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# The God of Changing Circumstances



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March 9, 2017  
Dear Friends,

The Lord never ceases to amaze us as He demonstrates His sovereign control over all things. Circumstances come and go, and the result always gives glory to God. If it is not glorifying Him, it is not over yet. Always trust Him. So, during the last few months, the verse that has been ringing in my ears is "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10b. We endure all things joyfully, so that He may receive the glory. He does strengthen us, everyday. How comforting it is to know there is nothing our Father cannot resolve. (Can I get an amen?)

### FAMILY

As mentioned in last month's letter, we stopped homeschooling and enrolled our kids in a Brazilian public school for this school year. The educational calendar begins in February and goes through December, with a month break in July. Homeschooling just didn't work out as we anticipated. We rejoice and are counting our blessings for these reasons: 1) the school is seven minutes away from home; 2) it is one of the best public schools in the country; 3) this change in plans did not incur extra monthly expenses (private schools in São Paulo are generally

**"How comforting it is to know there is nothing our Father cannot resolve."**

more expensive than in the States); 4) the kids like their teachers and friends – the are loving it; and, 5) We can interact with our neighborhood families more effectively. One thing is certain, we are so glad the Lord placed us in our current home, as we are within an exceptional school district.

Health wise, Raquel and I are doing well. The children had it rough this last month, everyone was sick with different issues. Laura and Melissa still have an infection and Benjamin continues to have mild stomach pains. All four of them are doing blood work and doctor's follow-up visits.

### MINISTRY

I was in the States for 9 days during February. I meet with Bros. Randy Jones, Dave Parks and Steve Wainright and was highly encouraged by changes being implemented within Baptist Faith Missions. While in Lexington I also met with several pastor friends – Russel Zik,

Donovan Stewart, Tim Parsons and Todd Thomas. Then, drove down to Tennessee and onto Virginia where I participated in the Pastoral Leadership Advisory Board at Liberty University, led by Dr. Dave Adams. There were 41 pastors from across the country, with lectures from Pastors Jonathan Falwell, Ed Hindson, Dave Adams, Troy Temple and Elmer Towns. We also had small group discussions coordinated by Jason Suitt. I connected with pastor friends Russ Dean, Matt Willmington, Tim Grandstaff Sr., Daniel Broyles, Danny Campbell, and Joey Bray. A special thank you to Scott and Cindy Phillips for hosting me in their home. I enjoyed visiting Scott Phillips' SS class and the folks at Thomas Road B.C. and Living Word B.C.

The Lord has opened incredible doors for sharing the Gospel and mentoring here in São Paulo. We are praying as the Lord

is confirming in our hearts where to start the next new works, including something within our own neighborhood. In preparation for this, we

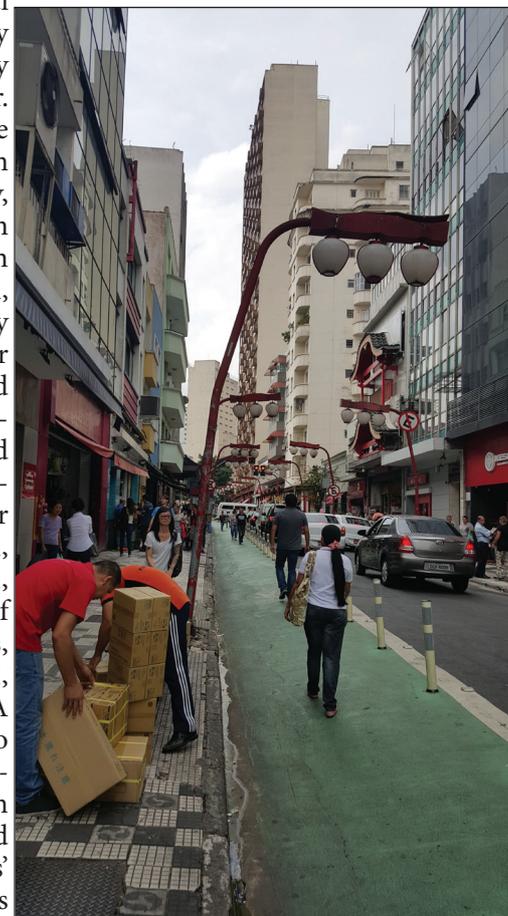
need to purchase 100 chairs - each at roughly 40 dollars. As you read this (and, if the Lord lays on your heart), would you consider a financial contribution for chairs? I am thankful for your consideration on this matter.

