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Introduction

Landmark Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1950. The organization service was held February 15, 1950, and was overseen by L. D. Foreman. The group voted to accept the Articles of Agreement, resolutions and Church Covenant and covenanted-together to work for the advancement of the cause of Christ. The organization prayer was led by Dale Capell.

Her Charter Members,

- Brother and Sister A.S. Andrews.....February 15, 1950
- Brother and Sister Ordis L. Bradford.....February 15, 1950
- Brother and Sister James Loyde.....February 15, 1950
- Brother and Sister Charles E. Oliver.....February 15, 1950

From that great legacy until today, commoners remain true to Landmark’s original commitment; specifically, her commitment demonstrated when she covenanted together for the purpose to advance the cause of Christ. A great testament to the Grace of God to

so favor commoners as to use them in remarkable ways could not be more personified than in the life of Brother Travis Goodwin.

Born July 10, 1951 to Everett and R. Alleene Goodwin...

Travis Goodwin was raised, and has lived, in North Little Rock,

Arkansas on West 50th Street his entire life.

He was raised as a Missionary Baptist; his father was an Elder in their home church... and his uncle Joe Dale Goodwin served as a Pastor and Missionary in Peru for many years.

Dr. Paul Goodwin



His Uncle Dr. Paul Goodwin served as President of the
Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas from 1966-1971.

In 1968 Dr. Paul Goodwin led the school to purchase its present location at 5225 Stagecoach Road in Little Rock, Arkansas. He positioned the school for the construction of new facilities; and, the privilege of being chartered by the State of Arkansas to grant degrees in December 1973. The school offers associate's degrees in bible, along with Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees in both Bible languages and Theology.

Best known for his heart for the lost, Dr. Paul Goodwin's legacy became forever framed by his evangelistic lifestyle, while serving as the Professor of Evangelism. His willingness to openly practice evangelism "passed-down" his legacy of lifestyle evangelism to his nephew Brother Travis Goodwin.

The Travis Goodwin Family enjoys a long history of faithfulness in their service to Christ as Missionary Baptists. While the Goodwin's were members of North Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Brother Travis Goodwin accepted Christ as His personal Lord and Savior: He was ~12 years old, and made his decision for Christ in his home.

While members of North Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Travis met Sister Phyllis Chrissonberry in August of 1976; they married in December 1976 with her father, a Southern Baptist Preacher officiated their wedding service.



God blessed Brother Travis with two children: A son, Jason (and wife Tina), and a daughter, Jessica. The Lord has blessed Travis with two grandchildren by his son Jason: Anna (12 years old); Emmett (five years old); along with two grandchildren by his daughter Jessica: Harley (12 years old); and Elijah (7 years old).

His son Jason and his family faithfully serve in one of the Lord's Churches; namely, in Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Cabot Arkansas, while his daughter and her children faithfully serve in Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas where Travis and Phyllis have been members for over 12 years.

Brother Travis and his family have been lifelong supporters of the work of the American Baptist Associated Churches through the local Lonoke Association, the Budd Creek Youth Camp, along with the various Churches in which they have held membership. Throughout 40 years of marriage, Brother Travis and his wife have faithfully served the Lord through Missionary Baptist Churches, giving all the honor and glory to God for their family's gifts and talents.

Although Brother Travis comes from a seemingly humble background, his ancestry is nothing less than famous. As a relative of descendents of the Signer John Penn, Brother Travis Goodwin realizes the full honor of his family's heritage, their faith, and the foundation of this great nation.



John Penn (1740-1788)—John Penn was one of sixteen signers of the Declaration of Independence who also signed the Articles of Confederation. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1775-77; 1779-80 and a member of the Board of War in 1780 which shared responsibility for military affairs with the governor. In 1784 he became a state tax receiver under the Articles of Confederation. After retiring from politics, he practiced law until his death in 1788.

