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Christian author says UN resolution against criticism of Islam a farce

OneNewsNow.com - A Christian author says the United Nations' call for a global prohibition on the public defamation of Islam is "a joke." The resolution recently approved by the U.N. Human Rights Council "expresses deep concern at attempts to identify Islam with terrorism, violence and human rights violations."

The resolution was authored by the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which claims there has been a "campaign" of defamation against Muslim minorities and the Islamic religion since the September 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States. The measure was pushed through by Muslim nations still angry over the publication of cartoons in a Danish newspaper depicting Islam founder Mohammed.

Dave Hunt is author of the book *Judgment Day! Israel, Islam and the Nations* (The Berean Call, 2006). He says the statement by the U.N. Human Rights Council affirms the world will tolerate anything except truth.

"Every day in Muslim countries around the world, there are cartoons far worse," Hunt contends. "They depict Jews as Nazis, even; as vermin, as rats," he says. "They're anti-Christian, anti-West, and these hypocrites have the audacity to complain and riot and kill because of some mild cartoons - really very mild - in a Danish newspaper."

The Christian author feels no credence should be given to the resolution passed by the U.N. Human Rights Council, which condemns "attempts to identify Islam with terrorism, violence and human rights violations." He says Muslims cannot provide him with one example of an instance in which their religion

has brought peace.

Islam is violence, Hunt asserts. "It takes over by the sword," he says. "They're doing it in Indonesia, burning down churches. They've burned down more than 3,000 churches in the last three years in Indonesia. It's happening everywhere.

"And what are they doing in Iraq?" the author continues. "They're killing one another, the Sunnis and Shiites," he says. "And they say this is not Islam - that Islam should not be associated with violence?"

Hunt says there ought to be "an international cry of outrage against Islam and what it does."

Short Message Series by Rev. Grover Laird

The Precious Blood Of Christ

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

(1 Peter 1:18,19)

Though the Bible has much to say about the blood of Christ that was shed upon the cross, many seem unimpressed by any reference to it. That bothers me. The reason being, it is the unsaved who are not impressed with the cross, and we cannot separate the blood of Christ from the cross of Christ--

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Nevertheless, Peter seemed impressed with the blood of Christ, as is seen in the words of our text. There surely must be a reason why he called it "the precious blood of Christ." When we check the many references to it we can see why.

Our salvation depends upon the blood of Christ. We are redeemed by it--"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;" (Ephesians 1:7)



Grover Laird

Hostage drill at NJ school features mock 'Christian terrorists'

OneNewsNow.com - The head of a national, Texas-based pro-family group says a recent hostage drill at a New Jersey high school, which portrayed conservative Christians as terrorists, is reflective of a dangerous philosophy that has become prevalent in many parts of America, where it is having negative effects on education.

A local paper reports that a drill at Burlington Township High School in New Jersey involved police portraying mock gunmen, described as "members of a right-wing fundamentalist group called the 'New Crusaders' who don't believe in the separation of church and state." The fake gunmen were said to have

been "seeking justice because the daughter of one [member] had been expelled for praying before class."

Historian and constitutional expert David Barton is president of WallBuilders, a national pro-family organization that distributes historical, legal, and statistical information and helps citizens become active in their local schools and communities. He says the stereotyping used in the high school's drill is an accurate indicator of what is being taught in public schools in the Northeast region of the country.

"It's been interesting to see the indoctrination that goes on," Barton notes, "where we've had in the same region, even federal courts up in that same area, say it's okay to start teaching second graders about homosexuality and homosexual 'marriage.'"

Also, the author and historian observes, the common thinking prevalent in this region is "that, by the way, we do not have to notify parents that we're going to indoctrinate kids because this is such an important societal value that all citizens need it." But in fact, he asserts, such liberal indoctrination of students in religious and moral areas of thought has been shown to lead to some undesirable outcomes.

"There is now a study that has been done by the University of Connecticut that shows that kids who have gone through that type of education actually know less academically than when they enter [school], and they're calling that phenomenon 'negative learning,'" Barton points out. "So that kind of indoctrination or philosophy is having an adverse effect academically," he says.

Nevertheless, the WallBuilders founder observes, liberal attitudes like the one that informs the Burlington Township High School drill are "fairly reflective of the philosophy that has really inculcated that part of the country. He says many schools, local officials, and members of Congress from the Northeast share a strong hostility toward traditional values.

Can one become a Christian: redeemed, justified, purged, and at peace with God and not have faith in the power of the blood? The answer is no! We are made right with God through our faith in the blood of Christ--"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood...." (Romans 3:25)

Midyear Meeting nears

The BMA of Mississippi will hold its mid-year meeting on May 21&22, 2007. The state WMA and Brotherhood will meet on Monday Evening at 7:00 p.m. and the Association will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22.

This year's midyear meeting is being hosted by Midway First Baptist Church, Sumrall.

The church is located just off Highway 98, west of Hattiesburg. Leon Carmical in the pastor.

More information will be available in our May 1, 2007 issue.

You Might Be Over the Edge

Almost all churches want to be known as a friendly church. Churches use many devices to invite and welcome people to their services and membership. Churches of all denominations make use of greeters, welcome centers, visitors' cards, special seating, and many other processes to ensure people are welcome in a worship service.

Some churches today are using different approaches. They are known as seeker-friendly churches. A few churches adopt the current computer language as being user-friendly churches. Churches are constantly in process to be up-to-date to target the audience that they feel are the most likely to join their fellowship. I applaud all efforts to enlist people to be converted to Christ and committed to His church.

In the unlikely scenarios mentioned below, your church might have gone too far in its effort to be user and seeker friendly and in targeting audiences if some of these events made up from the left corner of my brain are

occurring:
Your church might have gone too far and over the edge if:

Your pastor preaches his Easter sermon dressed in a large bunny rabbit suit.

You feature a plethora of tattoo



Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

kiosks on the way to the Youth Sunday School area.

Your outdoor sunrise Easter service has the offering taken by large men with black leather clothing riding on chopper motorcycles.

On Sunday evenings you have a choice of services to include but not limited to a battle of Reggae bands, Salsa choir rehearsal, and Hip-Hop ballroom dancing.

