



# *The Messenger*

*December 2011*

*Isaiah 9:6*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son  
is given: and the government shall be upon  
his shoulder: and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, The  
everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Matthew 1:21*

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou  
shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save  
his people from their sins.*



# *Merry Christmas*

*From*

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Bible Way Association*



*This message is an excerpt from a book written by Rev. Leslie Buckner entitled "Resolving Problems". These books are available for a gift of \$5.00 and contain a very thorough and in depth study of this timely message.*

So far in this study we have covered the blessing and importance of quietness. The sweet psalmist of Israel penned these words about quietness: *"Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven."* **Psalms 107:30.** Quietness and rest are an important part of God's provision for the believer. The writer of Hebrews prophesied of a blessed rest God desires every believer to enter into. The greatest contributing factor to problems and turmoil in life is that somebody didn't know how to be quiet.

*Hebrews 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from His own works, as God [did] from his.*

God indeed has a rest for His people. He that enters into rest ceases from his own works, even as God left off His creative works on the first Sabbath day. It is important that we understand the nature of this rest God has in store for us.

The rest that God has for you is not to be confused with inactivity. In fact the very entering into rest requires that you labor.

*Hebrews 4:11 Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

Unbelief is the example of failure to enter God's rest. The rest of God is a faith matter. You enter into rest by faith. Yet the exercise of faith involves

works because as James wrote: *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."* **James 2:17.** So this rest is not inactivity, its not sitting around waiting on someone else to do what God has called you to do. We, as Jesus, must be "about the Father's business..." When you are the Called of God, then the Father's business is your business, and Paul goes on to say in the following scripture, that this business is something we must not leave unattended.

*1 Thessalonians 4:11 ... 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.*

If you study to be quiet, do your own business and go to work, God will see to it that you lack nothing. Many times we pray for prosperity and natural provisions, but our lifestyles prevent God from answering those prayers because He will not move in our life contrary to the Word. If you don't know how to be quiet, and are meddling in affairs not belonging to you, if you are not walking in honesty before God and man, you cannot be blessed, no matter how much you pray and confess and try to make it happen. God will never move in your life contrary to the Word. If your life is not in harmony with the scriptural requirements for what you are praying for, that prayer will go unanswered, not because God doesn't love you, but because He *honors His Word above His name.*

What is your own business? Your business pertains to what you are doing, and what God has called you to do. As a believer you are set in this life *on business for the king*. Your business and the Lord's business are to be one and the same. Is this true in your life? You are supposed to be praying, studying, studying to be quiet and studying to be a *"workman who need not be ashamed..."*

You don't study the scriptures to find out how to win an argument. God hasn't called us to debate. You study to be a workman... You study to find out how to go to work in *your business* not meddling in someone else's' business. Problems in life would be resolved very easily if everyone involved would be quiet and get back to their own business.

We have to study on these matters, if we are to achieve quietness and rest. Study deals with meditation. Meditation is almost as important as prayer. As you drive down the road, be meditating on the Lord. As you go about your day meditate on the Lord. Always have the scriptures or a message on the back burner of your mind, simmering until you glean all that God has for you at that time. Meditation is not some strange thing the world does. That is a perversion of *true meditation* God wants us to experience and apply ourselves to. David understood this and wrote of *Godly meditation* in Psalm 1:1:

*Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1*

Notice the three things addressed in this verse. Walking, standing, and sitting. David warns the reader that to swerve from walking the right path results in giving oneself over to ungodly counsel. When you listen to ungodly counsel, helplessness sets in and you will stop and just stand in bewilderment, with no direction in life. Then as frustration sets in you will sit down and join all the scorners criticizing those who are walking right the way God wants them to. Verse two tells you how to avoid all that in the first place: Meditate on the Lord, day and night. Fill your mind and heart with the thoughts of God. Then you won't have room for the counsel of the ungodly. You won't have time to stand and fellowship with unbelief. You won't dare come to a halt or come into alliance with all the "do-nothings" who sit around all day agreeing that there isn't anything to do! If your meditation isn't right, sooner or later you will find yourself surrounded by ungodly, sinful, scornful individuals. That's where most of the real problems in life come from. If you will resolve the issue of your obedience before God and get right with Him, your problems with others will resolve fairly quickly.

Whatever you delight in will be the mediation of your heart. If your meditation is right, then the blessing of God will come. When you meditate on God, His Word, His righteous requirement on your life, you will have lack of nothing, you will prosper as God ordained.

You can see from these scriptures (1 Thessalonians 4) that your meditation has to be right before your business can get straight. People with a bad attitude, always negative, always down on anybody trying to do

something for God, these people will never work for the Lord, or amount to anything in His kingdom.

Do your own business. It is important that we mind the affairs of life and do our business properly in the eyes of man under the hand of God. People are watching you. If your business at home isn't right, there goes your testimony. If you cheat on your taxes, there goes your testimony. If you don't pay your bills or handle any other matter in life in honesty before God, you will bring reproach down on the cause of Christ.

Many times when God is convicting you about getting your business straight, you will respond by meddling with some other persons walk with God. The Lord wants to straighten you out, and yet you sear your conscience to the conviction of the Holy Ghost by trying to tell your neighbor, or the preacher, or someone else what they are doing wrong. You need to let the Lord deal with your heart and stay out of everyone else's affairs.

*2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

This was a rule in the early church when they had all things common, and lived very dependent upon one another. Everyone had to shoulder their load. The government today in America has erred by consenting to feed and house those who will not work with their own hands. We now have second and third generation families who have known nothing but the government dole.

As bad as this matter is, there is something worse you see among God's people. Even as there is a poverty

mentality crippling this nation's economy, likewise there is a *welfare mentality* crippling the church. Too many folks come to church just to get a *spiritual handout*. They go to church like some welfare recipients go to the food stamp office: just to get a handout. They come through the church doors saying, "I just came to get a blessing..."

God wants His people to get blessed. But the church is not a food stamp office, its an employment office. He wants to bless you, but He won't do it unless you go to work. That's why some people get nothing out of a service on Sunday and everyone else is in revival. God won't bless those who aren't working. Then they go off and say "I'm just not getting fed there any more..." Well, if they would get quiet, mind their own business and go to work for God, they would get fed from the hand of God. Otherwise He will turn them away from His table every time.

*2 Thessalonians 4:11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.*

The whole world system is completely out of balance today. Sin is prevalent, no one wants to rise out of lethargy and go to work. God will give you the wisdom to resolve any problem you face, but no matter what, *work* will be involved. God is not in the business of giving hand outs to spiritual hobos and bums. A spiritual hobo is someone who has five excuses why they can't take responsibility in the church, or show up for a work day. But have a church dinner and he or she will be there with ten more hobos, or spiritual bums just like themselves. Jude spoke sternly by the Holy Ghost

about these types of people saying: *These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Jude 1:12*

God wants us to work. A good day's work will help any body. People who refuse to work will always have lives full of problems. When you are facing a sticky situation and you are seeking a way out of difficulty, stop and take inventory. Have you studied to be quiet? Are you minding your own business? Have you gone to work *"walking worthy of your vocation (Ephesians 4:1)*, as a called saint of God?

