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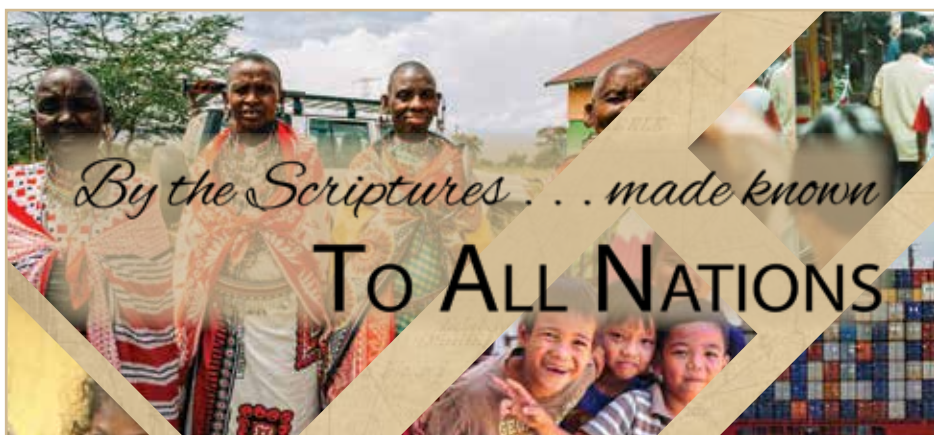
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**Another Tremendous
Scripture Conference is History**

God said in Deut. Chapter 8 verse 3 that "...man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." We received a double helping of both! God showed up and blessed in every phase of the conference, even the offerings. The attendance was very good with 80 pastors, preachers and missionaries present. The preaching was great with every message timely, Spirit-filled and challenging. The singing, special music and choir specials were uplifting and inspiring and the food and the fellowship better than Granny's home cooking and plenty of it! I honestly do not know of any way it could have been any better unless we had a hundred pastors, preachers and missionaries present and had raised a million dollars for paper.

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Romans 16:26, is our theme verse, "But now is made manifest, and **"by the scriptures"** of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **"made known to all nations"** for the obedience of faith." I think we could insert the words "the gospel" after the "but now" without doing any injustice to the verse however, to more fully understand what "is now made manifest" we will have to go back and read verse 25. "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,..."! The Apostle Paul squeezes a whole lot into these two verses. By the time he inserts three "according to" and

the "revelation of the mystery", most readers are concentrating on the mystery and have no understanding as to what the apostle is teaching! While there are many mysteries spoken of in the Scriptures, most Bible students believe this mystery spoken of in these two verses is the same mystery Paul is speaking of in Eph. 1:9, 22 & 23, & 3:1-9, the "Church" the secret that had remained hidden since the beginning of time, in God's time now revealed!

In Col. 1:24 the apostle speaks of "Christ...for his body's sake which is the church", vs. 27, To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles which is Christ in you

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*Special Christmas
Request*

In September, this ministry was hit with a double financial whammy when we received a \$261,470.14 paper bill for six trailer loads of paper and a \$133,342.39 invoice for some of the installation work on the larger web press. Especially difficult with these two large expenditures coming on the heels of other equipment expenses and an \$180,000 paper bill due this month. The six trailer loads of paper were purchased by faith because we needed the paper, and the invoice on the press in September coming due with the completion of the Work on the larger web press, unfortunate timing financially. When we made the decision to purchase the larger web press in March of 2021, we had not had any forewarning of any paper price increases, frequency or amount of each.

Concerning paper: I have explained previously, we have by faith been purchasing three trailer loads of paper a month since March of 2021 until the paper mill limited us to two trailer loads in May and in June. Two of the six trailer loads we ordered for July were to make up for those two, three trailer loads were our regular July paper delivery that did

not arrive until August. The sixth and extra trailer load was to get ahead of another major price increase scheduled for August 1. We received three trailer loads in September and with the big web press up and running, by faith we order four trailer loads for October, which the mill did not deliver until November 9 – 13, 34 trailer loads received through November an average of 3.09 trailer loads per month for the year.

Concerning the larger web press: One church contributed \$150,000 in 2021 to cover the purchase price, cost to disassemble and the shipping to move the press into the Bible Barn. As glad as we were to finally have the larger web press up and running, with a bill for the six trailer loads of paper, September was an inopportune time for us to be invoiced for the \$133,342.39, partial payment for the installation, on the press but all in God's own timing!