All your deacons come dressed as

Santa's elves during the Christmas season.

You take only credit or debit card - no cash please - for the morning offering.

There are two smoking sections; one is located in the balcony, the other on the left side, first four pews, next to the organ.

Your communion service features a choice of fat free, low carb, or regular communion wafers.

All of us who have come to Christ know it is important to work diligently to have a friendly church. All churches understand it is important to try with great effort to encourage our family, neighbors, community, and world to come to Christ. He is the hope of our world and that is expressed in the ministry of His Church. We must not be too over the top or off the wall in what we do to win men, women, boys and girls to Christ. Sometimes what seems to be a good idea today might not really stand the test of time and the judgment of our Lord.

CHURCH NEWS

News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

ship.
We wish God's blessings on Bro. Dewitt and Brenda Bain as they search to fulfill God's direction in their life. They will be loved and missed. Bro. Grover Laird will serve as our Interim Pastor. We had one person, Laura Todd, saved and baptized since our last report.

Come and visit us when you're in this area.
Linda Daugherty, Reporter

Missionary to Visit Mt. Calvary

Bro. Robert Murphy, missionary to the Philippines, will be with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Picayune, Mississippi, on Sunday night, April 29 at 6:00. Bro. Murphy will be sharing how God is blessing the work in the Philippines. If you are in the Picayune area, please make plans to attend Mt. Calvary at 6:00 p.m. If you need directions or any other questions answered please call 601-798-4897. We look forward to seeing you.

Hobolochitto Association report

The Hobolochitto Baptist Association met at Benville Baptist Church for their regular quarterly meeting on March 12, 2007 at 7:30 PM. We heard good reports from Bro. Ray Freeman with State Missions and the Revolving Loan Fund, Bro. Wallace Williams from Divine Grace Baptist Mission in Long Beach, Bro. Vern Holifield with the Senior Adult Commission, Dr. Medrick Savell with Southeastern Baptist College and Bro. Paul Lee from Prisoner's Bible Crusade.

Bro. James Reeves read the inscription for a plaque to be given to Bro. C.J. Lee for his many years of service as treasurer of the association.

The association voted to begin having yearly preaching conferences beginning sometime this year.

Also, Canaan Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisiana, petitioned to become a member of the Hobolochitto



Canaan Messengers Welcomed

Baptist Association. Moderator Scott Downes officially welcomed Pastor Rico Lee and the messengers present into our association.

Bro. Arthur Lee presented the message entitled, "The Times We Live In", from Matthew 24 and Revelation 6. Bro. Lavell Lee gave the hand of appreciation. We then enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

The next meeting of the association will meet with Canaan Baptist in Franklinton, LA on June 11 at 7:30 PM.

Scott Downes, Moderator
Wayne Rice, Clerk

Lebanon, Laurel to hold revival

Lebanon Baptist Church, Highway 84 west of Laurel, will hold their Spring Revival April 26-29. Bro. Buddy Johnson, North American Hispanic Church Planting Coordinator for the BMA of America, will be our evangelist. Music will be led by Brandon Wilson.

Services will be held at 7:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday services will begin at 9:00 am with morning worship at 11:00. Training service will begin at 5:00 pm with the evening service at 6:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend and worship with us.

Central, Richton

Central Baptist Church of Richton will hold its Spring Revival April 22-25. Sunday Services will begin at 10:00 am for Sunday School with morning worship at 11:00. Evening services will be held at 7:00 pm each day.

Bro. Chris Wells will be the evangelist. We will have special music each night. Come and worship with us.

Harmony Association meets

The Harmony Association held its regular monthly meeting on April 6, with Providence Church, Amory. The provided special music and the evening message was brought by Bro. John Cagle.

Reports were heard from Bro. Vern Holifield on Senior Adult ministry, Dr. Medrick Savell for Southeastern Baptist College, and Bro. Rayborn Freeman on state missions.

East Fulton, Fulton

Our Silver Saints first meeting in March was held in our Family Life Center with Clydia Taylor as our entertainment. A devotion was given by Bill Daugherty. We look forward to many exciting trips during the year. Our Silver Saints are continuing to meet once a month with a luncheon and devotion following.

Our WMA assembled 100 Shepherd Bags to be given to foreign missions. There are 50 for girls and 50 for boys. We also donated \$100.00 to enclose Bibles.

As a church we are still giving support to Bro. Poirier and Bro. Youngdeer in addition to our regular mission giving.

Our Youth are meeting once a month for a time for food and fellow-

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Cocky - Conceited - Confident

Which one are you?

People are always wanting me to tell them how to deal with cocky or conceited people. You really can't do anything with them. One thing we have to learn about human behavior - I can't change someone else. I can change how I respond to them. I can control myself, but I can't control them. I can role model the desired behavior I would like to see in them, but I can't wave a magic wand and change them. People waste too much energy in relationships trying to change others. Maybe we should concentrate on changing ourselves. You should learn things about yourself so that they don't get to you.

It is a different story if it is your spouse or your children. It is the parent's job to help their children when they are adopting undesirable character traits. You have to do it with care and gentleness so you don't wound them. But you can have a family meeting or a private meeting with them and point out the behaviors that exhibit this, and then tell them some things to put in their head to change the way they are. Let others go first. Life is about serving others. Your life is not about you, but about him. Use scriptures to teach these principles.

If it is your spouse, you can have a heart to heart with them. You can role-model the behavior you want to see. You can suggest both of you go get Biblical counseling. You can change yourself and give them someone new to come home to. But you must understand that none of us have the ability to change someone else. If we try these things, and they refuse to change, then we have to release the outcome to God. God can always humble and change hearts. Pray for God to change them.

It is your job to love your family and God's job to change them. Pray for God to humble you and put the words in your mouth to say to your loved one. Criticism will not be well-received, but teaching in love, can be an eye-opening revelation. You might let them know how others may perceive their behavior.

To understand these people would be helpful. Conceited people should meditate on Romans 12:10. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." Cocky people should meditate on Proverbs 16:18. "Pride goeth before destruction; and an haughty spirit before a fall."

