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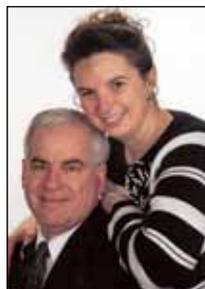
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“GO FORWARD”



By President Daniel E. Taylor

Before you read the message let me give you its background. On the Sunday before Camp Peniel we have dinner and the evening service at the Kesler Auditorium. It's how we start camp each year and have for many years. Only this year we had a ground-breaking service between dinner and the evening service. Our vision is to build a new 900 seat sanctuary adjacent to our current OBI complex. Needless to say a building that will cost in the vicinity of 1.2 million dollars is quite an undertaking. The message you are about to read was preached in the morning service prior to the ground-breaking. The theme of the message is “*Go Forward*.” That is what our building project is about. The church has grown and OBI enrollment has increased to the point where we must have more room. But building a bigger church is not a primary purpose—**our purpose is to comply with God's mandate for Maintenance, Ministry, and Missions.**

So read this message with those two words spoken to Moses by God in mind—“*Go Forward*.”

What is God's purpose for the local church whether it is in Neosho, Tulsa, Denton, or Luray?

Back in 1978, I heard a man preach on this verse. “*And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.*” (Exodus 14:15). This text and that preacher's sermon has influenced my entire Christian life. It

is God's will for the church to make “progress.” What “progress” is will be defined by the nature and need of each individual church! For example: One pastor at a troubled church once said, “My goal the first year is to keep the people from killing each other; next year I will work on trying to get them to talk to each other.” **That's moving forward.**

All churches need to move forward! **The important question is: In what areas does the church need to move forward?** Some say it is time for the church to change it's method. Sermons and Sunday School are outdated. That's a dangerous position to hold! **Preaching and teaching is God's method, not ours.**

There are others that say the church needs to catch up with the world in the use of technology. No doubt, technology has its place in the twenty-first century church. But it is not the Savior some people think it is! And it can become a curse if people start to rely on it rather than prayer or the Holy Ghost. Having said all that, **I believe that the church has three unchanging and essential mandates as they go forward.**

I. A MANDATE FOR MAINTENANCE

There must be faithfulness to the truth of God's Word! The word mandate means: “An authoritative command, a formal order from a superior officer, authorization to act that is given to a representative.” The word mandatory means: “An obligation you can't ignore without severe consequences.”

Maintenance is not very glorious! No one comes up and says, “Wow, you changed a light bulb, or you changed the filter on the air conditioner, or you greased the tractor.” But smart people know the life of anything that has a function is maintenance. This is especially true of a Bible-believing church. Truth and its importance has

to be maintained!

Maintenance doesn't prevent all problems. It is the nature of things to deteriorate and break down! A person's spiritual life deteriorates and therefore must be maintained. Even Jesus couldn't force people to comply with His Word and let it continually revive their spiritual life. Spiritual maintenance is just another word for revival. **Revival is the upkeep of the soul or maintenance.**

Judas never really bought into the truth that Jesus proclaimed, but Jesus maintained the proclamation of the truth! And when the multitudes went back and didn't follow Jesus anymore, Jesus didn't ask his disciples, “How can I tone down my message so that I don't offend anybody?” He asked them, “*Will you also go away?*”

In this world, faithfulness to the Word of God must be maintained. Faithfulness to the truth of God's Word is first on this list of mandates because it has to be first. **If we don't make it our first priority to maintain a commitment to be obedient to God's Word, we are destined for trouble.**

Second, it is—

II. A MANDATE OF MINISTRY

This means being faithful to have a spiritual influence on our community! Every church has a mandate for ministry. It may be the church in the wildwood, where there are more cows than people. But the Christians that are there are there for a purpose, to be salt and light locally.

The local church's mandate is to help those around them spiritually by visiting the sick, praying with them about their problems, being conspicuous as a Christian, and doing it without compromise.

This church has been given a huge opportunity for ministry—boys' and girls' night ministry, nursing homes, jail services, door to door, children's church, Sunday (*Continued on page 3*)

School, youth services, youth camps and Christmas services. **There is a place for everyone who has a burden to get involved. But along with increased opportunity comes increased accountability.** *“To whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.”* This means that because we have been given a great opportunity, we must be faithful to fulfill our responsibility! **Everyone finding their spot in the ministry is the vision of a pastor’s heart.**

We receive offerings from time to time for the school and it states. *“Use where most needed.”* If everyone of us could be that flexible and instead of wanting a certain job, we would say to the Lord, *“Use me where most needed.”*

The Church has been given these mandates. **But remember, ministry is not for cowards.** A person can have a naive concept of what a ministry of service is like. Some people think *“Oh wow, this will be fun. I’ll get recognition and appreciation.”* That may or may not happen, so don’t let it be a big factor in your decision to serve. **Church ministry has its difficulties no matter what you do.**

In return for your efforts you may get thanked and you may not. So remember this verse, *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him”* (Colossians 3:17).

