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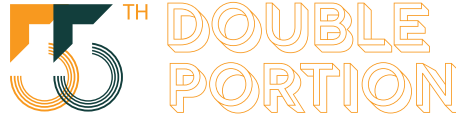
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From the welcoming prayer to the last "Amen!" the Lord blessed our 55th Anniversary Scripture Conference in a mighty way! As He promises to be in the midst of those gathered in His name, we were truly grateful for His presence in each service! Fifty wonderful Pastors from sixteen different states attended, along with hundreds of precious Church folks! Dr. Fugate started us out with a powerful message on the Word of God Monday night, right after one hundred seven rolls of paper were pledged! Dr. Mark Smith had suggested a goal of one hundred thirty rolls to honor a "double portion" of Dad printing the Scriptures for sixty-five years. Tuesday morning, we were challenged by the Spirit-filled preaching of Pastor DeWayne Jowers about being "a fit man." Missionary Edgar Feghaly imparted the impact of the printed Word of God on the mission fields of the Middle East. Dr. Bobby Lemmon then came to the pulpit, sharing his heart for this ministry through preaching and recollecting. The afternoon was capped off with a fiery message by Evangelist Mark Thrift. Tuesday evening, we witnessed the paper goal achieved as the total pledges had reached one hundred sixty-four rolls!

Wednesday morning, we enjoyed our annual Open House at the Bible Barn, where one hundred sixty people took tours of the print shop and the Biblical Heritage Exhibit. We then loaded a container together with Missionary B. Isaac to India. Following was the infamous pulled pork and brisket lunch with wonderful fellowship! That evening, we were blessed as Dr. Jon Jenkins preached the House down with, "When you have a Setback, don't take a Step Back, for God is already working on your Comeback!" This exhortation was certainly fitting as we had just witnessed a miracle in the service! As the totals came in, the roll paper pledges now reached three hundred! Never have we seen this many

pledges at a Conference! To God be all the glory! Thank you to everyone who attended, prayed, and gave!

We were so very thankful for all the wonderful ways we were able to honor Dad for his fifty-five years printing Scriptures in this ministry (sixty-five years total). Pastor Loyd Warren started on Sunday morning prior to the Conference with a beautiful shadow box that will remain indefinitely on the walls of our Church. Monday evening, the Board presented him with a Scholar King James Bible and then prayed over my family for the transition. Tuesday evening, Dad was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Lee, a proclamation for Bedford County and the city of Shelbyville by our local Mayors, and a Key to the City. We then gave him a pen made from the wood of the USS Constitution in symbolism of his steadfast faithfulness to the Lord and a Bible with letters bound inside from many of his dear friends in the Bible-printing ministry. He was also presented with new shoes and a suit from his seven grandchildren, for they pray they will follow his footsteps in the Lord. Dad was also surprised with a family trip to the mountains of East Tennessee from some very dear Churches and a carved plaque of "Send the Light" by the BLMF staff.

This Conference sure was a special one. This is not surprising as the Lord commands us to give honor to whom honor is due. Dad most definitely did not desire all the attention and accolades, but what a privilege to do so for a man who has given his entire life to the production of God's Holy Word. His testimony serves as an inspiration and declaration of the goodness of God and the rewards of following His will. Again, we thank everyone involved and pray you will be able to attend next year! October 21-23, 2024...Bring your Church to see the Lord at work!



It's certainly the most wonderful time of the year! As Believers, we celebrate the Divine Birth of our Saviour...the most wonderful Gift this world has ever known! The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us! We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. What a miracle! Then we saw the Living Word seek and save that which was lost. After His death, burial, and resurrection, He ascended into Heaven; but first He gave the Great Command. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It's often been said that His last concern should be our first concern.

He came to save, and He commanded us to spend our lives with the exact same mission. This simply will not be achieved without the Word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." In order to fulfill the task of reaching the entire world with the Gospel of

Christ, His Word must be printed! The written Word reaches further that we ever could! It goes deeper into the jungles and villages. It stays longer than any human can, and it pierces even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. Souls are saved, Believers are disciplined, and Churches are planted as the printed Scriptures become available on the foreign mission field.

As we make our plans this Christmas, may we put Christ first! May we consider what He would desire in our celebratory spending. Could we sponsor a roll of paper so that five hundred precious souls in need will receive the greatest Christmas present they have ever opened? Missionaries will confirm the tears, wide eyes, and joyful laughter that comes from their people who never thought they would ever possess their very own copy of the Word of God. May we remember the heartbeat of God this Christmas: the salvation of the world.