When I see cocky, conceited people; I am moved with compassion towards them. Cocky, conceited people have low self-esteem. They really don't like themselves. They adapt behavior to help them cope with their insecurities as a person. Sadly, someone early on in life taught them how they were inadequate and don't measure up to others. They have

become rejection sponges and soaked this in to their personality. To mask their lack of confidence, they come across as better than others. They are snooty, snobby and arrogant.

I know you would like to put them in their place, but you will have to retire from that job. It is not yours, but the Lord's. Beneath the veneer of ar-



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rogance is a lonely, frightened person who feels they are unworthy of love. Love them. Encourage them. Tell them the good you see in them. This may seem contradictory to their behavior, but it will really help them in the long run.

If they can trust you and see genuine care on your part, this is the greatest potential they have to change.

Don't ever mistake confidence for conceit or arrogance. Many people who lack confidence are threatened by someone who is. They think they are cocky. As Christians, we should be very confident. Not in our abilities, but in Christ's ability in us. We can do nothing without Christ, but we can do all things with Christ. Philippians 4:13.

Furthermore, we should adopt the scripture of Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you

will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Our confidence is in the One who reigns inside of us. We don't have a very good testimony to a lost world if we walk around like we are pathetic losers with nothing to offer. We have victory in Jesus. We are a prince or princess of power. We belong to a royal family. Our Father is rich. Not because we are better than others. Not because of something we have done or accomplished. But because of what Christ has accomplished in us.

I want to reflect confidence in all I do because I am confident of the One who is using me to accomplish His will. Christ is awesome and He lives in us and we should reflect His greatness. Again, with all humility. We don't think we are better than others, but we do have something to offer this world because of who lives in us.

If you are wondering if you are confident or cocky, Ephesians 6:6 states, "Not with eye service, as men pleasers: but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart." That will help let you know which one your behavior reflects. Are you a man pleaser or are you doing the will of God with confidence?

Galatians 3:28 states that we are all equal in the eyes of God. None of us are better than anyone else, but as Christians, we are certainly different than others. We have been called out and separated. II Corinthians 6:17 We have a high calling in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14.

Christians should never be prideful, cocky or conceited, but we also should be confident with Christ in us and live up to our potential. You are a child of the king!

Sumrall church presents musical drama

The Sanctuary Choir of Midway First Baptist Church of Lamar County presented their Easter musical drama on the evenings of April 4 and April 7 and again on Easter Sunday morning. "Bow the Knee" was seen by approximately 700 worshipers with at least four professions of faith and many



rededications being made. The church is grateful for those who attended and for the dedication of the singers and actors who diligently rehearsed for months to present this powerful drama. The music director for "Bow the Knee" was Kenneth Lott and the drama director was Charles Gamble.

Midway First Baptist Church is located eight miles west of Hattiesburg off Highway 98 on Midway Church Road. Leon Carmical is the pastor.

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Dr. Medrick Savell
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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

God continues to bless the college in many ways. This should not be a surprise, for He has promised to bless if we put Him and His glory first. We must trust Him to provide all needs, for we can do nothing by ourselves. It humbles me that He would use people like us in His great work. Pray that much can be done for His Kingdom through the ministry of Southeastern Baptist College. So many people over the state of Mississippi and out of state are sincerely interested in this college. Many alumni have been affected by the college, and they are serving the Lord in various locations in the world.

College Day

The College Day on campus, April 10, was a great success. Six Christian high schools brought groups. Two of those brought choirs who sang for the college day program. Several other individuals also attended. There were at least 200 guests on campus that day, including 175 prospective students. A good message was preached in chapel and a former student furnished and



A group of over 300 enjoyed the noon meal at SBC's recent College Day

served a full meal to about 300 people. We appreciate all who participated in making this the best College Day yet. Our current students, faculty, and staff were amazed.

Upcoming Events to be Held on Campus

The college trustees will be meeting on May 1 and the graduation service will be on May 10. Seventeen will be receiving degrees, two receiving diplomas and three receiving certificates this year.

Memorial Gifts

Two memorial gifts have been sent recently to the College Foundation in memory of Bro. Merle D. Bradley and in honor of Mrs. Bobbye Bradley. May the Lord bless the Bradley family and those who sent the gifts. Bro. Bradley was a former student at Southeastern Baptist College.

The Ant and The Straw

The Bible says, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise."

Yes, there is much we may learn from the ant. Here is one good lesson.

A biologist tells how he watched an ant carrying a piece of straw which seemed a big burden to it.

The ant came to a crack in the ground which was too big for it to cross. It stood for a time, as though pondering the situation, then put the straw down across the crack and walked over on it.

What a lesson to us. The burden became the bridge for progress. Our burdens can sometimes be turned into bridges, if we endeavor by God's help to live the overcoming life.

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National meeting under way

By the time you receive this issue the Baptist Missionary Association of America will be well into its 2007 annual meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

There is never an annual meeting that is not important! Messengers from across the nation will meet to hear reports and approve plans from our various departments and ministries.

We will try to provide up to date reports on items of interest by updating our web site with photos

and information.

The site (www.msbbaptist.org) has been getting a good number of 'hits' recently. We try to keep interesting information and updates that our churches need to be aware of on the site.

Your input and advise concerning what you would like to see on the site is important to us. Log on and send us a message by clicking on the "Contact Us" button at the top of the page.

