

Bible Way Association

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Messenger

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year!

from the Staff of Bible Way Association

and

The Voice of Truth



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting life. John 3:16*

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Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.



Be watching for the next issue!



Can We All Make This Happen?

From the Desk of Bro. Abrams

*...In continuation from
last month's
messenger article...*

The ministry of Bible Way Association is being the parent organizational ministry that can enable other ministries to fulfill their callings under a legal covering for exempt purposes as well as offering doctrinal strengths that have gone thru court to establish its abilities and authorities.

I strongly feel that because Bible Way Association is an Association, or partnership and fellowship, of ministers and churches who have chosen, and made the decision, to join with us as a group effort to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ through every venue we have available to us. We believe it is our responsibility to enable these works to accomplish what God has directed them to do. We do offer many services and have a desire to work with every unique ministry to build the Kingdom of God, reaching the lost while feeding the flock.

If the Association is truly based upon being active participants and working together for one purpose, that being the ministry of the Gospel, we need to work towards the fulfilment of every opportunity available as God leads us to do so.

In addition to supporting the efforts of the churches and ministry under our Group Exempt covering, we feel led to devote as much as possible towards en-

abling the use of the Camp Grounds and facilities at Doniphan to accomplish as many ministry opportunities as possible. While I am aware it is usable to a localized group for the convenience of local travel, we also have enough facilities to allow for people to stay over, without cost, allowing them to be a part of some of the proposed fellowship and outreach services.

Given all of that, the primary focus of ministry we have is to reach the youth of our time. The youth are facing much harder oppressions than any of us did when we were children. Back then we seldom heard about people pursuing homosexual lifestyles, because society as a whole sought after a higher level of moral standards in general, even though they allowed many corrupt things to abide. Those life styles have always been around through the ages, even in ancient times, but it wasn't until they became accepted, and a dominating part of society, that God intervened biblically with judgments.

In today's society children often face the same things children have always faced, such as bullying and shaming for any standards they hold valuable, but are now having to face the teaching, and almost forced acceptance, of even harsher societal attitudes and thoughts, that are not in line with any God fearing belief. While we may not have the right to force our beliefs into a corrupt system that is often now protected by law, those corrupted beliefs

and standards should not be forced into our Gospel believing children. Too often every school day involves the observation of many of those biblically corrupted standards and actions, often troubling their minds and souls. Too many children are becoming so depressed that they feel the need to seek counseling to endure the day and too often near suicide levels in their depressions. I personally know of far too many incidents of this happening and the turmoil it brings into their lives having to battle with what they see and hear.

2 Peter 2:7-10 KJV And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

God is the only real answer

...to any of these oppressive circumstances and our children desperately need to be exposed to the Word of God and the true Spirit of God in their lives. Our children need a safe haven where they can come together and feel the truth of the Gospel and have the opportunities to have friends of like precious faith along with the opportunities to lead others into the spiritual awakening of their faith and trust in God. God truly knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations! We must give them this much needed opportunity and help to provide whatever is needed to enable

this to happen.

It will take all of our combined efforts to allow these things to happen. We do need to bring back the venue of a week-long Youth Camp in 2024 as it was prior to the Covid years, which basically brought fear into the hearts of people because of the pandemic. Many people lost their lives because of everything that happened during those times, but they are now past. It is time to look forward unto those things that are before us!

Philippians 3:13-15 KJV Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

How can this all be possible?

During the August 2023 Camp Meeting, I introduced a plan that God had laid upon my heart only days prior to the start of the services.

With all of this in mind, here is what I am proposing for the consideration of every church and minister under Bible Way Association, as well as anyone else who feels led to participate in these efforts.

- **Our goals are to enable any youth between 8 and 18 years of age to come and participate in the Youth Camp each year, but with-**

out the need to raise the fees that would cover food, utilities and insurance in order to participate.