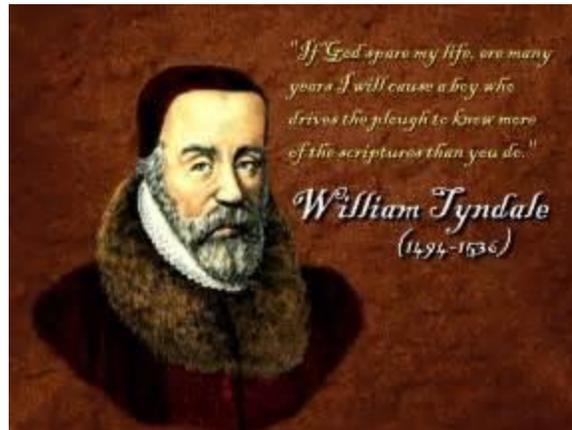
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Raised among the Baptists, Brother Travis Goodwin exemplified traits most uncommon for a mere “commoner;” however, as he continued to grow in the Grace and knowledge of the Lord, realization of the great lineage of his forebears also became self-evident. Like the Bereans of old, Brother Travis demonstrated himself to be of a more noble character than the “typical” believer; for, he often *searched the Scriptures to see if things taught him were so.*

As one who came to realize that not only was he of the faith of those who suffered; but rather, also, of those whom God used to bring Christianity to the Western World, effectively establishing Western Civilization as it is historically known. Like his faith, the faith once delivered, his family descends from William Tyndale himself.

A cursory review of the faith of William Tyndale (a Baptist), demonstrates a direct and immediate correlation between the faith of Travis Goodwin and that of the one man whom God used to produce the first-ever English translation from the Greek New Testament: A translation that would endure as the very content of all the Great English Bibles that followed until the very King James Bible itself

which reportedly contained 90% of Tyndale's New Testament within its famed English publication of 1611.



The Tyndale New Testament of **1525** was the first English translation based on the Greek and the first English Bible to be printed. (The Wycliffe Bible was based on Latin and published only in hand-written manuscripts.) The King James Bible is an edition of Tyndale's masterly translation.

William Tyndale is therefore the most important one name in the history of the English Bible and one of most important names in history of the English people.

TYNDALE'S DOCTRINE

Though there is no evidence that William Tyndale was a member of a Baptist church at any point in his life, he did hold many Baptist doctrines. Baptist historian John Christian summarizes these as taken from the 1831 edition of Tyndale's Works:

1. What Tyndale believed about the church

* He always translated the word ecclesia by the word congregation and held to a local conception of a church (Tyndale, Works, London, 1831, II, p. 13).

* There are only two offices in the church, pastor and deacon.

* Elders should be married men (Tyndale, Works, 1831, I, p. 265).

* True churches consist of believers.

* There are no popes or priests in the church but a priesthood of believers. "Peter in the Greek signifieth a stone in English.

This confession is the rock. Now is Simon ... called Peter, because of his confession. Whosoever then thiswise confesseth of Christ, the same is called Peter. Now is this confession come

to all that are true Christians. Then is every Christian man and woman Peter” (Tyndale’s note on Matt. 16:18 in the first printed edition of Matthew).

2. What Tyndale believed about baptism and the Lord’s Supper:

* Baptism does not wash away sin. “It is impossible that the waters of the river should wash our hearts” (Tyndale, Works London, 1831, I, p.30)

* Baptism is “a plunging into the water” (Tyndale, Works, I, p. 25).

* Baptism, to avail, must be preceded by repentance, faith and confession (Tyndale, Works, III, p. 179).

* Baptism is a memorial that signifies the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. “The plunging into the water SIGNIFIETH that we die and are buried with Christ as concerning the old life of sin which is dead. And the pulling out again SIGNIFIETH that we rise again with Christ in anew life full of the Holy Ghost which shall teach us, and guide us, and work the will of God in us; as thou seest Rom. 6” (Tyndale, “The Obedience of All Degrees Proved by God’s Worde,” imprinted by Wylliam Copland at London 1561; cited from

Ivimey, History of the English Baptists, I).

* The bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are memorials only.

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Although a commoner, Travis Goodwin's faith, the faith once delivered, remains unsurpassed. The doctrines supported by Tyndale abide today as that which is no less than the same doctrines for which

Brother Travis Goodwin has devoted his life to support.

Training up his children in the way they should go, Travis Goodwin has been blessed to see the proverb come to pass: His children have not departed from it.



Brother Travis and son Jason circa 1981



Brother Travis Goodwin among his family: His great “Cloud of Witnesses:” His Uncle Dr. Paul Goodwin (fifth from the right).

