

MINDING THE MISSION: Recently, I was contacted by a church desiring my help with purchasing and installing TVs at the front of their sanctuary. The church currently has a projector, but they wanted to replace the projector with TVs. This particular church has a very long sanctuary spanning a great distance from the back pew to the stage. I explained that I would not recommend TVs in their situation because the size that would be required in order to be seen by those seated in the rear of the church would be extremely large. Rather, I recommended replacing their old bulb projector and screen with a new a laser projector and screen. Still, they really wanted TVs because they had visited some of the megachurches in the area, and they all have TVs, so they felt they needed to have what these other churches have. The ABATech ministry is a resource for this type of work for ABA churches; however, I want to take this opportunity to say something that perhaps I should have emphasized from the beginning. I am all for using technology in ministry, as long as we are doing it for the right reasons, and that goes for all that we do. It is easy to get caught up in the latest trends. Youth ministry comes to mind. Does your church have to do a particular program or event because it's expected, because that's what all the other churches in your area are doing? Fall is upon us. Think Trunk-or-Treats and Fall Festivals. There is nothing wrong with our churches doing these types of events, or using technology, as long as we keep the MINSTERING in the MINISTRY; as long as we MIND THE MISSION.

In Mark 1, Jesus came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God - repentance and faith. He called His first disciples and promised to make them "fishers of men," meaning, He would teach them to preach the gospel message of repentance and faith as He did. He taught in the synagogues. But then He cast out an evil spirit and healed some sick folk. Pretty soon, all the sick folk from Capernaum were at His doorstep, and He healed many more. Early the next morning, Jesus went out alone to pray, but His disciples found Him and said (I paraphrase), "Come on back to town, Jesus, everybody is looking for you!" but Jesus replied, "No, we aren't going back there. Come, let's go to the next towns THAT I MAY PREACH there also, because that's why I came." It's not that Jesus didn't care about the sicknesses of the people of Capernaum. It's not even that going back there wouldn't have been a GOOD thing to do, but it was not the BEST thing. It was not THE MISSION. Jesus was simply minding His mission when He said, "Let's got to the next towns that I may preach there also, for therefore came I forth." We need to be careful to mind our mission, too. Let's be sure that every ministry of our churches is Christ and Gospel centered. Let's be sure that we are more concerned with what God expects of us than what others may expect from us.

ABATECH NEWS: In July, I completed a migration of the Forest Grove MBC website away from their previous expensive web hosting platform to the ABATech FREE hosting platform, and even worked with the former host to get the church a refund for the unused time remaining on their plan. I also assisted Journey MBC to get their website (which ABATech does not host) back online after it went down due to a DNS issue on their host server. Even if ABATech does not host your website, I can still help you when you have trouble, or if you just need to ask a question. Also, flights are booked for the upcoming camera/computer install at Grace BC in Hope, Indiana. The dates will be Sept 7-9.

ABATECH TIP: Do not pay invoices sent to your church claiming to be pertaining to your website/domain without checking with me first, even if I do not host your website. Many churches have fallen prey to these scams and have paid hundreds of dollars that were not owed. I can help make sure you don't!

Keep praying for us, and please call **318.692.0523** or email **branleejo@outlook.com** if I can help your church by preaching, presenting the ministry, answering a question, or completing a project for you.

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TECHNICAL RESOURCES

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Financial Report

July Deposits

Church	Amount
White Rock MBC, Center TX	\$1000
Grace, Hope IN	\$100
Florida State Baptist Assoc.	\$250
Hyde Park, West Monroe LA	\$50
Nevills Chapel, Mt Pleasant TX	\$100
First Springhill Assoc.	\$75
Alto MBC, Alto TX	\$50

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