



BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA BAPTIST CUSTOM

Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 24:14 KJV And this gospel of the kingdom
shall be preached in all the world
for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come

Sent to Seek, to Share, to Serve

Compelling Matters, Announcements, Reports, and Letters From Our Churches:

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<https://bmaamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-DH-DIGITAL.pdf>;
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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, McDavida

March has been very windy and stormy here in McDavida. We had quite a few serious thunderstorms. No real problems, just lots of limbs down on the church property and power outages on several occasions.

Our children have been studying the Easter story in Sunday School and Children's Church leading up to Easter Sunday.

We enjoyed our fellowship supper on March 26 with several visitors attending. We enjoyed a delicious supper and sweet fellowship. Brother Leonard Knight lead us in Bible study. Brother George Crooke was not able to attend the fellowship supper so Mary Watson delivered take-out trays to him and his wife. The next day George was admitted to Jay Hospital and later transferred to Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

He spent several days in the hospital with a bowel blockage. He is doing better but still undergoing test. Please pray for him and his wife Doreen.

Continue praying for Grace that our church will grow and souls will be saved through our work.

Mary Watson, Reporting

North Lakeland Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL, Pastor Richard Mullins (863) 859-1348

PARKVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, Pensacola:

March wasn't very busy, but it was pretty windy. It came in like a lion. We'll see if it goes out like a lamb.

- Saturday, Mar. 8th we enjoyed our Family Luncheon. Quite a few showed up to enjoy the great food and wonderful Fellowship. We had to make sure we turned our clocks back one hour for the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

- Sunday, Mar. 9th, hope everyone remembered to turn their clocks back one hour, so they wouldn't be late for Church. The time change does make it easier for those that don't like to drive at night.

- Thursday, Mar. 20th, 1st day of Spring. A beautiful time of year. We are still having some chilly days.

- Monday, Mar. 31st, last day of the month. Still windy. Going out like a lion.

We are starting to grow here at Parkview, but; Satan is trying to get in and cause issues. We are Praying & standing firm. We won't let him win. Just please keep us in your prayers, and we will continue to pray for ya'll.

Until next month, God Bless & Keep each and everyone of you.

Theresa Dean, Reporting

ROLLING HILLS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Jacksonville: March 2, we celebrated our 88th year of being united together in Christ. Bro Wade Cox preached AM and PM services. We had many visiting, including previous members. It was a great blessing and time of giving thanks for all God has done.

SALVATION (CHURCH SPASENIE), Pastor Andrey Kravchuk (407) 399-9567

SILVER LAKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Palatka: Hello again,
I pray all are doing well. God continues to bless here at Silver Lake. We have had a few new friends visit this month. We are truly feeling the spirit of the Lord moving in our services. We are looking forward to what God has in store for his church. We are so thankful for his presences every time we meet. We are praying that God continues to give us the opportunity to witness to our community and that we can be a lighthouse for those that are lost.

Bro. Tim Beasley

THE FIRST SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA, FL, Pastor Abel Epishin, (850) 375-8114

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 KJV And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; [12] That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

BMA of FL FINANCIAL REPORT: MARCH 2025 **BROUGHT FORWARD:** **\$31,632.27**

RECEIVED:	Missions		TOTAL
Grace	\$100.00		
North Lakeland	\$38.60		
Parkview	\$100.00		
Silver Lake	\$33.46		
		TOTAL	\$672.06

DISBURSEMENTS:		
BMAA Dept of Mission (for Adam Batarseh)	-\$1,000.00	
Vlad Kozubovskyl	-\$100.00	
		TOTAL: -\$1,100.00

	BALANCE:	\$31,204.33
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REVOLVING LOAN FUND: JANUARY 2025: **Brought Forward:** **\$17,426.35**

RECEIVED:	BMA of NW FL	\$200.00	
			TOTAL: \$200.00
			BALANCE: \$17,626.35

STATE WMA	Brought Forward:	\$337.26
	TOTAL:	\$337.26

Baptist Custom Financial Report: MARCH, 2025: **Brought Forward** **\$4,454.54**

Received:	Grace	\$25.00	
	Parkview	\$15.00	
	Silver Lake	\$15.00	
			Total +\$55.00

Disbursements: Deidra Cox (Editor & supplies)	-\$130.00	
		-\$130.00
	Balance	\$4,379.54

The Master's Builders at Camp Garwood, Mo.

On March 31st, The Master's Builders began work on a newly poured slab at Camp Garwood, in Garwood, Missouri. The camp is about 12 1/2 miles NE of Van Buren, Missouri. This was our first time going to Camp Garwood to work, and we were so very blessed during our time there. The Camp Director, Chris Polk, and his wife, Laura, were so caring and concerned about our needs as we settled in for our two weeks of work. We were all able to stay in a newly renovated dorm there, and that made it so convenient for the job site and the cafeteria.