### ADJUSTING

We are grateful as the Lord has taught us so much over the last 6 months and has guided us over hurdles. As mentioned earlier, our children's education has been a major adjustment to our original plans. We are also grateful for

the local community of English-speaking

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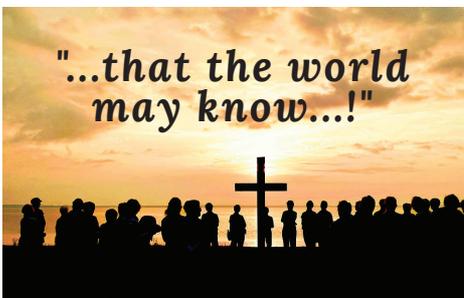



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**April 24, 25, 26**  
Nathan Radford will be  
speaking at the Spring Conference  
on Wednesday, April 25!  
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# Stymied Approaches to Ministry in Kenya

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February 28, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I guess it's time for me to step back again and reevaluate what we've been doing in this ministry...and where the ministry is going.

We want to see people who don't know Jesus being saved. We also want to see New Testament churches of the Lord Jesus Christ being established and growing. I feel that in these endeavors I have been stymied and blocked by insurmountable challenges.

The first three years in Kenya: During these three years, we took a "traditional" approach. A quick summary of the traditional approach includes paying pastors a salary, funding all ministries, building new church buildings, etc. It basically means that the missionary is paying for, and funding everything the church/ministry is doing. What stymied us in this approach? In a word, DEPENDENCY. You've heard me talk about it a hundred times. It builds dependency into the churches and this dependency paralyzes the churches from doing the work of the ministry themselves. It kills the growth and reproduction of the church from

the very beginning. "Dependency" has almost become a curse word to me.

The next three years in Kenya: During these three years, I reacted to the problem of dependency and tried to change accordingly. To accomplish this, we really changed our approach to ministry dramatically. I decided to model for the Kenyan Christians only what they could reproduce on their own. We started groups and churches that met in people's homes. We worked with "lay" pastors that ministered without pay. We worshiped without instruments. In short, I only did what the Kenyan Christians could do without western support and money. What stymied us in this approach? Something similar to dependency, but slightly different. I would summarize it in one word: EXPECTATIONS. Yes, it seems expectations would kill the groups and churches every time. Each time we would start a group we would have many people coming initially. They said they loved the simple and pure Bible teaching and they were learning a lot. They said they loved the simplicity of the worship and meetings as opposed to the "machine" of the local churches. But they always came with expectations. Expectations that we would give them money, gifts, food, school fees, business start-up money, etc. As soon as they realized these expectations would not be met, they were gone. "Expectations" is the next ministry curse word to me.

The last three years: During these years, I changed my approach once again. I wanted to avoid the dependency and expectations. I decided to teach and disciple men to go out into the villages and start the churches on their own. In this way, my presence would not adversely affect the new church startups. What stymied us in this approach? I can't summarize it in one word but in effect I could not find men interested enough in starting churches from scratch in people's homes. It was not lucrative enough for them. Church work and ministry here is a business and if the business isn't providing enough profit then it should be scrapped. I guess I could say in two words that my approach was BAD BUSINESS.

My parents are arriving in Kenya in two weeks. I think their arrival in the country is timely. I am looking forward to sitting down with them and with my wife and getting their input and wisdom. My wife and my mother and father are godly and wise people whose input and help I desire and want. I am hoping that the discussions I might have with them over the next month will be used by God to help direct our future ministry here in Kenya.

Until next month, beloved.

May God's peace and joy be with you.

For the glory of God in East Africa,  
Roger & Julie Tate  
(and Amy, Josiah & Chloe)

## Specific Prayer Requests, Preparing to Return to Kenya

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March 2, 2017

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and it is hard to believe we are already into the month of March. The time passes so quickly and may we use our time wisely for His kingdom. This update will share current updates as well as prayer requests.

Our daughters are doing very well at Calvary Baptist Academy in West Virginia. They are getting much needed socialization with other children. This has been very good for them, and we are grateful they have had this experience. They are learning time management, how to relate with other kids their age,

etc. Please continue to pray with us that God will provide families in Kitale with children their age, as this is so important.

Another prayer request is for my wife's permit to continue along with the hospital ministry. She needs a permit through the government to continue with this ministry to the babies and mothers, and my understanding is that it will be up for renewal next month. Please pray with us that the permit would be renewed without any problem. We trust the Lord for this as well. We are asking the Lord by faith to keep the door open in this ministry. I take comfort in a verse such as Luke 11:9, which says "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Yet another big prayer request is for the country of Kenya, as there is a scheduled election around the month of August later this year. We thank the Lord that things passed peacefully in the last elec-

tion, and we are praying that this election will pass also without any problems. This will be a couple of months after we return to Kenya, Lord willing, so please pray not only for us, but all those working and serving in the country. John 14:1 says "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." What a comfort to know that God is in control of all things.