- Likewise, I feel that anyone, who is qualified, that would come to help with the staffing of the Youth Camp should **not have to pay the fees** needed to cover their food and insurance. Anyone who volunteers must qualify according to our standards, but are welcomed to help. In fact, without the help of staff members who have a desire to help the children none of this will be possible.
- We also want to have the funding to enable Mens' Fellowship meetings and Womens' Fellowship meetings and open the Camp facilities for those purposes without needing to plead for funding of those activities.
- Other types of meetings, such as Seminars and training sessions, and certain types of Fellowship Meetings could also be enabled.

I left a list of Bible Way Association and Voice of Truth ministries in the previous issues and do not want to deter anyone from supporting what they already feel led to support, because everything is needed!

We do appreciate those who have faithfully supported the ministries of Bible Way Association and Voice of Truth through the years.

***I am proposing
the following
solution!***

A special account has been allocated to receive every dollar that is donat-

ed for these efforts, all being tax deductible.

We are looking for monthly supporters who will faithfully commit to monthly donations for this purpose.

For every dollar that is given it will be appropriated in one of 3 ways.

1. 40% of every dollar will go to enable and support the Youth Camp and allow the \$0.00 fees for Campers and Staff, as well as allowing for improvements for the activities and needs of the Youth Camp in particular.
2. 40% of every dollar will go to enable and support the all Camp Meeting and the various Fellowship activities, as well as helping to further improve the facilities that will be provided for service to those meetings.
3. The remaining 20% will be divided to help enable some of the other ministries of Bible Way Association as the funding permits.

Everything we currently receive from the churches and ministers from their tithes or fees has always been distributed by the first 30% supporting our ministries and the Headquarters responsibilities. This will only go so far and we could use this program to go much further and accomplish much more at a faster pace while we can.

The bottom line is this, we are truly workers together with God, and we

have all put our strength and efforts for the ministry of the Gospel. Our efforts are to reach souls for the Kingdom of God and strengthen the children of God during our perilous times. It is necessary for all who can and will to help us do more while there is still time to minister the Gospel in this generation. The time is short and we must be about our Fathers' business.

Please pray about what you can do to help us do more for the Kingdom of God.

Please make your donations payable as follows.

Bible Way Association, memo "Support Fund"

Our mailing address is:

3740 US Hwy 160 W, Doniphan, Mo. 63935

Thank You so much, and may God richly bless all you do for Him!

Rev. Eugene Abrams

President, Bible Way Association

Youth Camp Efforts

Everything I have spoken about concerning Youth Camp and the hopes of it becoming a week long Camp depends on the help of everyone who will dependably devote their time and efforts to see this happen.

It is not possible for the small staffing that we currently have on the Camp Grounds and the Office to handle the needs of a Youth Camp by ourselves.

We need people who have a heart to help the Youth to commit to coming and participating in this ministry in particular.

⇒ We need committed Dorm Attendants who will stay with, and oversee the children at the Dormitory. It is one of the hardest jobs related to Youth Camp. We hope to have others help in the daytime ministry of the children next year, so we need more people to participate.

⇒ Kitchen and dining hall workers.

⇒ Altar workers during services.

⇒ Medical staff in case of emergencies.

⇒ People who will help with cleaning and grounds upkeep and trash removal.

⇒ As well as other workers who help to make things work!

Far too often many of our children do not have another outreach or option that they can get involved in that can point them in the right direction in their life. God truly is the right, and yes, the only answer and foundation that anyone can establish their life upon. We must do our part to help open this door wider for those whom God will welcome into the Body of Christ. They desperately need "Home Churches" that will receive them excitedly and disciple them into faithful and mature Christians in their home towns.

They need Pastors who do have an excited attitude for those young people who will no doubt easily become the future of their churches with a little compassion and spiritual wisdom of the ministry to guide them forward. They do not need just carnal excitement and play areas, they need the Word of God and introduction to the Holy Ghost. They need examples of good Christian life that they can learn from and mature into those examples.

