

## News and Notes

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Dennis Dillon** - Preacher, Parkview church, Odessa, Texas. Esophageal Cancer.
- Nancy Reed** - Various health issues.
- Patrick King** - Hemiplegic Migraine.
- Lee Moses** - On medication and in therapy.
- Sandy Craig** - Ongoing kidney problems.
- Jo Ann McLerran** - Back problems/COPD.
- Glenda Marble** - Faithful Christian at Lexington, Okla. Heart problems.
- Debbie Post** - Wife of Salisbury, Maryland preacher Doug Post - Cancer.
- Sissy Craig** - For spiritual and emotional strength.
- Charles and Linda Pogue** - Congestive heart failure.
- Nancy Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Von Hippel Lindau disease.
- Chuck Verkist** - Ellensburg, Washington. Treatment for Prostate Cancer.
- Don Smith** - Faithful brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.

**SPECIAL HEALTH REPORT AND APPEAL** - The following message was received Tuesday from Dennis Dillon's son, Bret, in Odessa, Texas: "I'm sure it was obvious to you while you were here that my dad was sick. Well we finally found out that he has stage 2 esophageal cancer. The oncologist says it is potentially curable. He is to start chemo and radiation next week. We are asking all fellow Christians for prayers and support including monetary. If brethren can send any donations—however small—we'd really appreciate it. ...Send to Dennis Dillon, 1706 Rosewood Ave Odessa TX 79761. He has Medicare but it doesn't pay for everything and medical bills will be high." Please pray for Dennis and aid him, financially.

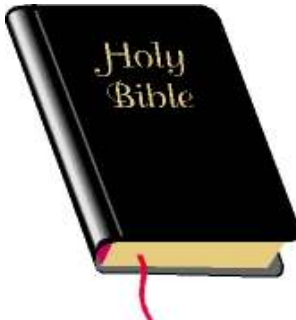
**KENYA REPORT** - The late brother Dub Mowery intended for his library to go to the brethren in Kenya. His books have been delivered to Dub McClish in Denton, Texas, and Jerry will go to Denton next Tuesday where he and Dub will prepare them for mailing to Kenya.

**SYMPATHY** - Sympathy is expressed to Meschelle Eaves, and Jerry Don Holley in the death of their mother, Alberta Holley. She was the sister-in-law of Jerry and Sherlene. Jerry will speak at memorial services on Saturday, Oct. 28 in Tuttle.

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<p><b>Those Who Serve</b>  <b>Sunday Morning, Oct 29, 2017</b>                  First Prayer - Earl Reed    Closing Prayer - Landry Brewer                  Communion - Earl Reed    Offering - Dylan Brewer  <b>Sunday Afternoon, Oct. 29, 2017</b>                  First Prayer - Jerry Brewer    Closing Prayer - Dylan Brewer</p>	<p><b>Records - Oct. 22</b>  <b>Attendance</b>                  Bible Class.....13                  Morning Worship.....13                  Afternoon Worship.....12                  Contribution.....\$236.00</p>
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<p><b>Weekly Meeting Times</b></p>
Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00



# Sound Doctrine

“But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1)

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## Benard Is “Coming To America”

*Jerry C. Brewer*

From the night I first met him at Jomo Kenyatta Airport in Nairobi, on my first trip to Kenya in 2012, until this day, brother Benard Kagaga has been one of the dearest friends on earth to me. I spent a month with him and his beloved wife, Dorothy, and their children, Margaret, Wayne, Nadine, and Sandy on that trip, during which time I taught for three weeks in the Kalamindi School of Preaching. Additionally, I preached at Magunga, Muhuru Bay, and Kalamindi, and in Kalamindi's annual gospel meeting in December.

Two years later, I returned to Kenya, accompanied by Sandy Craig, Sandy's niece, Tracie Moore, and my daughter, Holley. We were graciously received by Benard and his family who housed us in their home, fed us and cared for us. During our ten days there, Sandy and Tracie conducted a free health clinic for area folks at Kalamindi, Holley taught a ladies' Bible Class and I taught the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther in the Kalamindi School of Preaching and preached there on the Lord's Day. One year ago, I again returned to Kenya where I taught for two weeks in the school of preaching, and preached in a gospel meeting at Lieta, and on the Lord's Days at Lighodo, and was lovingly hosted by the Kagagas.

Benard Kagaga is a most remarkable man. I have concluded that when the history of the Lord's church in Kenya is written that his name will be writ large across its pages. In my 60 years of preaching, I have never met a more tireless, faithful, and dedicated worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He travels extensively across western Kenya, and eastern Tanzania and Uganda preaching what he calls, “the sole, soul-saving gospel of Jesus Christ.” In addition this work, he conducts the Kalamindi School of Preaching in eight week sessions throughout the year.