There is a good chance that your efforts will go unnoticed by everyone but the Lord. If you hear any comment about what you’ve done, it will probably be a complaint. **So, the best way to cope with the downside is just do it willingly and for the Lord!** *“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not*

away” (1 Peter 5:2).

How does a church have a spiritual influence on its community? One person at a time! **Remember these two things: Every person that claims Jesus as Savior is a part of the Church. Every other person in our community is a focal point of the church’s ministry.** Because we live in a really fallen world, certain people are so bound by Satan they become a physical threat to other people. We have to take measures to protect the innocent. But even then, we must continue to minister to these people through intercessory prayer.

Please hear what I am saying, ministry in today’s world is a huge challenge. **Many conservative churches have given up trying.** The devil has convinced them the risks are too great for the amount of return. *“It costs too much in time, money, and manpower for the little bit of gain you reap from it.”*

This church has been chosen by God to be used in a really huge way in missions. **Have you ever wondered why God favored this church with such a huge influence?** If we think carnally, we could answer this question in several ways: because it is centrally located, or because we are so spiritual and awesome. Somebody may think it is because of the economy of the area and the access to property and facilities. Do you want to hear the real reason why God has considered this church qualified to handle such a unique and important ministry? In First Corinthians 1:25-31 it says, *“Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are*

mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” **As long as the people of this church realize their inability and rely on God’s grace and power, they will impact the world for Jesus!**

“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;” (2 Corinthians 3:5). There is no question of our being qualified in ourselves. We can’t claim any such qualification. We are able to do this because God makes us able!

The extent to which the Lord is able to use this church to bless the world hinges on how humbly we approach our work. The almighty God has entrusted His all-important plan of saving the lost, to the feeble inadequate hands of those who make up the church. And we find the reason for this in First Corinthians 1:29, **That no person will boast of what they have done in his presence.** And by the way, where is His presence? Everywhere.

Whenever God gives you a chance to be a part of His mission you should feel humbled and in awe! You can sense the awe in Paul’s voice when he said, *“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;”* (Ephesians 3:8).

Thirdly, it is—

III. A MANDATE FOR MISSIONS

The Lord has given this church a special ministry. **This church is the nucleus that God chose to use to provide conservative, Bible-based ministries around** (Continued on pg 4)

the world. Not many churches have the opportunity to have such a broad impact in the world. Putting our ministry in simple terms it consists of:

(1) Educating the next generation of ministers.

(2) Giving ministerial candidates an atmosphere where God can speak to them and they can find direction for their life.

(3) Providing hands-on experience in almost any field of labor to which they feel called!

So many things are taking place each school year. Last year we had a chaplaincy seminar with Todd Decker of Freeman Health Systems. Students took the information and

used it in practicums. One student applied and became a part-time paid chaplain, received valuable experience, and won several people to the Lord.

The Bible school in Guatemala is training and sending students into the Central and South American harvest fields. Ten to twelve a year on average go, and the number is growing!

The pastors' school in India, Africa, and Asia is giving essential training to thirty to sixty ministers every time we go. And while some doors close, other doors are opening. All of these huge opportunities are not a reason to be lifted up in pride,

but to bow down in humility. We will one day give an account for all the things that God gave us an opportunity to do for Him.

When I look at the challenges before us, I feel like Moses felt on the bank of the Red Sea. Looking at the Red Sea of finding people to do the work that needs to be done, the Red Sea of dangers that are inherent to such work, and the Red Sea of finances to do what is before us. With all this bearing down on us, the only thing the Lord has given me to say is the same as what He told Moses to say, *"And the Lord said unto Moses,... speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."* (Exodus 14:15).

A Time To Build



130 ft. deep x 165 ft. wide
new sanctuary location

DIRT WORK HAS BEGUN

The storm water preparations and detention pond at the north end of our property has begun. Curbs and gutters along with concrete parking lots are needed to meet city codes and needs of a new sanctuary. We currently have the funds to complete the storm water phase of the project.

After convocation we will start the second phase, working on the building pad site and south parking lot. The sanctuary will be located in front of the dining room and south of the Kesler main offices.

