

Missiology must find its place under the umbrella of Ecclesiology *Stephen P. Little, President*

I believe that for each of us there is something that drives us, something that keeps us on course and is the resounding theme of our lives. Over the years God has developed in my missionary heart a resounding theme for a local church emphasis of missions. Dr. Floyd Barachman, my theology professor and author of the book, *Practical Christian Theology*, used to say all the time, “*The main thing God is doing on planet Earth today is building His Church both quantitatively and qualitatively.*” Thirty years later, that statement is what drives everything I do as president of BCP.

In my mind, Baptist Church Planters’ primary work is to be a “facilitator.” We do not carry out the Great Commission; rather, we facilitate the process for churches to fulfill the Great Commission. There is a big difference between the two. The Great Commission was not given to an agency; it was given to our Lord’s Church. That may sound



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strange coming from an agency president, but I believe it needs to be said. **BCP facilitates the process for churches to send forth missionaries into the harvest field of America.**

Recently we received an online preliminary application. One of the questions on the application is whether the individual’s pastor is aware and in agreement that he or she has applied to BCP.

Who do you think is the first person I call? You are right: the pastor of the applicant’s church. This is a small illustration of the truth I am emphasizing: Missiology must find its place under the umbrella of Ecclesiology.

BCP stands ready to facilitate the process for your church to send forth laborers into the harvest field of America and to provide the support and resources they need to do the work of the ministry. If your church is looking for an agency committed to facilitating the process of church planting or church revitalization, you will find Baptist Church Planters ready to help! Visit our website for more information at www.bcpusa.org.

In addition to facilitating the process of starting or revitalizing Baptist churches in America, BCP is committed to helping established churches as well. For instance, God brought Chip and Karen Wood to us to develop BCP Youth Ministry. We have found that the material and seminars we use to start or revitalize churches has also been very helpful to established churches for strengthening their educational departments. Chip has been helping local groups of churches with insightful and informative seminars. A description of these workshops can be found at www.bcpyouthministry.com under *Teaching Seminars*. If Chip can be of help to your church, contact him at cwood@bcpusa.org.

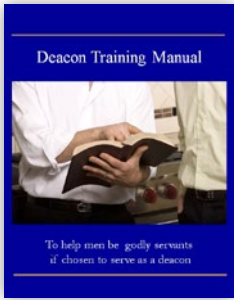


BCP’s Author and Family Counselor, Dr. Michael Peck, has been writing marriage-based materials which are of great help to church planters. His material has helped many families in our church plants or church revitalization ministries, but his material is not limited to just BCP plants. The spiritual building of the family is vital for the health of every church. You and your church will benefit from Dr. Peck’s material as well. Find the material in our store or at Dr. Peck’s website at www.michaelpeck.org/family-matters.



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My brother, Dr. David Little, wrote a Deacon Training Manual to help missionaries develop their church plants as they grow, but many pastors have found the Deacon Training Manual very helpful in developing future deacons. This manual is also available in Spanish. You will find the manual in our store at www.bcpusa.org/store. Dr. Little is on

Special Assignment with BCP to continue helping churches. Please read more about his ministry below.

Dr. Barachman was right! **God is building His church both quantitatively and qualitatively!** Baptist Church Planters stands ready to help strengthen your church in various ways. Visit our website for more information at www.bcpusa.org.

Dave Little Ministries

On Special Assignment to Help Churches

God seems to train and use His servants in various ways and in different places. The Bible is full of illustrations of this truth. Segments of our lives are divided as God orchestrates His work in and through us. Kathy and I have moved into a new ministry through God's direction in our lives. We invite you to read about our passion to help churches in areas in which God has equipped us. If we could be of help to your ministry, please feel free to contact us.



MINISTRIES WE OFFER

- 1. Pulpit supply and special meetings.** My emphasis and style is exhortation and encouragement to follow the Lord and be used of Him.
- 2. Game Dinners.** People who love to hunt and fish will come to game dinners. Many churches have found this to be a successful outreach event.
- 3. Marriage Seminars.** Kathy and I will have been married for 47 years this June. We have a good marriage and like to tell other couples how we manage our marriage.
- 4. Vision Casting.** I have been blessed by God as a visionary. Anyone around me knows that I can see the big picture. I have developed a workshop to help church leaders think through their ministry goals and purpose, looking at individual programs and ministries of the church as to viability.
- 5. Consulting.** At times, a church is faced with difficult decisions. Often there are multiple voices and conflicting opinions. It is best to have a fresh set of eyes and ears to look and listen. As a consultant, I will listen and ask questions and in the end, give the church a written review of my findings and suggestions to bring resolution.

Funding for this ministry: Dave will come on a love offering basis.

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ChurchCare CONSTRUCTION

From Ruin to Rejoicing!



Pastor Art George

Within twenty minutes of getting everyone out of the building, the members watched as the entire facility collapsed under the weight of the snow. Clouds of debris and insulation rolled across the parking lot. In a matter of seconds, God had

given First Baptist Church of Memphis, NY, the need for a building program!

After much prayer, challenges from God's Word, and church discussion, the decision was made to move to a new, more advantageous location and build a new facility. It was decided to contact ChurchCare Construction, a subsidiary of Baptist Church Planters, to see if they could help. Funds were limited, and the need was great. Immediately ChurchCare Construction came on board and helped us through the process of designing, planning for, and building a new facility. While most churches have years to plan for a building project of such scope, First Baptist was forced to reduce that time to weeks. The original church building of 1827, which still stood and was being used as a gym and fellowship hall, was limited in space and functionality.

As the builders from ChurchCare Construction came, the people of First Baptist were thrilled, not only with their expertise, skill and craftsmanship, but also with their willingness

to be a part of the church family for the time they were here, serving in various capacities and making lifelong friends. The testimony of the builders was such that even those of the community were impressed by their spirits and abilities. The town's code enforcement officer was reluctant at first to have "volunteers" and "missionaries" build in his town. By the time they were done, he was impressed. The church now has a great testimony to him and the town officials. The builders' willingness to work with him in a gracious, Christian spirit of humility and submission, as well as the extreme care with which they built the facility, broke down any barriers, and today he continues to tell the pastor, "You're good people."

Prior to the collapse, the church was running around ninety. Today the attendance averages close to two hundred. Already the church is contemplating another expansion. Additional parking is a must, and all of the chairs are being used in the auditorium. While the work of God is based on the faithful preaching of His Word and the loving fellowship of His people, He uses tools to accomplish His end. The new facility for the church is just such a tool that God has richly blessed. God also used ChurchCare Construction to be the tools to make a tool! First Baptist was so appreciative of the timely presence of ChurchCare Construction that they voted to take on one of the builders and his family as permanent missionaries.



Teen Expeditions

AN EXTREME WALK OF FAITH
7th-12th GRADE MATERIAL



Baptist Church Planters is developing a 7th-12th grade curriculum to meet the need in church plants and small churches. Our desire is to help these churches grow vibrant and committed followers of Christ. Yet these churches are often limited in finances, personnel and resources.

This new curriculum is being designed to be biblical, affordable, flexible and teachable. It is possible in

part through collaboration with Baptist Mid-Missions. Miss Nancy Knopf, a missionary with BMM, has written a three-volume series that will be added to what BCP is currently writing to make a six-volume series that will help our youth know God and serve Him.

Teen Expeditions will be the older counterpart to the pre-K through sixth grade JOY Club program that BCP already produces.

This material is set to be available in July of 2016. It may then be ordered at BCPyouthministry.com.





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