

Ministry/Missions Spotlight: Meet Our Missionaries



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CALDWELL, IDAHO

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FROM THE CFBC ARCHIVES

From a 1940 report to the Baptist Association. This was during the pastorate of the much-loved Reverend Ernest W. Stuchbery, who was at CFBC from 1937-47.

GREETINGS TO THE ASSOCIATION:

The Caldwell church is proud to report that we have made progress both spiritually and materially this year.

We now have over 400 members. Fourteen were received by baptism, nine by letter, and eight by experience. Twelve were granted letters of dismissal.

On November 12 at the close of the usual evening message a great revival broke out among the young people. Over 35 came forward to re-dedicate their lives for Christ, as the Spirit was so much in evidence that the Pastor did not dismiss the service until about an hour later than usual. The young people then stayed for a prayer meeting which was dismissed at 11:00 o'clock but since there was some still under deep conviction it was 1:00 a.m. before the last finally departed. It was decided to hold special meetings during the week with Rev. Stuchbery in charge, and this was done for two weeks with very good attendance and many people were greatly blessed.

Later Waster Bishop and Lem Carter were with us for Revival meetings at which time much inspiration was received.

Our annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the fall this year instead of spring and a larger group was in attendance than ever before.

Much inspiration was received from the Easter Sunrise Service which was held with other Baptist churches from near by towns on Canyon Hill this year. A great time of fellowship was had at the breakfast following the service. Our Pastor was away from us for a few weeks holding meetings at Notus and Eagle, at which time he was greatly missed.

At our annual Harvest Home Day enough money was brought in to completely clear the church of debt besides money was used to install a new furnace in the primary room and some shingling and other rearing was done. November 26 was a great day when Mrs. A.E. Gipson, a member for about 46 years, burned the mortgage on the parsonage. Rev. R.P. Douglass and Rev. W.J. Agee were special speakers that day.

The future looks very bright with hopes of building a much needed addition to our church building soon.

May God's richest blessing be with the Association this year.

Mrs. C.T. Howard, Church Clerk



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First Baptist Church at 10th and Blaine. c. 1920.

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Foundations in
Genesis Idaho

Tuesday, October 20

All-Church potluck at
6:00pm

Session at 7:00pm

Featuring: Aaron Judkins

"The Maverick Archaeologist"

Trunk or Treat

5:00 - 8:00pm

Crockpot (soup) potluck

Sign up with Meghan Conant at _____ to help
with games in the Fellowship Hall.

Candy donations are welcome! Please leave donations
in the baskets under the kid's table in the lobby.

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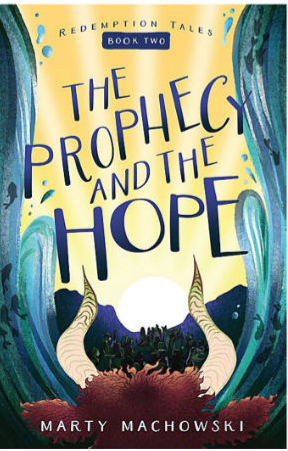
Weekly at First Baptist

- Sunday: 9:00am - Time of prayer before worship service in Room 107
9:30am - Worship Service
11:15am - Sunday School for all ages
- Monday: Office open 8:00am - 2:00pm
Choir at 6:30pm
- Tuesday: Office open 8:00am - 2:00pm
Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am - Studying "Mark," by Warren Wiersbe
Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying "Exodus: Be Delivered" by Warren Wiersbe
Men's Bible Study at Ken Williams' home at 6:30pm - Studying "Psalms: Hymns for God's People"
- Wednesday: Office open 8:00am - 2:00pm
Adventure Club for children age 3 through 6th grade at 6:30pm
Youth Bible Study and Fellowship at 6:30pm
Women's Bible Study in Room 106 at 6:30pm - Studying "Foundations" (New Testament) by R. and K. Gallaty
- Thursday: Office open 8:00am - 2:00pm
The Elder Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm
- Friday: Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off
Ladies' Bible Study "Colossians" in the Library at 10:00am
Men's Bible Study "Isaiah" meets at 7:00pm in the Communications office
"First Friday Prayer" meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm in the Library
- Saturday: There is a Men's Breakfast every month on the second Saturday of the month.

Growth Groups meet weekly to discuss the Sunday Sermon and its applications.
Home Hospitality Groups meet monthly for fellowship.