His personal story of conversion to Christ, and his consequent dedication to preaching the gospel is a story both amazing and inspiring. Yet, in the face of all of these things, he has always remained an humble, self-effacing servant of Jesus Christ, who glories only in

the cross. Because of his great work and the many generous brethren across America who have supported us in our efforts with him and other faithful men in Kenya, I have long dreamed of his coming to this country to tell of his work and to meet those brethren who share that work with us. That dream will now be a reality.

On August 23, I sent the following email proposal to brethren Paul Brantley and Michael Hatcher, elders of the Bellview church in Pensacola, Florida:

Brethren,

I have a proposal for you to consider. It has long been my hope that brother Benard Kagaga could come to this country and speak. If it is possible for you to find him a spot on the Bellview Lectures next year, that would be wonderful. I do not mean a regular lecture with a manuscript, but a special time when he could speak and then have a question and answer session (Forum) in which he can respond to questions from interested brethren. We have money in the Kenya Fund to pay for his roundtrip airfare and would be willing to do so.

What do you think?

Brotherly,

Jerry Brewer

One week later, on August 30, I received the following reply from brother Hatcher:

Brother Jerry,

After talking among ourselves, we would like to accept that proposal. We will remove one of the open forums and give him that slot. Will chat with you more about it at a later date.

Michael Hatcher

Thus, brother Benard's "coming to America" was set in motion. I contacted him by email and through Face Book and he gladly accepted, saying he can delegate tasks to faithful men at Kalamindi while he is away from there so that work will continue.

Many of you who receive this bulletin are supporters of our Kenya work and, for that reason, we urge you to make plans to be at the Bellview Lectureship in Pensacola, Florida, June 8-12, 2018. Brethren often have to travel overseas for firsthand reports on works they support, but Benard's coming to this lectureship will afford an opportunity for all of those to gather in one place for that kind of information.

The theme of the lectureship is "The Church" with lectures on various aspects and characteristics of the church Jesus built—the *only church* to be found within the pages of the New Testament. I will speak twice on the lectureship, along with faithful brethren from many other places. This lectureship will be a double spiritual feast of Bible Truth concerning the church of Christ, and an opportunity to meet brother Kagaga face to face and hear him speak on the progress of that one church in East Africa. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be at Bellview in Pensacola, Florida June 8-12, 2018.

## Revelation, Inspiration, And Confirmation

**Jerry C. Brewer**

In the unfolding of God's plan to save men, three things were required—revelation, inspiration, and confirmation. When that plan was completely revealed, those things ceased to be required and passed away, as scaffolding when construction is completed.

**Revelation** - Paul pointed out that man could not have known the plan God had to save man, except by revelation from God (1 Cor. 2:6-16). Since man, in his own wisdom, could not know the mind of God (Jer. 10:23), it was necessary that God reveal His will to man.

**Inspiration** - The way God revealed His will to man was through inspiration. Peter said God's will did not come by men's wisdom, but as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:16-21). God gave men the very words that *He* chose to make His will known. That is "verbal inspiration" (1 Cor. 2:9-13).

**Confirmation** - To confirm God's revelation, given through men by inspiration, it was necessary to confirm it by miraculous powers.

If one of these things still exists, they all still exist, for each is dependent upon the other. If God is still performing miracles by the hand of men, then men are still inspired today, and God is still revealing His will. But Jude 3, Second Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Pet. 1:3 tell us that all truth has already been revealed. If all truth *has been* revealed (and it has) then inspiration has ceased and with it, confirmation. Today's so-called "miracle workers" are simply in the business of duping people out of their money. They *cannot* perform a single miracle.

Mark 16:20 says the Lord worked "with them, *confirming* the word with signs following." The word of God has been confirmed once and for all (Jude 3). Thus the necessity for further miracles to confirm it does not exist. Anything once confirmed is confirmed forever. The writer of Hebrews wrote, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and *was confirmed* unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Heb. 2:1-4). Notice the order of events in this passage:

1. Began to be preached by the Lord. These were things Jesus taught during His earthly ministry (Acts 1:1). Remember what Jesus told the apostles in John 14:26 and 16:12-13.

2. *Was confirmed* by them that heard Him—the preaching of the apostles after Christ's resurrection and ascension. Note the past tense "*was confirmed*."

3. The means of confirmation of this "great salvation" was, "God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost..." To say that miracles continue today is to say God's word must be confirmed over and over, but Mark 16 and Hebrews 2 say it has been forever confirmed.

The testimony of the witnesses that was once in the minds of men is now written in the Book—the New Testament. When revelation ceased, inspiration ceased, and when inspiration ceased, confirmation (the miraculous) ceased. None of these three exist in men today.