The third phase will include the concrete work for the building at \$152,000 and the purchase of the components of the metal building including the second floor mezzanine (balcony) at \$329,000, then the erection of the sanctuary will cost an additional \$85,000 for a total of \$566,000. We have approximately \$200,000 on hand which will be used on the third phase of the project. This phase must be done all together (purchase of metal building structure, pouring of concrete, and erection of building) for construction purposes. To be able to start this third phase, we will need an **additional \$366,000.00** to come in. With God's help we are building for the present, planning on the future, and pursuing His purpose.

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GROUND-BREAKING DAY TIME TO BUILD



Asking God for His blessings on the project





Above showing some of the dirt removed from the detention pond and other dirt work.

Below showing the drainage preparation which leaves at the north end of our property.



Drainage tile such as pictured above will be buried and run the full length of the parking lot in front of the school complex and across in front of the men's dormitory into a detention pond. Pictured below is Brother Miles operating the Bulldozer.



Editor's Notes

You may not believe this, nevertheless...

"Salvation Is of the Jews"

By Walter L. Wilson, M.D.

(Condensed from a tract)



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Dr. Wilson was an outstanding physician, pastor, Bible conference teacher, author of several books, and founder of a Bible College. His ministry was centered in Kansas City, Missouri.*

In John 4:22 the Lord Jesus uttered the above sentence. It is most pregnant with meaning, and clearly states and specifically excludes every modern and strange theology.

If *"Salvation is of the Jews"* then it cannot be through any non-Jewish religious leader. It cannot be through any woman or man who has devised a new thought or new religious faith. This statement excludes every one of the many new religions which have been

propagated in the United States during the last one hundred and fifty years. Only that which began with the Jews is authentic and is of God; only that which had its origin in the heart and life of the Jews contains God's way of salvation.

It was through the Jews that we received our Bible. Some have issued a "Shorter Bible" but this book did not come from the Jews.

Our Saviour came through the Jews, He was a Jew, and He only can save. He saves by Himself without the help of any other. It is His word and His work.

Salvation is always through two Jews: the one who writes the story in the Scriptures, and the One to whom the story directs the seeker. Paul the Jew points the seeking soul to Jesus the Jew. Peter the Jew directs the hearts of his hearers to Christ the Jew. Salvation comes through hearing what one Jew in the Bible says about the other Jew on the Cross and on the Throne, who was also the Son of God.

Salvation does not come through

those who are not Jews, who have founded and established and promoted religious creeds of their own. All such religious leaders deny the statement that *"salvation is of the Jews."* They make salvation depend on the thoughts, the actions, the deeds, the conclusions of each individual. Their theology is a human theory born in the mind of the founder and spread abroad by zealous friends of the founder. True Christians adhere to the old faith that *"salvation is of the Jews"* and cannot be had through any other source whatsoever.

It is through the Jews, their Bible, and their Messiah, that the blessings of civilization are being so greatly enjoyed
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today. Salvation from disease, and from the many perils of life has originated in countries and among people who have permitted the Word of God and the Son of God to spread beneficent influence. Electric fans and summer ice are products of Christian countries and Christianity comes from Christ the Jew. Antiseptics and anaesthetics were discovered among Christians. Gasoline, oil, and gas were found and appropriated by those who were surrounded by Bibles. The radio, the telephone, the telegraph, and the postal service were discovered, and invented in those surroundings where the Gospel was preached. Railroads, aeroplanes, and ships propelled by engines were first invented and used in the midst of churches, Sunday schools, and Gospel preaching. Spectacles, dentistry, hospitals, and homes for crippled children have been products only of those people who have given a place in their lives to the Word of God and the salvation of God. Certainly "salvation is of the Jews" in every sense of the Word.

Those who reject the Jews, who hate them, despise them, and persecute them, shut the door of salvation for themselves and seal their own doom. This poor, sin-sick, suffering, sorrowing earth will have no salvation in a national way until the Jews come into their own. When the Jews have their land again, (*Editor's Note: This article was published in January of 1944. Israel became a nation in May of 1948.*) and that greatest of all, the peerless Jew, the Lord Jesus Christ, is upon His throne in Jerusalem, then the earth will be saved from its throes and its woes; sighing will cease, and songs of praise will surge through the soul. Tears will be wiped away, and trials and trouble will be no more. This "salvation is of the Jews."

Every Biblical writer points to the great Lord Jesus, the mighty matchless Jew, as the Saviour of men. Moses recounts the words: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him." This man was Christ Jesus

in prophecy, and the help meet His bride, the Church, those saved by grace. This second man, the last Adam, is the Saviour of His people, and is the *only* Saviour.

