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## BMA Life To Live-Stream BMA National Meeting

Portions of the 2013 BMAA National Meeting will be streamed live from Norman, Oklahoma, courtesy of the BMA Life Production Team. "This will be the first time in the history of the BMA that people from around the world will be able to join us "live" at our national meeting," according to Lifeword's Communication Engineer, Phillip Rice.

Sessions streamed live will include:

### Monday, April 22, 7:00 pm

#### First General Session

Featuring the Jacksonville College Choir and a message by BMA President, Ed Stephenson

### Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm

#### Third General Session

Featuring Missionary Charles Costa and a message by DiscipleGuide Ex-

ecutive Director Scott Attebery

### Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm

#### Sixth General Session

Featuring Missionary Jeff Franks, A look into the world of BMA Missions, and the commissioning of new BMA missionary families

To view the live broadcast of the BMAA National Meeting go to [www.bmalife.com/tv](http://www.bmalife.com/tv). BMA Life.com is the new website launched by the BMA Production Team where people can view all the latest news from the BMA around the world. Reports from BMA Missionaries from around the globe, news from Lifeword Media Ministries, reports from DiscipleGuide Church Resources, including live broadcasts from many DiscipleGuide conferences, as well as updates from BMA Seminary are broadcast daily.

Norman, Oklahoma

## BMA'13

by Ed Stephenson,  
President of the BMA of America

Our national meeting is just a few weeks away (April 22-24) and I want to encourage you to make plans to attend. We will be meeting in the beautiful Embassy Suites Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma, and at this time about 91% of our allotted rooms have been reserved. I sense that this will be



Ed Stephenson

a great meeting and I am looking forward to the fellowship, the worship and to hear the reports from our different departments and agencies.

I do want to remind our churches that our finances are at a low level in the 'Minute Fund' which is used to cover the expense of the national meeting. Last year we were hit hard by a reimbursement to the Marriott in Jackson, Mississippi (\$11,964.25) because we failed to use enough of our allotted rooms during the meeting. If at all possible we are asking the churches to send an extra amount this year for the 'Minute Fund'.

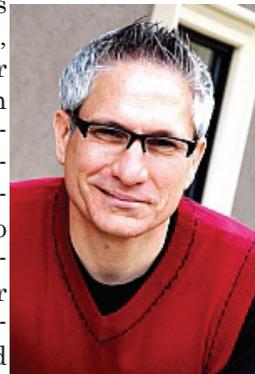
I know that the Host Committee, the Committee on Arrangements and all of your officers are looking forward to serving you and to do our part in making the national meeting a great success to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

See you in Norman.

## Pre-Conference Q & A 2013 National Meeting Pastors Conference

The 2013 edition of the National Meeting Pastors Conference presented by DiscipleGuide Church Resources and BMA Missions, will be held Tuesday, April 23 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in Norman, Oklahoma, and will feature Pastor Todd West of Oasis Church in Maumelle, Arkansas, and Kevin Marsico, Pastor of NorthStar Community Church in Washington, D.C.

Todd West was born in Warren, Arkansas. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Business. He worked as Vice



Todd West

President of Credit Union before entering the ministry. Todd married his wife Paige in 1992. Together they led

three churches in Kingland, Trumann, and Fordyce before founding Todd West Evangelistic Ministries. For seven years, Todd and Paige traveled to 13 different states doing crusades, revivals, and conferences. In 2002 they founded Oasis Church in central Arkansas where he continues to serve as lead pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in Arkansas. Todd has preached in more than 500 churches and continues to travel, speaking all over the U.S.

Kevin Marsico is the founding pastor of NorthStar Community Church ([www.mynorthstar.org](http://www.mynorthstar.org)), a ten-year-old church plant located in the Washington, D.C. suburbs that has started churches nationally and internationally. A powerful and enthusiastic conference speaker,

Kevin has cast vision to thousands of pastors and leaders to reach this generation for Christ through church planting. He has trained hundreds of church planters and has provided consulting and strategic planning



Kevin Marsico

to multiple denominations and groups in the development of networks and church plant movements. Kevin recently became the North East Regional Mobilizer for the North American Mission Board.