The time has passed so quickly on this furlough, and we are looking to return to Kenya in a few months. There is always a lot to do when transitioning, so please pray for me (Nathan) that I would get everything done that needs to be done. I will keep you updated and we thank each of you for your prayers, interest in missions, and sacrificial giving. You are each such a blessing and we thank God for you.

Blessings,

Nathan and Carrie Radford



# A Tribute to Ed Overbey 1924-2017

## [a few brief remarks delivered at his memorial service by Dave Parks, Executive Secretary of Baptist Faith Missions]



I have been asked to say just a few words on behalf of the Missionaries and Directors of Baptist Faith Missions – both past and present – and from the entire Baptist Faith Missions fellowship and family in Christ.

I want to limit my remarks to Brother Overbey's impact upon us and influences among us as our friend, fellow-servant of the Lord, and as our leader.

Regardless of how you knew Brother Ed or in what capacity you might have related to him, one thing you can say about him, he was always the same Brother Ed, and always the same sterling and Christ-like character.

There is a Scripture that always comes to mind when I think of Brother Ed. Luke said this about Barnabas in Acts 11:24: "For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith."

**Brother Ed was a good man because he always modeled his life after Christ.** He was a good man, not because of any goodness native or inherent in himself, but because of the goodness of Christ who lived in him. Brother Ed was as Christ-like as any man we have ever known or would ever hope to meet.

**He was a good man because he was full of the Holy Spirit,** and he always expressed and exemplified the full panoply of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. He lived in the Spirit, and he walked in the Spirit.

**And he was a good man because he was full of faith in Christ** – he knew Christ and lived a full life of faithful and committed service to Christ. He was "full of faith" both in the sense of his faith and confidence in Christ, and also his faithfulness to Christ in every activity of his life and ministry.

**Brother Overbey related to us and led us as a generous man.** He was all his life generous in his commitment to Baptist Faith Missions – both with his financial contributions and the giving of his life's service.

In fact, Brother Ed was one of the contributors to the very first offering given to Baptist Faith Missions for the support of Joseph Brandon's ministry in the Acre, Brazil. When Hafford Overbey assumed the role of promoting support for Missionary Brandon, he led his own Sunday School class to begin the contributions. We have the first mimeographed letters Hafford Overbey began distributing [which soon after became "The Mission Sheets"]. The first offering was \$16.25, and each offering was faithfully recorded and accounted for. Among those offerings are "Edward Overbey - \$1.00" [his brother Donald Overbey also contributed \$1.00]. Not much now, but in March 1942, \$1.00 was a generous offering for an 18-year-old young man. He continued that commitment and support for the missionaries supported through BFM for the rest of his life.

All offerings for this mission work have been listed each month in the Messenger of Truth for the last several years. In our next letter we expect to list all offerings for the work, beginning where the Messenger of Truth left off in its February issue. We received and forwarded to Missionary Brandon in February \$16.25 as follows:

Feb 1942		Feb 1942	
1 Donald Grollmund	\$1.00	8 Naomi Franz	\$1.00
5 Paul Pitzner	5.00	9 Ruth Hughey	1.00
27 Grace Hols	2.00	9 Phillip Hughey	1.00
25 Edward Overbey	1.00	8 Dorothy Sexby	.25
25 Donald Overbey	1.00	25 Robert Reid	1.00
14 John Behain	1.00	Total	\$16.25
28 John Behain	1.00		

If you are not having a part in the support of this mission work in Brazil, we invite you to join us. We challenge you to ask the Lord what he would have you give.

The first mimeographed letters show an offering from Bro. Overbey to Missionary Brandon in March 1942.

**Brother Ed always related to us and led us as a gracious man.** Brother Ed was, above everything else – a man of grace. He knew the grace of God and he lived out the grace of God.

He always treated everybody else with sincere, genuine, and un-hypocritical grace. We sometimes would have to talk about or deal with sensitive matters relating to other servants of our Lord, but we never discussed

anybody else – or dealt with any kind of sensitive measures – but that he would always preface anything he said about anybody else with this introduction: "He is a good man..."

He always spoke the truth – but he always administered the truth with love, fairness, consideration, deep sensitivity, and grace.

He was courteous and deeply respectful to all of his brothers and sisters.