Isaiah wrote of Him, describing His sorrows and sufferings, His goodness and His love, and calling upon the ends of the earth to look away to the lovely Lord and be saved. Isaiah told us the words of the Saviour, how He said: "*besides me there is no Saviour.*" Isaiah, the Jew, told of the Saviour, the wonderful Jew. Listening to Isaiah and looking to Christ the soul is saved and the life transformed.

David, the kingly Jew, points very frequently to the Jew whom he adored—Christ Jesus the Lord. He called Him Jehovah and worshiped Him; he called Him Lord, and obeyed Him, He called Him his leader, and followed Him. David said on one occasion when speaking to God: "*Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.*" David knew no other because there was no other.

Simeon, the aged disciple, took the baby Jesus in his arms and said: "*Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord, according to thy word, in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.*" The testimony of this patriarchal Jew was that wee baby Jew was, and is, God's salvation for men. There is no other. Let us not seek another; let us be satisfied with God's salvation in Christ Jesus, the Jew, as described by those who were so blessedly used of God in bringing to us the story.

Someone has said that the Bible is not a record of what the Jews did through the centuries, but is a record of what God did through the Jews during the centuries.

Because of the Jews, nations rose and fell, kings ruled or were killed, countries prospered or were defeated; **the whole earth has been affected by the prosperity and the adversities of the Jews.** Those countries which have fostered and encouraged the Jews have grown in culture, enlightenment, and civilization; those countries which have rejected and repudiated the Jews, who

have persecuted and exiled them, have grown in cruelty and wickedness, and then have been entirely obliterated from the earth. Today there are no Moabites nor Amalekites. The Philistines are not to be found, and the Hittites have disappeared. The Babylonian kingdom is no more. The Egyptian race has lost its pure strain, and the country today is populated with a mixture of the lowest of the races of the East.

Not only have the great nations that oppressed Israel disappeared from the earth, but many of their capital cities have been buried in the sand. Babylon, Nineveh, and Tyre found their graves as God, the great undertaker, buried His enemies and the Jews' enemies underneath the sifting soil. "*Salvation is of the Jews,*" and those nations which oppose the Jews are mute and silent evidences of the utter foolishness of resisting and rejecting God's only channel of salvation.

In Genesis we find recorded the beginning of the material creation, **and there also, the beginning of the nation of Israel is fully described, for that was to be the channel of God's grace.** No other nation in the world except the Jewish nation is essential for the salvation of man.

Christ said: "*If I had not come...*" **Can you visualize what the world would be like if Christ had not come and there were no Christians, no followers of this marvelous, peerless Jew?** Where Christ is unknown, crime is well-known. Where the Gospel has not yet been preached, cruelty, hatred, and wickedness of every sort, hold sway in the heart and over the community. Only the life and teachings of the Lord Jesus bring peace to the heart and confidence in the community. It is the lack of His principles in the daily life that fills our jails, fills the cemeteries, and makes it necessary to have armies, navies, police, sheriffs, marshals, and reformatories. "*His presence is salvation.*" When the Word of God and the Son of God comes into the life, the soul is saved and the life is saved.



By David Schminkey
OBI Instructor

Ozark Christian Missions was able to send out two Mission teams this August (13th-26th). The first group traveled to **Hoyerswerda, Germany** to work with resident missionaries Doug and Anna Presley. The group, directed by Joshua Ritchie, consisted of eleven students (Jessica Aguirre, Deidre Boggs, Brittany Frederick, Mikayla Johnson, Charlotte Knox, Justin Malone, Jeremy Margeson, Janine Niswonger, Jonathan Niswonger, Alissa Overstreet, and Hannah Williams) along with Sister Ann Buening who coordinated the children's services.

Brother Ritchie writes: "The group conducted nine full days of active ministry, six of which had three different services. The typical day started with a morning street service at prominent locations in the city. The group sang, testified, performed dramas, and passed out tracts, balloons, and flyers of the special services at the host church in Hoyerswerda. The afternoon kid's crusade brought children from around the town to play games with the students, memorize Scripture, learn Bible stories, and pray with the students. The evening services featured songs sung in German and English, testimonies, and sermons all done by the students. God moved in the altar services in a special way each night. It was evident God was dealing with hearts of the people. Many visitors came to the services for prayer after being invited in the morning street service. Though atheism has been normal in the region, God's Spirit was undeniably present and at work in the individuals who came into contact with the group. At the close of the trip, many

of the students did not want to leave, and several felt God impress a calling to missions in their hearts while there."