We also have a feature called

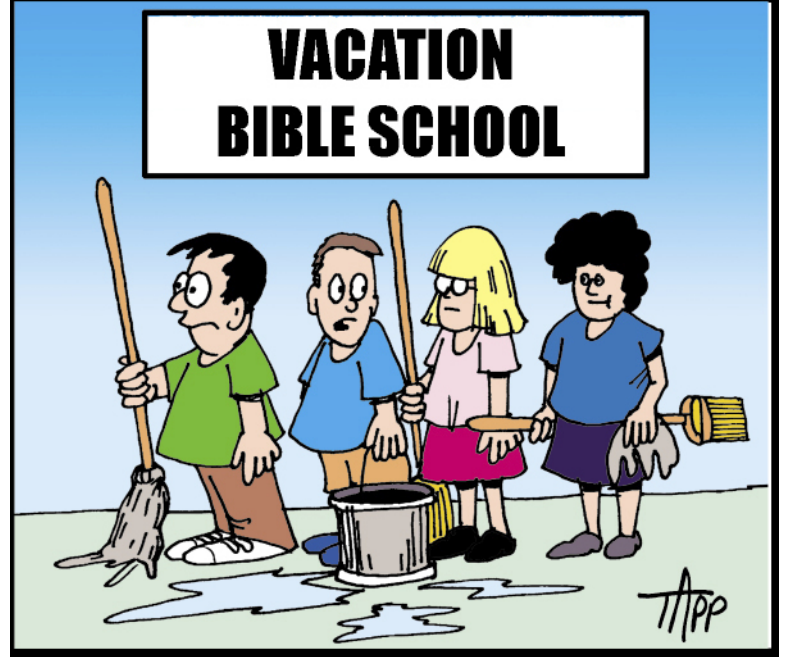
"Your Opinion Counts". It is an easy to use Poll. You can vote and give your opinion about items that are of interest to the BMA of America and Mississippi. We encourage our readers to log on and vote.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Don Brown
Editor

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"I liked our crafts time a lot better last year."

Christian evangelist beaten to death in Muslim mosque

OneNewsNow.com - Christians in southeast Ethiopia face increased violence and tension as Muslims recently beat an evangelist to death.

Last week, an Ethiopian evangelist named Tedase was beaten and killed by Muslims as he and two young women were taking part in street witnessing. While the women escaped, witnesses say Muslims chased the man, caught up with him, pulled him into a mosque, and attacked him.

Sara Jennings with International

Christian Concern (ICC) says such attacks are not new throughout southeast Ethiopia, which many people believe is a Christian nation. "[But] Muslim extremism has really become a stronghold there," she explains.

"Six months ago, in September, there were people attacked in Jima," she shares, adding that "a number of Christian homes, churches, and orthodox parishes were burned down - at least 2,000 people were displaced during that incident."

According to Jennings, Saudi Arabia is responsible for much of the violence in the east African nation. That oil-rich nation, she says, is "funneling a large amount of money" into Ethiopia to build mosques. "And not just to build mosques," she adds, "but to finance training centers where very extremist ideologies are taught to young people, which really breeds hate."

Evangelical church leaders say if police ignore Tedase's death, it will empower radical Muslims and encourage them to attack Christians without fear of retribution. The ICC recently included Ethiopia in its "Hall of Shame" list, which highlights countries where Christians are enduring harsh persecution.

- Road Rage -

We have all heard stories about road rage and air rage. One of the most insane stories I ever heard was about a 31 year-old driver who punched a 73 year-old man in the face. The younger driver zoomed past the elderly man, crossing double yellow lines, only to be stopped ahead at a red light behind a line of cars. The seventy-three year-old driver shook his head and made a gesture (though not obscene), as if to say, "What a dumb thing to do" and it certainly was. This look and gesture so enraged the younger driver, he got out of his car, walked back, and punched the elderly gentleman through his open window. Sounds like a "real man" to me, beating up on senior citizens. I wonder what the news report would have been if the assailant had emerged from his car with a gun?

Those in the news media usually excuse this kind of behavior, attributing the problem to some abstract thing called road rage, claiming the perpetrator is actually a victim, unable to cope with pressure and stress in life.

Let me label and identify road ragers. They are self-centered, spoiled hotheads with no self control, who think they are the only ones on the road with a destination. Ditto for air ragers who lose their temper on airplanes. Their problem is an out of control temper that can be controlled. Each person is an accountable being, responsible for his or her own actions, with few exceptions. If we all acted out our anger when we got mad at other drivers, there would be mass murder on the highways daily.

Funny, but I never heard the old timers speak of this disorder. They never mentioned "Plow Rage," "Barn Raising Rage," or "Outhouse Rage." But then they were from an age where individuals were taught self control and personal responsibility. Out of control people in the old days were called criminals and went to jail.

You know, this has possibilities.



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The next time I get mad at my wife at meal time, VOILA! "Dining Rage." "Sorry Honey, I just couldn't help what I said about your Elly May Clampett biscuits. You know how DR is."

We could also have Wal-Mart rage and (my favorite) computer rage. The sky is the limit for irresponsible individuals who want to scapegoat someone or something for their own choices. We did not have a choice when we inherited depravity from Adam, but we do have a choice in our conduct and speech.

Joseph Harris is the Vice President of Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel, MS. (This article may be reprinted in whole, as long as the name Joseph Harris and www.miniedition.net also appear)

Judge: Christian frat can ban homosexuals

A federal court has ordered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to reinstate a Christian fraternity which had been denied recognition because its officers refused to sign the university's nondiscrimination policy requiring the group to allow homosexuals to join. The preliminary injunction, issued by U.S. District Court Judge Frank W. Bullock Junior, will permit Alpha Iota Omega access to student funds and university facilities, like other fraternities on campus. The order will re-

main in force until the issue of compliance with the university's policy against discrimination is settled, most likely in court.

"This is the first battle in the lawsuit, and we are victorious in that sense," said Joshua Carden, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund, the Arizona-based organization representing the fraternity. Alpha Iota Omega was formed six years ago for the purpose of "providing leadership and outreach to the campus Greek community through evangelism and mentorship."

Letters From Our Readers

Reader agrees with letter

Dear Editor,

I would like to submit the following response to the article by Bro. Joshua Spiers in the April 1st edition. I agree. We should not have speakers from other denominations speak at our events. I also believe that the authorized King James version is the only one that should be used. When other versions are used we are not separated from heretical churches, modernism or any of the things listed in our statement. If ones studies the origin of these other versions, he will find they were produced by people of all religious beliefs and backgrounds. Most of these do not agree with the former teaching of the BMA. Therefore we should abstain from using anything but the King James Version.

