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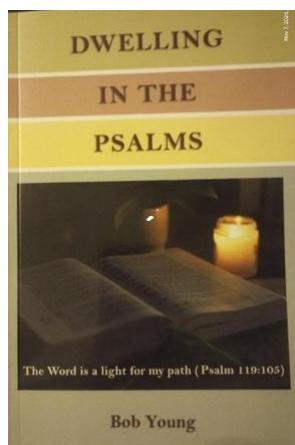
Forward to the Future: the Focus Will Not Change!

Transition is inevitable. Transition must be planned. Planning helps reach goals, develop strategies to navigate uncertainty, and prepare for future challenges and opportunities. Our focus is always the advance of the gospel into a lost world. The focus is guided by God's eternal saving purpose.

2026 will be a year of transitions for this ministry. Ongoing financial commitments will be completed or handed off to local churches. Beginning in 2027, the financial needs of the ministry will be limited to travel, production and publication costs for resources, and some ministry-mission expenses.

Digital resources will continue to be developed with the goal of finding a church or organization that will maintain available online resources going forward.

I plan one more newsletter this year to summarize the year and report on the Baxter graduation trip.



***Dwelling in the Psalms* Released, October 15**

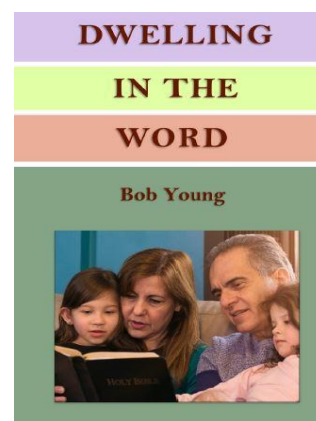
My latest book, *Dwelling in the Psalms*, was released on October 15, several months ahead of the target release date. Good News! The book is available in time for 2025 Christmas gifts! Want to purchase extra copies for gifts? Contact the publisher (www.jameskaypublishing.com) for a bulk discount. This book is also an excellent gift for special occasions, birthdays, graduations, weddings, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

I share a brief excerpt from the back cover.

Bob Young has dedicated more than sixty years to the study, teaching, and proclamation of God's Word. A seasoned minister, scholar, and educator, he has developed and delivered thousands of sermons, Bible classes, and seminars.... he has taught in churches, universities, and Bible conferences across the nation and internationally.

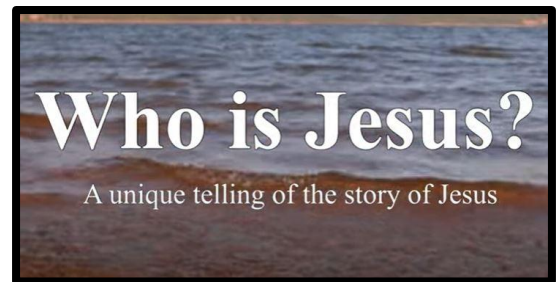
Now continuing his lifelong mission, Bob is authoring a series of Bible study guides designed to help believers grasp the depth, meaning, and message of Scripture. *Dwelling in the Psalms* is the latest installment in that journey—offering readers a devotional path through the Psalms that connects timeless truths with daily living. It follows the success of *Dwelling in the Word* (2020), which provided guided devotional readings through every chapter of the New Testament. Through these works, Bob continues to equip and inspire Bible students to live more fully in the light of God's Word.

Both volumes are available on Amazon or at your favorite bookseller, as are all six volumes in my Bible Study Guide series: 2 Corinthians, Early Letters, Prison Letters, Pastoral Letters, Hebrews (Second Edition), and General Letters.



"Knowing Jesus" Project

The original ten-lesson set of videos (available on YouTube, @KnowingJesus24) is being supplemented with online articles and posts on the Facebook page (KnowingJesus24). In addition, a new video series is now available on YouTube, "Knowing Jesus: The Names of Jesus." In December, an Advent series will be released.



Memories of Faith and Family, Ministry and Mission

In 2026, I will complete 60 years of ministry. Anticipating that event, Jan and I are working on a book that will contain selected memories of faith, family, ministry, and mission work. (Picture left credit, Kenny Taylor)

I have kept extensive notes during most of my years in ministry, providing an easy way to look back on our life in ministry. Our shared trip down "memory lane" has been encouraging and faith-building. God often overwhelms us just by being God. Other times his overflowing goodness is more subtle! Ours is a story of walking through God's open doors. The book will be available by mid-2026.

