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The Baptist Herald

Spotlight on Missions: RMMO

Our special mission focus for the month of February will be our retired American Baptist Ministers and Missionaries. This is a special offering that will be received in our church this month. For the past few years this offering was part of our Mission budget (\$2,000 per year). It was decided by our local board of Missions to promote it differently and let our congregation respond as the Lord leads.

The monies collected for RMMO is so important because it is a tangible way through which American Baptist congregations honor the denomination's retired clergy, missionaries and their widowed spouses.

This offering provides emergency and other financial assistance to over 3,000 recipients with 20 or more years of ABC service prior to retirement. Each year, a "THANK YOU" check is given to all retired pastors and missionaries. What we give does make a difference!!

Within our church family, there are several people who have been recipients of this special offering, or are currently receiving these monetary gifts and their personal testimonies are a blessing. They very much appreciate being remembered by the denomination they served so faithfully.

Our Mission Board

will be preparing a Wednesday night dinner on February 15th and will receive a special love gift for RMMO. We hope there will be good attendance and great response to our fund raiser. This is just one way you can participate in addition to the weekly offerings.

Special RMMO envelopes are available in the pews or you may designate on your regular offering envelope the amount you wish to give.

During the month of February as we give to RMMO let us . . . REMEMBER WITH LOVE . . . GIVE WITH GRATITUDE.



[Romans 14:13](#) Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

[Romans 14:3-4](#) The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

[Romans 14:1](#) Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

[Matthew 7:1-2](#) "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

[Romans 15:14](#) I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness,

One of my high school regrets was that I never blew up a test tube. The thought of putting several, otherwise seemingly stable, chemicals into a test tube was attractive to me. The thought of this test tube boiling over or, better yet, just exploding and leaving me without eyebrows but with a renewed appreciation for goggles, was both romantic and fascinating. But sadly, either due to the zeal of my chemistry teacher or my over-cautious nature, I never was able to participate in a chemical explosion during my years in high school. Fortunately however, God, in his grace, has given me both a van and children and so I am able to experience these chemical explosions on an almost daily basis.

Recently I put the four semi-stable compounds into the test tube and began the interaction process known as a "car trip". In a matter of seconds the interactions between the chemicals began to destabilize

the system. After a furious exchange of "electrons" a temporary and very unstable bond was formed. This bond was quickly broken as new semi-compounded instabilities came to the surface. The test-tube began to roil and I knew that we were in danger of an actual explosion. When you are inside the test-tube the thought of the explosion is much less romantic and so I sought to separate the compounds to eliminate the negative reactions. However, "Just look out your window and do not talk or touch anyone!" is easier said than done. It is only a matter of time before the separated compounds begin to interact again and the extremely sensitive synthesis is in danger of a catastrophic meltdown which could be described as atomic.

I think it all started by one of the kids singing, and another of the children accusing the soloist of doing it "only to be annoying". This claim was denied but the resulting exchange led to the

near fatal chemical reactions as well as some loud noises from the front and an erratic drive pattern which comes from trying to make vague threats, look over your shoulder in a scary way and also avoid a mailbox. This got me thinking about judging. Paul, in Romans 14, tells us to stop passing judgment on one another that everyone stands or falls before their own Master with the obvious implication that you are not that master. We read passages that tell us not to judge like Matthew 7:1,2 and it is tempting to just tell everyone to mind their own business, or in dad terminology; "Look out your window and do not talk or touch anyone!" However, the issue starts to get complicated as you dig deeper into the bible. Paul also says in I Corinthians 5 that it is our job to judge those inside of the church instead of those outside of it in verse three where he passes judgment and calls on the church to excommunicate a sinful man.

Later on in the same book he says that prophecy in the worship services must be judged (NIV has *weighed*) by the rest of the church. You also have the numerous admonitions to instruct one another (Rom 15:14), teach and admonish each other (Col 3:16), correct and rebuke by the word (II Tim 3:16), and even to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). This is a difficult balance because anyone who has tried to rebuke or admonish is usually just told to go look out the window or just not to judge.