**Brother Ed related to us and led us as a man of the Word of God.** As our leader, Brother Ed was not only a MAN OF HIS OWN WORD [he was a man of impeccable and impeachable integrity and honesty] – but more importantly, he was a man of the Word...the Word of God.

He was the consummate teacher of the Word of God – the Bible...both in his public ministry and his personal conversations with all of us. He knew the Bible. He had studied the Bible extensively and deeply all his life. He was studious and knowledgeable of the Scriptures. He was a true scholar, but he was simple, direct, and clear in his expression of the Word of God.

And, he not only KNEW the Bible, but he lived his life and conducted all of his activities by the Word of God. He led us to do everything we did by the Word of God. Brother Ed could take the truths and the teachings of the Scriptures and explain and express them in the simplest of terms so we could act on it with conviction and clarity.

He was unmovable and unshakable in his convictions, but he also knew how to give liberty and consideration to other people's beliefs when there was room for another interpretation or application of the essential truths of Scripture. He counseled us on more than one occasion, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind" [Romans 14.5].

Spurgeon said one time that a preacher and teacher of the Word ought to bleed "Bibline blood" – that is, your very blood should have Bibline and Biblical consistency. Brother

Ed had Bibline blood coursing through his very veins.

**Brother Ed related to us and led us as a servant.** He was a true "servant-leader." He was humble, quiet, soft-spoken, unassuming – he was approachable – and never tried to impose himself on anyone or force himself into any situation.

He served in numerous roles and capacities during his lifetime of ministry and service to Christ. But, he told me one time: "I never really applied for any position or ministry I have ever assumed. In everything I have ever done, someone came to me and asked me to serve." And he served our Lord and others that way all his lifetime.

Jeremiah had a faithful assistant and scribe by the name of Baruch. It seems that Jeremiah may have had to rein him in on one occasion by saying to him, "And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not..." [Jeremiah 45.5]

Brother Ed NEVER sought great things for himself – but the Lord on many occasions and in many roles sought him out – and Brother Ed always followed and served the Lord faithfully.

**And, as the Hebrews writer said of all the other examples of faith he was commending in Hebrews 11.32: "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of..."** so much more we could say about the deep respect and appreciation we all have toward God for the privilege God has given us to learn from, be led by, and be impacted and influenced by the Christian character and example of Ed Overbey, faithful servant of God, leader, and friend.

We can only reiterate and say "Amen!" to the commendation and affirmation we are sure he has received from his Lord, "**Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord**" [Matthew 25.21]

## Recalling Bro. Overbey's Impact; Please Pray

March 1, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope this finds you enjoying the Lord. What a blessing to be united with Christ for eternity. In the last couple of days we have been touched by the deaths of several friends. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope.

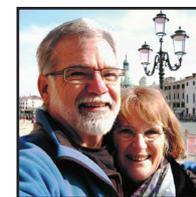
Just this morning I received news that Edward Overbey is now at rest in the presence of Christ. He was my pastor for most of the years that I was in College. He had a very positive impact on my life in a number of ways. Among other

things, he helped me have a more accurate exegesis. His gentle spirit was always a great encouragement to me. I also had the opportunity to serve with him as a director for Baptist Faith Missions and know personally his and Jackie's passion for helping missionaries. Jackie, Martha, Grace and David, our hearts are with you and we ask God to comfort you.

At the beginning of February, Judy and I were with my parents for a couple of weeks. We thank God for the parents that He gave to both of us and we were very happy to be able to spend this time with

them. During a few days of that time we also got to be with my sister Kathy who came to see our parents as well. We had a great visit. The Lord worked it out for us to tack on at a very low price a stop in Chicago on the way home. We had a wonderful though brief visit with our children, grandchildren and Peggy, Judy's sister.

I was very blessed by the service at our church here in Tournefeuille this last Sunday. It is good to see God at work in the lives of His children. Contrary to what we had planned, Judy did not



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return with me to France. Just hours before leaving we received the news that Peggy has a serious health situation so Judy rented a car and drove to Evansville to be with her sister. Please, pray for Peggy and Judy during this difficult time.

Thank you for your faithful support. May God bless you and meet your needs.

In Christ in France,

John



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March 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

Charlene and Jessie are super excited! They will be leaving in just a few minutes to spend a couple of weeks in Curitiba, Brazil. During the first week, they will be catching up with friends and taking care of some business details. I will be joining them after that to begin a week of evangelism in public schools and parks together with Projeto Vida and the youth team from Bell Shoals Baptist Church from Brandon, Florida. We are expecting to have the opportunity to share the

gospel to over 3000 youth and teachers during the time we will be there.

