



The BWA Messenger

June 2021



Beginning with this June 2021 issue **The BWA Messenger** will become a monthly publication that will be sent to everyone on our mailing list!

The format and purpose of each issue will be on a quarterly rotation as follows:

1. One issue each quarter will include a complete message taken from the vast archives of Rev. Leslie Buckner.
2. The second issue each quarter will include a message from various ministers, as well as important updates.
3. The third issue each quarter will include promotional articles regarding projects, meetings, fellowships, Divisions & Departments as well as other important information.

Each quarter thereafter, the rotation of issue format schedules will continue throughout the year.

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Praise the Lord!

Camp Meeting is back!

It has been over a year and a half since we have been able to come together on the Campgrounds in Doniphan, Missouri.

The Covid virus created such a disruption in society as a whole, and there were legitimate concerns, that most people developed a true cautionary stance regarding social interactions.

As a result, many churches would not come together even on a local basis. We stood behind the judgments and decisions of each local minister who prayerfully followed the leading of the Lord because they know their congregations best.

Due to these facts throughout the United States, it became difficult to venture out too far, because there was seldom an assembly who felt comfortable under those circumstances.

We will not judge a single church or pastor regarding those decisions, and we pray others do not either.

Regardless of what else may be happening around us, we have already sent out notifications regarding our intentions to reach out to our churches.

We will be having our first Camp Meeting in 2021 following this schedule for a total of 6 services.

Starting on **Thursday June 10th**, the first service begins at 2:00pm followed by another service that evening at 7:00pm.

Friday June 11th, the first service will be at 10:00am followed by a

meal served about 12:00pm, another service beginning at 2:00pm, and a third service that evening at 7:00pm.

Saturday June 12th will conclude the services with the morning service at 10:00am.

Bring your instruments and plan on a great time of fellowship, worship, and ministry of the Word of God.

While we are aware that this will be the first services without Brother Buckner, we are praying for the same Spirit to minister to His people.

Again, our schedule will be:

June 2021 Camp Meeting

Thursday June 10th

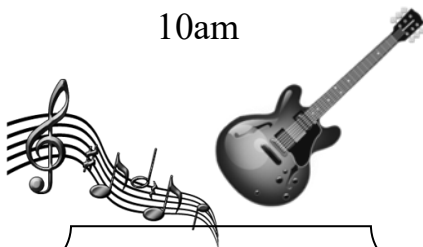
2pm and 7pm

Friday June 11th

10am, 2pm, and 7pm

Saturday June 12th

10am



**Bible Way
Association Camp**

Grounds are
located 3 1/2 miles West of
Doniphan, Mo. On Hwy 160

Reaching Forward in 2021

Our efforts are just beginning this year to reach out to our churches and ministries.

The Lord clearly placed upon our hearts to consider the Bee Theory that Brother Buckner has written and ministered about for several years. This is definitely now the time to put this principle into action.

Fellowship

Our plans are to begin to establish Fellowship Meetings in several areas. We believe these meetings will work to create a sense of unity and cooperation between the local churches and others in their area.

According to the scriptures, we truly are workers together, and most importantly, we are workers together with God.

1 Corinthians 3:7-9

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

We must apply ourselves to working together for God's divine will and purpose, giving Him all glory and honor.

When we give all for His will and purpose, I truly believe God will honor the church, and we will see the manifestations of the Holy Ghost throughout the body of Christ.

Youth Ministry



It is also our prayer to support the youth ministries in the local churches in several areas, and look forward for supporting youth rallies.

We are truly hopeful that we will see many great things happen with God receiving all the glory.

Seminars



We definitely still see the need to come together and share understanding together in the Word of God.

We are developing more teaching materials that we pray will help our ministers and their congregations in the future.

Camp Meetings and Youth Camps

We will never lose our desire to continue holding Camp Meetings that are open to everyone. We will need to develop the timing and schedules that will work the best in coming times.