The second group traveled to **Latur, India** to work with Resident Pastor Benjamin Dupte. That trip was divided into several parts. During the morning and afternoon sessions instructors Gene Canter and David Schminkey taught about 100 pastors. In the middle of the day, Reverend Daniel Taylor preached specifically to the pastors. During this time, Sister Rachel Prihoda and seven OBI students (Bethany Derr, Mary Kirkland, Sarah Luper, Joseph Martin, Christi McLarty, Stephanie Seman, and Stormie Thomas) ministered to around 150 children. After lunch when the pastor classes resumed, Sister Prihoda and some of the students ministered in sessions specifically for the ladies. In the evenings, Brother Taylor preached evangelistic services that were open to all.

It has been a blessing to watch the growth in the believers in Latur over the last 18 months. When Brother Baker and I shared in pastor classes in the spring of 2013, there were about 50 pastors present, and most thought salvation was only for men. At that time, they had questions about whether women could even go to heaven. God opened their understanding, and they began to see the need for reaching out to women and children. The missions trip we just completed has been the third since then. Each time we have seen a marked growth in the lives of the pastors. For those who went for the first time, its hard to grasp how much God has done in these people's lives.

We wish to express thanks to all who have prayed, before we left, and while we were there. We could sense God's hand of protection, and His anointing to minister, and knew people back home were praying. Thanks to those who have given both to Ozark Christian Missions, and to the individuals who went. Your support helps make these trips possible. Only eternity will show the difference it has made.



"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:"... (Mark 10:14).



Germany team pictured with Brother Presley and a man from the local church.



Part of Germany team working to teach children a song.



Teaching the children in India



Ladies and children in India pictured with several of the OBI ladies.



Indian men pictured taking notes while Brother Taylor is preaching to them.

LEADING YOUR FAMILY ACROSS THE JORDAN



Danny Swinnea
West Paducah, KY
OBI Graduate 1994

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

As we reflect on this very familiar Scripture, it sounds as though the writer is a young man getting ready to challenge an enemy without fear. We understand that's not the case at all, it's Brother Joshua standing before his leadership team as an old man of God looking back on the past victories that the Children of Israel have accumulated by God's grace and mercy. His statement could read something like this, "My house has served the Lord."

How does a man get to that place in life where he can say, "My house

has served The Lord." As a man that had no regrets about his journey, he did not get there by accident, nor did he have some magical moment and suddenly he arrived to these great spiritual achievements. It started long before the Book of Joshua was written. There are several points that show the progression of Joshua's walk to "a house that has served the Lord." By no means do these thoughts exhaust the depths of Joshua's influence on the Christian's walk towards crossing the Jordan River that leads to a place of promise today.

First, we see he is willing to fight. *"And Moses said unto Joshua, choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek..."* (Exodus 17:9). Friend, God is looking for people that will get their orders from above, and fight against that which tries to keep the church from moving forward.

Second, we see he is willing to minister. *"And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua..."* (Exodus 24:13). This word minister is one that speaks of worship, to contribute and attend as menial. He was willing to contribute to

the work at hand, in worship or service to Moses the man of God.

Thirdly, he loved the tabernacle. *"...But his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle"* (Exodus 33:11). It was in the tabernacle that he sought God, and it's where we receive answers to life's greatest questions. Oh, that we would fall in love with God's house again.

Fourthly, he was filled with the Spirit. *"...Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit..."* (Numbers 27:18). This is why Joshua's house served the Lord, because he had the Spirit and not just religion. If we will be led by the Spirit, we will cross that river into God's promised possession. Over the years God has blessed us with a special opportunity to strengthen our resolve as we lead our families across the Jordan into a place of victory, and that place is the yearly Convocation. This will be a great week to renew our fight, strengthen our ministry, be wholly renewed by His Spirit, and we look forward to a great time of fellowship.

OBI GUATEMALA UPDATE



Brother & Sister
Pennington & Zion

Greetings everyone! We are back in the States for the fall term at OBI to teach Missions classes, and for itineration services. While in Central America for the month of August we got a lot accomplished around the compound. Brother Pennington traveled over 3,000 KM in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras representing and promoting the Bible school. We had our ninth annual Alumni Convention August 28-30. Graduates from several countries were in attendance as the presence of the Lord ministered in the services, and all experienced the good spirit of fellowship that His Spirit brings. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this mission work. Have a great autumn and may God bless each one of you.

For souls, The Penningtons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew and Leah Shumpert have a new baby girl. Abigail LeAnn Shumpert arrived August 7, 2014 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Cody and Paige Pogue have a new baby girl. Emma Lynn Pogue arrived August 19, 2014 weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Jacob and **Karen (Taber) Gillis** were able to finalize the adoption of Levi Mas-sengale December 6, 2013. Levi was seventeen years old at the time the Gillis' met him. Levi chose to retain his birth name.