This will be the first full year that they will be using the newly purchased travel van that replaced one of our old buses. We are grateful that this mode of transportation will make Projeto Vida's mission trips more efficient, quicker and will allow them to get to more secluded areas. We are thankful to all who contributed to make the purchase of this van possible. We want to continue trying to obtain other vans to replace the old hard to maintain buses, but we'll keep these old buses rolling as long as we can because we still get the gospel to tens of thousands of lost folks yearly.

We are so thrilled to see how the Lord has used this ministry to transform people's lives. Every week we see

many making a public profession of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We know that God is pleased with this because it is what Christ commanded His disciples to do. We also know that there is rejoicing in heaven when one sinner repents and comes to Christ. We are also thrilled to know that there are literally hundreds of young men and women scattered across the globe sharing Christ as a direct result of how the Lord used them and blessed them when they participated with Projeto Vida as a short-term missionary or volunteer. God has greatly used and blessed this ministry and we expect even greater usefulness in the future. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

**"There are literally hundreds of young men and women scattered across the globe sharing Christ as a direct result of how the Lord used them and blessed them when they participated with Projeto Vida.."**

**- Bobby Wacaser -**

## JUD HATCHER

Expatriates – an informal association of English speakers who meet each month and organize family activities. We all share similar experiences in adjusting to life in this massive metropolis. Raquel and I were glad to be the host home for February's monthly brunch. We have met so many wonderful people and our kids love interacting with other children who also speak English. Friends are always an encouragement.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Children's health and education
- Opening new doors for church planting
- 100 chairs

- Personal finances
- Missions Conference at Thompson Road B.C. in Lexington, KY in April

Please, continue to pray for us. We are grateful for every prayer invested on our behalf.

Thankful always,  
Jud Hatcher



Jud with Pastor Dave Parks



Pastoral Leadership Advisory Board at Liberty University

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of the world that are on the other sides of our borders, but we must also pump up our efforts to reach out to the nations of peoples who live next door to our churches.

This same theme and message must motivate us and energize each of our churches as we seek to reach out to our respective communities. The world of our next-door neighbors also present us with the daily challenges and opportunities to show them and tell them who God is, and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us so we may know Him and live in Him.

Come and join us for these Conference messages and activities as we commit ourselves to proclaim the Gospel "...that the world may know...!"

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# A Visit to the Works on the Moa River



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March 15, 2017

Dear Brethren,

A few weeks ago Zico (our missions director) and I went to visit our works on the Moa River. The rainy season has been, well, REALLY rainy. The river broke all high-water records since they started keeping records. We put our boat in at Mâncio Lima to start out on the Japiim River. They just put in a really nice ramp there. All of this saves about 2 hours travel time. We had absolutely perfect weather for the whole trip. We didn't get rained on at all. Yet it was overcast, so we did not get burned. The temps even dropped down into the low 80's. No insects, no mud and plenty of wild game to eat. Thank the Lord for putting me in paradise. We had above average crowds at all the services. Since I had not visited the Nukini tribe and the folks at the mountains for several months, I decided to do more teaching than usual. Our missionary, Aldenísio, continues to do evangelism in the villages between the congregations.

Our first youth camp of the year happened from February 24 through March 1. We were able to build one more cabin for the guys. Recently we have been having more guys than gals. We can now handle about 120 people at Camp Salém. There were 4 teens saved and a number of other important decisions were made, 20 in all. My son Andrew and his team take care of this ministry.

We just had our first baptism and Lord's Supper service at church. 30 more were added by baptism. We have also had several new members join by letter. The other side of that coin though is the fact that we constantly lose members who

move away. One of our best group leaders moved to the state of Goiás. One of our keyboard musicians passed his engineering entrance exam at the federal university in Rio Branco. One of our guitar players moved to France! These and many others are saved and trained here at First Baptist Church....then off they go to serve in other

cities, states or even other countries. It is sad, but we are glad to prepare folks to serve in other fields.

Since the modifications on the building, which increased our seating capacity, we have been filling those extra seats almost every week. We have continued to see people saved every week this new year. Last week 8 were saved and this week 3 more.