Every church, whether it is predominately elderly, or a majority is middle-aged or younger, we have a great need to help our children everyway possible.

We strive in our Youth Camps to lead them to the way of Salvation in Jesus Christ and point them towards the Holy Ghost while providing them with a mixture of honoring our civil servants to allowing for good, fun filled activities.

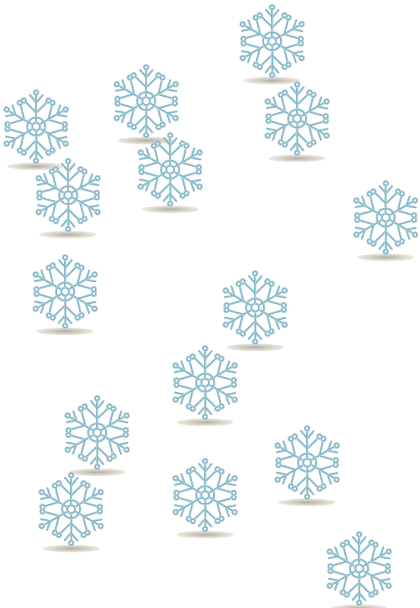
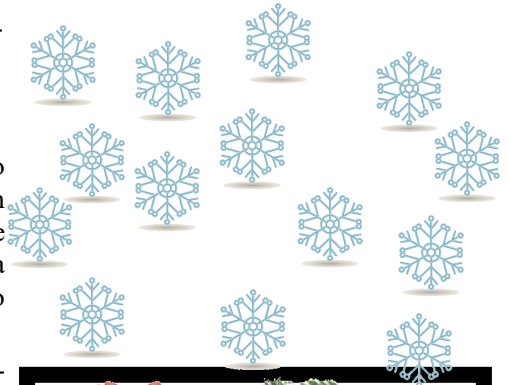
We desperately need your willingness and assurance of participation so we can plan for the next Youth Camp and set the dates firmly, whether another 3 day or a Sunday afternoon through Friday at noon Youth Camp in 2024.

If you desire to participate, please contact us by early March 2024 and we will begin to coordinate from there! Thank you for your prayers as well! Notice of Youth Camp dates will published soon!

Phone: 573-996-7317

E-mail: biblewayhq@windstream.net

Thanks again!



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Rev. Eugene and Lana Abrams
BWA President

Wishing you a great holiday season with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Bible Way Association and the Voice of Truth!

Always remember you are in our prayers and we are here to serve and bless you!



Margaret Buckner
VOT President

Obituaries



Rev. James Edward Calvin

December 13, 1943—December 9, 2023

Mr. Calvin, (79), passed away Saturday morning, December 9, 2023 at the home of his daughter in Willow Springs, MO.

Jim was united in marriage on October 5, 1967 in the Chantilly Community near Winfield to Mary Velma Harding. Mary Velma Calvin preceded him on December 28, 2016.

Survivors include two daughters: Annette Harris of St. Charles, MO and Sandra Tarter and her husband, Steven, of Willow Springs; and one grandchild, Maria. Jim also leaves one brother, Leonard Calvin and his wife, Betsy of Troy, MO and Jo Ann Lucus of Dover, DE; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim served his country in the United States Army, Army Reserves and National Guard from May 1, 1961 until his honorable discharge as Staff Sergeant on September 9, 1983. He worked as a maintenance technician for Alvey Inc. until retiring in January, 2006.

Rev. James Calvin was an Ordained minister of Bible Way Association and served as the pastor of Faith Tabernacle Bible Way Assembly in Winona, MO until his retirement in September of this year.



Rev. Jesse Gene Dunn

June 13, 1940—November 23, 2023

Rev. Gene Dunn (83) is survived by his loving wife Sally, and one daughter, Susan (Eric), two sons, Jim (Judy) and Stephen (Velyn), 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Gene retired in 1998, and became an ordained minister, pastoring a local church, after working for the Colorado Bureau of Reclamation he pursuing a career in education and spent 28 years teaching 4th and 5th grades and training to be an EMT on the volunteer ambulance for several years to help people.



