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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be Sat. October 17 at 10 AM at the Austintown Baptist Church building.

Agenda items include plans for the future, and hearing what God is doing in Steel Valley and in other places around the world.

Health Protocols: Everyone will be encouraged to enter and leave the building wearing a mask. People are encouraged to practice the state guidelines for social distancing. Masks can be removed while seated or while speaking during the meeting. Hand sanitizer and extra masks will be available at the door.

Guest speaker will be Lonnie Riley. More information about Lonnie and the work in Lynch, KY can be seen by [clicking here](#). Be aware we will have a love offering for our guest speaker. Each person can use the collection box in the back of the worship area.



There will be no meal afterwards.

Please note: Only the registered messengers listed online will be the eligible voters. Make sure your church's messengers are listed and your church's ACP is complete soon.

ACPs

Every church and mission is encouraged to return its completed form to the office by Oct 15 if not done online. Call if you need help. Thanks.

Happy 25th

Congratulations to Pastor David Ray as he celebrates his 25th year of ministry at Faith Baptist Church!

Book Review

The Interpreted New Testament: An Expanded Paraphrase with In-line Commentary
by Daniel M. Boerger,
Dallas: Fontes Press,
2020, 771 pp.



Bill Mazey

This is part two of my review of *The Interpreted New Testament*. This month I will go through the sections and give you some thoughts on them. Besides the text of the NT itself there

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Church Strengthening

The next Church Strengthening Team meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 15, 12 noon to 1:30 pm at Grace Baptist Church.

Jack Kwok Retires as Exec. Dir. of SCBO



COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — Jack Kwok, executive director of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio (SCBO), announced his plans to retire Dec. 1. He will have led Ohio Baptists for 24 years.

“Every Southern Baptist in Ohio should be thankful for the steady leadership of Dr. Kwok,” said Ryan Strother, president of the SCBO and pastor of Central Baptist Church in Marion. “His love for the Bible and evangelism, his desire for unity, and his genuine love for all people should be qualities for which we all strive as our churches continue to carry out the Great Commission in Ohio

Living in the Key of “C”

Gary Frost,
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I have always been impressed with Condoleezza Rice who once served as National Security Advisor for president George W. Bush. What many do not know is that she is an accomplished concert pianist. While Ms. Rice has had many ups and downs in her leadership career she has been consistent in her celebration of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In a speech she gave in a Sunday school class a few years ago she gave this wonderful testimony:

I was a preacher's kid, so Sundays were church, no doubt about that. The church was the center of our lives. In segregated black Birmingham

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and beyond.”

During Kwok's tenure, the state convention grew by 200 churches — from 513 churches in 1996 to 713 churches in 2020. Kwok's leadership and vision also saw 574 churches planted in Ohio over the past 20 years.

“Jack Kwok has given his life to serving pastors, leaders and churches to further the Great Commission,” SBC Executive Committee President Ronnie Floyd said in a statement. “As a friend, I have watched him walk through many challenges and trials, but I have always seen him rise up with the passion to reach people for Jesus. He loves Ohio Baptists and all Southern Baptists, and we love him. Thank you, Jack, for serving Christ with your life.”

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is some helpful information given to the student/reader of Scripture.

I received this NT for free from www.fontespress.com for review purposes and am not required to give a good review. There are many good resources available from Fontes Press and you should take the time to visit their site if you are not familiar with them.

The Preface is helpful in that the author shares background information about himself. Then he goes through a series of short sections letting the reader know what the book is and is not; its advantages and disadvantages. Then some differences from most English translations are given. This is followed by how to use the book for Bible study. To me the author came across as both humble and clear and I appreciated that.

Next up is a brief history of the Hebrew Scriptures which moves into the New Testament. This is followed by an Introduction to the Gospel Harmony.

There is a Harmony Chart with 241 events listed. This chart is followed by a brief description of each event. This section would be quite a study in itself. It could also give the pastor some extra information while preparing sermons or studies from the Gospels.

After the author's translation of the NT there is a Bibliography of Exegetical Resources Consulted. In the Preface the author lets the reader know he has studied other's thought on the text of the NT. Each book of the NT is listed with the works that were consulted. There are commentaries, linguistic publications and language reference works listed. This bibliography is an additional help to the pastor/teacher.

This section is followed by a brief Glossary. My only negative about this section is that it is brief. Compared to the rest of the book it could have been longer. Then there is an Appendix with parts titled, "About Salvation," "What Is God's Name in the Hebrew Scriptures?,"

"A Scriptural Study of God's Statements and Commands Regarding His Name," and "The Name Is 'Yeshua'".

"What Is God's Name in the Hebrew Scriptures" will make you think and study. I do not remember reading or hearing this information before. It is very thought provoking. I will have to do further research on this subject.

All of these parts of the book help make the whole better. These different sections alone would be beneficial to a pastor or student of the Bible. They are well written, thought provoking and inspire a deeper study of God's Word.

Next month we'll look into the text of the NT in a general way and possibly look into a couple of specific Scriptures and compare them with other translations. Until next time, "do your best to teach God's message correctly such that you are confident God will approve of your teaching and you won't be ashamed when he examines it" (2 Tim. 3:15, INT).

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ham of the late 1950s and early 1960s, the church was not just a place of worship. It was the place where families gathered; it was the social center of the community, too.

Although I never doubted the existence of God, I think like all people I've had some ups and downs in my faith. When I first moved to California in 1981 to join the faculty at Stanford, there were a lot of years when I was not attending church regularly. I was traveling a lot. I was a specialist in international politics, so I was always traveling abroad. I was always in another time zone.

One Sunday I was in the Lucky's Supermarket not very far from my house

I will never forget – among the spices an African-American man walked up to me and said he was buying some things for his church picnic.

And he said, "Do you play the piano by any chance?"

I said, "Yes." They said they were looking for someone to play the piano at church. It was a little African-American church right in the center of Palo Alto. A Baptist church. So I started playing for that church. That got me regularly back into churchgoing. I don't play gospel very well – I play Brahms – and you know how black ministers will start a song and the musicians will pick it up? I had no idea what I was doing and so I called my mother, who had played for Baptist

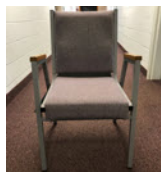
churches.

"Mother," I said, "they just start. How am I supposed to do this?" She said, "Honey, play in C and they'll come back to you." And that's true. If you play in C, people will come back.

In another article Rice went on to say that for her the key of "C" represents CHRIST. Our life is to be lived out in the winsome melody of Jesus Christ, in love and joy and peace. By this we can draw others, not to ourselves but to Him who lives within us. Jesus said, "*.. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me*". Just imagine the impact our lives would have in our homes, our churches, our communities and our world if we all lived in the key of C.

Chairs for Sale

Two types of chairs in very good condition are available for sale at \$25 each. For more information contact Pastor Steve Spurlock at 330-872-7055.



O.N.E. School

We are half-way through our second semester of classes. The Spring Semester will begin in a few months. The next set of classes will be presented at the annual meeting. Please submit your requested course topics early. A couple of the recommended ones are "Sermon Preparation & Delivery" and "Leading a Life-Changing Bible Study."

Executive Board Mtg

The Executive Board Meeting was held at Cornersburg Baptist on Sept 14. The spirit was good and the fellowship was great. Testimonies of God's work in churches also gave inspiration. Being together face-to-face was great as well. No new business was discussed or voted on. Let's pray for God's will to be done in Steel Valley.