This year's conference will be preceded at 9:30 am by a 30-minute question and answer time by BMA Missions Executive Director, Dr. John David Smith and Lifeword Media Ministries Executive Director, Steve Crawley concerning the proposed integration of BMA Missions and Lifeword.

## CONSIDER THIS

The devil gives the best first and the worst last,  
BUT the Lord saves the best for last!

## Another Shipment of Shepherd Bags Headed to Honduras

by **Fonda Norris**  
EIM Shepherd Bags Coordinator



Well you've helped us do it again! God kept providing the means through all of our supporters and partners who want to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ go into Honduras. In January, we were able to ship 18,598 Shepherd Bags that will be taken into the schools and villages of Honduras to be used as a tool to share Jesus with children, teachers, administrators, parents and villagers.

There really isn't a way to describe how we've seen God work over and over when we go into an area and pass out the bags. I never cease to be amazed when you stand up in front of a group and share the simple plan of salvation to see God convict people and break them to accept salvation from the youngest child to the oldest adults that gather around.

Let me share one example. When our Shepherd Bags team was in Honduras in February, a young man named Roberto was our contact for the week and was the administrator in charge of taking us to each of the schools in that municipality. When Bro. Rocky shared the Gospel with the students at the very first school, Roberto accepted Christ! EIM gave him a Bible, and he counseled with Bro. Rocky all week. He has since communicated with Bro. Rocky several times since we got home and told him that he had been reading his Bible and was now reading it to his wife and daughter and would be looking for an evangelical church. He was saved on Tuesday morning. By Thursday af-

ternoon at our last school, before he introduced EIM, he just kept speaking. Since I do not understand Spanish, I did not understand the significance of what he was saying. Manuel Lepe, our EIM Honduran Director, came over to me with surprise on his face and said, "He is preaching to the people and even the teachers are surprised." I believe God got a hold of him, don't you? That shows me that God can melt the heart of anyone, even if you are speaking to children. That's the power of the Gospel! Let me tell you, little one gallon zip loc bags filled with a few items to bless a child, are being used as a mighty powerful tool to open doors and hearts.

Let me update you with what we are currently doing. We are working on a shipment to Ghana, West Africa. As of now we have over 9,000 boxed toward our goal of 15,000 to ship by June. When we finish, we will start back up again working on another shipment for Honduras. I always remind people, the Shepherd Bags Ministry is not a seasonal ministry. We operate twelve months a year. As long as we have funds, we buy supplies and put bags together. God has blessed us repeatedly with funds that arrive just as we're running out. I think He definitely doesn't want us rusting out! But it's definitely NOT a complaint, but a Joy!

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching which is

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## Commission on Senior Adults

4226 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Kenneth Flynt  
Director

On Tuesday, March 26, all roads led to Big Creek Baptist Church for the South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference with seniors attending from 51 different churches and close to 400 in attendance. Big Creek church was a gracious host and once again went out of their way to make this an eventful experience.

Heaven's Jubilee was an exceptionally blessed occasion and many went away saying

this conference was the best ever, and it was a spiritual blessing all day long. One individual expressed it this way, "I have never been closer to heaven than in this service."

Your continued support of this ministry is deeply appreciated. I wish I could personally thank you individually for your encouragement and support of this ministry. The special offering received at the conference in the amount of \$1,300.42

will be used to further minister to our seniors.

The North Mississippi Senior Adult Conference will be held Friday, May 10 with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Fulton, and it promises to be a great day for the gathering of our seniors. The good people of this church are second to none when serving as host for this conference.

Let me encourage all the seniors in the Fulton area to make Friday, May 10 and make a special effort to attend this conference. Bro. Jackie Gray and church are making plans to provide a day of spiritual blessings for all who attend - 9:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

You don't want to miss this conference.

### 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.

#### Church to celebrate 170th Anniversary



Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton, will be celebrating her 170th anniversary with homecoming on April 21, 2013. The ministry of Hopewell began the third Lord's Day in April, 1843. She is the oldest Baptist church in Itawamba County. She has been a blessing to many people over the years and has been instrumental in establishing several other churches in the area. The current building was built in 1950, after the first building burned. The family life center was built in the late 1990's. The current building was remodeled in 2009.