A busybody is someone who is meddling in other folks affairs. Paul says here they are "disorderly" which means *out of rank*. They are not where they are supposed to be or doing what God wants them to do. Then they wonder why they are having so many problems. A busybody cannot keep from having problems because he or she is not where they need to be. Just like moths to a flame, busybodies are drawn to trouble, and to destruction.

Many times when a new church is started, all the busy bodies and trouble makers show up. That's not church growth, that is church death. You don't want to fill a church with trouble makers from somebody else's congregation. These folks will come and ruin your work and then leave you with a pile of ashes, blaming you for the whole mess. And if you allow it, you are to blame, because you can't take fire to your bosom and not be burned. Likewise you can't let a heap of busybodies into your fellowship and

hope to avoid trouble. They'll bring it with them every time and will bring harm and strife wherever they go.

Most problems and conflicts will never find you if you will settle down, and learn to be content with the simplicity found in back to basics Christianity. Get back to the cross, get back to prayer and the Word. Get quiet, and be still inwardly and outwardly. Stop being a spiritual ambulance chaser, rushing from one crisis to another. Mind your own business and let your neighbor mind his. Pray for others in trouble, don't contribute to their troubles by throwing your two cent's worth in.

*2 Thessalonians 4:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

This need to work is not an option. No matter who you are, or what level of maturity you have attained in God, or how long you have "been in the way", God expects you to go to work, be quiet and *eat your own bread...*"

Notice that this verse not only says that we need to work, but also tells us *how* to work. We are to work with quietness. We are to work with all our concentration on what God expects us to do, not taking thought as to whether your neighbor is doing his share. The Lord wants to feed us, but we have to *work with quietness*. Let quietness be your partner in your labor for the Lord. Work with quietness, not with complaint, or discontent, murmuring and such. When you are faced with a problem, the temptation is to stop what you are doing and get hip deep in strife, argument and struggle. Why not just

keep quiet and go on about your business. In the home many times husband and wife could avoid many unkind words, if the husband would just keep quiet and go mow the lawn or change the oil in the car, or if the wife would just not reply in anger, but go get in the kitchen or the washroom and take care of *her* business. If you stay busy and take care of your responsibilities properly, you won't have the time or the energy to get over into strife, and the potential problem will just resolve itself and pass on by.

What does it mean to "eat your own bread"? Jesus said in John 6:35 *I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.* Ask yourself the question, does your strength as a Christian come from your personal revelation and relationship with Jesus Christ, or have you developed an unhealthy dependence on someone else's walk with God? Many folks will pick up the phone and call on the pastor before they will bow their knees and call on God. They expect the pastor to be their personal prayer warrior, to study the bible for them, to be a witness for them, and they throw a few dollars in the plate now and then just to keep him on the string, so to speak. Read what James had to say about how we should handle problems in life:

*James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.*

Are you afflicted? Then *you* pray. Too many times folks call up the pastor to get him to pray while they run to Walmart. There is a time for young Christians when they should call on others to help them pray for their afflictions and trials. We can all look

back to great deliverances God worked through us by the prayers of our first pastor, or elder saint when we were babes in Christ. But then as time progressed, they would pray, and the answer would not come as before. Did they not have faith? No, God was wanting us to develop our own relationship with Him and begin to partake of the bread of life *personally*, rather than eating off someone else's plate.

When you are eating food others prepare for you, the tendency is to get picky and finicky. You get spoiled and start making unreasonable demands. But if you didn't have anyone to cook for you, and were eating your own cooking, you wouldn't be so contrary. People who won't work are picky eaters too. They want every thing "just so." But let that same person go to work and they'll eat whatever is on the table because they need the energy to get the job done. The finicky Christian lives to eat, lives to hear some new exciting sermon. The working, called and committed Christian eats, or partakes of the Word to find strength to fulfill their calling. They don't pick apart the message, or go home and have fried preacher for dinner. No, the working, called and committed believer partakes of the message and takes it within himself for strength and grace to go out and do what God called him to do.

These principles of quietness, minding your own business and going to work are principles that when applied to your life, will help you resolve life's difficulties.

When you look at the context of these verses about quietness, and work, you will find that they fall in the middle of an exhortation by Paul

concerning the Lord's coming. God wants us to be prepared for His coming. You can't possibly be prepared for the return of Christ if your life is filled with strife, debate, contention, and such.

*1 Thessalonians 4:1* Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort [you] by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, [so] ye would abound more and more.

God wants us to walk and to please Him. If our walk does please God we will abound more and more. If our walk is not a faith walk, then poverty will be our portion. Tribulation and struggle are the lot of the individual who has left off walking in the path that is pleasing to God.

*1 Thessalonians 4:2* For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

Notice that Paul is writing these things to a people who *did know* what the Lord required of them. Many folks plead ignorance when in reality they know good and well what God expects of them, not realizing that ignorance is no excuse for disobedience.

*1 Thessalonians 4:3* For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

Now there is a natural fornication involving sexual immorality. Likewise there is a spiritual fornication involving *spiritual immorality*. Fornicators of the spirit are just as guilty as fornicators of the flesh. What is spiritual fornication? The Word fornication comes from a Greek word "pornia" meaning to sell. When Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of beans he committed spiritual fornication. There are compromises we are tempted to make every day that could lead to this error, unless we do what Paul is

saying, to sanctify ourselves and walk in abstinence from fleshly lusts.

Sanctification involves separation from the world, and drawing near to God. Some separate from the world, but never draw near to God. These perish in dead religion. Others draw near to God but never separate from the world, and make shipwreck their faith. To sanctify yourself then is to consecrate your life to God and separate yourself from profane or common things. You are child of a King. It is not fitting for a believer to wallow in the vulgar, ribald, carnal life that typifies popular culture today.

Sanctification is not something you put on outwardly. Sanctification is a process that begins working inwardly and manifests outwardly. The Pharisees were very careful to wash their hands when they ate and to take care of all the outward appearance, but inwardly were spiritually corrupt. Jesus taught them to put their focus not on mere outward conformity but inward reality and to look at their true spiritual condition.

*Matthew 15:11* Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man... (verse 18) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

If I do or say something that does you harm, I have defiled not only myself, but I have also defiled the body of Christ and committed a spiritual fornication. If I do something to hurt someone by what comes out of my mouth, this indicates my lack of consecration, purity and separation from profane things.

Seems like some folks can't separate themselves from anything.

Their very nature apparently draws them into trouble and meddlesomeness. We must exercise temperance and hold ourselves back from other people's business that is not our affair.

*Proverbs 26:17 He that passeth by, [and] meddleth with strife [belonging] not to him, [is like] one that taketh a dog by the ears.*

When you get involved with matters you hadn't ought to, you have "bought the farm" as far as the trouble that results in your life because of your refusal to be quiet, do your own business and go to work. If you can't solve your own problems, why bother someone else. At the very best they could only hope to wind up like you, and that wouldn't be much of a blessing, if you haven't consecrated, purified and separated yourself from the vulgarity, and profanity of this world.