HELP! My satellite phone subscription renewal hit my credit card this year and it more than doubled! Last year was only a little more than \$500.00. Not bad to have this essential tool for my mission trips deep into the jungle. This year they charged me \$1,170.00!!! That hurt. Help me if you can.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow



*The congregation near the mountains on the Moa River on a Sunday Morning.*



*The kids getting ready to sing during the service.*

## Pray for our Council of Directors

Terry Adkins • Doug Armstrong • Harold Draper • Bobby Greene • Kenny Hurst • Randy Jones • Darrell Messer  
David Mitchell • Dave Parks • Mark Pyles • David Pitman • George Sledd • Sheridan Stanton • Steve Wainright

*May God give them wisdom and discernment as they prayerfully make decisions.*



# February 2017 Offerings



## General Fund

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Auditorium Class)	155.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Berean Class)	82.00
Ahava BC, Plant City, FL	100.00
Anonymous	220.00
Beech Grove BC, Frametown, WV	100.00
Berea BC, Hiddenite, NC	1,175.00
Berry BC, Berry, KY	400.00
Beverly, June, S. Charleston, WV (Giving Friend)	100.00
Bible BC, Clarksville, TN	325.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	1,013.00
Bible BC, Portage, IN	300.00
Bohon Road BC, Harrodsburg, KY	400.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	200.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	1,720.20
Carver, Louie & Mary, Simpsonville, SC (Giving Friends)	75.00
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends)	100.00
Cedar Creek BC, Cedarville, WV	100.00
Conner, Samuel & Martha, Cannelton, IN (Giving Friends)	30.00
Crooked Fork BC, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Dobbins, Wesley & Janis, Gassaway, WV (Giving Friends)	40.00
East Keys BC, Springfield, IL	1,000.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	500.00
Emmanuel BC, Irvine, KY	200.00
Fairview Missionary BC, Willow Wood, OH	500.00
Faith BC, Kirksville, MO	220.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL	200.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	2,000.00
First BC, Science Hill, KY	75.00
Foster, Peggy, Evansville, IN (Giving Friend)	50.00
Friend In Virginia	610.00
Giving Friend	110.00
Goldfloss BC, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Grace BC, Beattyville, KY	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH	125.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	200.00
Hardman Fork BC, Normantown, WV	1,000.00
Hatcher, Philip, Newburgh, IN (Giving Friend)	300.00
Hensley, A.J. & Barbara, Caraguatatuba, Brasil (Giving Friends)	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	1,350.00
Highpoint BC, Alexandria, KY	595.00
Isbell Chapel BC, Tuscumbia, AL	115.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL	60.00
Keen, Victor & Leanore, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends)	250.00
Kentucky Giving Friends	1,500.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Giving Friends)	180.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV	135.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
McCall, Charles & Violet, Maysville, KY (Giving Friends)	300.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	700.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary BC, Grafton, OH	600.00
Mt Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson BC)	250.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, MI	285.00
New Life BC, Lexington, KY	605.00
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL	200.00
Park Ridge BC, Gotha, FL	593.88
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA (Giving Friends)	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary BC, Piney Flats, TN	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	2,000.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN	120.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	2,425.84
Thompson Road BC, Lexington, KY	280.00

## General Fund (cont.)

Union BC, Russell Springs, KY	50.00
Watkins, Bert, Richmond, KY (Giving Friend)	65.00
Whaley, Lois, Winston-Salem, NC (Giving Friend)	210.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC (Giving Friend)	200.00
Zimmerman, Donald & Carolyn, Lexington, KY (Giving Friends)	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend)	200.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 27,799.92</b>	

## In Memorium

	IN MEMORY OF:	
Donley, Art, Harrisburg, IL	Roberta Donley	100.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	Irene Orrick	50.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	Wallace York	100.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 250.00</b>		

## Thanksgiving Offering

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	1,000.00
Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY	10.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 1,010.00</b>	

## H.H. Overbey Scholarship Fund

Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	100.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 100.00</b>	

## Bibles for India (Louis Maple Memorial Fund)

Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	20.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	175.00
Moody, Joan, Harrison, TN	10.00
Ojibwe BC, Rosebush, MI	90.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mount Vernon, KY	40.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY	50.00
Todd, Larry, Chattanooga, TN	5.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	35.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 425.00</b>	

## Founders Day Offering

Anonymous	125.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 125.00</b>	

## John A. Hatcher

### Designated Offerings to Missionary Emeritus

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	80.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	Maria 150.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 330.00</b>	

## Paul Hatcher

### Designated Offerings to Missionary Emeritus

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	Seminary-Manaus	80.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	100.00
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	250.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	Mission Team	100.00
Trinity Northbrook BC, Cincinnati, OH	Seminary-Manaus	40.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 570.00</b>		