The Builders were at Camp Garwood to help with a 20 X 60 building. This building includes two living quarters for visiting evangelists, group leaders, etc., on one side, and a nurse's station and quarters on the other. Between the two sides of the building Chris Polk wanted to make sure to include a nice breezeway that will have a large ceiling fan and benches. This will help facilitate check-in and a cool-down area for campers. The Builders framed the building, put in doors and windows, hung metal siding in two colors on the exterior, and the electrical wiring was run for the building. Joe McElroy and Jacob Hale of McElroy Construction did the trusses and added the metal roofing. It was such a pleasure to have these guys do this work as the Builders are no longer able to set trusses!

While we were there, this area of Missouri and Arkansas had historical and catastrophic flooding. The Builders were unable to work on the building for 2 days. Several locations around the area received 12 to 15 inches of rain, and the creeks and hollows filled up quickly! We had to keep a close eye on the camp creek for a couple of days! There were also several tornadoes, and The Builders were thankful that none touched down near the camp. The rain set us back a bit but we enjoyed two afternoons of movies in the cafeteria and some delicious meals.

The BMA Churches of Southeast Missouri certainly kept us well-fed! We were overwhelmed and blessed by their commitment to making sure we lacked for nothing. Meals, supplies, desserts, and snacks were either brought in or money was sent in to help with providing meals for us. These were the churches I have listed that helped, and if I missed any, please forgive me and know we so appreciate each one of you: Stoney Point Baptist, Matthews Baptist, Ohlman Baptist, Bates Creek Baptist, Black River Baptist, Zion Baptist Church, and Kewanee Baptist. Also, on the two Sundays, we had a wonderful lunch at the two churches we attended: Lower Doe Run and Ohlman Baptist. A big "Thank You" to everyone for loving on us through your kitchens! The folks at Ohlman came in one evening during the rain and fried fish with all the "fixins" for us for supper! There were several ladies that spent hours at the cafeteria and at their homes to make sure we were never hungry. Thank you to these special people: Beatrice Evans (Ms. Bea), who was ALWAYS there, early to late every single day; Barbara Werley (Ms. Barbie), who cooked AND made sure the Builders stayed organized, Laura Polk (who cooked a wonderful rib dinner for us), Sharon Lourance and her mother, Joan (who provided endless snacks and a full thanksgiving meal), and Janet Widger who also spent many days in the kitchen preparing meals and helping Ms. Bea and Ms. Barbie. Janet also pleased a bunch of old folks one evening with cornbread, beans, and fried potatoes for supper! Janet Widger also served with the "Just The Crumbs", Disaster Relief ministry, while they were serving the community of Des Arc, Mo. She had also helped Bro. Lavon Hayden of Mississippi, Doyle Morris of Oklahoma, and Dwyann Morrow of Mississippi in this ministry in North Carolina. The town of Des Arc was almost totally destroyed in the March 14 tornado outbreaks. What a compassionate, loving, and caring group of people who serve in this ministry! Two of our Master's Builders ladies had the opportunity to help in Des Arc and saw firsthand the full impact of their ministry.

While working at the camp, we had the opportunity to reconnect with former missionary to the Philippines, Bro. Melvin Meade and his wife, Carolyn. What a surprise to learn they were so close and then being blessed to attend their church services and eat a meal with them! We also learned that Bro. Meade is an accomplished artist, and craftsman. He gifted each Master's Builders family with a beautifully decorated cedar birdhouse. Thank you to these special people and their church family.

Several men came and helped with the building when they could, and they were a great blessing to The Master's Builders. These included: Chris Polk, Camp Director and Pastor at First Missionary Baptist Matthews, and his father, Lonnie Polk; Claude Evans, Pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church; Terry Sharpe, Pastor of Ohlman Baptist Church; Melvin Meade, Pastor of Lower Doe Run Baptist Church; Matt Bolen, Jeff Reynolds, Johnny Beardsley, and of course Joe McElroy and Jacob Hale. I may have missed some, but we do appreciate each one of you!

There is so much more that I would love to include, but this article is getting quite lengthy. We plan to head out to Go Forth Baptist Church in Kilgore, Texas to work next. While there, we plan to help with framing walls inside a metal building on site to provide a gym space, classrooms, a kitchen, and bathrooms. We plan to begin work on Monday, April 28th for two weeks. Come by and visit us and see what is going on if you are in the area. We would love to see you! Please pray for this ministry! We need workers if we are to continue. If you have questions about The Master's Builders Ministry, or if your church has building needs, contact Mike Green at (972) 935-3877, David Axe at (903) 918-0702 or Eddie Sikes at (479) 462-1675.

Nelda Malone - Reporter



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(arbor logo) and you’ll be able to
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job, with pictures too! This was job
#193 for The Master’s Builders.**



Note from the Editor:

Thank you for your March reports, and the privilege to serve as your editor. Please place a reminder on your calendar to submit your April Report, preferably NO LATER than the 15th of May {for Vol 9, Issue 4}. In Christ alone, Deidra Cox, text: (904) 705-8239; or email: dwcEditor.BaptistCustom@gmail.com

Acts 8:26-31 KJV And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. [27] And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, [28] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. [29] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. [30] And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? [31] And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Luke 24:25-27 KJV Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: [26] Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? [27] And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.