Some of the pastors were, W.C. Thomas (the first pastor), J.C. Gillentine, D.R. Raper, Grover Laird, Vern Holifield,

Tim Shelby, Aaron Parker, Sidney Davis, Frank Panzareno, Dan Louman, Danny Pitts, and current pastor Bro. Matt Hudson. Several young men surrendered to ministry through the years including Sidney Davis and Jackie Gray. The church was also known for its azalea gardens. Many people remember Hopewell because of over 300 azaleas blooming in the summer.

The homecoming service begins at 10:00 a.m. with singing and testimony with the Junior Misses singing some of the songs they recorded as little girls growing up in Hopewell. The morning worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. Danny Pitts, former pastor, preaching the homecoming message. Lunch will follow afterwards in the Hopewell Family Life Center (HFLC). Everyone is invited to attend and help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

#### Church to host Wild Horse Ministries

Berean Baptist Church, Soso, will host Wild Horse Ministries with Paul Daily on Sunday, April 21 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Paul's presentation relates horse training with God based on Trust, Faith, Obedience and Love. For more information contact Pastor Bryson Hayden at 662-251-0443. Berean is located on Highway 29 in Soso.

#### Pineview Church sets revival services

Pineview Missionary Baptist Church of Lucedale will hold revival services April 21-25

with Bro. Jerry Chaddick and April 26-27 with Bro. Alan Kirk of Georgia. The April 21 service will start at 6:30 p.m., and all other services will start at 7 p.m.

Bro. John Mills, pastor, and congregation invite all to attend.

#### Tombigbee Meets

The Tombigbee Association met April 11, 2013, at Lone Oak Baptist Church, West Point. A wonderful meal was provided by the host church and special music was brought by Orv Buttery and Carolyn Trull. The message brought by Bro. Kelby Johnson with his text taken from Matthew 28 on the new testament church.

We had 10 churches represented with 42 messengers and 12 visitors. Reports were brought Bro. Geraldson, Bro. Garcia, Bro. Bob Burch, Bro. Bro. Bobby Elliott and Bro. Kelby Johnson.

#### A Life Transformed Youth Conference Preaching Jesus Christ

*"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God."* Romans 12:2

Featuring  
Brother Travis Plumlee & E.P.I.C. Light  
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## Student Citizenship Awards

Southeastern Baptist College announces the student Citizenship Awards for 2012-2013. Each year two students are chosen, one male student and one female, who excel in character and service to the college and their community. Pictured here is Emily Harris from Ellisville. She will graduate with an A.A. in General Education in May. The other student is Homer Kemp, a ministerial student from Bay Springs. He will graduate with a B.S. in Church Ministries.



Joseph Harris  
Interim  
President

receiving the Associate of Arts degree, and one student will be receiving both an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree.

This will be the first year we grant the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Senator Chris McDaniel, one of our Mississippi state senators, has agreed to speak at the commencement.

## Graduation

Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 16, in the gymnasium. Eleven students will be graduating, with seven receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, three will be

## Teacher Re-certification

As we near the end of this semester, let me once again remind Mississippi school teachers in our churches of the opportunity to take classes for their re-certification. South-



Emily Harris



Homer Kemp

eastern is a four year institution accredited by the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation. Teachers in public and private schools have to be re-certified by the state of Mississippi every five years. Re-certification can be completed through certain courses at Southeastern. Six hours in Bible or Business can be taken, then a form can be downloaded from the website of the Mississippi Department of Education, completed and sent to Jackson along with the SBC transcripts

of the courses taken. Word is getting out and more teachers are taking advantage of this opportunity.

## BMAA National Meeting

The BMA of America will meet next week in Oklahoma. I was planning on attending, but will not be able to since I am still recuperating from my surgery. However, Southeastern will be represented with a display. Be sure and stop by and look at the display.

## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White



## The Weather

Well, hasn't this March been a wild ride - from warm and the promise of Spring to another blast of Arctic Air?

I heard the other day that Punxsutawny Phil had committed suicide because he had predicted an early Spring.