I think the key is found in the context of Paul's statement in Romans 14. In verse 1 he tells us to *accept those whose faith is weak without quarreling over disputable matters*. The context of the command to stop judging is in the discussion about eating meat sacrificed to idols, which was definitely disputable. It seems then that in areas where there is

not a clear scriptural teaching the overriding principle is "stop passing judgment". If your pew buddy leans over and whispers to you about the clothing that another person thought "appropriate for the 'House of the Lord'" judgment quickly follows, instead of the correct response which would be to lovingly address the sinful gossip that you just heard. Judgment is easy but admonishing or teaching is hard. The command not to judge does not prohibit you from speaking the truth in love, or even rebuking a sinning believer but it must be done by the authority of Christ as is presented in his word, not because of your own conscience decisions. One final caveat, helpful to this discussion, is found in Jude 22. Jude tells the church to keep building each other up then says to be *merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire;*

to others show mercy, mixed with fear. In other words there are some people who just need mercy (maybe I do not speak but instead I just pray for them), other people need mercy mixed with fear (maybe I should say something or maybe not) and still other people need to be snatched from the fire (this person is in real danger that is clearly shown in scripture, I must speak to them). As we love one another let us stop passing judgment but instead speak and admonish in love.

filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

I Corinthians 5:12-13

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked person from among you."

I Corinthians 14:29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.

I Corinthians 5:3-5 For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. ⁴ So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, ⁵ hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

Wednesday Night electives—Spring 2012

- “Windows” Grief Recovery - An ongoing grief support group for those persons who have lost loved ones. This groups is led by Marge Hughes (Marilyn Peterman beginning of February) and anyone is welcome. Starts at 4:30.
- Adult Classes
 - *Financial Peace University with David Kline. Preview Feb. 1st at 7:00. Regular class will be at 6:15. Cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members.
 - **The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller. Led by Jeff Strickland. Cost for book is \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Center or see Pastor Jeff.
 - *Bible Study Buffet - We will study the books of Philemon, Esther and Jude as well as parts of Psalms, Proverbs, Luke and Zechariah. In this study the goal will be for everyone to understand how to observe, interpret and apply the Bible for themselves. Led by Pastor Isaac
- Middle School Youth Group: 6:30—8pm in the FLC
- Discipleland for Children: 6:30—8pm in the FLC

Guiding Light—January

The month of January we talked about how God made each of us special. We had Bible stories about Joseph and Moses.

I still have a few openings. I have one opening in the Toddler room, one in the Threes, and one in the Fives. If you know of anyone interested please let me know.

We are still doing Kids Club with Pastor Isaac and Chapel with Linda this year.

Financial Information: We are currently helping staff chil-

dren and families in the community with assistance from the scholarship fund.

Big Thank You to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings. We have already purchased paint and construction paper.

In case you haven't seen it in the bulletin, we are asking for items to help us with our class time. Please put the items in the blue tub.

Items Needed:

Washcloths
Desitin
Batteries: AA, AAA, C, D
Paper plates
Rubber stamps
Ink Pads
Clorox Bleach wipes
Continuing to serve,
Julie and the Guiding Light Staff



2012 Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfasts

Theme: "Crucified With Christ" Galatians 2:20

Song: "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Music</u>
Feb. 25th	First Church of Nazarene	Pastor Mark Roberts	Homeward Bound
March 3rd	Mace Methodist	Jody Burks	Lori Holt & Lisa Rich
March 10th	Parkersburg Church	Donna Orwig	Rejoice
March 17th	Crossroads Community	Duane Carey	Caitlyn I senberg/J Blair
March 24th	Christ Lutheran	Pastor Seth Stultz	Rick Randles
March 31st	St. John's Episcopal	Pastor Marilyn Couger	Stephanie Pool/J Blair
April 7th	St. Bernard's	combined with Men at 7:30	

Breakfast served at 8:00 am. Program 8:30—9:45. Childcare provided.

