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Pray For One Another!

April Camp Meeting Report

Several of our ministers had made plans to attend the April Camp services, having reservations at motels and for rooms in the dormitory; however, many had to cancel their reservations due to doctor's appointment changes and deaths in the churches. We certainly missed them being here in services.

As a result of those and other unavoidable incidents, the attendance was somewhat lower than expected but be assured God was not caught by surprise.

We certainly had a wonderful time of rest in the presence of the Lord.

I am finding more and more that one of the prime purposes of Camp Meeting is to allow active ministers to take a season of rest from the responsibilities of ministry and the pressures that can come along with it.

Every one of us needs time to let go and reach out to the presence of the Lord, allowing our minds to rest and absorb what God has in store for us. Camp Meeting is the perfect time for this.

Don't let the enemy of your soul convince you that you don't need this time of refreshing because we all need to rest from our labors and let the Spirit refresh and restore, not only reviving our soul and refreshing our spirit but also renewing fellowship



with the other ministers of God and sharing like-minded testimonies of how good God has been, reassuring us that he will continue to meet our needs.

<u>Still Giving God Praises with</u> <u>Thanksgiving!</u>

<u>Future Events!</u>

The next scheduled event is the Youth Camp / Rally set for July 13th, 14th, and 15th. This will be our first opportunity to gather the youth together since the summer of 2019. If all goes well and we have plenty of help, we may do it again soon! Having plenty of help and support is crucial to having Youth Camp.

The next Family Camp Meeting services are scheduled for August 10th, 11th, and 12th. God is so good!

Start praying and making plans now to attend! Your attendance, by the grace of God, is what makes camp possible.

Youth Camp & Rally



July 13th, 14th, and 15th.

We want to encourage the pastors and church congregations to take notice of this opportunity to bring the youth of our church and areas together and encourage them.

Our children are under great spiritual attack in ways that other generations have never faced. The government and education systems are encouraging the

dismantling of the family unit, the necessity of good principles, moral even the recognition and identity of what "a boy" or "a girl" really is. Our

children and grandchildren must be lifted up and given the tools necessary to survive and flourish under these worldly pressures.

Our position has not, and will not, change from the biblical position of a man and a woman or a boy or a girl as defined in the Word of God

I believe this can be an opportunity to bring them from the discouragements



of what they face in public life and help support them with solid biblical encouragements of prayer and scriptural

principles based on the Word of God.

Our primary focus is on the Word of God and allowing the Holy Ghost to minister to the heart of each man, woman, and child who participates.

We hope to have the opportunity to allow the elder women who are qualified to counsel and minister to the younger women and girls and likewise to allow the elder men who are qualified to

counsel and minister to the younger men and boys. We also want them to have opportunities to make friendships and participate in good wholesome fun and activities in the short time we will

have to work with them. These are our children, the future of the church, and they need to fellow-



ship and interact with each other.

To be of any lasting effect, we need to get back to the Sunday evening through Friday Youth Camp activities.

It usually takes a few days for the youth to truly allow the Spirit of God to reach into their hearts during the services and minister in the Word of God and prayer.

We want this to be a special time that can then encourage them to gather for youth rallies in their area under and through their church and its leadership.

Just a few days give us little to work with, but Lord willing and with good help and participation, we can soon advance to the previous week-long Youth Camp format once again. It takes help and participation to make that possible. Please be praying for the Lord's divine will from this point forward.

Rev. Eugene Alrams
More info coming soon, be watching!

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Update! The New Office Building & Projects

Things are beginning to happen, and it's exciting to see what God is doing and where it will lead! Over the past few months, we have been endeavoring to move forward with the improvements of the Campground facilities.

It's all about the campground vision and making things more comfortable and accessible for those who will come. We believe that continued Camp Meetings are a great part of the future of this vision.

Rev. Leslie Buckner founded and started the Bible Way Association around 1958 in St. Louis, Missouri. As God increased and provided for the work of this ministry, so did the vision. Ultimately God placed in his heart and soul the understanding of this vision to not only minister to the churches but also to train and minister to the ministers who had received the call of God on their life.

As a part of this vision, he also began to see the Campgrounds come to life. He knew it would ultimately become not only a training ground for ministers but also potentially a refuge from the times when ministry can cause us to become weary and tired. We all need time to get alone with the Lord without interference or distractions. This is part of the vision.



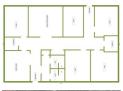
We announced last year that we would begin to work on cleaning up the campgrounds and removing some of the



older buildings that were not usable or repairable. This we have done, and it looks much better.



We then set our sites on building a new office building to better integrate the usefulness of the facilities and then convert the old office building into more rooms for our camp meeting guests.



Early in 2022, we excavated the area and had the concrete poured.