## Odali Barros

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY	As Needed	50.00
Anonymous		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	228.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Harmony BC, Frankfort, KY		150.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	A&O	15.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV	A&O	25.00
Trumbo, Floyd & Flora, Upton, KY		100.00
Wells, Doyle & Shirley, Knoxville, TN		50.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 798.00</b>		

## Mike Creiglow

Anonymous		50.00
Anonymous Giving Friend	As Needed	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	200.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Andrew Creiglow	178.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	Andrew Creiglow	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	Food Pantry	236.77
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL		400.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Simpson, Dianna, Crab Orchard, KY	Personal	100.00
Simpson, Dianna, Crab Orchard, KY	As Needed	100.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,994.77**

## Judson Hatcher

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Phillips, Scott, Lynchburg, VA		200.00
Thomas Road BC, Lynchburg, VA	Personal	250.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,180.00**

## John Mark Hatcher

Anonymous Giving Friend	Personal	50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Evans, James & Carolyn, Evansville, IN	Personal	150.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN	Personal	600.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	As Needed	20.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	Personal	180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN	Personal	100.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN	Personal	50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,530.00**

## A.J. Hensley

Bible BC, Harrisburg, KY	Personal	50.00
Calvary BC, Shreveport, LA		100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS		236.77
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY		15.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY	Vocational School	75.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA	Vocational School	50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY	Personal	100.00
Mt. Eden BC, Hawesville, KY		150.00
Mt. Eden BC, Hawesville, KY	School	150.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY	New Work	50.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	Personal	600.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA		200.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Special Projects	500.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Brandenburg, KY	Feed The Kids	100.00

**TOTAL: \$ 3,256.77**

## Nathan Radford

Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV		60.00
Anonymous		300.00
Anonymous		200.00
Anonymous		50.00
Bakker, Jason, Chambersburg, PA		50.00
Bible BC, Belva, WV		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	78.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	Special Offering	200.00



**Nathan Radford (cont.)**

Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV		50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA		20.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV		200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	<i>As Needed</i>	200.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV		100.00
Faith BC, Wilmington, OH		133.34
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Grace BC, Minford, OH		165.00
Grace Missionary BC, Surgoinsville, TN		50.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		175.00
Harper, David, Concord, NC		25.00
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Cross Lanes, WV		50.00
Huguenin, Ben, Mmt. Airy, MD		40.00
James Meron Wade Rev Living Trust, Abingdon, VA		50.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL		200.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA		300.00
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV		50.00
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV		25.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV		400.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV	<i>Hospital Fund</i>	200.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV		400.00
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI		100.00
Mitchell, Matthew, Ossian, IN		150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI		35.00
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC		50.00
Ripley Tabernacle BC, Ripley, WV		100.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV		50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI	<i>Gift</i>	50.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA		200.00
South Irvine BC, Irvine, KY		100.00
Teays Valley BC, Hurricane, WV		100.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Wilmington Baptist Temple, Wilmington, OH		50.00
Witherow, Shannon, Graham, NC		50.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV		150.00

**TOTAL: \$ 5,396.34**

**Roger Tate**

Anonymous		200.00
Anonymous	<i>Personal</i>	200.00
Anonymous		50.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	<i>Special Offering</i>	200.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Cornerstone BC, Cincinnati, OH		100.00
Covenant BC, Dayton, OH		400.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	<i>As Needed</i>	450.00
Emmanuel Missionary BC, Oldtown, KY	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
First BC of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	<i>Personal</i>	25.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		175.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV		25.00
Messer, Jason, Dayton, OH	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	<i>As Needed</i>	400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		120.00
Tecmire, Whit, West Branch, MI		25.00

**TOTAL: \$ 3,660.00**

**Bobby Wacaser**

*Designated Offerings to Missionary Emeritus*

Anonymous		50.00
Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL	<i>New Work</i>	500.00
Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	75.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	250.00
Bolan, Paul, Clearwater, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	30.00
Christmas, Bruce, Lithia, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Denney, Garron, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Fellowship BC, Brinson, GA		83.33
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Renckens, Kevin, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	200.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	150.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,918.33**

**Grand Total.....\$ 50,344.13**

*"...for all things come from You,  
and of Your own have we given You."  
- 1 Chronicles 29:14 -*



# Founder's Day Offering

Give a special offering designated to BFM in honor of our founders.

*Beginning in 2017,  
all funds received in the  
Founder's Day Offering will  
be directed toward current  
and future missionary  
retirement support.*

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*Remember you can give your  
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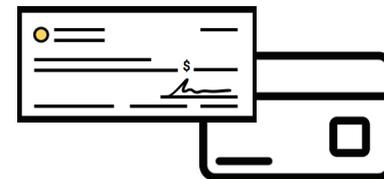
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**BFM, c/o George Sledd  
P.O. Box 471280  
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280**

If your offering is for a specific missionary or project, it should be so designated.

