



# Ministry Update

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## I DID BURY THE CAT!



*“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Prov. 3:5-6.* There

was once a family that consisted of a mother, father, a little boy, and a cat. One day as the mother was paying the paper boy at the front door, the cat shot outside and tore down the driveway to the street which was being paved. The kitty ran right out in front of a steam roller and was flattened. Sadly, the family took a spatula, scraped up their cat and returned to the house. They rolled the kitty up, put it in a shoe box casket, lit a few candles, and had a little funeral. Afterward the father said, “Son, I have dug a hole in the corner of the back yard. Go and bury the cat there.” The boy carried the kitty out to do the job. The next day, the father was mowing the grass in the



back yard. Glancing at where the cat was buried, he was surprised by what he saw. He hollered into the house, “Son, come out here, please!” “Yes, Daddy,” was the reply. In a moment the boy was standing with his father who said, “Son, I thought I told you to bury the cat!” “I DID bury the cat, Daddy!”, the boy replied. “Well then”, said his father, “what is that long fuzzy thing sticking out of the ground blowing in the breeze?” The boy answered, “Daddy, I buried the cat just like you said, but I left his tail sticking out so that every once in a while I could, pull him up, and see how he is doing?”

There are times in our lives when we say we are dead to self and surrendered to God. However, when faced with circumstances in our life and the world we think are wrong, and don't understand what God is doing, we find ourselves wanting to exhume our “crucified and buried” selves and judge by our own understanding what we think God should be doing. Last year was unsettling. Due to Covid we had seventeen meetings cancel from mid March through mid August. We managed to get through our Fall meetings with only one cancellation and without getting the Virus. Then the November elections ended the way they did despite an outpouring of earnest prayer from God's people. In

December, we usually visit our daughters and their families before spending Christmas and New Year's with Cheryl's parents in South Carolina. However, at the end of Thanksgiving week, Cheryl's father broke his hip, so we went to SC to spend seven weeks helping Cheryl's folks. Things started to settle down just before New Years when all four of us contracted Covid 19. Thankfully, we all had mild cases, but this caused us to have to cancel our first meeting and go into quarantine. Why then? Why not early December when it would not have affected any meetings? The year ahead promises more uncertainty, but this is our 39<sup>th</sup> year of ministry. Through the years, God has always been faithful. He knows the trail. He has prepared the way ahead, and goes with us each step of the way. More than ever we need to **LEAVE THE CAT BURIED** and let the Lord direct our path!



## ITINERARY

- Jan. 31-Feb. 5 – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Valdosta, GA
- Feb. 7-12 – Central Baptist Church, Dothan, AL
- Feb. 14-17-(S-W) – Cross & Crown Bapt. Ch., Cantonment, FL
- Feb. 21-26 – Westside Baptist Church, Katy, TX
- Feb. 28-Mar. 3 – Grace Baptist Church, Huntsville, TX
- Mar. 7-12 – Tabernacle Baptist Church, Killeen, TX

## OPEN DATES

2021

We have had to cancel our 2021 mission trips to Fiji and Australia. Our schedule is now mainly open from June through November, so if you are interested in a meeting from the West to East, now is the time to ask.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God's leading in filling our 2021 meeting schedule.
- Health and Safety as we travel this year.
- Souls for Jesus in our meetings.

Yours for Souls,

*Barry and Cheryl Webb*