Regarding Youth Camps, we still want to develop the Youth Rallies and work towards establishing a true Youth Camp again.

With the long delays from missing last year, it will take all of our efforts to work on behalf of the children to get things moving once again.

“Worship”

Rev. Ed Luebbering

From time to time, I have experienced or observed in church or revival services something like this. The worship team is leading singing. I’ve observed some on the platform, as they are playing instruments, constantly looking the congregation over. It won’t be long and they feel impressed that the Lord is showing them that He is dealing with someone. After several pleas, another one may give tongues and interpretation, or a prophecy expressing the same.

Most recently I felt compelled to kneel at the altar during worship, and seek the Lord. I was literally crying from a brokenness and desire for the fire of God. “Trim my wick and fill me with oil”. I know we have a tremendous task before us. After several minutes, I was brought back to reality while a couple singing on the worship team were “inspired about others”. After pleas and prophecies (which no one responded to), the whole dynamic of the moment changed as they continually invested their effort to get the response they thought they needed (I’m assuming to validate their hearing from God). Basically, I had to press in at a later time for the desire I had. I am mature enough in the Lord that this type of situation isn’t going to hurt me. However, it certainly didn’t help. I have faced those scenarios several times over the years. Many people have a call of God on their lives, but don’t

have enough knowledge or self-discernment to know which spirit they are operating in.

There is a difference in ministering to the Lord and ministering to people. Pure worship to God is ministering to Him. First of all, it would enhance our ability to worship if we understand that worship is about God. In some circles in church services, we tend to make it about us. It would be good for all of us to spend time in the book of Psalms; such as Chapters 95-150.

Psalms 95:1 *O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

Psalms 100:4 *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

Psalms 100:2 *Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

Psalms 103:1 *A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

Psalms 104:1 *Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.*

These, and various other attitudes of worship, tell a lot about what the Lord desires of His people. We need to have these perspectives in place in church, and also in our private time with God.

I am laying the ground work in an effort to help us in corporate worship. In our churches, it would help greatly if we understood when it's time to get in unison of worship, and when it's time to minister to people.

2 Chronicles 5:12-14

12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The singers and musicians, as well as the priests and prophets, had one purpose at this moment; to minister unto the Lord and worship Him without distraction.

If you will notice, no one was trying to compel others to press in. I've seen the Spirit of God hindered too many times because someone's flesh felt compelled to "speak for God", when others were trying to press in to worship. In the above scriptures, I noticed that to a person, 120 in all, they were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. I've been in services where the musicians, and song leaders are always focused on looking everyone over to see who they think God is dealing with. Then they begin to prophecy or tell everyone how they feel God is dealing with them to come. There are instances when the Spirit may do that, but generally, there is a time for that apart from true worship. I know some people may question that, but I will endeavor to explain.

First of all, verse 14 declares that the priests could not stand to minister. That may give us a clue to what the Lord wants. They literally were as we call it "slain in the Spirit". They weren't falling down, jumping up, and then falling again. They could not "minister" to others, because the Lord was interacting with them. Basically, all sensuality and fleshly thoughts and actions dissipated in the environment of worship as the divine Presence of God interacted with humble men and women of God.

Let's look carefully at Ezekiel 44. As we start with this verse, remember that the five-fold ministry today is a type of Levitical priesthood.

Ezekiel 44:15

But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

Notice there is a time to come near to God and minister to Him.

Ezekiel 44:16-18

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

Revelation 19:8

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

2 Chronicles 5:12

Also the Levites which were

the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

Here again we see the 120 dressed in white linen. This is important to understand. We might interject a thought here also. There was 120 in the upper room when the day of Pentecost came. Prior to the Holy Ghost falling, they were appointing someone to fill Judas's spot in between prayer, etc. However, when they moved past all that into total unity, the Holy Ghost came.