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Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. By the time you read these lines Easter 2007 will have come and gone. We must be humble and thankful that our Saviour and Lord is alive forever more. It should cause a revival in our hearts and lives. The truth of the resurrection should cause our Spiritual eyes to be wide open. Allow it to give us a burden for the souls of men.

South Conference

The South Senior Adult Day is now history. We enjoyed a wonderful day. The Mill Creek Baptist Church of Picayune and Pastor Arthur Lee did a fantastic job hosting the meeting. The house was full at 9:30 AM for the opening song. All those on the program were at their best. Brother Earl Smith was at his best in leading the worship music. Brother Gary Smith lifted our hearts in his concert of Christian music. Brother Donnie Parrish was at his best in the message and in giving information

about the BMAA Mission work. The Shallow Creek Blue Grass Gospel Singers were at their best. Mack's Fish Restaurant lived up to their reputation of providing great food. Many said the meeting was one of the best ever.

I know that some of our pastors and churches had hindrances and could not attend. Surely there were those who never planned to attend. Whatever kept you from attending, you missed a great and wonderful blessing. One of the encouraging things about the meeting was the packed house. I love a full house. Jesus likes a full house too.

North Senior Adult Day

Mark your calendars for May 8. The place is Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton where Brother Danny Pitts is pastor. A great day is planned. This paper has carried those on the program. Let me remind you that Brother Wexford Parmer will lead the worship music. Brother Gary Smith will

be in concert in the morning. Dr. Martin Jameson will bring the message. The Dorsey Food Mart will cater the lunch. The ladies at Hopewell and some sister churches will furnish the deserts. The Shiloh Trio will be in concert in the afternoon. Door prizes will be given away. All this for the small fee of \$15.00. I hope the church will pay this fee for their seniors. We will begin at 9:30 AM and close at about 3:00 PM. We had a packed house at Mill Creek on the South Day. Let's pack Hopewell out on May 8. Pastor, a lot depends on you. Please plan to come along with your seniors and enjoy a great day. Make checks payable to the Commission On Senior Adults.

Church and Association Visits

I enjoyed visits to the Oak Grove, Capitol, Big Creek, and Ten Mile Associations. The Oak Grove and Capitol Associations renewed their financial support. My wife Dot and I enjoyed our visits to Bethel, Bassfield; Rocky Branch, Sumrall; Mill Creek, Picayune; Mt. Olive, Union and Paramount, Perkinston.

The Bethel Baptist Church, Bassfield and pastor Dale Broom organized a ministry to their seniors. We enjoyed helping them, and the food was great too.

North Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

The Commission On Senior Adults is proud to announce the program for our North Conference.

The Hopewell Baptist Church of Fulton and Pastor Danny Pitts will host the North Conference on May 8, 2007. The program will begin at 9:30 AM and close around 3:00 P.M. Bro. Wexford Parmer will lead the worship music for the day and Bro. Gary Smith, pastor of South Green Baptist Church in



Gary Smith

Tupelo, will be in concert in the morning service. Dr. Martin Jameson, pastor Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, will bring the message. The Shiloh Trio from Amory, Mississippi will be in concert that afternoon. There will be door prizes, great fellowship, and an abundance of food all for the small fee of \$15.00 per person.

Dr. Martin Jameson is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and has served as instructor in the Bible Department of Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas. He also has served as President of the BMA of Arkansas and as Vice-president of the BMA of America.



Shiloh Trio, made up of Anita Akers, Dianne Hall, and Bryson Haden, has been singing together since January, 2005. Shiloh Trio strives for tight harmony and they exchange the different parts to make it work. All three are members of East Amory Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi.

Anita is the pastor's wife as well as Adult Ladies' Sunday School teacher and the church pianist. Dianne is the Adult Ladies' BTS teacher and is president of the Women's Auxiliary. Bryson serves as the Minister of Music.



Shiloh Trio

This group has been

richly blessed and is eager to be used as long as God allows. They have recorded one CD and are in the process of writing and gathering original material for another one. Please pray for Shiloh Trio as they endeavor to keep the message of the gospel prominent in both their music and their lives.

Families warned... Disney to allow homosexual 'weddings'

OneNewsNow.com - Christian families could be exposed to more than they bargained for if they take a vacation to Walt Disney World or Disneyland, according to the president of the American Family Association.

The Walt Disney Company recently announced it was making wedding ceremonies at its parks and on its cruise lines available to homosexual couples. For years, The Walt Disney Company had limited its "Fairy Tale Wedding" program to couples with valid marriage licenses. But a Disney spokesman says that policy was changed after a homosexual couple contacted the company, wanting to use its wedding service.

One pro-homosexual website quotes a Disney representative as saying the company's decision to update its program guidelines to include "commitment ceremonies" is consistent with Disney's overall policy of "creating a welcoming, respectful, and inclusive environment" for its guests. "We are not in the business of making judgments about the lifestyles of our guests," said the Disney spokesman. "We are in the hospitality business and our parks and resorts are open to everyone."

Such inclusiveness, says AFA president Tim Wildmon, is why families must be warned. "You could be innocently taking your family to Disney World or Disneyland, and you're walking down the middle of



Unsuspecting Family with Mickey

the park and here's comes this parade of wedding attendees [that includes] two men who've just gotten 'married' at Disney World," he says. "That's something to take into consideration before you go and patronize the Walt Disney Company this summer."

Wildmon believes a ten-year boycott of The Walt Disney Company by pro-family organizations made a last-

ing impact and impression. But the family advocate contends Disney's recent move is another example of the influence homosexual activists have with secular businesses.

"Secular corporations continue to have pressure applied to them by secular forces. The homosexual agenda - those who promote that movement - want to use Disney as much as they possibly can to legitimize their particular lifestyle, and the Disney Corporation in this case has gone along with them."

The wedding service offers ceremonies at Walt Disney World in Florida and Disneyland in California (homosexual "marriage" is legal in neither state) and on Disney's cruise ships. According to Reuters, the packages can cost upwards of \$8,000.

Man's excuses and God's answers

I'm not going to work as hard in the church this year as I did last year. "Be thou faithful into death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

Someone else can do it better than I. "Then Peter, turning about seeth John and saith to Jesus, 'Lord, and what shall this man do,' Jesus saith unto him, 'What is that to thee.' Follow thou me. So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." John 21:20-23; Romans 14:12.