Rev. Melvin "Mel" Ritter

June 20, 1957—April 23, 2023

Rev. Mel Ritter (65) was the pastor of Love Of God Ministries in Bunker, Missouri, a chartered Affiliate church under Bible Way Association in Doniphan Missouri and he has been credentialed with the Association since June 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Ritter of Bunker, 4 daughters, 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, and one daughter, Mindy Ritter.

Mel will be deeply missed by his family and friends who have mourned his passing.

CALLING ALL MINISTERS!

Several Ministry Opportunities Available Now!

For New and Younger Ministers

Ephesians 4:11-16 KJV And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

God knows and understands the desires and burdens for the ministry of the Gospel, because He alone has placed this burden for ministry into the hearts of his faithful servants.

No man can instill the essence of this calling to ministry. The power that comes along with the call of God and His holy Gifts for the ministry are God ordained for His perfect will.

In the wisdom the Spirit of power and holiness, only the Godhead can assign the specific gift and call on a ministers life that will align to His perfect will for that minister. No man has that ability, outside of the Word of God or a special word of knowledge, to a minister.

Please, trust in the inner witness of the Holy Ghost first, rather than what another minister has to say, since there have been far too many errors associated with the knowledge and zeal of other ministers, most of which are faithful and true, but nothing can replace the witness of the Spirit in the inner man! This witness is what must be trusted and obeyed.

As a parent organization, Bible Way Association has been born of a vision through Rev. Leslie Buckner beginning in 1958. For over 60 years he gave of his understanding to help others in the ministry, especially young ministers. Since that time the Association has grown significantly allowing many services to be made available for those who choose to work with us.

We do not presume to understand and know all things relating to the ministry of the Gospel, however what we have assembled and learned throughout the years since this Association was founded are being made available to those who have a calling and election to fulfil the work of the ministry by Gods design.

We have courses of study, literature and books that can be of assistance in the understanding of ministry purposes and works.

We are also willing to devote our understanding of the structural and legal needs of a ministry to be of help to those who are willing to learn and receive this help. Our goal is to enable every called minister to accomplish what God has placed in their hearts.

Please call (573) 778-5881 or email biblewayhq@windstream.net for further information about the possibilities. Again, we are here to help!

Rev. Eugene Abrams

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—For mature & well-seasoned ministers of the Gospel—

We currently have opportunities available to pastor a few churches for those who would join with the Association as credentialed ministers of the Association.

We also have a few opportunities available for ministers of the Gospel who are looking for church properties that could be developed for their unique ministry purposes.

Along with those properties are the potential ministry coverage protections that could be taken advantage of under the Association, along with the knowledge and understanding we have in the State of Missouri and its requirements.

We have a solid Doctrinal View that has gone through court to be accepted, and would probably on be obtainable in today's society. We also have a foundation that is established by statute as a Religious and Benevolent Corporation that can operate in other States as well with proper State registrations as well. Numerous, unique ministerial coverings and protections are also a part of the services we provide.

Or, if an independent work outside of the Association would be preferable, we have some options available for that also which would be available for discussions.

We are here to help you make the fulfilment of your ministry possible. We

offer the years of our collective understanding to be of service to you in your efforts.

If you are interested, or just want to explore the possibilities call: **573-778-5881**, or email us at **bi-blewayhq@windstream.net**.

As the president of Bible Way Association I am here to help you.

Ministers who are looking to pastor an existing church would also need to be willing to move close enough for pastorate responsibilities, if they are outside of the serviceable area of the church.

Any minister who is not currently credentialed with the Association must also be willing to become credentialed with Bible Way Association and in order to receive an appointment to this position.

We believe in promoting the KJV Bible for use in our churches.

We must remember that we are all workers together with God, to accomplish the ministry of the Gospel for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the Body of Christ.

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Rev. Eugene Abrams

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