Peru Mission Updates

Chimbote, Peru. The renewed mission outreach in Chimbote began in March 2025. Several baptisms have occurred during the past ten months. (picture left, a recent gathering of the church, October 2025)

The LALD commitment is through 2027. This work will be assumed by **Main and Oklahoma church of Christ** in McAlester, Oklahoma, beginning in January 2026.



Colombia Mission Updates

Southern Colombia. Jairo and Andrea continue to do a magnificent work among the churches in southern Colombia. They are diligent in visiting the churches to encourage them, providing online studies by Zoom, and evangelizing.

The responsibility for collecting and sending funds will be assumed by the **Fort Gibson church of Christ** in 2026. The **Springbrook church of Christ in Dewitt, Michigan** partners in this work, helping with the support of Jairo. **Bella Vista church of Christ** (Bella Vista, Arkansas) is the sending partner.



La Hormiga, Putumayo, Colombia. The work in Putumayo continues to grow. Reminder: the cost of renting a larger facility for worship would be \$250-300 per month if a church or individual could help temporarily with a good work. (picture left, an assembly, November 2025)

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Dominican Republic Mission Updates

Preaching the Gospel in the Dominican Republic. The establishment and growth of new churches have expanded the number of preachers. The six preachers who were being helped with ministry expenses are now eight. Continuing support is also provided for two preacher widows. The ministries being supported are in Jimaní, La Descubierta, Angel Felix, Postrer Rio, Guayabal, Las Clavellinas, and Neyba. At Guayabal, Simón is assisting Básico because of the involvement of Básico in the several of the works. The work at Higo de la Cruz has been suspended. The possibility of sharing in a new work at Barrero is being evaluated.

In La Descubierta, during the past year additional ministry resources have boosted this work with several baptisms and increased attendance (picture right). Funds have been contributed for 2026. The need for continuing the additional ministry support will be evaluated at end of 2026. A yet unfunded need is repair of the perimeter wall to increase security.

Beginning in 2026, **Fort Gibson church of Christ** will begin collecting funds for 2027. The **Northside church in Mena, Arkansas** has been a faithful partner in this work.



Report from Liberte Ministries Build Team, Dominican Republic

In October, the build team from **Liberte Ministries** worked in Las Clavellinas to complete a third church building, along with remodeling an existing church building as a home for a sister in Christ (a widow) and her family who help with the work in that place. Two pictures summarize the story. Pictured left, the previous housing of the widow

who lives on the property with her blind mother and her children. Pictured right, the build team in front of the previous church building, now remodeled into housing for the widow and her

family, with the new church building to the right. To see provisional church buildings being replaced with permanent structures is a great blessing.

With the completion of a new church building, the work at Las Clavellinas would grow even more rapidly with additional worker. A Dominican brother is available. Lacking is his personal support (\$500 monthly) and the need for a moto.



Nicaragua Mission Update

Nueva Libia, Managua, Nicaragua. Latin American Leadership Development periodically assisted financially with this work for about ten years. The church is active and vibrant, active in evangelism.

The **Lapeer, Michigan church of Christ** continues to provide support for this work.

Praying about the future....

Upcoming commitments include Baxter in November and Cusco and Curahuasi, Peru in January-February. In 2026 we plan to return to the Dominican Republic to work on strengthening the churches. We thank you for your faithful partnership and look forward to what God will do in us and through us!

PRAY ALWAYS FOR THE ADVANCE OF THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD



Here's How You Can Partner. Thank You!

God is always at work to accomplish his eternal purpose. That mission, while it is often beyond our dreams and imaginations, excites and energizes us, sending us forth with the Good News of the Kingdom. Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and encouragement. Jan and I see already that our slowing down will occur slowly!

Those whose contributions are designated as assistance with specific works will be notified of any changes of address in coming months.

Funding for the travel-work account continues as I travel in support of the works we share.

Through our host congregation (Main and Oklahoma, McAlester, OK) you can make tax-deductible gifts payable to "Church of Christ," memo line "Latin American Leadership Development" [LALD]. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE TULSA ADDRESS (10704 S 89th East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133).**

Dios le bendiga (God bless you),

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The picture on the right shows what God is doing through the new building and renewed efforts at La Descubierta, Dominican Republic. Your generosity coupled with the faithful work of Dominican and Haitian brothers and sisters is reaping the harvest in difficult places.



Latin America Leadership Development works within an international network of Christians committed to taking the gospel to Latin America. Through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training, spiritually healthy and mature Christians and churches are developed, capable of reproducing themselves. A primary goal is training those who will train others (2 Tim. 2:2), recognizing that the most effective kingdom workers are national Christians who understand the culture and language, are known and trusted, and easily develop friendships and relationships that carry the gospel to their own nations.