If it is any consolation to anyone, prior to January of 2021, we had not anticipated purchasing a second web press, at least not for a couple more years but several

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*2023 Wall
Calendars available*

for free to supporting churches. Non-supporting churches pay for postage only.



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About a month before the conference, we received a call informing us that Dr. David Gibbs would not be able to be with us because a judge in a case he was trying had set a court date for the Monday of the conference. Thankfully, that hearing was rescheduled, and we thought everything was going to be fine until the good doctor fell and broke an ankle two weeks before our meeting. "But God" in His infinite wisdom and foreknowledge worked everything out to His glory and for our good! We had some incredible preach-



ers in the lineup for Tuesday, so we preached Dr. Bob Gray II, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church on Monday evening, Pastor Matt Miller, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church on Tuesday evening and Dr. Mark Stevens Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church on Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday we preached four more tremendous preachers, Dr. Jayson Godsey, Pastors in Cadillac, MI, Pastor of Brother Steve Frost, Pastor of Shawnee Baptist Church of Louisville, KY, Brother Josh Leathers, Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church of Lewisburg, TN, Missionary/Evangelist Dr. Paul Prichard, from Seymore, MO and what an enjoyable exciting day we had. In between every message we were blessed with some of the best musical talent that you will



ever find anywhere on God's green earth: Rebecca Peck, Tim & Carla Gordon, Josh Leathers, Tiffany Lemmon, a trio with Matthew &



Britney McGilliard &, Eloise Gaither, our Victory Baptist Corale and the Victory Baptist Conference choir directed by Matthew McGilliard accompanied on the organ by Emily Warren, Milton Williams on the piano, and Lee Stem on the saxophone. In addition to some of these we had a lot of local talent sing in our 6:15PM musical concerts, too many to list. A heartfelt thank you to you all!



Even though the Conference does not officially start until Monday evening, Dr. Shannon Lemmon preached the Sunday Morning Service and Pastor Guy Beaumont from Montana in the Sunday Evening service at Victory Baptist! If you missed any of these services, you missed out on the really good stuff, the best of the best, words cannot adequately describe what the Lord had in store for you, what a Conference!

Please mark your calendar now for next year's 55th Anniversary/Annual Scripture Conference with Dr. Jeff Fugate, October 16,17 & 18, 2023.

**Sweet fellowship
produces smiling faces!**



**Will we see your smiling
face next year?**

BREAKING THE SILENCE: When the Word Speaks

Dr. Shannon Lemmon



"Let there be light," thundered across the universe to be. "And there was light." In that same week, the Word of God created the fruit-bearing trees, the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea, and all creatures that walked or crept upon the earth. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). He spoke the universe into existence. When the Word speaks, there is life.

This same Word spoke to Abraham, telling him to go to a far country. He warned Noah, telling him exactly how to construct a life-preserving ark, and the Word told Moses to go free His people from bondage. When the Word speaks, there is life! Then the Living Word dwelt among us and spoke Truth and forgiveness. "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). The Word of God was here! "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). When the Word speaks, get ready! Lives are going to change! The blind are given sight! The dumb are made whole! When the Word speaks, "Lazarus, come forth," the dead are being raised! The centurion knew the power of the Word of God when he told the Lord Jesus his servant could be healed if He would but speak the word only! When the Living Word of God speaks, the woman at the well will be saved! The seven devils run from Mary Magdalene! Then on the cross those precious eternity-shaping words were spoken, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Following were the words of victory, "It is finished." When the Word speaks, there is life!

In this generation, we have been given the Infallible, Perfect Word from Heaven: The Written Word. Though we do not hear His audible voice or walk with the Word in Flesh, we have all sixty-six books of His Word penned by over forty different authors under

the inspiration of the Holy Spirit over a span of sixteen hundred years. This God-breathed, Inspired, Preserved, Pure Word speaks to a world in need! Light, Truth, Salvation, Power, Authority, Victory, and Life is given when the Word speaks! When the Word speaks, new names are written down in Glory!