Notice in Ezekiel 44:17 it says this: no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. Wool causes sweat. It says so in verse 18. It's work to minister to people. You are dealing with sin, wrong attitudes, fears, unbelief, and so on. Sometimes you are engaging evil spirits. Sometimes after I get through preaching and ministering, I feel drained. I usually try and press into some prayer (Jude 20) on the way home to get built up again. Now, let's look a little bit at the outer court.

Ezekiel 44:19

And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall

put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

Notice they changed clothes. Notice also that they laid the linen garments in the Holy chamber. It's reserved solely for the purpose of ministering to the Lord. There is a total different posture in how we minister to people and how we minister unto the Lord. You can't win people to God or deliver people by wearing your inner court garments.

I used to hear a lady on a Christian radio years ago that called her ministry "The Holy Ghost Gospel Hour" or something like that. Literally, I listened a few times (I was young and hungry), and every time I heard her, she would speak in tongues after every 4 or 5 words. Even reading scripture, she would read a few words and speak in tongues. This would go on through the entire program. She forgot to change clothes. Paul said he would rather speak 5 words with his understanding in order to teach others.

1 Corinthians 14:19

Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

This is another area that has been so misunderstood. If you understand what I'm sharing here, you will understand what Paul was saying. Paul said, "I speak with tongues more than you all". In other words, when I'm in my prayer closet; when I'm in the inner court and beyond the veil in the Holiest of all, I'm going to be talking in tongues or worshipping in the Spirit. When I put on my woolen garments, I'm going to be talking to people in order to teach them. Look at the following verses:

John 10:23

And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Acts 3:11

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Acts 5:12

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

This was the outer court. That's where ministry to others took place. I didn't reference the whole chapter in John 10, but if you read it, you will find Jesus preaching and teaching there. However, many times you will find Him on a mountaintop late at night and into the early hours of the morning communing with the

Father. He always knew what time it was. For instance, there is a time to pray and a time to preach.

Bro. Buckner taught years ago about the symbolisms of the Old Testament Temple in relationship to a spiritual man today. I studied it for years, and found that he had indeed imparted insight concerning how man is a triune being consisting of spirit, soul, and body.

The Old Testament temple had an outer court (*the body*), inner court (*the soul*), and holy of Holies (*the spirit or heart of man*). The love of God through the Holy Ghost comes into our hearts. The Word deals primarily with the soul. The works: preaching, teaching, laying hands on, witnessing etc. are operations of the outer court or body. I'll let it go at that for now, but this relationship is something that every Christian needs to understand.

There is another aspect to this I would like to share. Some people feel like they have to be the instrument to speak or share something before God can move. The whole purpose of ministry is for the Lord to connect or speak to someone or a group. If that can be accomplished without my intervention, then why would I want to interject myself into the equation.

Jude 1:19-21

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy

faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

We need to be careful that we aren't bordering on the sensual. I know these scriptures are talking more about reprobates than misguided Christians. However, look at the tendencies of the spirit behind it.

Jude 1:16

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

This scripture preceded the above. How many people leading worship; preachers, or teachers haven't crucified the flesh. We can look for validation of self-worth by "being the one who God revealed something to", while really the spirit behind it is looking for admiration. I'm not trying to be critical, been there and done that, as they say. Having said all this, there are gifts and callings of God where He can and does use others to speak to people. I see a great need to discern what's sensual and what's spiritual. Some people need to discern what their true motives are when they attempt to speak for God. I noticed something years ago when I would read about the early church.

Acts 13:2-3

2 *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*

3 *And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

I noticed they followed the pattern of Ezekiel 44. They would minister unto the Lord first. This created an environment where the Spirit could speak. If we will get the relationship right, and follow the pattern God instituted, we wouldn't have to plead with people to change, or pray. The Holy Ghost would speak to people once again. If we make it about Him, it would all fall into place. We would be like Jesus. We would spend more time on the mountaintops praying, than we would in the valley pleasing.