Too many folks today carry on as though they have been deputized by the Holy Ghost to straighten everybody's problems out. Think about it, this could be you. Maybe you need to turn in your badge, shoot your horse and lay down those six guns you've been blasting away at everybody else with. Look in the mirror of God's Word and you will find grace *for your soul*. God wants to bless you if you will only let Him.

It takes temperance not to be the spiritual version of an ambulance chaser. Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 59:7 *Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts [are] thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction [are] in their paths.* God has called on the believer to withhold himself from matters that do not pertain to him. If you aren't a part

of the problem or a part of the solution, maybe you just need to put the phone down, and direct all parties concerned to the pastor, or whoever is directly responsible for helping the situation. Then you can lay your head down at night knowing you have been a peacemaker instead of a spiritual warmonger. This is the discipline of a temperate heart.

You see, if you will mind your own business, most trouble will pass you by. The best way to resolve a problem is not to have one in the first place. Temperance is an important key to doing just this.

*2 Peter 1:6 And (add) to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; v. 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. v. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

There's that word abound again, given in relationship to disciplining your flesh and walking in right relationship to the Lord and your fellow man. God not only wants these virtues listed in the above verse in our lives, He desires that they abound in us. If you will let these virtues abound in you, they will cause you to be delivered from emptiness and barrenness into fruitfulness and abundance in every area of your life.

*1 Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

Sanctification is a matter of knowledge. If you will be teachable, and put into practice what the Word teaches about these things, you will find yourself walking above sin and the dictates of the fleshly nature. To say, "I can't help it, that's just they way

I am..." is an excuse the world uses. Jesus came to change the way you are, and if you will take His yoke upon you and learn of Him, you will find rest for your soul, and deliverance from the calamities that plague you because of your own lack of temperance and obedience.

Paul said in the above verse that God wants each of us to possess our vessel. You've got your hands full sanctifying your carnal flesh, let alone straightening someone else out. God has called His people to be an army under the banner of Jesus' name. The first thing a soldier learns out on the drill pad is how to stay out of the other soldier's way. A hundred men march shoulder to shoulder within inches of one another, and have to learn not to step on one another or interfere with the other man's walk or march. How do they do that? By listening to the cadence that the instructor calls out. The Holy Ghost is our drill sergeant, calling the cadence of the Army of God. What is that cadence? *Hearing and doing*. These are the two legs the Christian soldier marches forward on. *You hear the Word... you do the Word... you hear ... you do ... you hear ... you do... left, right, left right...* This is how we learn to walk together and fight together and work together under the rule of God in His Kingdom.

*1 Thessalonians 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:*

God wants us to operate in sanctification and honor in the affairs of life. If you don't know what to do when facing a problem, even though you be a saint of God, you will revert to acting as the "Gentiles which know not God..."

The sinner, in his ignorance is bound by cravings and desires. God doesn't want us led about by diverse lusts. His plan is that we learn to be quiet and act only on the leading of the Holy Ghost.

The sinner doesn't know God, and is bound by lust. The believer is in relationship with God and is led by the Spirit through the Knowledge of God.

It is vital that you have Knowledge and Wisdom from the Lord to live and walk pleasing to Him when facing problems and challenges in your circumstances:

Most people don't get quiet enough to learn anything. You can't learn anything if you are doing all the talking, running around stirring up confusion.

*1 Thessalonians 4:6 That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.*

What does it mean to defraud not your brother? How do we usually attack one another? With our tongues. An untamed tongue will keep you from sanctifying and walking pleasing to God. An untamed tongue will keep you from abounding more and more.

*James 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

When you are facing a problem or a trial under the attack of the enemy, if

you can just keep your mouth closed you have won half the battle. Learn to be quiet. Many times what you don't say is as powerful as what you do say. Keeping your mouth closed will help your brother. You don't have to have a gun to kill someone. A gun can kill the body, but a wicked tongue can kill a good name, devastate a soul and wound a spirit. Keep it in its holster, unloaded, with the safety on at all times. People talk about gun control, but the church needs to learn about tongue control.

*1 Thessalonians 4: 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

When you defraud your brother, you defile yourself. You cannot speak ill of your neighbor and claim to walk in love. If your motives are to put yourself ahead of others, then you have partaken of uncleanness.

*1 Thessalonians 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.*

Since God hasn't called us to uncleanness, or to defraud one another, then to do so is an insult to His grace. If you have bitterness and spite in your heart toward others, you are despising God Himself (as far as He is concerned). He takes it personally when you abuse, and defraud your brother. If you want to solve problems and situations in a manner that pleases God, you must abandon all thoughts of revenge or getting even with others for how they have treated you. God will not stand by you or support you if your actions assist the enemy in tearing down someone else's life.

Anger will rob you of the grace of God. Anger will lift God's blessing and wisdom from your life. If you can keep

your heart right you can increase in the midst of problems and abound in the midst of difficulties.

*1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. 10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;*

Some things should go without saying. God himself teaches us to love each other. This is not a strange concept or a hard saying. If you have God in you, then you know how He expects you to deal with others. If you choose not to walk in love then you are departing from the Living God, for He IS Love.

*1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. verse 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

If you purpose in your heart to walk in love you can increase more and more. Notice the wording: "... you are taught of God to love one another..." Love is not a feeling, it is something that is taught of God. No matter what the flesh may protest, you can learn to walk in love. Walking in love is walking in the knowledge of God, because God is Love.

So here in these verses Paul gives great wisdom about how to conduct yourself in life, especially in the midst of problems and conflicts. Here are three important truths we should always turn to in a time of tribulation:

**Study to be quiet**

**Do your own business**

**Work with your own hands**

If we apply these things no matter how great the temptation to do otherwise, God will move to our rescue. He will enter in and straighten out what man in the natural could never straighten out. God, by His Spirit, has infinitely greater resources for delivering an individual from a mess they may have gotten themselves into. God

works in the midst of the mess that men make to bring forth glory to His name. And when you get quiet, mind your own business and go to work, God will move heaven and earth to assist you and deliver you from every troublesome circumstance.