Yet in many nations today, there is not only darkness, but also silence. They do not hear the powerful, eternity-changing Word spoken for there are no Scriptures available. If they live their entire lives in silence, never hearing the Truth of the Gospel, the first and final Word they will hear spoken will be, "Depart from me; I never knew you." How sad that they were never even given an opportunity to taste the goodness of God... never able to hold a Bible in their hands, to learn the Old Testament events in Sunday School. They never memorized a verse, quoted Psalm 23, or read that, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." They lived in silence...their hearts and minds never being opened to the faith of Jesus Christ. You can help change that for another soul in need. You and your Church can send the Written Word so that they can hear how much Jesus loves them and gave His life for them! We are asking the Lord for 3,000 people or Churches who will commit to sponsor one roll of paper each year. For \$1,000, you can send the Word of God to 500 precious souls on the foreign mission field. Is there a better gift in which to invest this Christmas season? You may call our office (931) 684-0304 to inform us of your pledge to sponsor paper, or you may visit our website biblelit.com/how-to-help to fill out your paper pledge information. With 3,000 annual paper sponsors, BLMF will be able to run both presses year-round, with a capability of producing seven million Scriptures! Would you help this ministry break the silence and send the Word of God to all who need to hear?



Auturet Outreach Baptist Church Kenya, Africa

We doubled the size of the church building. On July 31, they had dedication and everyone received a Bible.

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 the hope of glory." The church being the instrument God has chosen to bring together Jew and Gentile into one body in Christ, Jews and Gentiles "fellow heirs" in Christ. Making it the church's responsibility to make Jesus Christ known to all nations, Jews and



Gentiles alike! The Church as we know is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:23), the servants of Christ, His hands, eyes, mouth and feet, instruments and vessels He uses to take the gospel to all nations, every creature.

Eph. 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;" vs. 9, "Having made known unto us the mystery..." vs. 10 "That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ..."; chapter 3:6, "That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel;" vs. 7, "Whereof I was made a minister..." Vs. 8, "that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Gods' Grace has always been open to the Gentiles as we know of many examples like Rahab and Ruth but the gospel had never been openly presented or offered to the Gentiles until Jesus was rejected by the Jews (Jn. 1:11). When they did (Rom. Ch. 11) God grafted the Gentiles a wild olive branch into the true vine Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul was converted and called of God (Acts 9) to take the gospel to the Gentiles and

neither! When we think of the great commission and missions we think of Mt. 28:18 - 20, Mk. 16:15, Lk. 24:47, Jn. 20:21 and Acts 1:8 but Ro. 16:25 & 26, powerful verses that preach a tremendous mission and soul winning message are seldom used!

Even though English grammar was never my favorite subject, as you can tell, I have however figured out that the principle person in verse 25 and 26 is "the him" that is of power to establish you! The three "according to" are important and the apostle Paul wants it understood that what he is writing is declared, confirmed and guaranteed by three infallible sources, his gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ, and prophecy as recorded in scriptures by the prophets (Gen. 12:3).

As one who has had great difficulty in understanding these two verses myself, after much study, meditation and consultation, if I may provide a



little personal commentary, my take on these verses is: Now to Him (Jesus) that is of power to establish you (in the faith), according to the gospel that I (Paul) have been taught by the Holy Spirit, confirmed by the preaching of Jesus Christ and the revelation of ancient prophecy kept secret since the world began. Prophecy now revealed in the scriptures concerning God's people both Jews & Gentiles joined together in one body called the church, as commanded by the everlasting God to be made known to all nations by the scriptures for the obedience of the faith (salvation). In other words; the everlasting creator God of the universe has commanded His people the church, the body of Christ, to by the scriptures make "Him and His saving power" known to all nations (all people and every creature) for the obedience of the faith (the salvation of all mankind)!

Our theme in one sentence; The Church, **by the Scriptures, Made known to all Nations!** I believe that pretty well covers it, "Who" is to go, take or send the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the "Church", the "How" is "by the Scriptures" and the "Where" is "to all Nations"! In order to provide the written Word to all nations someone has to first produce it and as best that I can figure out, that is also the responsibility of the Church! The great company of Scripture publisher who make up this ministry would love to invite you and your church to partner together with us in publishing and distributing the precious, verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, pure, preserved, and perfect written Word of God!



Peter had his vision opening the door to the Gentiles declaring that God is no respecter of persons (Rom. 1:16). Prior to this time, the disciples had been instructed to take the gospel to the Jews only. Rom. 11:8, "...through their fall (the Jews) salvation is come unto the Gentiles!

The great commission has three components, the written Word, which is the message (seed), the laborers (missionaries), and the Holy Spirit who does the convicting and the sealing! If a church is only sending laborers and not providing the written Word then they are only doing half their job, or in some cases doing



Scripture Arriving in Ghana



Since our November Prayer/Support letter was just mailed November 9th not a great deal has changed since then, and I will not receive a new distribution report from our secretary until after December 1. As of today, however we have printed 2,075,000 Scriptures, 400,000 of them whole Bibles, 1,285,000 New Testaments and 395,000 Bible portions with press runs of 75,000 Spanish New Testaments and 30,000 French Bibles on that press that should be finished this week.



