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First to Serve

Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop
passionate followers of Christ who
will reach the world.

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Bill Gowder, Lead Pastor
Scott Kidd, Minister to Youth
Allen Leath, Worship Leader
David Hipps, Church Administrator
Adam & Kara Townsend, Children's Directors
Tammie McNabb, Church Secretary



2020 Missions Week Schedule

Wednesday, August 19, 6:45 p.m.	Jack and Janie Housley
Sunday, August 23, 9:00 a.m.	Tanner and Lauren Tripp <i>(combined S.S. class, auditorium)</i>
Sunday, August 23, 10:15 a.m.	Tony and Joy Anzalone
Wednesday, August 26, 6:45 p.m.	Charlie and Shannon Worthy
Sunday, August 30, 9:00 a.m.	Mark and Hannah Langham <i>(combined S.S. class, auditorium)</i>
Sunday, August 30, 10:15 a.m.	Rick and Joan Hutchison
Sunday, August 30	Ingathering Offering
Wednesday, September 2, 6:45 p.m.	Nicaragua (BMDMI) Team

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ACROSS THE STREET



ACROSS THE STATES



ACROSS THE SEA



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“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

Nicaragua (BMDMI) Team



Headquartered in Hattiesburg, MS, Baptist Medical Dental Mission International (BMDMI) exists under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to evangelize the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to the needs of the poor. BMDMI currently works in the countries of Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Nepal. Since its origin in 1974 BMDMI has established more than 150 churches, two seminaries, two schools, an orphanage, a home of protection for abused young women, a hospital, several feeding centers and vocational sewing centers to train women for the workplace.

One of the foundational ministries of BMDMI is the sending of short-term (usually one week) teams to poor isolated villages to minister through medicine, dentistry, evangelism, and a host of other ministries to some of the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere and with the goal of establishing new churches and or encouraging existing churches in those villages.

Weston and Brenda Smith have been serving as team leaders a couple of times each year since 1982. In February 2020 a team of 50, including eight from First Baptist Church Friendsville, traveled to the mountain village La Estrella, Nicaragua where they ministered to 2800 through the clinics and saw 153 people make professions of faith in Christ. The team was scheduled to return to Nicaragua in August, but is on hold due to the coronavirus.

In the past couple of years several members of our church have worked on these teams, including Pastor Bill Gowder, Ken Barnett, Jim Spears, Colton McNabb, Tammie Wills, David Gilson, Beka Ashe, Kay Bateman, Jamie Lennex, and Julian Paramore. Our church has also been instrumental in raising funds, helping gather and box supplies, underwriting a portion of the cost of travel for team members, and prayer. We are always looking for volunteers willing to spend one week (or longer) in foreign missions. All skill-sets are needed. You don't have to be a preacher or medical professional—in fact most team members are not. Our next scheduled team is set for February 2021. Pray that we can get past the coronavirus pandemic and get back to Nicaragua.



Rick and Joan Hutchison

Barnabas Ministries is dedicated to building God's kingdom through evangelism, missionary assistance, and helping believers fulfill their calling in Christ. Barnabas partners with national churches and pastors overseas to share God's love in many ways:

- **Evangelism:** Gospel meetings, evangelism teams, tract and literature ministries, and church planters in unreached areas of S. India.
- **Conferencing:** Local and regional conferences for pastors, evangelists, and leaders; giving encouragement, theological and ministerial training.
- **Partnerships:** We assist indigenous ministries overseas including a ministry to the blind in Ukraine, leper colony and orphanage in S. India.

Praise Notes:

- Successful ministry September 2019 — God's favor and help in Open-air Gospel meetings and administrative planning with national leaders.
- Barnabas and our Indian partners teamed up to provide emergency food distributions to hungry families during the Covid19 lockdown.
- First Telugu translation of Pastoral Training Course textbook being published in India; Training class for pastors/teachers coming this fall.

Prayer Requests:

- For travel restrictions to be lifted so we may return to India.
- For fall launch of online training classes for pastors/leaders.