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honour and majesty.***

# *Calendar of Events for 2012*

## **Camp Ground Work Days**

**March 30-31, 2012**

*There is a lot of work that has to be done each year to open and clean the buildings and prepare for the years events. If you can help, please mark these dates and contact the Office about how you can help.*

## **Bible Way General Assembly**

**Camp Meeting April 23-27, 2012**

*We have extended the Annual General Assembly to a week long event, where there will be Camp Meeting services as well as services to address the ministers of the Association. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!*

## **Bible Way Youth Camp**

**June 17-22, 2012**

*We always have such a wonderful time at Youth Camp and see God do so many great things. Start making plans now to attend, and promote this important event to your church youth group by encouraging them to attend in June.*

## **Family Camp Meeting**

**September 10-14, 2012**

*Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting! You won't want to miss being a part of this Camp Meeting where the power of God moves so greatly!*

## **Camp Ground Winterization**

**October 5-6, 2012**

*This is a time dedicated to winterizing the water systems and buildings in preparation for the winter freeze. Anyone who can help with this task is will be greatly appreciated!*

## **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 3, 2012**

*Held each year at Bible Way Assembly in Salem, Mo. We always have an out-*

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Please keep in mind that all tithe and fees for Bible Way Ministers are due by the 15th of each month. If paying annual fees the next years fees are due by Dec 31, 2011. Also those paying twice a year the first payment is due by Feb, 15 each year, and the second by June 15th each year. Please check your records and ensure that you are current on your tithing and/or fees to the Association.

Also church secretaries, please check your records to ensure that your churches tithing and/or fees are current, and not paid delinquent.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, as delinquent income to the Association greatly effects the Association and its ability to meet expenses.

Credentials renew every year and will be mailed out the first week in January. Those with delinquent fees will not receive 2012 credentials until all tithing and fees are brought current.

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***The Teaching Department is responsible for the development, production and delivery of all Sunday School literature and ministerial training courses on behalf of the Association.***

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Several volumes of Adult Bible Study literature have been available for several years and have been used by many churches in the Association as well as several that are not affiliated with the Association.

All literature uses the King James Version of scripture text exclusively, and is drawn directly from the teaching and preaching ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner, as delivered under the anointing.

This literature has been developed on an open time format, meaning that even though there are enough lessons to be applied within a 12-13 week period,

there is no dating requirements that must be followed.

While some churches may choose to complete one lesson each week and a complete volume within the constraints of a quarterly period, it is not required to match scheduled dating requirements.

Other churches and teachers have chosen to take as much time as they feel led in order to completely study the material until they get a full understanding of what God is revealing to them and their students. In some case teachers have reported taking as much as 4-6 weeks on a single lesson to reach the full extent of what they feel God has spoken to them through these lessons.

These studies can begin and end or

take as long as necessary according to judgment of the teachers and leadership of the churches. We encourage complete study of the Word as needed.

Some of the older volumes include:

1. The Flood of Righteousness.
2. Problems Resolutions
3. Faith and the Unseen
4. Seducing Spirits
5. The Holy Ghost
6. Maturity in Christ

These six versions are currently being edited, reformatted and updated to conform to the layout of the five newer volumes with include:

1. The Apostle's Doctrine
2. Prayer
3. Healing the Wounded
4. The Seven Building Blocks
5. Trees of Righteousness

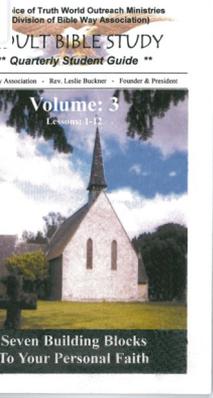
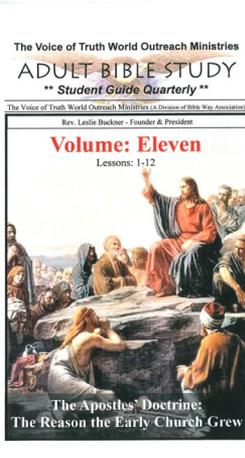
We are working vigorously to bring the older volumes into the new edited format and style. Once the conversion and reformatting is completed later this fall we will begin producing more new and fresh volumes of Adult Bible Study Sunday School literature. Special attention is being given to this project to see it accomplish this important goal.

Brother Buckner has labored for many years to bring this aspect of the Association to this .

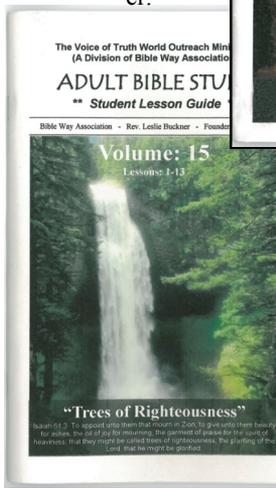
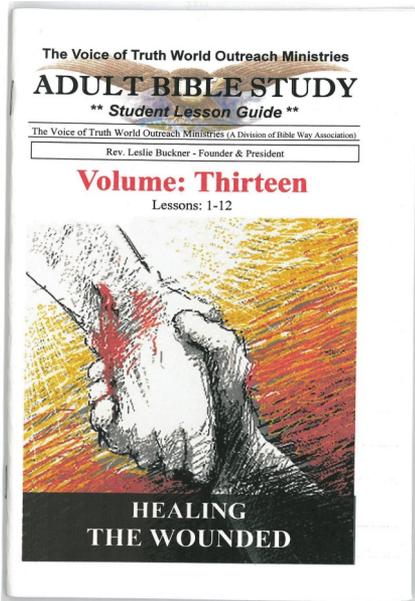
It is our hope and prayers that all Bible Way Association churches as well as independent churches will take a new and fresh look at this literature and find the treasures that are contained within for their congregations. The content of this literature is unique and original and cannot be found any where else and represents years of study and ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the entire Word of God.

Some teachers choose to study with the class from the Teachers

Teachers



Each volume is offered with a variety of formats to suit the needs of each individual church and teacher.



These formats include a Teachers Guide, Quarterly or Single Lesson Leaflets which can be ordered as needed for each student.

# CHILDRENS LITERATURE

Another aspect of the Teaching Department involves the production of Children's Sunday School Literature. This literature is currently being developed for age groups between 7-12.

The content is all original and has been written by Sister Barbara Snedden. Sister Snedden has been teaching Sunday School classes for over 40 years and is doing a wonderful job. From that point the literature is developed by adding coloring pages, puzzles and memory verse cards and formatting to produce a high quality literature that will bring instruction in Gods word.

There are currently 3 volumes that are ready for shipment including:

1. The Beatitudes
2. The Fruit of the Spirit
3. Consider Jesus

A fourth volume is currently being formatted and will be ready very soon. Sister Snedden has written enough literature to provide a minimum of 3-4 years of producible volumes for Bible Way Association.

We want to take this opportunity to let everyone know how much we appreciate Sister Snedden and the work she is doing for the Kingdom of God and Bible Way Association.

To date there are several churches who are enjoying this new literature and have given wonderful testimony to the quality of their content .

## Here is an example of this new Children's Sunday School Literature

VOLUME: 2      **Junior Youth Bible Study**      LESSON: 1

## The Fruit of the Spirit

This Weeks Scripture: *John 15:8*  
Theme: *Bearing Fruit for the Lord!*

**INTRODUCTION**      **Spiritual Life Lesson**

Your actions should show your walk with God. People should notice something different about you by the way you respond to things that go on in your life. Then you will be an example of the believer. Actions speak louder than words.

**22 -** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Jesus said in John 15:5 - *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth (remains) in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me (Jesus) ye can do nothing.*

Remaining in Christ is to believe that he is God son, receiving him as savior and lord, doing what God says, always believing Gods word.