Ukrainian New Testaments to Poland

Of our goal to produce 1,000,000 Ukrainian New Testaments we have printed 700,000 and shipped 600,000. Approximately 400,000 have gone into Poland and the Ukraine and the other 200,000 divided between Romania, Hungary and Croatia. The remaining 100,000 are in the process of being collated and finished by the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Crossville, TN.

As much as we would like to finish the project this year, it would be unwise to send any more to Poland and the Ukraine right now, as we have already overwhelmed them with more than they are capable of distributing. Our original plan was to include distributions in two other countries but the missionaries in those countries have not been willing to be responsible to receive and distribute whole containers!

In addition to the 2,000,000 total that we had shipped as of 11/9, we are still holding a partial container of 15,000 Arabic Bibles and a full container of 87,264 New Testaments for the Philippines waiting to ship. We have already shipped a record 23 containers this year. Before the end of December, Lord willing we hope to be able to also collate, finish and ship two full containers of Spanish Bibles and New Testaments to Peru! If we are able to ship all four of these containers before 12/31 we should finish the year with a record 2.2 to 2.25 million Scriptures shipped and already have 17 container projects committed to for next year with more to come!

To produce all of these Bibles and Scriptures, so far this year through October we purchased 31 trailer loads of paper at a cost of \$1,272,263.94 with a \$180,000 paper bill coming due the first week of December for the 4 trailer loads we purchased this month. If you have read any of our news letters or support letters this year you should be aware that paper, has increased exponentially in the last 14 months by \$10,000 per trailer load, costing an additional \$200,000 more than the same amount of paper would have cost last year.

Our second and larger web press has been up and running since the middle of September but in order to keep both web presses running every day, we will need

to be able to purchase at least 6 trailers a month. Before the 29% increase in the cost of paper we had hoped to by faith start purchasing 4 trailers a month and increase as we were able but at the **PRODUCTION CONTINUED TO PAGE 4**



43,000 Scriptures to Togo, Africa



A "MUST-SEE!"

BY: Dr. Shannon Lemmon

The Lord has recently given this ministry a rare and beautiful gift! This tremendous blessing is our brand new Biblical Heritage Exhibit. God has graciously enabled us to transform one thousand square feet of our building into an elaborate walk-through Bible History museum, which takes its viewer from historic ancient manuscripts all the way to our wonderful 1611 King James Bible! This exhibit was designed to give the accurate and interesting story of

how God transmitted His Pure Word to the English-speaking people, and it does just that in a first-class manner. Intricate and incredible detail has been put into every display of the English Bible timeline. From our majestic life-size Gutenberg press to the velvet wardrobes of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth to the hand-carved bronze busts of every single person God used in the process, you will step into a different time and be submerged into this beautiful account! See historic relics and artifacts, as well as authentic facsimiles of the Tyndale New Testament, the Thomas Matthews Bible, the Geneva brought on the Mayflower, Erasmus' Greek New Testament, and many, many others! We want you to experience it! Church groups, schools, families, and individuals are invited to schedule a visit. Please call our office during regular business hours (931) 684-0304 to set a time to be given a guided tour.

After being ordained to preach years ago, my Mom, the late Linda Lemmon, encouraged me to study intensely the history of our Bible. She believed it was crucially important that someone in our Bible-printing ministry be extremely knowledgeable about the amazing history of the Inspired Word on which we stand so firmly to publish for the world. Thankfully, due to her inspiration, I began to read all I could, attend seminars, and interview Pastors on the subject. I then decided to make this the topic of my thesis for my doctorate degree. (This will be published soon, Lord-willing, and made available.) While there is so much more to be learned, I much enjoy the opportunity to share what I have inherited from study with folks who come to tour this exhibit. In a generation where many have lost their stand on the Inspired, Preserved Word of God, it is our goal and prayer to educate all ages on the miraculous true story of His providential hand guiding us to His Pure Word for the English-speaking people.

This is an incredible opportunity for youth groups, church outings, homeschool, Christian, and public school field trips. Bring your children and families to learn visibly the unadulterated truth about the Inspiration of our Bible. Come yourself to see all you know come to life in this rare, God-honoring museum. You will leave more informed and even more confident of your perfect Word. Complete gratitude will flood your soul after walking through the centuries of God's Divine plan to get you your Pure King James Bible. Perhaps plan to take a few additional minutes to take a tour of our print shop, where millions of these Pure Scriptures are printed and shipped around the globe by the local Church in this "Bible Barn" in Shelbyville, Tennessee! December is a wonderful time to come, as I will be home and would be honored to spend an hour or two with you outlining the awe-striking history of our English Bible!