I'm not qualified for the job - not

educated - I can't talk before people. "My grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9

I've been working too hard. I want to rest a while. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." Luke 9:23-25

I don't like the preacher - the educational director - or the church lead-

Dangers increase for Christians in Iraq

OneNewsNow.com - Christians continue to flee Iraq as the fourth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad is observed. At the same time, says a spokesman with The Voice of the Martyrs (Canada), the ministry is supporting Christians who are remaining in war-torn Iraq.

While U.S. led forces toppled the government of ruthless dictator Saddam Hussein four years ago, Christians in Iraq now enjoy greater freedom when it comes to evangelism; but they also face greater dangers from a recent rise in Islamic-led terrorism, says Glenn Penner with The Voice of the Martyrs (Canada). During a recent interview with Mis-

ers. "Who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless." I Samuel 2:69

Someone criticized me. "Not as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men." Ephesians 6:6-7

sion Network News, Penner said many of the Christians who flee Iraq become stuck in neighboring countries.

"One of the problems ... is that many of them [who] do go to Jordan and Syria hope to immigrate to the United States," he explains. "But because the U.S. government policy is that they expect Iraq to normalize ... they're not accepting very many refugees from these countries." Consequently, says Penner, those who have fled Iraq remain in Syria and Jordan - "and they're stuck there," he adds.

And those Iraqi Christians who have remained, Penner shares, receive assistance from VOM-Canada. "The literature and the Bibles that we're providing [are] particularly to help in their outreach to their Muslim neighbors," he says.

The VOM-Canada spokesman says he does not expect conditions to improve anytime soon for believers in Iraq. Still, churches are growing, he says - and in some cases, Iraqi Christians have more freedom to evangelize, but also face greater dangers because of their witnessing efforts.



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The Priceless Value of Senior Saints

by Diane Betts
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"The silvery head is a crown of glory when it be found in the way of righteousness." Proverbs 16:31

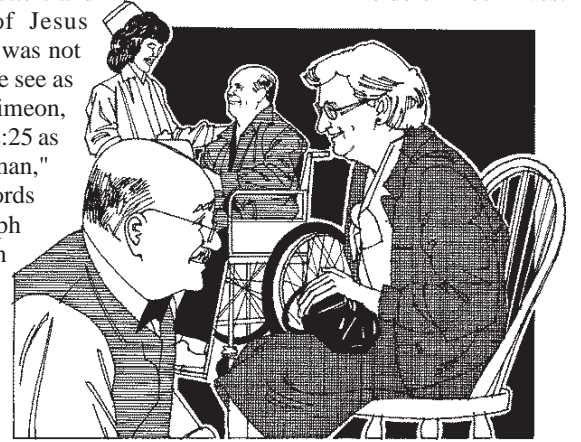
Among God's most excellent blessings are the senior believers in our lives - those saints who have lived some years longer than we and have wisdom to offer in things that we have yet to experience. God uses not only our parents, grandparents and other family members, but older people in our midst within the church. All my life I have been drawn to the company of people who could have been my parents as far as age goes. I have been blessed countless times by the examples of older saints. I have always felt more comfortable and able to relate more easily to them than to my own generation. I am grateful that God brought them to me. My life and spiritual growth have been greatly enriched by close friendship with a senior saint that God has used as my mentor. I wish all people could know the blessing of having a close friendship with someone their senior.

God says much in Scripture about

being older and what the Christian's attitude should be concerning elders. The Bible gives many examples of saints that continued to be used of God throughout their long lives. Paul as an older man mentored Timothy and called the young man his son. John was elderly when God inspired him to write three letters and The Revelation of Jesus Christ. However, it was not only apostles that we see as elderly examples. Simeon, referred to in Luke 2:25 as a "just and devout man," spoke prophetic words to Mary and Joseph concerning Jesus. In the same chapter, Luke tells of Anna, a woman "of a great age" (verse 36), who "served God with fastings and prayers night and day" and "spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." The affirmations of these elderly saints helped reinforce Mary's and Joseph's faith in God's words delivered to them through the angel's message. Some other pairs that demonstrate elders helping and counsel-

ing younger people are Elijah and Elisha, Naomi and Ruth, and Jethro and Moses, but there are many more to be found in the Bible.

One of the Ten Commandments tells us to honor our parents; surely it does no injustice to the scripture to extend a measure of honor to all the elders in our lives.



Godly wisdom doesn't come to one without some effort. James 1:5 tells everyone who desires wisdom to ask for it. But those saints who have sought and applied God's wisdom and have

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Summer Camp Schedule 2007



Tombigbee, Judson

June 4,5,6, 2007
Tombigbee State Park
Speaker -Travis Plumlee



Travis Plumlee

Harmony

Tishomingo State Park
June 18, 19, 20, 2007

South Central Junior Camp

Gulf Coast Community College
June 27, 28, 29, 2007
Cost" \$75.00
Program - Thomas Family



Thomas Family

State Junior High, Senior

Gulf Coast Community College
July 11,12,13, 2007
Cost" \$75.00



Greg Medenwald
Speaker



Brandon Wilson
Music

Pro-life group says House lobbying bill threatens grassroots activism

OneNewsNow.com - A national pro-life organization warns that an executive branch lobbying bill pending in the U.S. House of Representatives would trample the right of citizens to convey their opinions privately to the government. The bill (HR 984), sponsored by Congressman Henry Waxman (D-California), would require that every contact made by a citizen or a representative of a group of citizens to a political appointee in the executive branch be recorded in a government database and accessible on the Internet.

Douglas Johnson is legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee in Washington, DC. He says HR 984 is one of a number of "assaults" on the First Amendment by

the new Democratic leadership in Congress.

This legislation, Johnson asserts, is "part of an array of bills that are really intended, we believe, to chill the exercise of First Amendment rights by authentic grassroots organizations like right-to-life and pro-family groups and other groups that are out of favor with the elites, and thereby to enhance the power of certain inside players."