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## HONORING ROBERT "BOBBY" LEMMON IN 55 YEARS OF MINISTRY

During the conference, Victory Baptist honored Bobby with a shadow box that will remain on the walls of the Church. On Monday evening, the Board presented him with a King James Bible. Tuesday evening, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Lee, a proclamation for Bedford County and the city of Shelbyville by our local Mayors, and a Key to the City. His son, Shannon, gave him a pen made from the USS Constitution in symbolism of his steadfast faithfulness to the Lord and a Bible with letters bound inside. He was also presented with new shoes and a suit from his seven grandchildren, for they pray they will follow his footsteps in the Lord. Dad was also surprised with a family trip to the mountains from some very dear Churches and a plaque of "Send the Light" by the BLMF staff.



## LOOKING BACK AT CONFERENCE

GREAT FELLOWSHIP WITH GREAT FRIENDS



AMAZING LASTING SPIRITUAL GROWTH



GREAT FOOD AT THE ANNUAL OPENING DINNER



## Production & Financial Report

By Dr. Robert Lemmon



Last year while the price of paper increased by leaps and bounds, by faith, we continued purchasing three trailer loads of paper a month with the exception of one. Purchasing a record 35 trailer loads in 2022 and producing a record 2.5 million Scriptures, shipping in 25 containers. This year, in an effort to try to compensate for the increased cost, through October of this year we have only purchased 25 trailer loads, two less than where we were this time last year! Consequently, due to these price increases it looks like we may come up a little short this year as compared 2023's record production.

Since January 3 through October 30, we have printed and have shipped 2.3 million Scriptures of them; 25 containers in 18 languages into 22 countries. As of July of this year, it looked as though we might be able to exceed or at least equal last year's production but obviously, that is not going to be possible after cutting two trailer loads of paper.

Since we have no control over the price of these materials, paper, ink, plates, glues and covers, I am not discouraged, just disappointed as we have more requests from missionaries and need to be producing more

Scriptures not less! In order to get back on track we must increase our monthly support and paper roll sponsors by at least \$30,000 a month, the amount that paper has increased.

As a result of the faith that we have exercised in this ministry in the last two years (purchasing more paper than we had support and contributions for paper roll sponsors), we have accrued some paper debt. Please pray that we can retire this debt before Christmas of this year in addition to increasing our support and paper roll sponsors. I know the Lord would have us to and that He is willing and more than able to supply all of our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! Then why doesn't He? Most likely because we have not asked him to or shown any concern by giving by faith financially ourselves.

When we give by faith sacrificially to meet a need in His work, He will in turn reward our faith more accordingly and supply abundantly far beyond our power! He could but speak and this need would be met without us if He so chose to but He is not going to! This puts the ball in our court; it's a test to grow our faith! That's just the way He works!



## Why We Support the BLMF

Pastor Terry Fenton  
Seneca Bible Baptist Church  
Seneca Falls, NY

We have been supporting the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation for approximately 11 years. We not only support the ministry on a monthly basis, but additional monies come in for paper rolls from our people. I have attended several of the Scripture Conferences in Shelbyville, Tennessee. I have been extremely blessed by the preaching and by seeing the Bible being printed on the printing presses. There is something very moving to watch the Bible being printed, collated, bound, packaged, and loaded into a container and shipped to a missionary somewhere in the world free of charge. It is also important that this ministry is out of the local church, Victory Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Tennessee. The church stands behind this ministry and supports the ministry. The Pastor, Loyd Warren, is very supportive of the BLMF Ministry. That is a blessing to me as a pastor.

The BLMF is a faith-based ministry supported by God's people. I believe that every Christian should have a part in supporting this ministry through their local church or by personal monthly support. I am not aware of any ministry so important than the printing of God's Word, the King James Bible. What is such a blessing is that, when printing Bibles, the BLMF will only print King James Bibles and nothing else. We know that the King James Bible is the pure, preserved, inerrant Word of God.

Many churches will support a missionary to some part of the world and that is a blessing. However, a missionary needs a Bible for the people they are ministering to. When a missionary takes the Bible to a people in a land that has had no or very little contact with the Word of God, they are taking God to the

people through the Word of God. Every country and people group needs the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God. Salvation is the same for any person anywhere. There is not a different way to be saved based on the country or people group. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Acts 4:12 (KJV) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 1 John 5:11-12 (KJV) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. The only way people will know about salvation is through the Word of God. Romans 10:17 (KJV) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The only way a Christian can grow is through the Word of God. Colossians 1:4-6 (KJV) Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

I am excited to see how God has been blessing and directing the BLMF. To see how God touches hearts to help in this ministry is a blessing. To see how God takes care of the needs of this ministry is a blessing. As Brother Lemmon has said so often, "This is a miracle ministry." "This is a ministry of faith." For this ministry to prosper for 55 years is proof that God is at work in this ministry. This ministry deserves our prayers and our support.