REQUEST CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 things happened that affected that decision. **#1** The Lord provided us with the opportunity to purchase this press at a good price and our board of directors felt this opportunity was of the Lord! **#2** Considering the age of our older smaller web press, 25 years on a rebuilt press! **#3** We anticipated a large and rapid increase in our production this year while not anticipating the \$10,000 per trailer load increase in the cost of the paper! Based on the previous two years increase in production and the Lord's faithfulness in providing three trailer loads of paper a month! **#4** With the foreknowledge that the expert web press rigger and technician we have been employing for the past 18 years was planning to retire this year. **#5** Redundancy! We concluded that this ministry is too valuable and our production too important and necessary to risk being shut down for a prolonged period of time with only one web press down. The most consequential reason of all, **#6** is this ministry be prepared and ready to continue growing our production as the Lord provides the necessary finances for paper and materials. Without this press installed and ready to run, we otherwise would be limited as to our future production capability.

Concerning the need: As of October 31, we had purchased and paid for 31 trailer loads of paper at a cost of \$1,272,263.94, \$473,672.30 more than we spent for paper for the same 10-month period in 2021, \$186,000 of this is due to the price increases! Consequently, is it any wonder that we have had to borrow some funds recently in order to pay all of our paper bills on time?

To retire all of this year's paper and equipment debt we need to raise \$400,000; \$200,000 for paper and paper price increases and \$200,000 for web press and equipment expenses over and above the contributions and pledges made during the Scripture Conference to sponsor rolls of paper. It will require



PRODUCTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 current price of paper it is a real stretch of faith to keep purchasing 3 a month. Matter of fact, we are going to have to raise some additional funds in order to do that. Please pray that we will be able to at least maintain our present production and if you are able to help with a special Christmas offering, please read the article in this issue entitled "Financial Needs!"

As far as our being able to give you an accurate accounting as to how many souls have been saved this year out of the 2,000,000 Bibles and Scriptures shipped, we cannot, as there isn't any way we can follow them once that container is opened, and they are divided among many missionaries and national pastors. The reports that we get back are all very general, some report thousands of souls saved and sometimes a report might come back saying 1,800 Bibles passed out in one meeting with 1,500 saved!

On one occasion, within the first two weeks of the container's arrival in Kenya we were able to account

all of those funds to cover the cost of the four trailer loads of paper we received this month!

To the world it sounds ludicrous for a Christian ministry or anyone for that matter to be ordering paper or anything that you do not have the money in hand to pay for, and if you are doing so for anything other than for the work of the Lord I would agree. However, when it comes to the work of the Lord, whether it is regarding your everyday service to the Lord or your financial giving, it requires faith and a lot of it! For prayer, faith and obedience is the only thing that moves God! If the ministry He has called us to is "His ministry" and we "His workmanship", why should we not trust Him by faith to provide for the needs of His ministry! I know the Lord can take care of these needs without my asking for help, but you know what saith the Scriptures, "ye have not because ye ask not"!

The long term solution is obviously a need to raise sufficient additional and regular financial support to offset this \$30,000 per month cost but that will not by it itself eliminate this immediate \$400,000 need. To resolve this immediate need, we only have two possible solutions, either cut our production, which would be the very last resort requiring no exercise of faith, or to ask you, God's people to help us to raise these additional funds while at the same time working to build our regular support.

Unfortunately, wearing out our bodies, our automobiles and expense of traveling to churches and all of our efforts and expense to do these mail outs profit little in comparison to the increasing financial needs of this ministry, on our best day, not sufficient to keep up with the rising cost! As I heard a pastor friend say recently, "We will never be able to accomplish anything for the Lord in our spare time with pocket change!" To unlock the full potential of what this ministry is capable of accomplishing it is going to require a whole lot more than spare time and pocket change!

for over 3,000 people saved but in a few days after the Scriptures had all been distributed the reports ceased. The word from the American missionaries is that these Scriptures will continue to bear fruit for many years. The only assurance that we can count on is God's promise in Isa. 55:11 that His Word will not return unto Him void but will accomplish where unto He has sent it. Personally, I believe those saved will exceed on average more 5,000 per container!