By October 2022, we began to work by erecting the walls. The weather held us up for several months because we simply



couldn't predict the weather, and in our area, we had very few workable days. Then we had many times when we just couldn't keep workers going due to sicknesses and other obligations. Then the progress began after over a month of trying!



Early in May this year, some of the illnesses and delays had subsided and we were able to secure extra workers.

During the second and third weeks of May, we began to make serious progress, and the roof is now ready for the final preparations, and have hired a contractor to install and finish the metal roofing. If the weather holds out and barring any



unforeseen circumstances, the roof should be finished by the first week of June.

We have already purchased the new windows and one of the doors, which should be installed very soon.



Possible likeness of the New Office building

Soon to come are the electrical, insulation, HVAC, siding, and sheetrock work. As the Lord provides, I believe we will see these things accomplished as possible.

Everything seems to be moving quickly, and seeing how the Lord is providing for our needs is exciting.

As we revealed during the June Camp

Meeting, we are working to have the concrete walkway installed. We will be accomplishing this in at least three segments.

We planned to have the walkways completed by earlier this year. Still we are thankful that it did not come together as planned because a large water leak was discovered recently that would have required us to dig up part of the new walkways to replace the 2" water main between the buildings and up the hill to the new cabin area. It took us 3 long days to dig up and replace these water lines. Thank God he sees much further and clearer than we have the ability to understand. More is yet to come as the Lord permits!

The **Keepers of the Camp** is a program where people have been giving small monthly donations to help with cleaning, painting, mowing, and repairs. Even though we do believe these are the last days, only God knows the days and the hours that are at hand; only He can know the time we have left to labor for the winning of lost souls and the restoring and lifting of weary souls. We must work while it is called day, for the night is coming when no man can work. Now is the accepted time, and today is the day of salvation!

Caring people and churches could pledge a monthly donation, or give a one-time donation, to keep these projects moving and improving. God is always faithful and has certainly been providing what is needed, and we believe with your help, His will can be done.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

We are trusting God to make a way and direct our path as we continue to labor for His glory.

Rev. Eugene Alrams



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President

Sister Margaret Buckner is the President of the Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries Division and has the oversight of each of these Departments and their works. We are committed to keeping Brother Buckner's ministry available through the workings of the Voice of Truth Division.

To order, contact us at 573-996-7317, Ext. 103.

Catalogs Now Available!

We now have the following individual catalogs listing the volumes of ministry options available, all originating from the lifetime ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner.

- 1. Booklets: written by Rev. Leslie Buckner
- 2. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Literature
- 3. Children's Literature
- 4. Singing CD's from Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner
- 5. Preaching CD's from Rev. Leslie Buckner (Over 1000 listed)

Each of these catalogs offer a full listing of the various volumes of writings and recordings available with the suggested donation pricing of each. We also welcome tax-deductible donations to support the continuous work required to keep these valuable works available.

> Margaret c President

Bible Way Association Ministry Support?

While we do not want to create an atmosphere where it seems we are always asking for help and money because that is not what our goals and purposes are about, it is a reality that it does take funding to produce and supply everything and allow them to become fruitful.

We do have many areas that we need support for. We would only ask that everyone pray about what God would have you to do if anything. Among our ministry efforts are the following programs:

1. **The Voice of Truth** provides for the reproduction and distribution of Rev. Leslie Buckner's ministry materials, such as Books, Courses, Literature, and CDs of his preaching and singing.

MEMO: VOT Payable to:

Voice of Truth 3736 US Hwy 160 W Doniphan, Mo. 63935

2. Keepers of the Camp helps with the campground projects

and maintenance. This has been a very great help during this time of improving the grounds and the facilities. If you would like to give specifically to a particular project please name that project, in the memo on your check.

<u>MEMO: Keepers of the Camp</u> or <u>Office</u> or <u>Cabins</u> or <u>Youth</u>

Payable to:

Bible Way Association 3740 US Hwy 160 W Doniphan, Mo. 63935

3. Home Missions account is used to subsidize existing churches in times of need and to help with the startup of new churches.

MEMO: Home Missions

Payable to:

Bible Way Association 3740 US Hwy 160 W Doniphan, Mo. 63935

- **4. Foreign Missions** have been slow this last year up to current times.
 - A) We are currently supporting a work in <u>Thailand</u> regularly. This work reaches into the mountain villages to reach the indigenous peoples with the Word of God and support them where possible.
 - B) We are working to build a new ministry outreach in the Philippines. We currently have two overseers in the United States

working with a group of highly qualified ministers to establish a church in the Philippines. These are not novices who are looking for a handout. The leader and several other seasoned ministers have joined together to establish this work under the ministries of Bible Way Association. Several dozministers, pastors, churches are already seeking to join this ministry. New churches are in the plans that will be accomplished in their proper seasons. We feel this is the right time to establish this ministry again, and looking forward.