In this closing paragraph; I would implore you to read Isaiah chapter 6. It's only 13 verses long. The same pattern applied to Isaiah. He was caught up into a vision of heaven. He saw the Lord in all His glory. In the holiness of God's glory he saw the unworthiness of his humanity from heaven's point of view. In that fearful environment; he cried out, "Woe is me, I'm undone". An angel took a coal off the fire of the altar of God and put it on his mouth. Next, he was pronounced clean and forgiven. After this cleansing, God stood him up and then asked who would go?

Isaiah 6:8

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Now he was ready. God told him to go. Ministry is a wonderful gift. It's not at our will. Even Jesus instructed his disciples concerning this truth.

John 5:19

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Why would we even dare to think that we can move people without preparing our hearts before God by ministering first unto him. We need to know when it's time to put on the linen garments and when to put on the woolen. We need to know which is to be used and when. Revival will come!

Rev. Ed Luebbering



The BWA Messenger

Now becoming a monthly publication to everyone!

There have been times when we felt it necessary to divide the quarterly publication into two parts due to cost issues.

One part included the ministers, churches, and supporters of the Association.

The second part included everyone else on the mailing list who we seldom, if ever, heard from.

We are excited to announce that the new BWA Messenger will now be sent on a monthly basis to everyone on our mailing list who desires to receive it.

It is time to increase our abilities to reach as many as we can.

We pray the information contained in The BWA Messenger will be a blessing to you.

How can we best serve you?!

One avenue of increasing our outreach capabilities is to use every method at our disposal to reach as many as possible.



Print

The cost of printing and postage has grown significantly. Many prefer this method and that's great, we are happy to accommodate.



Email

We now have the ability to dispatch The BWA Messenger by electronic means by use of Email. This offers great savings to us without postal costs.



Website

We will continue to place a copy of each publication on the biblewayassociation.com website. These are always free.

If you would be interested in receiving this publication by Email, rather than receiving it through the postal service, please let us know. This alone could greatly increase our ability to continue sending out the ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner as well as valuable messages from other ministers.

We will endeavor to send encouraging information that will be helpful and a blessing, including announcements of fellowships, rallies, and meetings.

As always, we will try to post the obituaries of ministers and those familiar to Bible Way Association as a courtesy.

We also hope to include wonderful testimonies as we receive them from believers. God is so good and everyone needs to hear how God is still moving and healing His people.

We also hope to provide special articles such as poems, songs, etc.

Please let us know what you prefer. Thank You and God bless!

For a Worldwide Revival

Lelia N. Morris, ca. 1910

For a worldwide revival,
blessed Master, we pray; Let
the pow'r of the Highest be up-
on us today; For this world,
dearly purchased by the blood
of God's Son, Back from Satan's
dominion and from sin must be
won.

Refrain: Send the power, O
Lord, send the power, O
Lord, Send the Holy Ghost
power, let it now be out-
poured; Send it surging and
sweeping like the waves of
the sea; Send a worldwide
revival, and begin it in me.

Send the showers of bless-
ing, as declared in Thy Word,
Let the Spirit of promise on all
flesh be outpoured; Send the
latter rain on us till the land
overflows, Till the desert, re-
joicing, blossoms forth as the
rose.

There's a "sound of a going
in the mulberry trees," News of
nations awaking borne upon
every breeze; For the prayers
of His children God in mercy
doth own; The revival's begin-
ning, and the pow'r's coming
down.

Tw'as a sheep not a lamb!

Tw'as a sheep not a lamb
that strayed away
In the parable Jesus told,
A grown-up sheep
that strayed away
From the ninety and nine
in the fold.

And why for the sheep
should we seek,
And earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger
When sheep go wrong;
They lead the lambs astray.

Lambs will follow sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray.
When sheep go wrong,
it won't take long
Till the lambs are as
wrong as they.

And so with the sheep
we earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today,
For when sheep are lost,
what a terrible cost
The lambs will have to pay!



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