Library “Kids’ Corner”

Recommended Reading



Check It Out at the CFBC Library
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October Upcoming Events

October 2 First Friday Prayer at 7:00pm

October 3 Concert of Praise at 6:30pm

October 10 Men's Breakfast at 9:00am

October 11 Harvest Home Celebration and Potluck

October 20 All-Church Potluck at 6:00pm

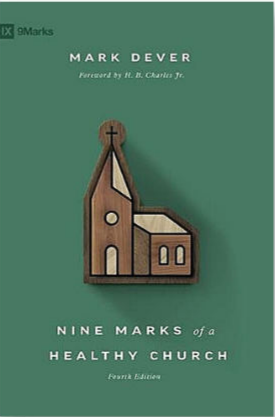
FIGI Seminar at 7:00pm

October 24 Memorial Service for Mary Mesenbrink-Hague

Trunk or Treat at 5:00pm

From the Library

Recommended Reading



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Jesse and Jill Ortiz - Evangelism and Discipleship in Jalisco, Mexico

The Ortiz family is involved in evangelizing their local area in Atotonilco and surrounding villages, discipling new believers, and leading their local church. In addition to their church related activities, they are involved in prison and rehab center ministries as well. Several new families have joined their congregation and they are presently looking to find a new church property.



They serve with Alejandro and Carmen Chavez.



Rolando and Hannah Ortiz - Evangelism and Discipleship in Jalisco, Mexico

In addition to numerous evangelistic contacts, Rolando has recently started (at the request of some of his congregants) a new three-tiered discipleship program including a group that meets once a week, a group that meets four times per week, and a "leave your nets" program modeled after Jesus and His disciples with a few people who desired and have been approved to live at the church and serve continually with Rolando. The groups are focussed on 1) a personal relationship with God, 2) Christian character, and 3) sharing and defending the faith.

Bailey Siewert - Raising support to serve at Kinshuko Camp in Northern Japan with WorldVenture

The Kinshuko Camp serves as a beacon for the Christian community in northern Japan, a place where isolated believers are able to come together to fellowship with each other. Bailey has recently begun partner development and has presently reached 5% of his support goals.



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Kandee Harris - International Students Inc.

For over 10 years now, Kandee has spearheaded a very effective ministry to International Students, primarily those who attend the College of Idaho. Members of about 15 churches, including CFBC, help us reach out to students in various ways: making welcome baskets for first year international students, finding host families, planning events in the community, providing meals on school breaks, and donating food for their pantry, to name a few.



Eric and Adrianna Lappe - International Gospel Ministries in Mexico

We work throughout the entire Country of Mexico under the Direction of the Directors of IGM, Terry & Lorie Lingel. We have been blessed to be with IGM for nearly 20 wonderful years. God has blessed the Work in Mexico tremendously. We are working in 5 Prisons and 3 Rehabilitation Centers in the Country. We are also working with local Churches near the Prisons and encouraging them. We also have 265 people signed up for our daily devotional that we email out. This has been a great help to people who are going through difficult times or who are seeking the Lord. They all receive our office contact information, so some days are very busy for us as we counsel with them. God is doing mighty things in the lives of the people in Mexico.



Terry and Lorie Lingel - International Gospel Ministries in Mexico

We personally direct all of our works throughout Mexico. We have 3 main outreaches of ministry: 6 Prisons, 3 Rehabilitation Centers, and both planting churches and working with established pastors. We also help the poor with their daily physical needs and then get them into a local church. Everything that we do is Christ-centered and geared toward helping those we work with to gain the knowledge of their risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We see many men and women leaving the Cartel life for a new life in Christ. Their stories are always amazing.



By Bill Keys for the 125th Anniversary in 2001. Bill was one of the architects and contractors for the construction of the current church building at 221 E Linden in 1970.

It was sometime in late 1936 or early 1937 our family moved to a farm few miles west of Wilder in Arena Valley. Across the road from our farmhouse was a small rental house belonging to the same land owner. We got acquainted with the couple living there and spent many evenings together singing gospel songs to the accompaniment of a small portable organ, visiting, and just having a good time. One day our neighbor came over and in conversation with my dad said "Oliver, we are moving to Caldwell to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church there and I want you to know that I will be expecting a visit from your family and I will reserve the front pew for you. There were ten of us so it would surely take the whole pew.

A while later our family moved to Caldwell and we became members here. Of course Rev. Stuchbery made us feel welcome and true to his word had us seated on the front pew.

This was the largest church we had ever been a part of but it didn't take long for us to become a part of this wonderful family.

A year or two later our family moved again, this time to Vallejo, California, responding to our country's call to participate in the war effort. It was 1941. I graduated high school, joined the Navy, and was off to seek my fortune.

Then it was 1946. The war was over and I was headed back home. With all of our moving around I think I changed school nine times in eleven years. I considered Caldwell my home town. So I returned home to Caldwell in August, 1946 accompanied by a wife and two very small three-month-old twin daughters.

Upon starting attendance at our old church, Rev. Stuchbery was still here and it was he who officiated at Cindy and Karen's dedication.

We were introduced to a Sunday School class which met in a tiny room above the baptistry in the old church building. It was so crowded we almost had to sit on each other's lap.

There were three or four young couples our age and the SS superintendent used us as a nucleus to start a "Young Married" class. Ida Bourland was assigned to be our teacher and we were given the last two or three pews on the west side of the sanctuary as our "classroom." Ida Bourland was a wonderful Bible Teacher. She was a most gracious lady, had a great knowledge of the bible and was a very good communicator.

