

Dear Friends,

As the new year begins, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Baptist Church Planters. Your prayers and gifts have made a significant impact on our ministry, and we are grateful for your partnership.

In 2024 we were able to steward and disciple the next wave of churches that have partnered with us. We have seen churches strengthened, and these churches are now in turn helping to move other churches forward! We are now seeing a second wave of fruit from those efforts! This is a multiplying effect that is truly remarkable.

But it is not just about starting churches. It's about making a lasting impact on generations to come. Lives are being changed, and communities are being transformed by the power of the Gospel. We are grateful to be able to partner with you in this mission.

As we look toward the future, we are excited about what God has in store for Baptist Church Planters. And we couldn't do it without your continued support.

May this new year be filled with joy and blessings for you and your loved ones. We pray that you will continue to be a blessing to others just as you have been a blessing to us.

We are praying for you, and we look forward to the impact we will make together in the new year.

Blessings,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Jenks".

Jon Jenks | **PRESIDENT**



What's New?

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As we begin 2025

I love the thought of a new year. It just seems like this can be a time of 'new beginnings' for some or 'greater things ahead' for others. Today I am focusing on a phrase in a verse from a lengthy portion of Scripture.

The phrase is:

"When He shall come to be glorified in His saints,
and to be admired in all them that believe..."

(2 THESSALONIANS 1:10).

I've read it dozens of times; I've preached through this book more times than I can remember, but today, the Holy Spirit reminded this old servant of the great blessings, joy, and sense of awe that await me!

The Lord Jesus is coming. The Lord Jesus is glorious. The Lord Jesus is awesome. He will be "admired" by His people. The word is *thaumazo* (thou-MAD-zo), and it means "to wonder at, to marvel." It quite literally is revealed to us that when we see the Lord Jesus, we will be filled with a complete and beautiful sense of awe. His glory will be breathtaking in its majesty. His appearance will be astonishing in beauty. All the years we prayed by faith, served by faith, preached and taught by faith, shared the gospel by faith will be oh, so ever worth every moment of it!

In that coming day, Jesus' prayer in John 17:24 will then be our glorious experience. We will be with Him and we will behold His glory.

Greater things are ahead indeed!



**Vice President, author and counselor,
and Retiree Coordinator**
(2001 – 2022)

In the meantime...

Here's Just What You Need!

So often we think our ability to speak is what convinces a person to believe the gospel. Moses had that problem. In chapter six of Exodus, he tells God basically this. "I went to the Israelites with your message of deliverance from Egypt, and they didn't believe me. I also went to Pharaoh, and he didn't believe me." Moses uses the words "I have uncircumcised lips." That means he was not eloquent in speech. Moses used that same statement earlier when arguing with God about being the leader of Israel.

Without doubt in my mind, Moses may have had a speech impediment or just wasn't good speaking off the cuff. His statement and argument were probably true. The problem was this: it wasn't going to be Moses' speech that changed Pharaoh's mind. It was going to be the power of God alone. Moses was just the mouth for God telling Pharaoh what would be next if he didn't obey the God of Israel.

The story is told of a simple man in Johnson City, NY, who had one simple act, and that was picking up kids in his old van and taking them to church. One of those kids was Jim Jeremiah who came to Christ and later served Christ in churches and as president of Cedarville University. His son, David Jeremiah, is a pastor and national speaker. That man didn't speak but acted.

I also think of another story about a pastor in Canada. A simple man in his church was mute, but that didn't stop him. He took flashcards with the gospel on them and went house to house, allowing the people to read the cards. It is said that more people were in that church because of the mute man than all the ones that could speak.

It isn't our ability to speak that will convince anyone to follow Christ. He has the power to bring them. We are just His spokesman, no matter how incapable we may be.
JUST OPEN YOUR MOUTH OR PULL OUT YOUR CARDS.



President
(1997 – 2014).



Looking back...

We hope you noted that the previous two segments were authored by executive administrative personnel from BCP past. We'll be pulling from past authored material as we rehearse the BCP history.

Time capsules serve as a bridge between generations, ensuring that a specific period, event, or people are remembered, symbolizing an investment in the future by those who knew they would not see its unveiling. We look forward to a similar unveiling as we prepare to recognize BCP's 35 years of ministry during 2025.

To mark the occasion, we will be "unveiling" the contents of a shorter "time capsule," as it were, of the building of this Mission ministry and of the "way it was" during the four presidencies. The common thread throughout will be the constancy of the focus of this Mission, while also highlighting items that represent change, such as the refinement of the Mission's relationship with local churches and our renewed focus on the sending churches of our missionaries.

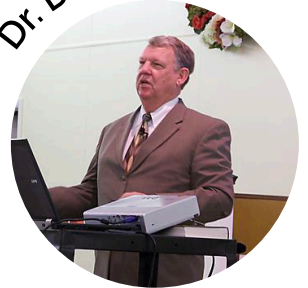
The call is still open for items for our BCP history time capsule. This will be a way to show the investment of those before us into something that will certainly outlast us all—God's Church. Use this QR code to share your stories and pictures for consideration.



Dr. Michael Peck



Dr. David Little

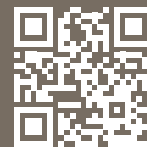


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