Being nice and kind is good but, Jesus said the way to live a truly good life is to stay close to him. Without God, everything we do is unfruitful because we do our own thing.

When the branches bear much fruit, God is glorified. The vine is Jesus, he is our life support. He gives us a reason to live and serve the father God daily. This gives us hope and the desire to do better. God is glorified when we do what we know is right and begin to bear much fruit.

Jesus also said in John 15:7 - *If ye abide (remain) in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

**Memory Verse**

*John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

*These examples  
are taken from  
Volume 2  
Entitled  
"The Fruit of  
the Spirit"*

**Memory Verse Card**  
Junior Youth Bible Study (Volume 2, Lesson 1)

**(John 15:8)**  
*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

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**Word Search**

Help the family find their way through Church!

**Questions: Draw a line for each question to the right answer.**

1. Our helper was Jesus? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
2. How many fruit of the spirit are there? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
3. What are we to bear fruit? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
4. What is joy? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
5. What is faith? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
6. How can we remain God happy? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
7. How do we stay close to Jesus? .....	Answer: _____	_____	_____
8. _____ speak louder than _____	Answer: _____	_____	_____

**Word Search**

How many words can you find in this puzzle. Draw the letters out and read them aloud.

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F	O	W	F	V	E	N	E	P
R	V	R	O	A	D	A	L	T
U	E	S	P	I	R	I	T	C
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John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, and keep my law, that ye may abide in the love, and in the life, and in the fellowship of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and that ye may bring forth much fruit to the glory of the Father.

You may place an order or request a sample packet of either the Adult or Children's Literature for your examination and consideration by any of the following means:

**As I began to consider what to place in this issue of the Messenger I remembered an article I used from May 2008. While reading this article again the importance of these considerations still echo and I believe are more important today than in 2008. With this in mind I submit an updated version of this article.**

*Rev. Eugene Abrams*

## **WE NEED TO HEAR THE ORCHESTRA TODAY**

I am writing this article because I heard one of the larger and more popular ministries of our current times illustrating the need for “partnering” with their ministry to further their efforts around the world. As I listened I began to consider their ministry and the ministry of Bible Way Association through the years that I have been a part of it. It is not my objective to cast a bad shadow on any other ministry of the day, but rather, to endeavor to shine a light on “this ministry” as I have observed it through the years.

As we look around at the multitudes of ministries and voices of our day and hear the messages that are going forth, “in the name of Jesus”, **it is my prayer that God will grant His people eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand before it is too late.** In our generation not every voice that cries “Lord, Lord” is truly doing the will of God and upholding the form of sound doctrine and life style that God expects of His people. While many are doing their works, it is a certainty that not all are upholding, living and preaching the pure, unadulterated “sound doctrine” of the Word of God. Far too much of what is involved in the church of today is relying more on psychology and mans concepts or devices and tickling the ear

rather than the truth of Gods Word and the anointing to destroy the yoke and bondages of the church. God simply will not tolerate sin in the camp, especially when Gods people choose to turn the other way rather than repent.

Having dedicated my heart to God in a Bible Way Association church I have never had a desire to support any organization or group, other than our Association. Since our first experiences in Camp Meetings in the summer of 1980 our family has endeavored to attend every year. To be honest, even though I appreciated and supported the Association by attending Camp Meetings or other special meetings and by faithfully tithing, during the earlier years I just did not understand the amount of work and the needs that were involved in the inner workings of the Association and in maintaining camp grounds, and therefore I never put as much effort into the Association as I should, or could have. I just assumed that everything was taken care of, so I continued with my life and raised my family and brought them to the meetings through the years, while others bore the tremendous work load.

In 1995 the Lord began to urge me to help more and in the fall of 1997 God lifted my burden for the church I was pastoring at that time and placed it firmly upon Bible Way Association. Since then I have begun to understand how much is involved in the care and operations of the Association. I now fully understand and realize that this labor is more than any one man, or small group of men, can handle by themselves. While it takes the hands and minds of many, it still takes the vision and leadership, under Gods anointing, as God directs by Holy Ghost, to bring the vision to completion where it will bear perfect fruit in due season.

Having said this, I began to consider the many messages that have gone forth in exhortation and admonishment to the

people of God over the last several years.

Brother Buckner has consistently brought forth “sound doctrine” that has had only one purpose, to direct Gods people to truly make Christ the centerpiece of their lives, and thus be empowered to serve, worship and glorify the Father in spirit, in deed and in truth.

Here are a few titles of Brother Buckner’s messages that have been used in the Messenger publications between December 2001 and June 2008.

- Dec 2001 Awakening by Evangelism
- Mar 2002 Rivers of Life (Living Waters)
- Jun 2002 A Matter of Life or Death
- Mar 2003 The Glory
- Jun 2003 Indwelling of the Holy Ghost
- Dec 2003 The Salt of the Earth
- Jun 2004 The Oil of Gladness
- Sep 2004 Prayer
- Dec 2004 As Your Soul Prospers
- Mar 2005 When My Heart is Overwhelmed
- Jun 2005 Restoring in the Spirit of Meekness
- Sep 2005 Christ – The Centerpiece
- Mar 2006 Walking With Our Unseen God
- Jun 2006 Treasures of the Heart
- Sep 2006 Understanding True Fellowship *Pt 1*
- Dec 2006 Understanding True Fellowship *Pt 2*
- Mar 2007 The Building That Will Stand the Storm
- Jun 2007 The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints
- Sep 2007 A Commitment to Continue
- Dec 2007 Overcoming the World Through Jesus the Son of God
- Mar 2008 Four Phases of the Christian Life
- Jun 2008 Contenders for the Faith
- Sep 2008 Walking to Please God *Pt 1*
- Dec 2008 Walking to Please God *Pt 2*
- Jun 2009 God Commands the Light to Shine out of Darkness
- Sep 2009 A Vision for Unity
- Dec 2009 Unconditional Surrender
- Jun 2010 The Glorious Church
- Sep 2010 Righteousness *Pt 1*
- Dec 2010 Flood of Righteousness *Pt 2*
- Mar 2011 Trees of Righteousness *Pt 3*
- Jun 2011 The Garment of Righteousness *Pt 4*
- Sep 2011 Resolving Problems *Pt 1*

Not one of these messages have any direction or purpose other than to highly exalt the anointing and power of Jesus Christ within the heart and life of the believer, and thus to glorify God.

THIS is what I want to “partner” with! While most of today’s popular ministries are becoming extremely wealthy and living lavish lifestyles I have observed that Bible Way Association, though small by today’s comparisons, has been consistent in putting every dollar to the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have witnessed as none of the assets of the Association have gone to the extraordinary benefit of anyone. Only meager compensations have been rendered for the extreme amount of services and sacrifices that are put forth.