The National Right to Life official sees HR 984 as an "attack" on American citizens' right to communicate with members of the federal executive branch. He argues that the legislation, if passed, would restrict the free-speech rights of grassroots organizations while it "enhances the

power" of liberal groups.

"These types of proposals are pushed by organizations that have names like Public Citizen and Democracy 21 and all of these high-sounding names, but they're really run by fairly small groups of people," Johnson contends. "Many of these groups," he says, "have no grassroots organizations at all, and they get a lot of money from big liberal foundations or George Soros and people like that."

Johnson says he and other pro-family advocates believe that what such groups really want is to "suppress the voices of ordinary Americans so that government officials will be more responsive to [those groups'] guidance."

HR 984 was approved 28-0 by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which Waxman chairs. The bill is now awaiting a vote by the full House of Representatives.

Group blasts European court for creating right to an abortion

OneNewsNow.com - An international pro-family group is condemning a European court for ordering Poland to liberalize its abortion laws - saying the court is essentially creating the right to an abortion "out of thin air."

The European Court of Human Rights recently gave an award of 25,000 euros (approximately \$33,550 US) to a woman who was denied an abortion by Poland in 2000. The Polish woman had wanted her unborn child killed because she suffers from severe myopia and was told by an eye specialist that carrying her pregnancy

to term could further damage her eyesight.

Don Feder, communications director for the World Congress of Families, says the decision is based on Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which says that member states need to "respect" the "private life" of citizens.

"What the European Court of Human Rights did was it read a right to abortion into Article 8, based on the fact that Article 8 says that member states should respect the privacy of their citizens," Feder explains. That interpretation should sound familiar

to Americans, he notes. "This is almost exactly what the Supreme Court did in 1973 in Roe v. Wade."

Feder notes unlike the European Convention on Human Rights, the First Amendment to the Constitution does not even mention the word "privacy." On top of that, he considers the court's ruling a violation of Polish sovereignty.

"More than that, though, I think it's important for the pro-family movement to develop a united front so that we can respond to these things en masse whenever they happen," Feder said.

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Senior Saints

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maintained close communication with Him throughout life surround us in the church. Those are the wise ones who still have much to contribute to our lives and the ministries of the church, and they will do so willingly if we don't neglect them. As believers in the Body of Christ, people don't have expirations or "best-if-used-by" dates. When God has accomplished all He purposes for our lives, He will take us home to Heaven. But as long as we live obediently in joyful service to God wherever He places us, He will continue to use us irrespective of age.

Recent years evidence a decline of respect for elders among the younger generations. I believe that God is observing and taking note of how we respect and treat our elders. We all need to consider thoughtfully our attitude toward older people; before we know it, we will be in their place. When that time comes, we will find out what kind of example we set for those younger than we. It doesn't come naturally to younger people to think about being old themselves some day. Let us not be guilty of brushing aside the elder saints. If we dismiss them and their wisdom and willingness to serve in the church, we will surely displease God and reap bitter consequences.

Those in the church who consider the methods of the older generation outdated, need to be reminded of the prophet's admonition in Jeremiah 6:16 where he warns the people not to forsake the old ways. It should be clear from the context of the surrounding passages that the subject in question was living a godly life and worshipping the Lord as He instructed through the prophets and men of God. It seems that many churches believe that the old paths" (or methods) are due for an overhaul to fit the changing times,

and so it follows that the "old" saints must be outdated as well.

Regrettably, the tendency of many in churches is to disregard the older saints. Some in the younger generations have the notion that those who are in the autumn and winter of their lives are passed their prime and have little of value to contribute to the church and society. Many have this prejudicial attitude toward elders regardless of the vigor they may still exhibit. It doesn't matter, though, whether they are physically active or physically handicapped. The saints are still precious to God and He still uses those who are willing. But the myth that past a certain age one becomes unable to contribute to God's work still persists in some young adults' minds despite much evidence to the contrary. This mindset may manifest itself in subtle ways, but "subtle" doesn't necessarily mean "unnoticeable." Some people may not be so obvious; they will listen (or pretend to) to the elders' concerns or advice, then go about their merry way never seriously giving thought to it. I Kings 12 illustrates the error of a young king disregarding the counsel of older men and heeding the ill advice of his own peers.

The arrogance or ego of youthful pride often discounts the gifts and wisdom of seniors. Titus says that the older saints are to teach and be examples to the younger ones. But the young ones must have teachable, submissive spirits in order to benefit from the elders' wisdom. Besides seeking their godly advice, the Bible also tells us to care for them. Timothy gives instructions to the church for the care of older widows. In I Timothy 5:9-10 he describes widows over sixty who have served God and his people and "diligently followed every good work." Verse 16 of the same chapter gives the primary responsibility for their care to the families.

Every Christian should recognize the high value that God puts on those who have lived long and fruitful lives

in Christ. If the younger generations ignore or neglect them, fail to show them appreciation and take heed to their godly leadership, the high cost of such neglect will become painfully clear some day not too far in the future. Believers of all ages should echo the prayer of the Moses in Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Mississippi State GMA Treasurer's Report

March 30, 2007

Contributions for the Mississippi State GMA Project:

1. Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, MS	\$ 500.00
2. Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, MS	100.00
3. Grace Baptist Church, Saucier, MS	105.00
4. Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel, MS	108.13
5. Mildred Sumrall, Temple Baptist Church, Laurel, MS	100.00
6. Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl, MS	200.00
7. Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale, MS	209.00
8. Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston, MS	173.00
9. First Baptist, Henleyfield, Carriere, MS	150.00
10. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Picayune, MS	250.00
11. Shiloh Baptist Church, Steens, MS	40.00

Funds Received at Camp:

12. Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Kiln, MS	83.00
13. Craft Sales at Camp	214.00
14. Snack Shop at Camp	86.94
16. Officers' Competition and Candy Grams	<u>80.33</u>
Total received for project	\$2,862.95

PROJECT TOTALS:

25% General Fund	\$ 781.93
75% Philippine Publications	<u>2,081.02</u>
Total	\$2,862.95

Thank you to each church and individual who contributed to the MS State GMA Project for 2006-2007. A special thanks to those who bring crafts and food items to the GMA Camp, also, to those who work so hard in the Snack Shop and the Craft Sales.