The Commoner and his family



Family Portrait February 1991 son Jason 11; daughter Jessica 7



Brother Travis and wife Phyllis circa 1977



Brother Travis 1961 @ 10 years



Brother Travis 1960 @ 9 years



Brother Travis @ 3 years



Soul-winner striking a pose at 3 years



Travis and his Father Everett (both on the right)



**Travis with his beloved Mother and his brother
(Travis holding the doll)**



Brother Travis with Brother and Father (Travis with doll)



Brother Travis and Older brother Dwight



Brother Travis @ 4 years



A Photogenic Travis, amused by his photo



Brothers Dwight and Travis circa 1956



Brother Travis' Father Everett Brown Goodwin



Brother Travis' Mother, R. Alleene Goodwin



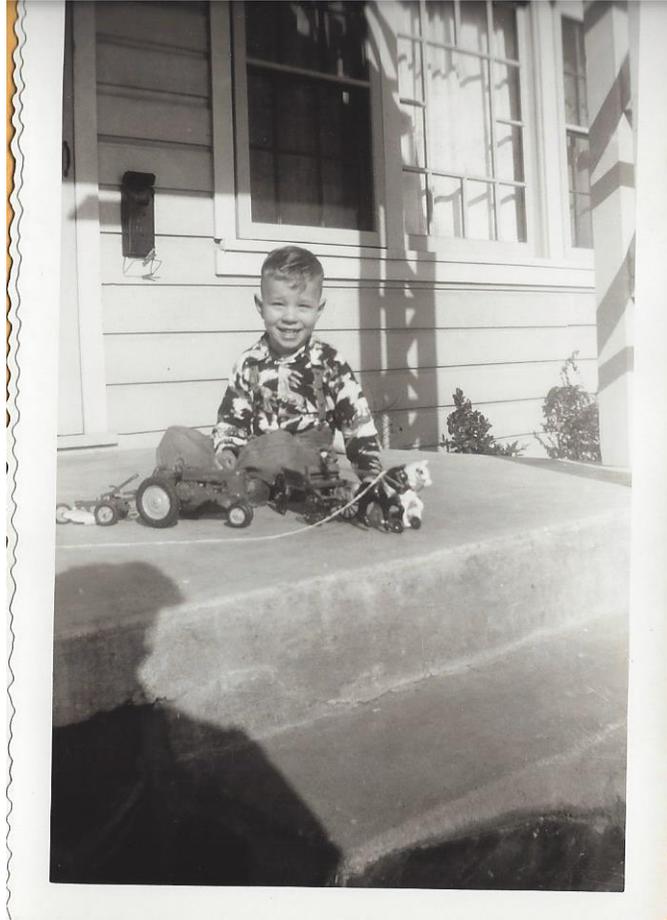
Brother Travis and Dwight with cousins Connie and Brenda



**Brother Travis and Mother R. Alleene Goodwin circa
1954**



Aunt and Uncle along with cousins



Brother Travis at play circa 1955



**'Travis' father Everett with 'Travis' grand-mother circa
1955**



Brother Travis and Brother Dwight circa 1955



Early band "The Unknown" circa 1966



**Brother Travis @ age 1 with parents Everett and R.
Alleene, along with Brother Dwight**



Brother Travis' famous band in 1966: "The Unknown."



Travis' Uncle Paul Goodwin and Family



**Granddaughter Harley, excelling in Hebrew class at
Landmark**



Grandson Elijah, front and center: Hebrew at Landmark



**Brother Travis: Serious thought in Men's class at
Landmark**



Dutiful Grandfather with Granddaughter Anna



**Random Photo: Unknown Origin (The spirit of Brother
Travis, indeed)**



Travis' son, Jason with his wife, Tina, along with their daughter Anna, and son Emmett.



Travis' daughter Jessica with her son Elijah, and her daughter Harley



Travis's grandchildren: Harley (Top left); Anna (Bottom left); Elijah, and Emmett



An Early KOINE Campaign: Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Brother Travis devoted himself to the Outreach ministry of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, encouraging his family and fully engaging “KOINE Campaigns.” As the effort was an extension of a “Fishers of Men” program by Dr. Muncy Harris, it was a natural fit for the commoner who comes from a long line of evangelists.