Note from the Congregation

First Baptist Church,

On behalf of Christian Nursing Service, I want to thank your congregation for stepping up to the challenge of furnishing more drivers for Meals on Wheels. Special thanks go to Fred Phelps for serving as the coordinator for First Baptist drivers. Fred was able to get enough additional drivers to assist us in establishing a fifth driving route. We were able to eliminate the waiting list. Currently 70 people are receiving Meals on Wheels, a record number. Your volunteers are indeed serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you.

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Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Church Family,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for all your cards and notes when CJ went home to be with the Lord. A Special thank you to Marilyn Peterman and all who helped her prepare and deliver the delicious food for our family. CJ was always faithful and he loved serving God's church especially through music. May God richly bless all who touched his life.

The family of CJ Brooks

Church Family,

A portable communion set was given in memory of Parmer Moore from the memorial fund from his family. It is used as the deacons serve communion to the ill and shut-ins. Parmer Moore Family

Our First Baptist Church Family,

Thanks to everyone who said a prayer for us, gave us a hung or showed support in another way during this sad time in our lives.

We lost Morris Davis (Larry's Dad) on December 26th and Helen Shull Jan's Mother) on December 29th.

Thanks for the beautiful flowers at both funerals and the wonderful dinner prepared for us at the church.

We feel very blessed to have such wonderful friends and family surrounding us.

With all our love,

Larry & Jan Davis

February Calendar

- 1 Wednesday Bible Study begins
- 5 Church pitch-in dinner—noon
- 12 Annual Business Meeting—6:00
- 13 GLCCM Meeting—5:00
- 14 Missions Board Meeting—5:00
- 16 Keenagers Soup Lunch
- 26 Board Meetings
- 27 Assemble Newsletters—9:00

Weekly

Tuesdays: Staff Meeting 10; Vision of Praise

Thursdays: Exercise Class 5:30 & Grapevine Dancers 7:00

Sympathies & Prayer Requests

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| Elizabeth Stout—heart surgery, age 15 | Rachel Pyle—miscarriage |
| Jeff Mills—irregular heart-beat and blood clots in lungs | George Allen—health |
| Martie Akers—ankle fusion | Jenny Veatch—tests |
| Gabriel Grooms—eye surgeries | Dale Grimes—MSA |
| Teresa King—stroke, age 25 | Clarence Radcliff—jaw surgery |
| Tyke Rice—bruised from fall | Doug Caldwell—house fire |
| Beulah Thomas—transfusions | Don Kincaid—eye problems |
| Tammy Scott—surgery to remove cancer | Our deepest sympathy to the families of: |
| Jed & Renee Gourley—travel, health and finances | Morris Davis |
| Alan Impicciche—leukemia | Helen Shull |
| Dennis Kinslow—defibrillator | Aaron Shelton |
| Laura & Katie Sands—safety | |

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 Letty Calder | Calvin Holtz | 16 Shirley Thacker | 10 Juan & Lisa Cruz |
| 2 Barbara Allen | 9 Steve Sowder | 19 Duane Bullock | 14 Larry & Jan Davis |
| 3 Jeff McMurry | Emily Overpeck | Wayne Bullock | Jeff & Kim |
| Michele Enlow | 10 Carolyn Christensen | Susie Anderson | McMurry |
| 4 Jeri Wilson | Dottie Kincaid | 20 Kathleen Prince | 15 Fred & Barbara |
| Marcie Sands | Tammy Maxwell | Judy Strickland | Cook |
| 5 Kim McMurry | 11 Zoey McCormick | 22 Russell White | 17 Fred & Georgia |
| Henry Nevitt | 12 Joyce Pittenger | 23 Kathryn Dain (108) | Phelps |
| 6 Charlotte Lutz | David Kline | 25 Marjorie Hughes | 18 Bill & Lois Priest |
| Janet Padgitt | Dave Henderson | David Booker | |
| Bronna Utterback | 14 Jim Lee | 26 Jan Furr | |
| 8 Dion Gobel | Chase Gobel | | |