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# Paul the Church Planter

Dr. R. G. Smith



One of the greatest events recorded in the book of Acts next to Pentecost was the conversion of Saul the Persecutor. (Acts Ch. 9, 22, 26) His conversion paved the way concerning the growth, development, and history of the church. We cannot imagine the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire apart from the work of Paul. He was indeed a chosen vessel (Acts 9:15) fitted for a life-long work.

The conversion of Paul A.D. 36 is calculated from Josephus and the allusion in II Corinthians 11:32 to Aretas, who was king of Arabia and a possession of Damascus when Paul escaped from that city three years after his conversion. After being schooled in Arabia and returning to Damascus, Saul was driven out by persecution from the Damascene Jews. Barnabas brought him to Jerusalem where he spent 15 days with only two of the Apostles (Galatians 1:18-24). He was then driven out of Jerusalem by persecution from the Grecians.

Paul, from the seaport in Caesarea, came to the area of Tarsus, Syria and Cilicia. He spends 4-5 years or 8 years as stated by some Bible students, preaching the faith he once destroyed (Galatians 1:23). Paul started or planted churches in these areas (Acts 15:41). These churches were started during which one calls "The silent years of Paul's life." Churches were also started by Peter, John, and Philip (Acts 9:31) before the conversion of Saul.

The church of Antioch Syria (Acts 11) was started out of a great evangelistic effort by those of Cyprus and Cyrene preaching to the Grecian Gentiles. Barnabas and Saul spent 1 year helping to strengthen this local church (Acts 11:26).

Acts 13:1-3 give the historical event of the first two missionaries sent out by a local church. They were called by the Lord (vs.2) to a definite work.

They left the seaport of Seleucia (The Galatian Campaign) carrying the gospel message. They traveled by foot, boat, or animal at least 2,000 miles which lasted for two years in time. Churches were started by this great evangelistic effort. Paul writes the book of Galatians unto these churches (plural) Galatians 1:2, at the end of his 3rd missionary tour, Acts 21.

Acts 14:21-27 gives us what we call "The backward journey". Acts 14:23 states that they ordained Elders "a Bishop or overseer" in every church. Question: Where did these Pastors come from? They were men called by the Lord and trained under the leadership of Paul and his helpers. The Scriptures do not indicate anywhere that these men came only from the Church of Antioch Syria. They were national Pastors from other locations. Acts 16:5, Churches were established or strengthened in the faith.

The second door of Paul (Acts 15:36), "Let us go again" starts the second campaign carrying the gospel into Macedonia (Acts 16). Paul writes about this call at Troas in II Corinthians 2:12. They traveled 4,000 miles which lasted 4 years in duration into Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, etc. Churches were started (Acts 15:36-18:22). Paul

writes from Corinth the epistle of I & II Thessalonians to the church started in Acts 17.

The third missionary campaign starts in Acts 18:23. The church of Colosse and Laodicea could have been started when the gospel was carried to Phrygia during this time or Acts 19:10 from Ephesus. Paul did not start these churches (Col. 2:2). His companions in travel carried the Gospel message to those locations in Asia. This campaign lasted four years covering 4,000 miles (Acts 18:23-21:15). The area of Ephesus (Acts 19) and all of Asia (vs. 10) received the Gospel. Paul writes the epistle of I Corinthians from Ephesus and a few months later II Corinthians from Macedonia (Acts 20) to the church started in Acts 18.

A church was started in Ephesus (Acts 19). Paul spent a total of three years in Ephesus, eighteen months in Corinth, one year in Antioch, Syria, (possibly two more years Acts 14:28 "long time"), five to eight years, called the silent years in Tarsus, Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:41). It is also believed the other five churches of Revelation, could have been started from Acts 19:10 or from Pentecost.

Paul did not stay in one place indefinitely. He carried the gospel to unreached places and people establishing churches. He helped train national pastors who were then ordained and appointed to churches.

Paul writes from his third visit to Corinth the book of Romans. This church was born out of Pentecost (Acts 2:10). The church of Babylon (I Peter 5:13) was also started by the Jews saved from the day of Pentecost.

