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Regular Baptist Press  
Building Lives by the Book



***Horizons for adults***  
**Regular Baptist Press**

**A weekly publication for adults in local Baptist churches; to pair with *Grounded and Growing* adult curriculum, helping adults to build their lives by the Book**

**Note:** The King James translation is the English text for all direct quotations from Scripture in our Sunday School materials. It is what our customers expect to read in any quotations from the Bible. Please help us by honoring their expectation. Thanks.

**Audience**

Chiefly born-again adults who receive RBP Sunday School literature through their local churches; age may range from 18—108 (which is a stretch for one publication to cover), both men and women.

**Mission**

To help adults think Biblically and to convey to others that Biblical perspective; to further Biblical literacy as readers seek to know more of God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit, His character and ways, His plans and purposes, what He requires, what pleases Him) and as they share what they learn. Biblical literacy leads to growth in likeness to Christ (Luke 6:40).

To show ordinary Christians who are coping with the everyday questions and concerns of human experience in godly ways

To assist adults of a wide range of ages to think "together" about something they have read in a way that contributes to community-building across the generations within the local church. ïTo turn a solitary act [reading] into a shared visionî (First Lady, Laura Bush, January 2001), and thus build the Christian community

**From the stories and articles of contributing writers we want readers to learn about the providence of God, to sense the continuity in His working as recorded in His Word and continuing in our lives today. The tone and slant in such writing should spark a sense of anticipation and faith about what He can and will do in the future. We also desire that readers perceive themselves and others in terms of insights gained from what they've learned about the Lord and His Word in the article or story.**

### **Some of our goals**

- Captivate readers: “This looks interesting and stimulating.”
- Expand readers’ horizons: “That’s a helpful new way of looking at this business”; “I hadn’t noticed this before”; “I’ll try to remember this when . . .”; “If this is true, then I’m going to have to rethink. . . .”
- Move readers to an appropriate response to Truth (God’s Word and God’s Son) in faith and love toward God.

### **Content**

We look for well-written personal experience stories (both first-person and as-told-to), articles, and fiction that help readers know more of God’s character and ways (e.g., Who He is; what He is like in His plans, purposes, activity in the lives of His children; what He requires; what pleases Him). We expect these to have a real foundation in the Word of God. Bible verses quotations or citations are not required, but where they can be incorporated naturally, without preachiness, they can help readers to be more grounded in the Word and to grow in their faith and walk with the Lord. Again, the King James Version is our standard English translation.

We also look for nonfiction articles that have a narrative component in them (e.g., some dialogue, interior thought, or incidents or anecdotes that illustrate a concept). See accompanying sheet for some subject-matter suggestions.

### **Length Limits**

We prefer articles of 300–800 words that can be paired with other articles of similar length. We do occasionally accept articles of 1,000—1,200 words, but these need to have **subheads** that help to lead readers through them.

Puzzles should be done in current formats and should fit onto one sheet of paper. See manuscript instructions in the RBP writer’s guide.