Literally thousands of souls have been saved, filled with the Holy Ghost and found deliverance through the anointing of the Holy Ghost over the years. With this quality of ministry and results throughout the past 50 years this ministry could have been living in a lavish style as many others of this time are with fine buildings and homes, IF the vision and commitment to the Gospel and Gods people had not been the first priority.

Bible Way Association has been committed to assisting and supporting churches and ministers and providing valuable coverage and exemptions by “partnering” with our churches and ministries. We have stood behind them and promoted the form of “sound doctrine” that is fast slipping away in our generation. By being a member of Bible Way Association as a credentialed minister, or as a church or group that has chosen to become affiliated with the Association by charter, a decision has been made to become partners with us in this labor of love for the Gospels sake in order to help us reach the world with the

truth and lift up the standard in our generation as we help enable your ministry to fulfill its vision and goals.

Consider the following definitions as they may apply:

By joining Bible Way Association through a charter of any type a “partnership” is created and that may be defined as follows: *A Joint venture; An Affiliation; An Alliance; A Relationship; A Collaboration*

By becoming a credentialed minister of Bible Way Association a decision has been made to be a “partner” and it defines someone as follows: *A Colleague; An Equal; A Co-worker; A Companion*

The actions and works of being a “partner” are defined as: *To Associate; To Join; To Affiliate; To Team up; To Unite; To Connect; To Link up*

There are many wonderful, and we believe some of the finest, ministers, supporters, churches and ministries who have chosen to “partner” with Bible Way Association. By the above definitions they have chosen to associate, join or affiliate with us in this labor for the Lord with the joint purpose of reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to strengthen and prepare the church and the Association to stand strong for the Lord through these perilous times.

One urgent thing that is needed in our hour is to complete and accomplish the necessary actions and works of the definitions by now **teaming-up, uniting, connecting and linking-up** to empower one another to efficiently accomplish our part of this joint partnership for the glory of God.

This calling and its work cannot be accomplished by words only or by some documentation, it must take physical and tangible effort on all sides and from all parties of the partnership while working in unison to do what God has called us to do.

If the only connection we have with one another in this partnership is by papers and documents, then are we truly working as fellow-laborers or partners. We are to be connected by belief, spirit and agreement in order to effectively work together. If either side of the partnership fails to keep it part of the union then the entire partnership is weakened and less effective.

Bible Way Association will never allow its assets to be used to provide lavish lifestyles, no matter how much they may be deserved, because the hour is near and the time is short and there is no time to waste on the affairs, luxuries or cares of this world.

One of the greatest needs that our “partnership” may have in this hour is for our partners to become involved, not only financially, which is a great need, but with their talents, abilities and strengths. While it is true that we certainly need finances to further the gospel, we just as importantly need the talents and abilities of others who can help us bear the burdens in virtually all other areas of this ministry. We need those who can assist us with computer and web skills – possibly from remote locations, proofing and typing skills, video and audio editing skills, carpentry and building skills, management and oversight skills, etc. We believe that everyone is important and that nearly everyone can have some part in the work of the gospel who is willing to be led.

It is not the desire of Bible Way Association to pull anyone away from their partnership with others when they feel led to unite with them. All we are asking is for those who have chosen and accepted a “partnership” with Bible Way Association to stand behind this ministry in a tangible way.

It is sad that some have even chosen to bear the legal covering of Bible Way Association, but have never taken time to

attend a camp meeting, other special meetings or to show their support in any other way, but, can travel for thousands of miles to be in service with other ministries of our day and show their support for them.

Some congregations do not even know who Bible Way Association is or what it stands for because the leadership of their church or ministry will not support the Association and its vision as well!

Bible Way Association needs you to unite and partner with us as well as bear our legal covering and name. I am proud of everything that Bible Way Association stands for, especially the messages of truth, the anointing and the doctrinal stand.

I believe this Association can be a powerful orchestra in the hand of the Lord (the Master Conductor) to raise the holy standards of righteousness, godliness and holiness to this generation. These standards may not align to man's definitions, but they will certainly align to God's definition thru his Holy Word.



Please pray sincerely and ask the Lord to direct you in how you can become more involved in the work of this ministry by uniting and teaming up with Bible Way Association. While one can put a thousand to flight, two can put ten thousand to flight.

Just imagine what could happen if the hundreds of ministers, ministries and churches that are a part of Bible Way Association finally and effectively unite with one determined purpose, goal and vision to see their



talents, abilities, skills and finances used to the glory of God in a singular, united spirit and fashion.



Just imagine the sound of an orchestra when all instruments are played with skill and direction. How beautiful could the sound of this ministry be in the ears of our Lord when it is combined in the spirit of unity and when the multiple talents and skills of many are orchestrated together under the hand of the master conductor, Jesus Christ. Glory to God in the Highest!

The Word of God tells us that today is the accepted time to do what we are going to do for the kingdom of God. There is no time like the present to pick up the mantle and join forces for the glory of God. In John chapter 9, as Jesus prepared to heal the blind man, He spoke these words to His disciples and those who were there to hear Him:

*John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

*2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.*

*2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

**We certainly need to hear the orchestra play today in the hands of the Master Conductor!**

**What is your part in the orchestra?**



## Dear Pastor,

Please pray about using the Adult Bible Study Literature in your teaching programs for your church. We live a time when so many doctrines are being manufactured that are not always healthy for the soul of man.

Far too many teachings and doctrines have been positioned and built upon simple stories or vain, philosophical principles, often with little scriptural foundation or basis that tend to make people feel better, but do not bring healing or deliverance to the soul.

Our purpose and goal is to provide materials that are filled with sound, scriptural doctrine that is founded in the King James Version of the Holy Bible and from a trusted source, from the anointed ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner.

These teachings have changed lives for over 50 years by lifting the standards of righteousness, godliness and holiness to align with the Word of God and His standards. They have not altered or di-

minished in any way to suit the itching ears of our day.

If your church is a part of Bible Way Association, please take a moment and compare what you are currently using next to these standards.

These studies are design to promote and prompt further study and meditation of the Word of God.

Currently new volumes are being developed that will bring a deeper knowledge concerning the Kingdom of God and will bring many aspects of the Word of God together for even greater understanding.

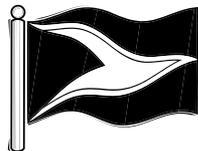
If the Association has your trust for affiliation and legal covering, shouldn't it be your source for doctrinal principles and sound teachings as well.

If requested we will gladly send a sample for your prayerful consideration.



# *Your Missions Department*

November 11, 2011



Dear Friends,

*When we look up the meaning of numbers, (such as 7 is for perfection), we find that the number 11 stands for confusion. This is the reason I have chosen to speak of this date this article. Many have been dreading for this day to come because it is the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year 2011. I hope that you had a good day and worked it to your advantage and confused the devil all day long.*

***I wish to thank all that have been faithful in sending offerings to Missions.*** We are doing the best we can to make sure it is used wisely and are stretching it as far as we possibly can to cover all the needs coming to us.