Paul's "Round About", Romans 15:19, covered 10,000 miles and ten years in length of time. He fully preached the Gospel in these cities from Jerusalem unto Illyricum.

The book of Acts closes out with Paul in the Roman prison (Acts 28). From the prison in Rome, Paul writes the Prison epistles called Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians (A.D 62-63).

We believe Paul was released from prison. Titus accompanied him on his visit to Crete (Titus 1:5). Some believe this happened in Acts 27. Paul told him to ordain elders in every city. Crete was called the island of a hundred cities. The church at Crete, which Titus was the pastor, could also be started from Pentecost.

During the interval A.D. 63-67 (1st and 2nd Roman imprisonment), Paul writes I Timothy and Titus. He was rearrested and taken to Rome where he writes II Timothy before his martyrdom A.D. 68.

From this article concerning Paul the church planter, we see churches were started from Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the world (Acts 1:8). We believe it is our responsibility to be obedient to our mandate "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (home and abroad)." This task can be partially fulfilled through missionaries sent from America, who must evangelize with the gospel the area God has called them too. They

must then train national pastors to start churches in other areas.

As I look back over 15 years as a Church Planting Missionary planting churches with national pastors in Kenya and Uganda Africa, I have experienced how important Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation is to every Missionary home and abroad.

I refer back 12 years ago to a Bible Conference which was held in Malaba, Kenya. I was preaching to over 1,800 attending the meeting. I felt led to ask them how many had a copy of the Word of God with only 100 raising their hand that they had a Bible. Immediately my eyes were filled with tears and my heart was burdened to provide them with a copy of the Word of God. I told them by faith that the Lord would provide them a copy of the Word of God.

Having returned to America I related the commitment I had made to the President of our Mission Agency. We both concluded, where would we be able to attain the large quantity of Bibles needed to distribute to thousands in Africa who needed a copy of the Word of God?

I am so thankful the Lord directed IBOM to Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation who printed and provided 41,300 KJV English Bibles which were distributed the following year in the

Bible Conference and church plants in Kenya, Africa.

I will always remember that day when I saw first hand the tears in their eyes, the joy in their faces, and their humble heart in appreciation that Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation had provided them a Bible.

To date the 235 IBOM Kenya, Uganda Church plants have received 11 Bible containers with the 12th container in route to Kenya, Africa. Yes, as a Missionary I recommend to every Pastor to financially support Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation. We must help carry the financial burden helping print and provide a copy of the Word of God worldwide. Pray about putting them in your monthly missionary budget.

Paul's ministry only lasted 32 years, but when you subtract four years from two imprisonments, that leaves 28 years for ministry. May the Lord grant a revival of church planting, printing and distribution of the Word of God both in America and the foreign field. Remember the church of Ephesus (Acts 19) was started in A.D. 56, and John wrote the book of Revelation in A.D. 96. Forty years after the church of Ephesus was started, John stated they had left their first love. Have we left our first love?

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**Waiting for the Rapture Not Retirement**

By Dr. Robert Lemmon



I do not know of any other calling, ministry or occupation of any kind that I could have spent my life doing that could have been more satisfying, fulfilling or productive than serving the Lord in this ministry. The hours have been long, the work hard and the financial gratifications few but oh so rewarding in so many other ways. This ministry, the first church owned and operated Bible printing ministry of its kind, started in a Sunday School class room out of the church that Dad pastored in Fort Worth, TX in 1968 with the help of 5 other independent Baptist Churches and pastors. Dad resigned his church shortly after to go on the road to raise support for this ministry, and yours truly did all of the printing with some of the church members and other volunteers doing the collating and finishing work.

In these 55 years, by God's grace and His marvelous blessings, along with the help, prayers and financial support of many of you, this ministry has come a very long way! From one little offset printing press, a vari-type typesetting machine, a homemade plate maker, small tabletop folder and hand operated guillotine paper cutter, to the growth of this ministry and expanded to what you can see inside the beautiful Bible Barn today. From that little Sunday school classroom, we moved into a 2,400 sq. ft. building and over the next 45 years built 3 additional buildings on that property totaling 14,800 usable sq. ft. of floor space. In 2015, we moved into this beautiful 36,850 square foot Bible Barn packed with two million dollars worth of printing equipment.