As I remember, Audrey and I, Lee and Wanda Archer, Dwaine and Sonny Smith and Darrel and Betty Smith were charter members of this class and we called it the "Truth Seekers" class.

Mrs. Bourland was a wonderful teacher and under her teaching the Truth Seekers grew to quite a sizable number. We were given the "side room" or annex room for our new classroom. Ida Bourland, along with her husband, Charlie, always had an individual concern for each member of our class as well as for our children.

Charlie had a special love for flowers. He had a beautiful rose garden in front of their house, and every Sunday morning he had a rose bud or some other favorite flower in his lapel and a smile portraying the "Joy of the Lord" on his face. Charlie's good judgement in matters both inside and outside the Church were valued and respected.

I loved to hear Charlie pray. He prayed as if God was right there in the room with us and he seldom left anyone or anything out of his prayer.

Ida would have our class over to her house occasionally for an evening of games and goodies. She loved to play "Sorry."

When I think back over the years (and there are several of them) and I think of those people who have had a positive influence in my life, both Charlie and Ida Bourland stand out in capital letters. They not only talked the talk but they walked the walk and you could see it in their lives. I'm sure that God has a very special place in heaven

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Steve and Jennifer Baughman - Wycliffe in the United States

Steve and Jennifer lived overseas for 30 years. They serve in Scripture Engagement, media-formatting, and distribution of the newly translated portions of Scripture in minority languages of Eurasia. Many countries restrict access to the New Testament. The Baughmans' goal is to make the newly translated Scriptures available on multiple new media platforms. This allows people in these countries better access to God's Word. They chair a large, annual gathering of workers (700+) from hundreds of organizations and many limited access countries.



Carole Brenton - Serving the Deaf in Kenya

Along with several local pastors, Carole continues to teach the Bible to deaf individuals who want to learn how to evangelize and disciple new deaf believers and be active in their local churches. She has recently had the joy of seeing both her students and recent graduates take on exciting new assignments teaching, preaching, and leading Bible studies in their communities.



Chris and Chrissy Bryan - Teaching at Black Forest Academy in Germany

Chris and Chrissy, with Jonathan (18), Joshua (16), and Sarah (12) - have been involved in many areas at Black Forest Academy (BFA) in Kandern, Germany, serving missionary kids and their families both at the Academy and in the local community. Chris teaches graphic arts, yearbook, German, and art appreciation classes. Chrissy teaches secondary math and volunteers in extra-curricular activities. Together they have served in the student dorms, as class sponsors, small group leaders, mentors, and are connected with the local German community.



Kevin and Andrea Bult - Puebla Bible Seminary in Mexico

Kevin presently serves as the seminary president. In addition to teaching, discipling, and mentoring students, he is involved with the seminary in ministering and encouraging local pastors. Presently there are 150 pastors who attend the seminary's free fellowship breakfasts.

Andrea is active at their church, Comunidad Biblica, in both worship and Women's Ministries, and Kevin serves as a teaching pastor. Together they provide premarital and marital counseling and discipleship. They will soon be opening a "transitional Home" for disadvantaged children/young adults.



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Alejandro and Carmen Chavez - Evangelism and Discipleship in Mexico

In 2014, after several years of serving with Pastor Jesse Ortiz and attending Bible School, my wife, Carmen, and I were called to the ministry to begin the mission we are currently working on by the grace of God. Two years ago, by the grace of God, we purchased land with the desire to build a building for the Church. We have two services per week, on Sunday morning and Tuesday night. We continue evangelizing this town, and there are people receiving Christ. We also distribute food to people in need. They work with Jesse and Jill Ortiz.



Ethan and Abigail Decker (as of October 10, 2026)

Leading and Coordinating Youth Summer Mission Teams with Teen Missions International in Florida

Ethan is currently arranging all the logistics for numerous youth mission groups that will be traveling this summer. Along with Abigail, who will be joining Teen Missions staff as soon as they are married, he will be leading a team in the Philippines this summer.



Derik and Zoe Flensburg - Safety Manager and Maintenance Instructor at Moody Aviation, Missionary Aviators at Proclaim Aviation Ministries

The staff of Proclaim Aviation serve on loan at Moody Aviation. This dedicated group is committed to equipping the next generation of missionary aviators to serve God in every corner of the globe. They raise their own support to mentor, instruct, and guide brand-new aviators, shaping the future of missionary aviation. The students they teach will go on to maintain and fly aircraft that will minister to tens of thousands of people every single year. Talk about an eternal impact!



Praise International

Praise International supports and encourages national pastors in poverty-stricken countries, spurring them on to reach the most people possible for Jesus Christ. We look for Christians willing to sponsor a national pastor. We currently sponsor pastors on 3 different continents. In each of our countries, we have a list of pastors in need of support. We also fund special projects for indigenous pastors, such as digging wells in Mali, purchasing motorcycles in Ivory Coast, providing bikes for Cuban pastors, or buying cows or goats to help a pastor provide for his family. I try to encourage these pastors face to face, visiting their countries about every 3 years.