We enjoyed a wonderful camp with Bro. Josh Spiers serving as camp pastor. There was one profession of faith at camp and another one on the way home from camp. We are especially grateful to God for the salvation of souls.

Student missionary, Trace Thurman, and our National GMA Officers who attended were a blessing to each one.

The new project selected is 25% General Fund and 75 % Student Missionary to Creative Access Nations. Each church is encouraged to give liberally to this very worthy project this year.

Mail your contributions to: Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443.

May God bless each church with the best year ever in GMA work!!
Mrs. Shirlene Smith

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GMA Secretary reports

Hi! My name is Savannah Lott and I am your new State GMA Corresponding Secretary! State Camp was loads of fun this year. We had silent auctions, crafts where we decorated flip flops and made new friends and more. Our pastor this year was Bro. Josh Spiers. He did a very good job of bringing God's word to us. He, along with Mrs. Linda Dertinger and Mrs. Barbara White, was the director of the many fun games we played at the house party. The Queens Supper was different this year. Every Queen invited seven girls to join them at Sup-

per. I know I liked this because I got to meet new girls and learn about them. We had one girl saved this year and we are very happy about that. Our attendance was down this year, but I hope we can change that for next year. The theme for this coming year is "Love the Unlovable" and for our project we will be supporting "Gabe", a student missionary to China. Please plan on coming next year; the dates are February 8 & 9, 2008. It will be lots of fun and hopefully be a blessing to you.

Savannah Lott
State Corresponding Secretary

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Kevin Marr, Hernando

March was a month filled with Spring Breaks and outreach! The school that rents our building and that my daughter attends enjoyed Spring Break in March along with all of the public schools in our area. Since the weather was warm, everyone enjoyed a great week of relaxation. Even our building which is normally filled several times a week got to enjoy some "downtime". The rest, however, did not last long as we prepared for our second Outreach Sunday of 2007. This is always an exciting time for those who enjoy getting out into the "highways and byways" and "bringing them in." We printed 200 flyers for the day and



Bro. & Mrs. Kevin Marr

succeeded in giving all of them out. This is exciting because we included a "blurb" about our Easter services coming up soon, and we so hope that a few people will come and check us out on that day!

During the month, I had the privilege of taking our Membership Class to one of our Life Groups, since none of them were members of LifePointe. We spent about an hour and a half talking about our salvation, our symbols, and our statements of faith, before having a break for another week. I am truly looking forward to finishing this class with these prospective members. Several have already discussed baptism with me, because they were baptized by another denomination. As the weather warms, we are looking forward to baptizing several new believers and others who want to obediently follow our Lord in this area.

Amazingly, this same group of people who are not yet members of LifePointe have begun a children's Life Group in their neighborhood. At their first meeting in March, they had six-

teen children present. They believe that this group will easily grow beyond twenty in number in the next few weeks!

Thanks again for all that you do to make LifePointe a success. Your prayers and financial support are vital components to the work that is being accomplished here! We love you all and praise God for giving you the vision to plant this mission in DeSoto County!

Wallace Williams, Long Beach

Greetings from Divine Grace Baptist Mission. God is faithful and His blessings are filled with grace and love, February and March were busy months as well as blessed months. In February, we averaged 36 in worship service and had one addition. I spoke at the North Mississippi WMA as well as preached at the Pastor's Conference.

In March, we moved into our educational section of our new building. It is still not complete, but we do have lights, air/heat, and restrooms. That is a huge plus for us to compared to meeting outside for a year and a half. Our attendance came up also. We averaged 46 in March, had one man saved and two join by letter. "Go Forth Ministries" came on March 17 and we knocked on about 150 doors. That was an exciting day and there is a 17 year old boy coming to church out of those visits, and he is not saved, but he is coming, which tells me the Holy Spirit is still dealing with him.

March 25-30, we had a revival and my son, Johnny Williams, preached for us. It was great! On March 25 we took up a special offering for our building program. This is money that will be used for phase two which is the sanctuary and offices. We are praying for \$60,000.00. On Sunday the 25th we took up \$10,576.00 and back in February we had \$14,500.00 given. Our total is \$25,076.00! Out of that total our people gave about \$18,000.00. I trust the Lord for the rest and believe it will come at the right time. Thank you all for giving, praying, and helping us in this great work as we labor together with God.



Bro. & Mrs. Wallace Williams

Beautiful Things

The following article was found in the pocket of Pearley W. Graves:

The beautiful things are the things we do; they are not the things we wear, as we shall find when the journey is over and the roll call is read up there. We're illustrating the latest styles with raiment that beats the band, but the beautiful things are the kindly smiles that go with the helping hand. We burden ourselves with the gleaming gems, that neighbors may stop and stare; but the beautiful things are the diadems of stars that the righteous wear.

There are beautiful things in the poor man's cot, though empty the hearth and cold. If love and service are in each thought that Husband and wife may hold. There are beautiful things in the lowest slum where wandering outcasts now grope, when down to its depths, they see you come with messages of help and hope. The beautiful things that we mortals buy and flash in the crowded street, will all be junk when we come to die and march to the judgment seat. When everything's weighted on that fateful day, the lightest thing will be gold. There are beautiful things within reach today, but they are not bought nor sold.

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Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Chewing Gum

Nearly everyday I run across something that reminds me that "we've come a long way, baby."

When I went to school chewing gum was strictly forbidden. Even after we had gone to the trouble of gathering sweet gum sap and mixed it with stretch berries - we still couldn't chew it in school or church.

But these days, just look around - even school teachers (some of them) are chewing and smacking and popping and cracking! And people are doing it in church!

I was at a church not long ago and I got to noticing a woman chewing gum. The more I watched, the funnier she looked and that made me wish I had her on camera, it would be a shoo-in to win America's Funniest Videos. (I plum forgot what the preacher was preaching on that day).

Maybe we all need to be a little more aware of how our actions affect other people. I call it good manners and thoughtfulness toward others.

Paul had this attitude. In I Cor. 8:13 "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

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