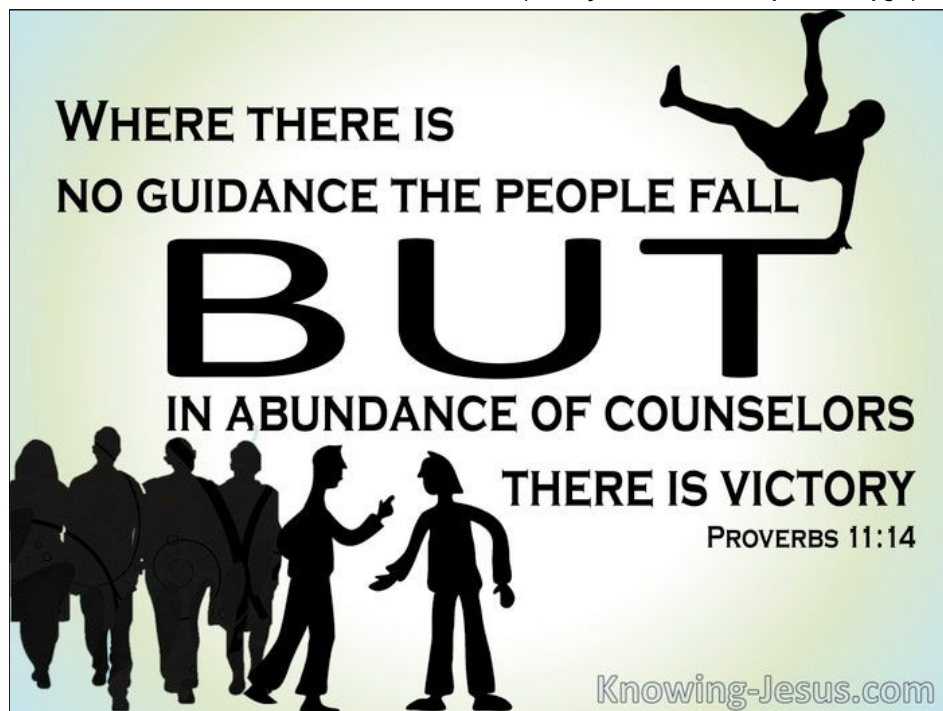
The time will come that you will be required to make difficult decisions. They must be faith-based, spirit-led, and influenced by the godly counsel of others. Have people close to you who are willing to ask you the hard questions.

It has been said if you want to go fast, travel alone, but if you want to travel far, make the journey with others. Consider the beauty of a triad of people you can bounce ideas off of and give you their perspective and concerns.

Be willing to slow down and be sure before you press forward. One bad decision can get your church off the course God desires. One bad decision can place you on a boat fleeing God’s calling and headed for Tarshish instead of Nineveh.

Henry Blackaby makes a great point: “Jesus didn’t forsake Judas, but neither did He allow Judas to sidetrack Him from His mission.”

(Healthy Church Leadership, cont on pg 5)



Latest Happenings of Grace Harbor Church

Grace Harbor continually sees the provision and grace of God as he leads us into new places and as we meet new folks in our community.

This month, we had a young man begin visiting. He is from India, and works at a company in our area. This man is not a follower of Christ, but has consistently been with us through the last month, even joining us for a small group that meets in my home on Sunday afternoons.

Over the last month, he has begun asking our group to pray for his dad who is in India, and is enduring some intense illness, both physical and mental illness.

Two weeks ago, his illness had him in the intensive care in India and things were looking very bleak for him. This past Sunday, our friend shared with us in our small group that his dad had been released from the hospital and sent home and is doing very well.

You could see some of the shock on his face as he shared this with us, and I believe some of that had to do with the fact that we had prayed, and that our God had responded.

This young man has no category for these things, and I am not sure he has ever really been around a group of believers. This man is hearing the Gospel preached each week in our Sunday gathering, and then hears it again during our small group time. I believe God is really beginning to draw him.

We are amazed by how the Lord seems to be working in this man's life. Later this month, he will be returning home to India for several weeks to help his mother care for his father.

We would be overjoyed to see the Gospel really take root in this man's life, and see him carry it back home with him when he visits later this month. Help us pray for him! God knows his name.

We are praising God for the blessing of life, as two of our families have welcomed babies in the last month.

One of those being the Mobly family. Baby Zane Mobly was born very early and had some challenges, but the Lord has given him great strength and health, and it is possible Zane will be going home soon.

“Healthy Church Leadership” continued

***“God guides us through the authority of Scripture,
the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
and the counsel of other believers.”***

You should never abandon those whose advice is not spiritual, but you also cannot allow detractors to derail what God has called you and your church to accomplish. When God has made clear His direction, delay is an abdication of leadership.