*The needs have been many and I must tell you with winter coming on and all the things that are going on in the economy, things are hard to keep up with. If you or your church have been blessed and are able to give even a small amount, please do so at this time.*

*Our biggest needs are in Home Missions but I think you should know that in an e-mail from Bro. Rockson in The Republic of Ghana we were informed of the opening of BIBLE WAY MINISTERIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE. They now have 12 students and are meeting in a classroom in the church.*

*The biggest source of their study material, other than The Bible, is the License Courses from Bible Way Association and other materials from here in Bible Way Headquarters.*

*Many are wanting to meet Bro. Rockson and we hope this will be possible soon.*

*We at your Home and Foreign Missions Departments wish you the very best for the Holidays ahead and for the rest of your life here on this earth. I don't need to wish for eternity because it will be divinely blessed when we make Heaven our home.*

*Because of Jesus,*

*Bro. Gaither*



**CAN YOU MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE FOR SOMEONE?**

Bible Way Association is a multi-faceted organization that has one central theme which is to spread the Gospel to all who will hear. To accomplish this goal we must examine what is required based upon the needs of the hearers and not just on the needs of the organization alone.

Hearers can be anyone who is presented with the Gospel by any means. We have been given a great commission to go into the highways and byways in order to spread this good news, not only to a lost and dying world, but also to feed and strengthen those believers who may not be able to hear the truth any other way.

Thinking about some of the different avenues this would involve led us to a partial list which includes:

- 1 Born again believers who are faithful to church attendance and the service of the Lord.
- 2 Disabled or home bound believers.
- 3 Nursing home residents.
- 4 Believers who have been spiritually wounded or offended in some manner.
- 5 Backsliders who have known the way and have fallen away from their trust in God.
- 6 A multitude of souls who have never believed the Gospel even when presented with the truth.
- 7 A multitude of souls who have never heard the Gospel or been given an opportunity to believe.

This list doesn't even include the physical, life sustaining needs that face so many throughout the world and in our home land, it merely considers the spiritual and soul needs of our time.

We cannot and will not forget the

physical, life sustaining feeding of the body, but I would like you to meditate on something for just a few moments.

**James 2:15** *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,*

**2:16** *And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

**2:17** *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

**2:18** *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*

**Mark 8:36** *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

**8:37** *Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

**James 2:12** *So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.*

**2:13** *For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.*

**2:14** *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?*

**If any person perishes from lack of food or water, yet if that person is born again and serving Christ, what would be the eternal fate of that person. On the other hand, meditate on this, if any persons heart ceases to beat and his life is ended for any reason, and that person has never known**

**Christ, or has fallen away for some reason, what would the eternal fate of that person be. Now which of the two is the greater need?**

Never turn your eye from a person in need if it is in your power to supply their need. Don't send any person away hungry if you have any means to feed them. And certainly never miss any opportunity to touch the soul of a person with the life changing Gospel if given the opportunity.

Any way you examine this list, and I am sure it can be multiplied in length, it is hard to look beyond the enormous needs that are before us in these last times. Recognizing the needs is only a part of the responsibility of carrying the Gospel. It also takes the implementation of any and every opportunity that is delivered to us in order to reach even one person who may be on this list.

One may minister in one direction while another reaches out by other means. Certainly all are important, all are necessary, even as God gives the gift and the commission to each person.

While there are as many ministries and ministerial responsibilities as there are born again believers or ministers, none of us can adequately accomplish as much as is needed to be done. This is one reason why we must recognize that while the days are short, and the coming of the Lord is at hand, we must combine our efforts and support one another any way possible to accomplish as much as possible.

Bible Way Association has been organized to accomplish many of these necessary and vital outreaches but not as an exclusive or proprietary privilege, rather as one of many who is called in this generation to do so. Our goal is to reach the lost by any means possible. Please consider the following programs and their purpose and goals.

**1 The Teaching Department** has been

established to create, publish and distribute quality and original teaching materials to help reach the hungry souls that are already faithful in church. This literature is distributed for little more than it costs us to publish and mail. The foundation of this literature is based upon the many years of anointed ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner, a time tested and proven ministry of the unadulterated Word of God.

- 2 The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries** is a Division of Bible Way Association and is committed to spreading the Gospel by several means including CD's, DVD's, VHS or Cassettes. The media can be mailed to those who are home bound or disabled and who find it impossible to attend church services regularly. This ministry also hosts an Internet Radio Station that works to provide the preaching and singing of Rev. Buckner and his wife Margaret. This anointed outreach functions 24 hours a day and is reaching around the world.
- 3 The Books** that Brother Buckner has written are offered at a minimal fee or gift that barely covers the costs of publishing them. This is a great way to find understanding resulting from of over 50 years of faithful ministry.
- 4 The Messenger** is a quarterly newsletter that is sent to all of our supporters who have signed up on our mailing list to receive it. In every issue there is a message from Brother Buckner's preaching along with other announcements and information.
- 5** One of the most important, but often the most overlooked outreaches, is the **Camp Grounds** facilities. I say it is one of the most important because it provides a meeting place for believers and unbelievers alike to be able to come and hear the anointed

gospel message in an atmosphere where the anointing of the Holy Ghost is moving. Prayer is offered to all who come and desire it. There is nothing quite like being in the presence of the mighty power and moving of the Holy Ghost. Salvation is wrought, lives are forever changed, souls and bodies are healed and deliverance is given.

**6 The Home Missions Department** is designed to enable the establishment of new churches and the support or subsidy of existing churches that are struggling and in need assistance.

Sometimes people think we have money to spare when in fact we operate just like most churches do. If the income from the churches, ministers and supporters slows it significantly affects the ability of the Association to accomplish its ministry through those avenues listed above. The Association puts a vast majority of its total income back into those efforts that will get the Word of God out to those who need it. Often it is well in excess of 40% of the gross income that is spent just to enable these ministries to function. This is not enough compared to the size of the services we are providing to those in need.

Consider the Camp Ground facilities for example. Every year many people come to Camp Meetings in the Spring, Summer and Fall. We labor to provide a series of services that are centered in the liberty that is found in the ministry of the Word of God and the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost. At Bible Way Camp Meetings the focus is on the ministry of the Word of God and the move of the Holy Ghost. Three services a day are provided to allow as much exposure to the service of the Lord as possible. Great are the blessings and the presence and love of God!

The services, provisions and facilities are provided on a free will offering

basis. Anyone can attend, and are encouraged to attend these services and receive what God has for them. There is never a charge for anything, we just ask that you come and be blessed.

God has blessed the Association with a new Tabernacle that is comfortable with heat and A/C as well as padded pews. Two high quality meals are provided each day free of charge. We have a new Dormitory that has new comfortable mattresses and plenty of room for men or women. The other rooms that are available for couples or families are adequate, but limited in number. The cabins are also few and used primarily to provide for families or those with special needs. We have a few spaces available for camper trailers or motor homes which need improvement and expansion.