For the first 39 years of this ministry, my dear "preacher/pastor" father was the one out on the road traveling to churches to raise financial support while I stayed in the shop in those early years doing all of the pre-press and printing and a lot of the finishing work myself. As the Lord grew this ministry He provided addition workers: a secretary, an experience pressman to run our smallest sheet fed press, and when we were finally able to purchase some used type-setting equipment my sweet wonderful wife Linda quit a part-time secretary job to do our type-setting. Then Cheryl was hired to help Linda in typesetting and William a little later to run our larger sheet fed press.

In the early 1980's, it was these workers who contributed so much to growth of this ministry. With good

help, we began doing some outside printing for churches: other Christian ministries and books for some Christian authors making it possible for this ministry to pay all of the salaries and overhead. This allowed us to be able to put all of this ministry's financial support into purchasing paper and materials resulting in a significant increase in our Scripture production. In the course of the next twenty years, we added a couple pieces of additional equipment, upgraded some others including our first very old web press in 2004, and added two or three more employees as they were needed with very little turnover among our workers. There have been four or five employees who have chosen to move on to other things, three have entered Heaven and four retired. Cheryl retired after 38 and a half years, and William is now semi-retired after 35 years!

At Dad's home going 16 years ago, besides assistant director I had been our primary web press operator for over 30 years in addition to the responsibility of overseeing the overall operation and production of the ministry. During that time William had become my back-up assistant on the web press, eventually taking it over when the board asked me to take Dad's position as director. These past 55 years, especially the last 16 as your director have been such a wonderful journey! I have been so blessed and privileged to have worked alongside Dad for those 39 years, my dear mother for part of that time as the ministry's bookkeeper, my precious wife Linda as our typesetter for more than 45 of those years, and our four children: Kerry, Keefe, Scott and Shannon as they grew up helping in the shop. The Lord couldn't have given me a more wonderful group of Godly pastors to serve with on our board of directors than the one we have past or present! Nor, could He have given us any finer pastors to partner with us in this ministry, or given us a more wonderful group of workers and employees or a more wonderful home church or Godly pastors than Pastor Tedder and Pastor Warren. I have been blessed far beyond measure! To God be all the praise and the glory!

However, with all of these blessings, answered prayers and miracles that we have experienced, I cannot think of any blessing grander or a more wonderful gift from God than His calling Shannon into the ministry to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ

with a burden in his heart to serve the Lord in this ministry! God has raised up a man like unto his grandfather, another "preacher" to carry on this great ministry in these last days and I could not be prouder of the man whom God has chosen! What a blessed day but with all of the challenges and work ahead of him he will need our prayers as he is taking on an awesome responsibility! In light of the recent large price increases in paper and materials, we now must increase our monthly support by at least \$30,000 a month in order to go back to purchasing 3 trailer loads of paper a month!

On a different subject, let me personally thank each of you who attended this year's Scripture Conference, especially all of you who consistently and faithfully attend every year! Your presence and support of the conference was a tremendous blessing and an encouragement to Pastor Warren, Brother Shannon, our BLMF board and me. While I always think the last conference was the best, I do believe in many ways that this one was, as we had the most new pastors present, the largest number of pastors, preachers and missionaries present and best overall attendance! As always, our host pastor and Victory Baptist performed another exemplary job maintaining their title of "Best Host Church Ever!"

On behalf of our pastors on the board of directors, Shannon and

myself, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to all of you who worked so hard and contributed so much to the success of this year's conference. Speaking of contributing, a special thank you to all who gave so generously financially. We received offerings and pledges for over 300 rolls of paper! The contributions designated for paper given during the conference enabled us to pay for the three trailer loads that we owed for in October and pay some funds toward our paper debt that we have accrued this year trying to maintain our production.

This article is not a farewell address, but a tribute to the Lord for His marvelous blessings and to the wonderful pastors and co-workers with whom I have been privileged to work with for these past 55 years! This change in leadership is necessary, this is the right time, it is in the best interest of this ministry, and Shannon is the right man! As for me, I am thankful to still be serving the Lord here each day still writing correspondence letters, taking phone calls, greeting visitors, and overseeing the operations.

Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Shannon, the BLMF board, Victory Baptist Church and all of you for all of your accolades, birthday wishes and gifts for which I feel so undeserving.

Thank you!



**PRAYER OF TRANSITION**

On the Monday evening of our Conference, our Pastor, Brother Loyd Warren, and our Board members prayed over Dr. Shannon Lemmon and his family for his transition to Director.

## Container Highlights


During the Scripture Conference, we had the honor of sending out two containers, which broke our record of most containers sent out ever in one year!



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