The time will come to make a decision that is not easy. Have you heard from the Lord? Are you able to recognize His voice?

If you make decisions based only on what seems the most advisable, it is very easy to settle for something inferior to God's best. Seek God's guidance in prayer, confirm His direction through Scripture, affirm it through other believers, and be willing to evaluate it through your circumstances.

Just so you know, spiritual leaders

never begin with their circumstances (good or bad) when deciding God's direction.

Seeking wise godly counsel can save a lot of heartache and disappointment and help you accomplish more because there is strength in numbers. God wants you to fulfill your calling instead of dying to the potential He has placed within you.

In Exodus 18:14, 17-18 Jethro gives his son-in-law Moses some of the best advice in the Bible:

“What is this thing you're doing for the people? Why are you alone sitting as judge, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening? What you're doing is not good . . . You will certainly wear out both yourself and these people who are with you, because the task is too heavy for you. You can't do it alone!”



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"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"Best Buddy"

Children are amazing in so many ways that they often catch me totally off guard with their expressions and thought processes.

One of the biggest surprises is how fast they learn to reason and think things out.

Jordan is only two years old. We've tended her since she was an infant, when her mother had to go back to work.

We used to say we baby-sat with her, but she cleared that up for us recently when she declared, "I'm not a baby! I'm a Jordan!" We haven't tested the waters to see if "Jordan sitting" would be acceptable to her.

Recently, I was fixing her cereal for breakfast. She was eager to help, so while I was putting the cereal in a bowl for her, she said, "I'll get the milk for you Poppy." Before I could stop her, she opened the refrigerator door and pulled out an almost full gallon of milk from the shelf.

Since she pulled it off with her left hand, when it came off the shelf, it almost hit the floor before she got it stopped. Jordan grunted very loudly and declared, "It's heavy!"

Of course it was, but I had to laugh because the idea of a two-year-old reaching and expressing such a conclusion, on her own, took me by surprise.

The other day, Jordan was in the car with us and behind me in her car seat. I hadn't done anything in particular to cause her remark, but suddenly out of nowhere, she declared, "Poppy's my best buddy!"

We both smiled, but wondered what brought that on. Almost immediately Jordan seemed to realize that her declaring me her best buddy might hurt Lelia's feelings, because she quickly said,

"Ma's my best buddy too."

Now, I was told once a person

could only have one best buddy, but obviously Jordan doesn't think so. She also calls her daddy her best buddy.

Most children have the philosophy we can have as many best buddies as we want. I like that attitude, although it may not be technically correct. I like to think children have a good point in this.

While it is strictly true in the sophisticated adult world one can only have one "best" buddy, in the less logical and less complicated children's world, "best" buddy depends on who they are with at the time. I'm just grateful Jordan counts me as one of her best buddies.

Although Jordan and I are "best

buddies" a few times she didn't consider me this way when I let her know she couldn't do just anything and everything she wanted. In this life, Jordan is going to

be disappointed in her best buddy many times in the way they say or do something.

However, she can have one


best buddy who will never disappoint her. Proverbs 18:24 states in part, "...there is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother."

1 Timothy 4:10 tells us, "...we trust in the living God, who is Savior of all men, specially of those that believe."

God doesn't hold accountable those who are too young to exercise a believing faith in Jesus. They become accountable when, through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, they know they need to be saved.

When Jordan reaches that age we intend to introduce her to the friend referred to in Proverbs who is Jesus Christ. He is truly the best buddy of any and all who believe.




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SOAR Speaker Shares Story of God's Call

By Brad Faulk

Main session speaker, SOAR 2022

I was raised in church. My dad was a railroad engineer so he was gone a lot, but my mother always made sure that we were in church on Sundays.

Even though I attended church regularly and knew quite a bit about the Bible as a child, I did not give my heart to Jesus until I was a junior in high school. And that changed everything!

Several months after being saved, I went to a church camp in Colorado, and it was there, on a Thursday night, that I felt the Lord calling me into full-time ministry. I wasn't really sure how that would look; I just knew I wanted to surrender to that calling.

The Sunday I returned, I let my pastor and the church know I had surrendered my life to full-time ministry and they were, of course, very supportive. In fact, my pastor wanted me to begin preaching, so

I, along with two other guys my age, rotated Wednesday nights preaching at Central Baptist Church in Lufkin, TX.

I'll never forget my first sermon. I wrote down word for word what I was going to say, hoping I wouldn't be too long winded.

Scared to death, I got up that first Wednesday night and preached for a whopping two minutes!

I'm sure there are people in my church now who wish I could keep my sermons under to two minutes.