<u>MEMO: Foreign Missions:</u> <u>Thailand</u> or <u>Philippines</u>

Payable to:

Bible Way Association 3740 US Hwy 160 W Doniphan, Mo. 63935

5. The Bible Mission Program is there to provide quality KJV Bibles to the congregations and especially the new converts of our churches while representing the gift Bible with the church and pastors contact information.

Payable to:

Bible Missions Program PO Box 158 Bernie, Mo. 63822-0158

6. The Benevolent Fund is used exclusively to assist our ministers during times when they might need a helping hand or just to send something as an encouragement when they appear to be laboring with a heavy load.

MEMO: Benevolent

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We endeavor to make every dollar stretch as far as possible and work as good stewards of God's provision. We will never use these funds for anything other than what they are designated for by the donor.

This is a great responsibility, and we want to labor in the grace of God and under His approval in all we work to do.

We thank you in advance for your tax-deductible giving to the ministry of Bible Way Association as a whole!

Rev. Eugene Abrams

The Power of the Cross Within

Rev. Ed Luebbering

It's my desire in this article to put things in perspective concerning ministering. By ministering I am primarily referring to the simplicity of everyday life; witnessing to lost souls or helping people who are hurting inside, binding up the broken-hearted, and loosening people from bondages of addictions and so on. I will reference four scriptures at the beginning that are key to the following thoughts. There is much more to this than we will be able to explore, but the hope is that it will be a spring-board for study.

1 Corinthians 1:18 KJV For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 3:9 KJV For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Ephesians 3:20 KJV Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Exodus 4:2 KJV And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

1) The power of God is manifested through the cross of Jesus Christ. It's not in the fibers of wood, but in the redemptive work of the cross for mankind that was provided by the sacrifice of Jesus's life on it. The rod of Moses was a representation of the cross. The stick that was cast into the water to receive a lost axe head (2 Kings 6:5), was the same representation. The bitter waters of Marah was a very evident example of the cross of Christ.

Exodus 15:23-25 KJV And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

There are a lot of bitter people today. There is a tree that can be cast into the waters that will make people sweet again.

Moses had a rod in his hand. When he asked the Lord how to get through to the people that God was sending him to deliver, the Lord asked him "What's in your hand?" He said "a rod." The cross (the preaching of Christ), in our hand, will destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8). It will bind up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free! In Acts chapter 8, Phillip went to Samaria and preached Christ unto them. He didn't go preaching psychological concepts, prosperity, or anything else. Devils came out, people were healed, saved, and baptized. Moses used the rod over and over. It was God's power that accomplished the task of simultaneously destroying the enemy, and delivering God's people. Moses did everything by the leading of God. God did the work. Look at some of the words in the following scripture: Ex. 14:21. Moses stretched out his hand....the Lord caused the sea to go back. Verse 27, Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned.

2) The next point is this: It's unto him, God, who is able to do. God does the doing. The Lord is the one who brings the results. However, it's according to the power of his Word/Spirit, that's working in us that does the work (Eph. 3:20). We are laborers with him. The church is His body in the earth now.

If you examine Scriptures concerning Moses, Phillip, Paul, and Silas, or any of the disciples of the Lord, you find that they were laborers (farmers, husbandry workers) with him. We wear ourselves out trying to produce fruit. That's the Lord's portion. Our responsibility is to preach the cross or use the rod. Moses got in trouble when he used the rod at his will (anger, see Numbers 20:7-13). In Ex. 17:6, the Lord instructed Moses to smite the rock. There are people who are in need of water in the desert, or the wilderness. It's always through a miracle of the Cross of Christ that we receive water for our souls. However Moses was instructed to speak to the rock in Numbers.

Numbers 20:7-9 KJV And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

Look what happened next.

Numbers 20:10-12 KJV And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice:

and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Do we sometimes take the word of God at our own will and use it forcefully to try and get results that we want? Remember, it's unto him who is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we ask or think. God does the doing or brings the result. We hold the rod out. If you will notice in the above scriptures in Numbers, Moses was instructed to take the rod, but he did not tell him to smite with it. He was only to speak to the Rock (which incidentally is a representation of Christ). What is the significance of this? The preaching of the cross should always be the central thought and basis for the things we do or say. We should always be holding the cross out to people for hope and healing. A few years ago, we had a camp meeting with a theme. Bro. Buckner announced the theme as "Christ, the Centerpiece." You might want to study on Ezekiel 37, especially, verses 9-11. There is a time to prophecy to the wind, and a time to speak or prophecy to the bones (verses 4 and 11-12.) In other words, there is a time to pray and go before the Lord, and a time to preach, exhort, encourage, admonish, or speak to the bones.

Read Mark 16:15-20. The first thing he says is "go".