From Community Canvass, Walk A Cross Across Jacksonville, House Calls, Fishers of Men onto KOINE Campaigns, Brother Travis simply trusted God for the results of his efforts. Often meeting with the Pastor, and even more often going on outreach “solo” with the pastor, Brother Travis began to inquire weekly, and now almost daily, always asking about the number of countries reached through the IAmKOINE outreach ministry.

Brother Travis follows the Commission given to the Lord's
Church by her Great Commissioner:

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given
unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have
commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of
the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the
gospel to every creature.

A text that reflects the sentiments of the commoner Brother

Travis Goodwin:

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

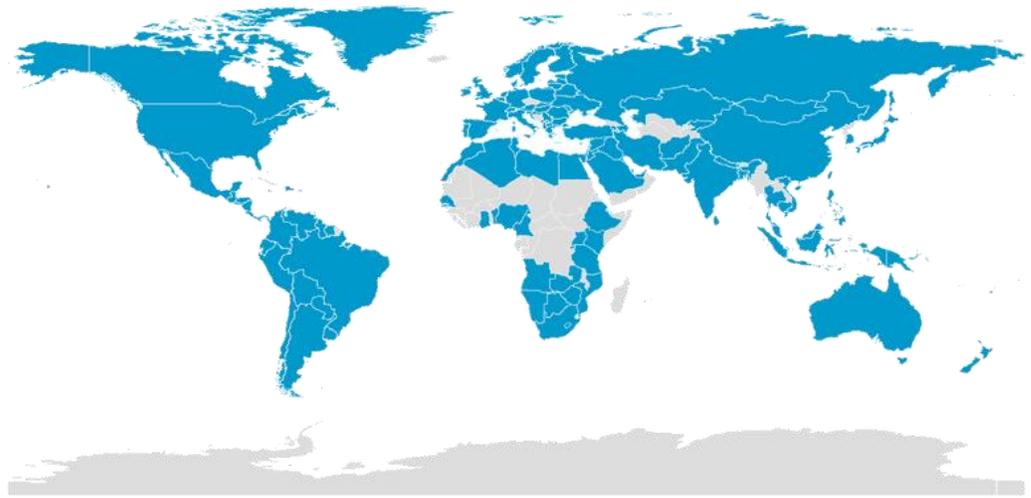
Brother Travis is the Founder and Director of the Dr. Paul Goodwin School of Practical Evangelism, designed to keep our sights set on soul winning according to the Great Commission.

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About the Author



Timothy Evans Carter heard the Gospel while attending a New Testament Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas at the young age of 10, receiving Scriptural baptism soon after. That local New Testament Church dissolved over an abstract movement known today as the “Charismatic Movement.”

Abandoning the Lord’s Church, his parents did not find engaging a New Testament Church any longer necessary. Brother Carter was adrift for years, navigating out from a Maze of Mormonism through resources provided by the Christian Research Institute founded by Dr. Walter Martin. He did not return to a New Testament Church again until the 1980’s, when he was reached by the **52 Doctrinal Lessons** booklet produced by Dr. Ben M. Bogard.

A graduate from Jacksonville High School in 1980, he attended the U of A- Fayetteville, joining the Pre-theological Association. Ordained on August 26, 1989 by Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas, he has served over twenty years on staff, serving 18 years as Teaching-Pastor.

He graduated from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in 1992 with a Bachelor of Bible Languages, and 2002 with a Master in Theology (Language Track); also from California Coast University in 2001 (the University from which Dr. Walter Martin graduated) with a B.S. in Psychology; also from Andersonville Theological Seminary in

1999 with a Master of Theology; also from John Brown University in 2004 with a B.S. in Organizational Management.

He also attended Pulaski Technical College, completing all Associate level Mathematics courses through Calculus III, being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for two-year Community colleges in 2011.

He studied Sacred Texts (Ancient Gnosticism), World Religions, the Psychology of Religion, and Critical Thinking at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

He received a Master of Science in Human Performance Improvement Technology from Grantham University in 2015, and is currently enrolled in the Psychology (Biblical Counseling Track) program as a PhD candidate through Louisiana Baptist University.

His gives all glory to God for the testimony of the commoner, Brother Travis Goodwin; for, his testimony is that of one who gladly bears the Testimony of Christ.