



## Sub-Saharan African Peoples – Terry Bell

Terry Bell received his call to missions at a Sunday night service when “an IMB missionary shared about how God uses people with all kinds of education, training, skills, occupation, and age to fulfill His will to take the gospel to the nations.” A few months later, Terry’s wife, Twylia, understood the same call, and in March 1995 the family of four moved to Africa, first to Kenya for language training and then on to Tanzania, where they continue to serve today. The Bells ministered in the city of Shinyanga for 12 years, where Terry did agricultural development, along with church developments. “During a stateside assignment, the Lord led our hearts to know that we should go to a place where the people were considered unreached,” he said. Upon their return, the Bells moved to the city of Songea, and church planting became their focus. “Planting churches is difficult in this area,” says Terry. Catholicism and traditional animistic beliefs remain strong. Many have made professions of faith but are easily turned away from Him. The Lord is at work, though, as two couples travel a day’s journey nine times a year to attend seminary classes.

Terry and Twylia request prayer to remain strong in the Lord and diligent to serve Him daily. Pray for believers in Songea to also remain strong in the Lord. Pray for unity and spiritual strength among leaders to make disciples and for churches to be planted in Songea and across the region. Pray also for creative ways to reach and minister to the youth of Tanzania.

\*Submitted on behalf of the WMU by Edna Stanley

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

### TJ's Take

There has been a lot of talk in recent days about technology and its impact on the church. Our hands were forced by the pandemic to begin offering a livestream of our services on Sunday mornings. We have upgraded our cameras and constructed a broadcast room for this outreach ministry going into the future. We have introduced a church management software allowing for nursery check-ins and an online member portal. Technology has been a tremendous benefit for our church in recent days.

But not all uses of technology are positive. Of course, we have discussed the fact that using technology to watch services from home is not a viable substitute for the regular physical gathering of the saints. In



addition, I would add one other area where technology may sometimes be more harmful than helpful, and that is your copy of the Bible during worship.

As technology has advanced, more and more people are opting for the use of their phones during worship services rather than a hard copy of the Bible. Others don't use either, but simply use the verses projected onto the screens. As a result, the collective rustle of pages turning on Sunday morning has become increasingly softer.

Now, to be clear, there is nothing inherently superior about a physical copy of God's Word as compared to an electronic copy. I use electronic copies of the Bible all the time. Even in my sermon prep, I will have multiple translations and versions of a passage pulled up on my computer screen. I have the Bible app on my phone and use it to look up or reference passages on the go. But when it comes to corporate worship, I believe a case can be made for using a physical copy of the Bible.

Consider these few reasons why I believe using a physical, hard copy of the Bible is a better alternative in a worship service than using your phone or just looking at the screens:

- *A hard copy will limit distractions.* By design, your phone is not a Bible. Your phone is a distraction. You are an email or a text message or an impulsive desire to check social media away from being completely sidetracked.
- *Technology may fail.* At times, the internet may not immediately work as you open up your phone. The app may crash. It may need to be reset. The slides may not appear on the screen in the right order or at the right time. These issues may not happen often, but they are part of the risk that isn't present with a hard copy of God's Word.

- *A hard copy aids in following an expository sermon.* When I'm preaching, you'll constantly hear me say, "Look back at our passage." As we study a passage, we will reference it a lot. Having a Bible open to the passage allows for it to remain accessible and to stick in your mind.
- *A hard copy allows for easier note-taking.* Physical copies of the Bible allow you to write cross-references, sermon outlines, or other personal notes for further study.
- *A hard copy helps with Bible navigation.* As you use your Bible frequently, you begin to know how to navigate and find passages more quickly. If you rely on an electronic copy, you are less trained to know how to find passages and verses.
- *A hard copy aids in Bible memory.* In the same way, seeing the words on a specific part on a page can help with Bible memorization. Because when you hold the Word of God in your hand, when you smell the leather binding, when you hear the rustle of the page turning, when you visually see the words on different parts of a page—your senses are activated in a way that they just aren't with a handheld device.
- *We are setting an example for the next generation.* Our children are being raised in a world where technology is all around them. Yet, for something like Bible reading, there is an ability to display reverence and distinction for God's Word.
- *Technology can give the appearance of being disengaged.* Few things are more distracting and discouraging for a pastor than looking out and wondering, "Is that person on their Bible app, or are they checking their email?" If someone is looking down at their Bible, the preacher is encouraged to know they are engaged with what the text says.

Again, if you don't have a hard copy of the Bible in your hand on any given Sunday morning, I'm not suggesting that you're some sort of inferior Christian or that you're walking in sin. I'm simply suggesting that we consider the wisdom of committing to using a physical copy of the Word of God for corporate worship.

In Christ,  
Pastor TJ



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### Database Member Portal

For the last several months, we have been investigating ways in which we can better provide for the safety and security of our children and students in a check-in process for nursery, children, and youth activities. After an arduous process of reviews and demos of programs, we have decided to enter into an agreement with ChurchTrac.com for our database management. With ChurchTrac.com we can place multiple processes—email/phone/text, worship planning, events calendar, and volunteer scheduling to name a few—under one umbrella.