After graduating from high school I met a girl who took me to her brother's graduation service at a little college in Jacksonville, TX.

I was raised independent Baptist so I



had never heard of this college, but for whatever reason, there at that graduation service I knew this was the college God wanted me to attend.

I had three of the best years of my life at that two-year school. One of the neatest things at Jacksonville College was the opportunity to meet many other young preachers and travel to fill pulpits on Sunday mornings.

I'll never forget driving those country roads headed to little country churches way out in the middle of nowhere to preach.

I met some of the best people I've ever known at those churches, and I ate a lot of good food.

After that first year at Jacksonville College I served in a summer youth ministry internship with Gary Willis at Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin, TX.

We hopped on a bus and did a youth choir tour all the way up to Nashville, TN, where I attended my very first SOAR conference.

That was 30 years ago. I'll forever be grateful to my pastor who gave a young high school boy the opportunity to get up and preach even though it was probably the worst preaching that church had heard.

And I'm also grateful to a college that encouraged young preachers and opened doors of opportunity to spread our wings and attempt to fly a bit. Sometimes flying right into a tree, but flying nonetheless.

SOAR 2022 will be focused on God's call on our lives. God's call to salvation, God's call to serve, God's call to missions and God's call to ministry.

This year's SOAR could have a huge impact on this generation of students and our churches for years to come.

For more information about 2022 SOAR, go to www.soarconference.com

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for Him to take care of our needs. Too often Christians slam His hand in the door when He is trying to reach out and give. Then they wonder where He is and why things are getting worse!

EXCUSE 7: Tithing is an Old Testament law and we are no longer under the law.

Abraham gave to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:19-20) before the law and God blessed him. He later affirmed tithing in the Mosaic Law (Numbers 18:21). New Testament tithing is clear in Matthew 23:23, . . . for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Rarely do believers question whether the 10 commandments should still be obeyed, but arguments arise in this area of money. Should Old Testament laws no longer matter, then which ones will you choose not to obey? Thou shalt not kill? Thou shalt not commit adultery? If a person arguing this gives 10% or more regularly then their issue is not monetary.

But if those disputing tithing are giving less than 10%, then one needs to look at WHY they find this scripture so offensive. Could it be a faith issue? Could it be a control issue? Could it be a greed issue? More likely it is a spiritual issue. Seriously consider doing a heart check. A good place to start would be 1 Timothy 6:10 and Matthew 6:24.

Face it, churches everywhere are in trouble financially. A shameful number of God's people ignore His plan to provide for His church. Everyone wants a nice church and faithful pastor but too few want to support it. No church should ever have a money shortage or should pastors be forced to work a second job to support their families. These are signs that there is a problem in the hearts of the people.

Christians want to pick and chose what they will withhold from God, but they don't want God to withhold anything from them. God's churches need less tippers and more tithers. Which one are you?

Preach the Word!

By Cliff Johnson

It is with great honor and joy that I invite you to the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association on April 18-20, in Springfield, MO, as we gather together to celebrate what God has done in the last eight months through our association of churches and to look forward to what lies ahead.

Friends, the only time during the year that the entire BMA seeks to gather in a representative format is during this meeting, so make plans to be with us to worship together, to learn together, to be refreshed, and to conduct our business together.

Preach the Word! is this year's theme for the association, so the entire time we are together, this theme will center our thoughts.

We live in a day where many talking heads compete to rent space in our minds and hearts, and in the hearts and minds of our people. But one voice must silence all the others, and that is the voice of God. How does God make His voice known today?

The proclamation of His Word must stand in a primary position in answer to the question.

At our upcoming meeting, you will be able to attend breakout sessions that build on this theme:

- *Preaching the Word and the Mission of God* (presented by BMAA Missions)
- *We Tell the Creation Story* (presented by Lifeword)
- *Cut it Straight* by Justin Peters (sponsored by BMA Seminary)
- *Pastor Your Family Well* by Tim



Brewer (sponsored by Ministers Resource Services)

- *Study the Word* (presented by Baptist Publishing House)
- *Pray the Word* (presented by Activate)
- *Keeping the Word Central in Student Ministry* (presented by Daniel Springs Camp)

What I am most looking forward to are the four worship times we will share together. Are we there to conduct our business?

Absolutely, and we must do this. But as you read earlier, this is the only time in the year that we, as like-minded brothers, gather together.

Why wouldn't we worship together every chance we get? Included in those worship services will be sermons on the necessity of the Word, the power of the Word, the sufficiency of the Word, and the mission of all the Word to all the world.

Our joining together is a major highlight of my year, and I pray it will be yours as well.

See you in Springfield!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Central District
Mid-year Meeting
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**BMAO Midyear Meeting
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