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

God told Moses to go to Egypt to deliver his people from Pharaoh. Phillip "went" to Samaria and preached Christ unto them (Acts 8:4).

Notice back in Mark 16:15 that the very next thing he said in that sentence was to preach. Go, preach. One time Peter said "I go a fishing". The others with him said, "We also go with thee." Many people like Peter have lost their purpose or vision. They are going, but not where the Lord is directing. They are fishing, but never for souls. Remember the message from Matthew 14? Give ye them to eat.

Romans 10:13-15 KJV For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Going back to Mark 16 again, Jesus said that signs of deliverance and supernatural gifts would accompany them as they (we) go in His name. So Jesus gave this great commission with tremendous promise. Then we read the last two verses:

Mark 16:19-20 KJV So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

And so it is. He finished his work on earth (in his physical body), and began the final chapter of his work in and through us, the body of Christ. They (disciples) "went" forth and preached everywhere. The Lord was working with them and confirming and validating his Word with signs following. The Lord didn't just go to heaven and retire. He is still working through the Holy Ghost, gifts of the Spirit, and the fire of His Word.

I would like to offer these final thoughts of simplicity of preaching. Sometimes, it's simply offering prayer with someone in a time of trouble. Many times, I have seen people moved by the power of a prayer. The Word of God should always be the basis of prayer. My wife and I went to visit a dying family member once. I remember trying for possibly 20 minutes to bring the gospel to her. This lady knew I was trying to preach to her, and I knew she was resistant. We finally gave up. I asked her if we could pray for her before we left, and she agreed. As soon as we finished praying, her heart opened to the gospel, and we were able to share the salvation message. I have seen that scenario in various forms over the years.

Always hold the rod (the preaching of the Cross) out. It can be in a prayer, an act of kindness, or visiting someone in the hospital, while bringing a hope of the gospel with you. Don't leave home without your rod.

Rev. Ed Luebbering

Those Who Have Gone Before

Barbara Wright October 18, 1942 - March 22, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Barbara A. Wright of West Plains, Missouri. Sister Wright passed away on March 22, 2023.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Jesse Lloyd Phipps and Glenna Bertha Crowder Phipps, her husband Edward Wright, and her son-in-law John Craig. She is survived by: her children, Paul Wright, Christy Wright, Joe Wright and Becky Craig; her brother Darrell Phipps; her grandchildren, Ethan Wright, Hanna Wood (Scotty), Johnny, Christopher, and Timothy Wright, and also Betty Hall.

Barbara Wright and her husband Edward Wright, were long time ministers of Bible Way Association and will be missed.

We are already excited for the 2023 Youth Camp / Rally ministry this year. Please make plans now to be a part of this first effort to re-open the Campgrounds for the Youth Services since the Covid-19 shutdown in 2020.

The fees will be \$45 due to the rise in food and utility cost this year.

Contact us at (573) 996-7317 or (573) 778-5881 or email us at biblewayhq@windstream.net requesting as many applications and information as you may need; they will be sent as quickly as possible!

Bible Way Association

Youth Camp / Rally

<u>YOUTH CAMPERS</u>

Thursday July 13th 2 pm & 7 pm
Friday July 14th 10 am & 2 pm & 7 pm
Saturday July 16th 10 am

\$45.00

Registration Fee:

This includes all meals and necessities! Except for bedding, towels, and toiletry items

Check In by 12:00 Thursday at Noon Check Out no later than 1:30 Saturday Afternoon

Applications and all related materials, such as dress codes and requirements along with other information will be forwarded upon request.

Call (573) 996-7317 or (573) 778-5881

or Email us at: biblewayhq@windstream.net

We can send this information by Email, fax, or regular mail based on your preferences.

We certainly need qualified staff members who can be there from the beginning registration activities throughout the entire Youth Camp / Rally ministry this year. If you are not able to be here the complete schedule, please let us know. We will still welcome and appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

The fees will still be the same, due to the rise in food and utility cost this year.

Bible Way Association

Youth Camp / Rally

STAFF MEMBERS

Thursday July 13th

2 pm & 7 pm

Friday July 14th

10 am & 2 pm & 7 pm

Saturday July 16th

10 am

Registration Fee:

\$35.00

This includes all meals and necessities! Except for bedding, towels, and toiletry items

Check In by 11:00 am Thursday Afternoon (If Possible)
Check Out no later than 1:30 Saturday Afternoon

A special coordination meeting for the Staff is scheduled for Saturday June 10th at 1 pm. Expect approximately 1 hour for planning!

If you are interested in helping this year as a staff member, please call the office for a complete application and staff manual. All staff should complete an application before arriving on July 13th. Due to the sensitive nature, it is necessary to screen all potential staff members to insure the safety of our children, no exceptions!

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