Additionally, and most importantly for you, this system includes an online member portal, **Church Connect** where you can update your profile information, check the church calendar's upcoming events, and so much more. Probably the most exciting is the ability to view a Directory List of contact information and view a photo directory of active participants in the life of the church. As these are directly tied to the database, they are continually up-to-date unlike our most recent photo directory from several years ago! **NOTE: All may view the homepage and the upcoming events, but only those**



**individuals who have authorized accounts may view the directory list and the photo directory.**

To access Church Connect, scan the QR code located below or visit [centralbaptistparis.churchtrac.com](http://centralbaptistparis.churchtrac.com)



### **Worship Media Upgrades**

Most of the equipment has arrived and has been installed – there are two items on backorder and we are using borrowed equipment in the interim – and the production booth has been moved to the main floor of the sanctuary. I am exceedingly grateful to the church body for its willingness to advance these ministry opportunities and improvements. I am thankful for the tireless work of the Trustees to supervise, organize, and initiate the structural additions to the ministry.

### **Worship Media Volunteers**

To create a rotation which will not overly tax our volunteers, we need 18-24 individuals who are willing to serve in various areas within the worship media ministry. Each Sunday, there are 6 positions to be filled – 2 in the sanctuary (audio and projection) and 4 in the broadcast room (audio, camera, video switching, and media director). If you are 13 years old or older and are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Mickey today at [mickey@centralbaptistparis.com](mailto:mickey@centralbaptistparis.com)

### **Choirs**

Please be patient as I continue to consider ways in which we can resume using our talents in service to and worship of the Father!

Blessings,  
Mickey Ballard



**Jonny's Corner**

Hello Church Family,

There is not much that has changed on the student and children ministry front. Since we now have the nursery opened, we are starting to look at children's ministry and trying to determine how and when things will begin with this ministry. Please be in prayer for our committees with both these ministries because there are many decisions and issues to figure out before we can open up.

Camps have been scheduled for next summer! Children will be heading to CentriKid camp at Campbellsville University on July 19-23 and the youth will be heading to Ridgecrest, North Carolina for Fuge Camp June 29-July 3. Pray that things will have settled down and camps stay open.

As of right now, neither ministry is able to do any fundraising. Hopefully, that will change in the near future. But, if anyone is wanting to sponsor a student or child financially for camp, that would help tremendously. We are not asking the whole amount, just what you feel the Lord is asking you to give, any little bit will help.

Also, if anyone is in need of help with getting their yard cleaned up this fall, please give me a call. Every year the students help with cleaning up yards, we do not charge, but if you want to give, we ask you give a donation to CBC student ministry. This is another way that students can help in the community and also a possible fundraiser for camp. So please give me a call if you have any yardwork that needs to be done.

Keep praying for our ministries! Student ministry is going strong at the property on Sunday evenings and, hopefully, we will have children ministry up and going in the near future. We will get information out as soon as we are able. If you have any questions please call the church office, or myself for answers.

God Bless,  
Jonny



Dear Church Family,  
We would like to thank our church family and church staff for all the prayers, cards and visits at the time of our son, Dwayne's passing last week. We love our church family.

Lillie & Claude Tubbs

**Business Meeting October 14th 6:30 PM**

**Kentucky Baptist Women's Free Virtual Conference**

October 24th      Featuring Cara Croft  
9:00 Am – 12:30 PM      Free  
Register @[kybaptist.org/allthingsnew](http://kybaptist.org/allthingsnew)

**State Missions Eliza Broadus Offering**

CBC goal \$2,500      Collected \$1,345  
CBC Goal Shortfall \$1,155

**Average Giving Report  
through September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$327,352  
Year to Date Budget Required \$378,105  
Budget Shortfall \$50,753

# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Remember Our Eliza Broadus Offering CBC goal \$2,500 Collected as of September 27th \$1,345				1	2	3
4 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship 6:00 PM Youth	5	6 10 AM Staff Meeting	7 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	8	9	10
11 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship 6:00 PM Youth	12	13 10 AM Staff Meeting	14 6:30 PM Business Meeting	15	16	17
18 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship 6:00 PM Youth	19	20 10 AM Staff Meeting	21 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	22	23	24 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM Kentucky Baptist Women Virtual Conference Register @kybaptist.org/ allthingsnew
25 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship 6:00 PM Youth	26	27 10 AM Staff Meeting <i>New Election</i>	28 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	29	30	31

## Healthy at Church

\* We ask that you abide by the CDC guidance that families sit together and stay 6 foot apart from others, inside and outside the building at all times.

\* Please take advantage of our wall Hand Sanitizers in the front foyer, side door, sanctuary ramp door and the back door by the water cooler.

\* If you do not have a mask please ask an usher and one will be provided for you.