The greatest need each month is for the General Fund.



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## PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for a nice trip to visit the works on the Moa River! PRAISE GOD for the 4 teens who were saved at their youth camp! PRAY for those who have recently moved away. PRAY that God would supply their needs. [PAGE 5]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for the life of Edward Overbey. PRAISE GOD for time spent with family! PRAY for Peggy and Judy. [PAGE 3]

► **JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for their children thriving in one of the best public schools in Brazil and how this will help them interact with neighborhood families more! PRAY God would give them wisdom in where to plant the new works. PRAY that the Lord would provide the 100 chairs. [PAGE 1]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for their daughters thriving at school! PRAY Carrie's permit for the hospital ministry will be renewed without any problem. PRAY for the country of Kenya during their upcoming election and for them as they prepare to return. [PAGE 2]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for an upcoming visit from Roger's parents! PRAY they will have good discussions about their future ministry in Kenya. PRAY that God would give them wisdom and direction. [PAGE 2]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for the new travel van! PRAY for the Wacasers as they travel to Brazil with a team from Florida to serve with Projeto Vida. PRAISE GOD for the many who have publicly professed Christ as Lord and Savior through the ministries of Projeto Vida! [PAGE 4]

### PRAY

also for our other  
faithful missionary families!

Odali & Kathy Barros

AJ & Barbara Hensley



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## 57th ANNUAL SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

in the interests of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

April 24, 25, 26 | 2017

Hosted by THOMPSON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
320 Thompson Road | Lexington KY 40508 | Dave Parks & Todd Burus, Pastors  
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All Spring Conference details are available on the "Events" page on our website at  
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### MONDAY EVENING, April 24

5:00-6:00 Supper

7:00 Praise

7:20 Message: Pastor Michael Jones  
*Zion Baptist Church, Taylor, MI*

8:00 Praise

8:20 Message: Pastor Kevin Ridder  
*Bible Baptist Church, North Vernon, IN*

### TUESDAY MORNING, April 25

9:30 Praise

9:45 Message: Pastor Stephen Clark  
*First Baptist Church, Hazel Park, MI*

10:25 Break

10:35 Message: Pastor Raul Bergerman  
*West Griffin Baptist Church, Griffin, GA*

11:00 *General Seminar/Workshop Prayer Groups & Sessions for our missionaries and churches | Ephesians 6:18*  
Led by Pastor David Pitman

*Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH*

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Open Forum for Q&A / Suggestions and Advice

5:00-6:00 Supper

### TUESDAY EVENING, April 25

7:00 Praise

7:20 Message: Pastor Tracy Herald  
*Emmanuel Baptist Church, Warren, MI*

8:00 Praise

8:20 Message: Pastor Aaron Karr  
*Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV*

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, April 26

10:00 Praise

10:20 Message: Nathan Radford-BFM Missionary  
*Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, WV*

11:10 Break

11:20 Message: Pastor Mark Pyles  
*Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH*

12:00 Lunch

5:00-6:00 Supper

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 26

7:00 Praise

7:30 Message: Pastor Russell Zik  
*Durbin Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington, KY*

CONFERENCE THEME - John 17:20-23

## "...that the world may know...!"

Our Conference theme this year is: "...that the world may know..." based on Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23.

Jesus Christ came to earth as the Father's Missionary to the world. Here in John 17, when He commits Himself to the Cross, He prays that the Father will make good on the Father's purpose for sending Him and for His purpose in coming.

That purpose is 4-fold: [1] that the peoples of the world will know that there is a God; [2] that the peoples of the world will know that He, the Father, is that God; [3] that the peoples of the world will know that He, God-the-Father, sent Christ into our world to be our Savior (John 4:42); [4] that the peoples of the world will know that He loves us and will save us through faith in Christ.

That has always been the purpose and thrust for Gospel missions into the world...from that time to right now.

We are emphasizing that our world is not only lost without God [as we have always been] – but our culture is becoming increasingly deficient in all God-consciousness and conscience and any knowledge at all of who God is in truth (Acts 17:22-31). "Going to church" or "knowing about God" is no longer on people's conscience or agenda. They don't have a personal sense that they need to or ought to have anything to do with God.

This is true world-wide. We send missionaries to the nations of the world so "that the world may know." But, we must do this not only in the nations

► CONFERENCE  
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