Projects:

- School bus for orphanage
- New church building for Leper Colony



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From the Pastor...

Over the past several months I have been working my way through a rather large book on the end times. It is a very exhaustive (and at times exhausting) study of what all will happen when Jesus comes again. I have a growing suspicion that we may not be far from that spectacular event.

One of the things that really caught my attention was the discussion on “the day of the Lord.” There is a day coming when God’s patience with the nations will finally run out, and the full weight of God’s wrath is going to be unleashed against the rebellion of mankind. This discussion proved to be a fresh reminder that billions of people are currently sitting under God’s judgment, but they do not yet know it. It will come upon them like “a thief in the night.” “As in the days of Noah,” people will be living it up without a care in the world, and without a care about the things of God, and will suddenly face divine judgment. It will truly be a day of terror, beyond anything that has ever been experienced. It will be so bad that... *In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.* (Rev. 9:6)

Mankind is not experiencing the full wrath of God right now. Right now they are experiencing His patience, His forbearance, and His love. And it is our task to let them know that. Now is the time to do so. I understand that we need to be careful with this, especially when it comes to the children, but there is a hell and people are going there. In light of that, Paul wrote... *Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.* (2 Cor. 5:11)

We need to be about the business of persuading those within our realm of life, and supporting our missionaries to go and persuade around the globe. May the reality of what is to come move our hearts to do what God has called us to do.

In Him,,
 Pastor Bill

From the Acts 1:8 Team...

The Acts 1:8 Team wants to thank you in advance for your participation in the FBCF Missions Conference. We trust this will be a wonderful and challenging time for our church family. Following is the distribution list of the 2020 FBCF Ingathering Offering to be taken in the morning service on August 30.

Cooperative Program (Lottie Moon/Annie Armstrong) – 25%

Chilhowee Baptist Association – 10%

Tony and Joy Anzalone – 10%

Jack and Janie Housley (Ethnos360) – 15%

Rick and Joan Hutchison (Barnabas) – 10%

Mark and Hannah Langham – 10%

Tanner and Lauren Tripp – 10%

2020/2021 Special Projects – 10% (This remaining amount will be kept in reserve for special missions project(s) that arise during 2020/2021 as determined by the Acts 1:8 Team.)

The Acts 1:8 Team:

Weston Smith (Team Leader)

Elaine Dagley

Jerry Hayes

Shirley Long

Rebekka Noe

Walt Reynolds

Mark and Hannah Langham

Mark and Hannah Langham share a deep love for the marginalized, for refugees, and for orphans and vulnerable children and they desire to see the gospel transform those lives through crisis intervention, relational living, and Christ-centered discipleship.



Separately, that passion has led them all over the world, from Namibia to India, from Greece to Belgium, and to Haiti where they met. Currently they serve as members of Samaritan's Purse's international disaster response team and have responded to hurricane devastation in Haiti and Mozambique, served at a trauma hospital near Mosul, Iraq, spent eight months in the Caribbean after Hurricane Irma, and most recently helped with a COVID field hospital in New York City. Occasionally they deploy separately which sent Mark to Saipan after a hurricane, the Democratic Republic of Congo during an Ebola outbreak, and the US/Mexico border helping migrant and refugee families in need. Hannah recently served in the Bahamas for 2.5 months after Hurricane Dorian. They reside on Mississippi's Gulf Coast, but are keeping their bags packed for wherever the Spirit leads.

Mark and Hannah ask you to keep them in your prayers as they serve on overseas assignments, that God would continue to empower and equip them to be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever they go. And pray also that when they are stateside they can be bold witnesses to those in their community and that God will continue to open doors for deeper relationships and discipleship opportunities.

“Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.” (Oswald Chambers)



Charlie and Shannon Worthy

We have served the IMB for 18 years and consider it a joy and privilege to be representatives of Southern Baptists. Our family consists of Charlie and Shannon who have been married for 22 years and have four children — Micah, Emma, Alessia and Ben. Charlie was raised in

Mississippi on a farm and graduated from Union University in Jackson, TN. Shannon is an MK who was born in Honduras and grew up in Guatemala. She graduated from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, TX. This fall Micah (18) will be attending Carson Newman University and Emma (17) will be attending Union University. Alessia (13) and Ben (12) attend Northstar Online Academy. We will be based out of Mt. Juliet, TN till the fall of 2021 when we will return to the field.

Our primary role with the IMB has been to utilize missions partners in the planting, growth, and development of churches in Italy for the past 16 years. Much of this has involved supporting long term partnerships with stateside churches engaging areas of Italy with little or no Gospel witness. Placing a high value on relationships, we have seen the Lord do amazing things during our time overseas.

Charlie currently serves as the European Student Mobilizer. This role involves helping to coordinate and bring over high school, college, and seminary students to work alongside our IMB personnel and national partners across Europe. Shannon continues to serve the local churches through their evangelistic outreach with a focus on children's ministry and education.

This past summer our family was fortunate to be featured in Lifeway's vacation Bible school promotion "Concrete and Chains." The five videos gave a glimpse of what our ministry is like from the perspective of our two youngest children, Alessia and Ben.

We have a private Facebook page called newsWorthy. It is here that you can receive constant updates about the work, prayer requests, and unique opportunities where you can be involved. Additionally, every Christmas we offer a chance for you to bid on certain items directly from Italy. All the proceeds go toward the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. If anyone is interested in being a part of this prayer page, please send us a note.

Charlie & Shannon Worthy: csworthy@pobox.com

Jack and Janie Housley

With the world changing and the difficult times facing churches in 2020, we are not able to return to Papua New Guinea this year as we hoped to do. The doors have been shut here in the States as well as overseas.



With churches closed in many places we are taking the gospel message to the mountains of East Tennessee where the doors are still open and many people are still coming at a high rate. We call it our "camping ministry," looking for faithful men and women to pray for the little school in PNG, the Ramu Valley Academy (or RVA).

We have been surprised at the number of people from out of state that come our way and take our ministry to heart. For one thing, it is relaxing in the mountains and it allows people to leave their problems for several hours behind.

You can pray for us to be sensitive to people and their needs. Also, pray for wisdom in the important things of life as we visit and talk. Pray for sensitive hearts and our hospitality skills to be tuned into those the Lord brings our way.



Tony and Joy Anzalone

Tony and Joy Anzalone are member of the Live Global Team, a part of the ABWE missionary family. Live Global builds relationship bridges to provide training, resources, and encouragement to national partners who are doing effective ministry in difficult place and circumstances, whether within their own culture or cross-culturally. The Anzalones help to connect churches in North America with national-directed ministries around the world. Their region of emphasis is Latin America.



Tony and Joy were married in 1982. They have six children and twelve grandchildren. Three of their kids live at home: Teddy, Carla and Matthew. The Anzalones live in Crossville, Tennessee.

Both Tony and Joy came to know Christ as Savior while they were children. They graduated from Baptist Bible College East in Boston, Massachusetts in 1983. They served in local church ministries in Florida and Michigan before responding to God's call to missionary service in 1988.

Tony and Joy were missionaries to Ecuador from 1988 to 2019. They primarily served as church planters, but also ministered in leadership training and education. Through 2003, they were in Quito, Ecuador's capital city, working with other missionaries in establishing churches and training church leaders. Joy taught at the Alliance Academy, a K through 12 Christian school.

For their remaining years in Ecuador they lived in Manta, a city on Ecuador's coast. They began a local church there in 2005. Their ministry in Manta emphasized purposeful discipleship, biblical preaching and teaching, and developing a solid group of servant-leaders. Though Tony and Joy no longer live in Ecuador, the churches they planted continue to grow and to reach their communities with the Gospel.

Their ministry with Live Global give them an opportunity to encourage ministry workers in many countries who are evangelizing, making disciples, planting churches, and training servant-leaders. They also help mobilize churches in North America by informing, inspiring, and involving them in global Gospel partnerships.