

The Author of the Trendline

The stock market is famous for its volatility, and investing in it isn't for the faint of heart. The prospect of gaining or losing hundreds or thousands of dollars in a single day is almost guaranteed to cause your stomach to do backflips in your chest.

I'm not encouraging you to invest in the stock market. I can, however, tell you that folks who decide to do so make that decision because of the long-term trends. It may be down today, but the trendline of history says it is going to increase.

Brothers and sisters, we have a surer investment than anything the stock market can provide...because we know the trendline of HIStory.

Although many walk in darkness now, one day "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habbakuk 2:14). Though we may not always see an increase here on this earth, Isaiah says that "there will be no end" to the increase of His government and peace (Isaiah 9:7).

And so as I write to you and consider all that BCP has done these past 34 years, and all God will do in the future, I am praising God that He has set the trendline of our ministry, and that it is following His larger plan for the whole world.

I hope this letter is an encouragement to you to invest in the work of "filling the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" in and through the local church.



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'For Such a Time As This' and for the Glory of God!

A search for the phrase "for such a time as this" yields this explanation: We serve the God who "works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will" (Ephesians 1:11). As the experience of Esther shows, God uses people in fulfilling His purpose. No matter what the situation, God has His instruments of deliverance and victory. "For such a time as this," God has at the ready brave, committed, obedient individuals who will step out in faith and accomplish His work. In ancient Persia, Haman was doing the devil's work, but there was Esther to counter it. God had set the board, and He moved His queen to checkmate the enemy. "He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others" (Daniel 2:21).

We, like Esther, have meaningful choices to make. We may not have as much power and influence as Esther had, but God has still placed us where He wants us to be "for such a time as this." We are not here by accident. We have a God-given circle of influence. We must pay attention to what's happening around us and seek God's direction in how He wants to use us. He has placed us in the time, the position, and the place He wants us to be—and He invites us to confidently join in His work. In Esther's day, the duty to save a nation fell to her, and God had given her all she needed to accomplish the task. God has done the same for us, and we know that whatever task He assigns, we were made for "such a time as this."

The history of BCP is filled with many changing times and has been blessed by many brave, committed, and obedient servants who God placed at the right time to fulfill His purpose. They stewarded their position and their place in history as instruments of God. It is clear that, in His wonderful sovereignty, He always provided everything needed to accomplish His work each and every time.

We look forward to recognizing BCP's 35th year of ministry in 2025, and in preparation, we will be sharing HIStory of gracious provision of the wisdom needed to adjust to changing times and seasons. It's HIStory of refining the Mission's relationship with local churches and of stewarding all He has entrusted to do His work. May God be glorified, and may readers be challenged to consider their own circle of influence and how God has equipped us and wants to use each of us to accomplish His task in whatever time and place.

Stay tuned...

Is Giving Always Fun?

Except for touching missionary stories or an exciting building project, our giving to the local church and supporting ministries can often seem unglamorous. As you well know from your personal life, it's difficult to get thrilled about paying utility bills, replacing car tires, or repainting a bathroom. Yet these mundane tasks are crucial for keeping our homes and families running smoothly.

The same principle applies to BCP. God has entrusted Baptist Church Planters with the mission to serve churches and the missionaries they send to plant and revitalize congregations. This important work requires solid administrative support.

But there's an even better reason to give: the sheer joy of it. Giving is one of the most fulfilling activities we can engage in. It's a true act of love. Jesus taught, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The joy comes from putting others before yourself.

When Paul wrote to the Philippians, he pointed out that their generosity wasn't driven by his own need, but by his desire to see "abundant fruit accumulate in their account."

Paul wanted the Philippians to give not for his benefit, but so that the fruit produced by God through him would be credited to them. Your gift allows you to experience the blessing of giving, meeting the needs of missions while doubling the abundance of fruit. As believers, we have a need to give, and we are promised to be blessed when we do—what's more fun than that?

Adapted from an article written by David Whipple, former Executive Vice President of BCP, now with the Lord in glory.



Fruit from the Field

The Heinrichs

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH
TRACY, CA

Our youth leader recently shared some devastating news with our middle school boys. SB, a boy who had been living with a foster family from our church for the past year, was suddenly being moved. The boys were crushed and immediately turned to prayer, pouring out their hearts to God. SB was scheduled for baptism the following week, so we organized an impromptu baptism service and the entire church committed to fasting and praying for him.

In a miraculous turn of events, Tim and Susan Heinrich were able to be emergency-licensed as foster parents in less than 24 hours, preventing SB from being sent to a group home. He is now living with them until his original foster situation can be resolved. For those familiar with the foster care system, you know this process typically takes weeks or months—God truly moved mountains to make this possible. We continue to pray for a swift resolution so he can return to his foster family soon. In the meantime, Tim and Susan are blessed to have this 14-year-old boy in their home.

“We should pray and fast more often” was the refrain at Crossroads Baptist Church this past month. Will you join them in praying for God’s continued blessing this month as they prepare to host VBS?

They are praying for 6 new families to join the church, and in light of the recent Mother’s Day holiday, will you join them in praying for the salvation of 5 wives and mothers? Their names are Joanna, Windi, Tami, Danita, and Marie.

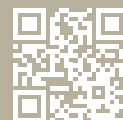
Despite what the news may tell you about California, God is at work in Tracy and people are packing into Sunday services week by week. To God be the glory!

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