**8 The Youth Camp** is attended each year by over a hundred children and usually another 40 or 50 adult supervisors attend and lend their services. These efforts are worth their weight in gold because of the results that are brought forth. Each year dozens of children are born again, rededicated or filled with Holy Ghost. What a treasure this is. Each day 3 quality meals are provided to the campers and the staff.

While some of our facilities are dated and in need of improvements, a few people have begun to recognize the need for assistance in this area, both with finances and with labor and expertise.

While we have already begun a few projects which will expand our facilities and abilities to house families and couples, we also have other projects we are praying about beginning in the future. Among the projects would be completing another dormitory by expanding and renovating some of the existing buildings. Plans have been in the works for a couple of years, however, the interest

has dwindled and is awaiting a time when interested churches and people would become fired up with the prospects, the funds and the enthusiasm to come together as volunteers to enable it to be completed. Another would be enabling the building of small cabins that would be suitable for families and couples. Another project would be to add a series of quality camper hook-ups that could provide a good, high quality space for visiting motor homes and camper trailers.

It should be obvious that there just isn't enough time or money to go around. How beautiful it would be if only the churches and ministries that look to the Association for their legal covering could also catch the vision of the Association and become partners with us in these ministerial efforts. If each church could send an offering, no matter how much or how little, just imagine the affect it could have on the ministerial outreaches and their abilities, not only to fulfill their obligation, but to excel and expand the abilities of these ministries. God loves a cheerful giver, especially when it is given from a heart of love and dedication to his purposes. Consider the numbers, if each minister who caught the vision could send an additional \$5 or \$10 to any of these efforts, literally thousands of dollars could be raised each month with little expense to any. Consider if each church could take an offering or send a gift each month how much it could increase the ability of the Association to further the Gospel by any of the avenues mentioned previously. We are not looking to create a burden on any, but rather to further an understanding of the importance of reaching people with the good news of salvation and the life changing Word of God thru the anointing of the Holy Ghost for those who may be struggling.

It has been said, and it is true, that

Bible Way Association is doing the work of a missionary outreach. We tend to send funds, or spend our time and efforts to reach people we will never meet or be able to see the results our efforts have rendered. Perhaps it may be the time and season to pray about expanding the mission field to reach those around us with the Gospel, those whom we meet and pray for and often know personally, as well as reaching those in underdeveloped countries where their needs literally tear at our hearts.

Consider one more thing. The United States of America has become the prime field of ministry need since our society has far too often become self centered and blinded to the importance of the Word of God in their lives. All too often people live their entire life either never hearing the Gospel or having been hardened against the Gospel by things they have seen existing in the churches of the day and the enemy of mans soul uses every means possible to amplify those things in their soul.

This is the season of thanksgiving for our savior and His precious gift of life. This is the season when people begin to think of a new year approaching and the things we want to see changed to make a difference in the coming new year. As you consider the coming year please pray about your ability to make a difference in the United States of America and perhaps in the life of your neighbor or a loved one. It is a horrible thing to see hunger the face of hunger around the world, but how often do we consider the starvation of the soul that is taking place all around us and seems to be side stepped and avoided because our neighbors live in comfortable homes and have plenty to eat. This is where the Gospel message and the laying on of hands in the prayers of faith makes the difference.

## *Did you notice the changes?*

Since the last issue we have decided to make changes to the formatting of the Messenger publication that will greatly decrease the expenses incurred. By decreasing the format from 8 1/2 x 11 down to 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 we can save a significant amount on postage and printing costs and still supply an equivalent volume of information.

We hope you like the changes. Some have said it will be more convenient to handle as well. Please let us know what you think! We always appreciate and enjoy hearing from you!

If the Lord has moved on your heart to help support this publication, please send in your offering to Bible Way Association, and clearly marked "MESSENGER" in the memo section. Send to: Bible Way Association, Po Box 370, Doniphan, Mo, 63935.



We want to thank all of you, our many friends, supporter and fellow laborers, so very much and we pray the Messenger will continue to be a blessing to all of you.

*The Staff of Bible Way Association*

### **Special Announcement!**

In an effort to be more efficient with the stewardship of Gods provision we have elected to make a few changes in the office hours at Bible Way Association. Previously we have endeavored to have the office open from 8:00 am thru 5:00 pm from Monday thru Friday each week. This is a good plan and has worked for many years. However in an effort to be more efficient and to allow communications with many who work other jobs and cannot be reached during those hours we have decided to change the office hours as follows:

Beginning November 15, 2011 the office will be open **between 7:30 am thru 6:30 pm from Monday thru Thursday each week**. We feel this will give greater opportunity for many to contact us if needed. It will still provide a full 40 hours of service and provide for more ministry related opportunities. In response to the financial times our country is facing we feel it is our responsibility to budget our expenses to coincide with our income. We have therefore set a budget for our personnel compensations that will not exceed 40 hours a week.

Being workers together in the ministry of the Lord, please keep Bible Way Association in your prayers for Gods blessings as we continue the work of the ministry.

## “THE MESSENGER”

.....is a FREE quarterly publication for all Bible Way Association members and supporters. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive our newsletter, simply provide the information requested below of the person that wishes to receive the Messenger, and they will be added to our mailing list. So hurry, and sign up today to receive the next issue of “The Messenger”!

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“**Keepers of the Camp**” is a monthly partnership program design to assist in a two fold manner; First, by helping with the expenses of providing the Camp Meetings and Secondly, by expanding our ability to make much needed improvements to the Camp Ground facilities at Doniphan Missouri. If each minister, church or other supporters would pledge a monthly gift for this purpose, so much could be accomplished towards making improvements in our cabins, trailer hook-ups and rooms and other facilities as well. We would desire to eventually build more cabins designed for couples or families. If you would like to join or partner with our efforts please make your pledge today! We believe God will certainly bless when giving from your heart! Please choose how to apply your gift below.

I would like to help by supporting the Camp Meetings and providing for the expenses.

I would like to help enable Camp Ground improvement and building projects.

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## Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries “Message of the Month Ministry”

Having begun on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Voice of Truth has been sending out messages each month to our Message of the Month Partners. To receive your monthly CD or DVD message from Bro. Buckner, all you need to do is to become a faithful ministry supporter with a gift of **at least \$10.00 per month** which includes shipping and handling. Each message is ministered and hand picked by Brother Buckner to be the “**Message of the Month**”. Just mail in this form with your name, address, and your gift to the tape ministry, and your CD or DVD will be shipped out to you by the middle of each month. These make great gifts, too!

Yes, I would like to become a ministry partner and pledge a gift of at least \$10 each month and be placed on the Message of the Month mailing list!

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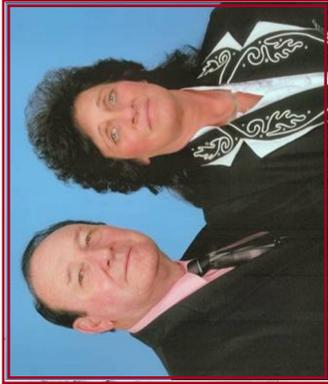
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