These cold days remind me of what Mrs. Ruby Wilson used to say, "If I ever freeze to death, it'll be in March."

The weather is the subject of a lot of idle conversations AND Sofilthy Columns. But all of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

# SOAR 2013 JULY 2-4

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**New Church on Church Plan**

Welcome Canaan Baptist Church, Lucedale, to the Church Family Plan. Pastor Hoyt Moore contacted us and got all the information necessary. We are glad the church chose to begin providing the Mississippi Baptist to her church families.

We encourage each BMA church to provide the paper to their membership. The paper is that open information source that each member needs to keep up with the ministries of the BMA of Mississippi and BMA of America.



Don Brown  
Editor

**National Meeting**

Due to publication dates and the schedule of the BMA of America 2013 meeting in Norman, Oklahoma, this paper may not reach some of our readers until the meeting is just a day or so away. This year's meeting promises to be a memorable one. Changes to be recommended concerning the opera-

tion of our national departments are sure to draw much attention. We should approach all such recommendations with an open mind. The directors have met with at least 3 state groups to answer questions and will do so again prior to the Pastor's Conference on Tuesday morning of our meeting.

Reports indicate that we will have the opportunity to send a record number of missionaries to the foreign field. This is exciting, but again, the method is different from years gone by. The new 65/35 plan seems to be prospering.

**Live Streaming**

On page one of this issue you read about the plans to "stream" some sessions of this year's meeting live via the internet. The instructions are found in the article on the front page.

These are exciting times - changing times and progressive times. May the Lord bless our work, our leaders and our churches as we work together to preach the Gospel to the world!

Each church that has the ability should have messengers attend this meeting. Our work is important - It is His work and it is the responsibility of His people to do their very best to seek His will and then see that His will is carried out. May God bless the BMAA!

**BMA Pastor's Son Dies**

Barry Kent Grice, 43, of Laurel, Mississippi, died Saturday, March 30, 2013 in Laurel, Mississippi. Funeral services were held April 3, 2013, at Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Laurel. Rev. Clay Smith, Rev. Harold Floyd and Rev. Kent Grice officiated. Burial was in Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery, Laurel.



Barry Grice

Barry was a very special child. God chose him when he was nine days old to be the adopted son of Kent and Peggy Grice. They were blessed to

be his parents for the 43 years that God allowed him to live on this earth. It is comforting for the family to know that Barry is now with his Savior, Jesus Christ. Barry loved his family, especially his girls. Barry enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was a welder by trade. He was a hard worker and was loved by all his friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Barry is preceded in death by his grandparents, Herman and Marie Bozeman and Rev. J.W. and Katie Mae Grice.

Survivors include his parents, Rev. Morgan Kent Grice and Peggy B. Grice, Laurel; daughters, Jessica Lynn Grice, Jamie Danene Grice, Jordan Annette Grice, all of Laurel sister, Tanya Grice Pruitt, Laurel; the mother of his children, Jennifer Lynn Gambill, Laurel; nephews, Dalton Reid Pruitt and Cameron Bryce Pruitt, Laurel; nieces, Kaitlyn AnnMarie Pruitt and Morgan Jeanette Pruitt, Laurel; special friend, Melissa Blacklegde, Laurel and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE**

**Beau Comeaux**

Bro. Beau Comeaux is available for pulpit supply and pastoral work. He has pastored O'Neal Road Baptist Church, Gulfport and Middle Cross Baptist Church of Biloxi. Bro. Comeaux has been in the ministry for 13 years. He may be reached at 228-861-8437.

**Stanley Downs**

Bro. George Stanley Downs of Bay Springs, Mississippi, is available for pulpit supply. Bro. Downs and his wife Martha have three children, Heather and Tyler (20 years old) and Jeremiah (26). Bro. Stanley is a bi-vocational and may be reached by phone at 601-670-1527 or 601-764-3610 or by email at sdowns1417@gmail.com.

**Church of the Covered Dish** BY THOMAS TAPP



**"I think the Browns let their dogs out on visitation night on purpose!"**

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**Larry Geraldson**  
Director



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**Statistically Speaking**

Fighting a losing battle is never an easy undertaking, especially if the loss requires the services of an undertaker. His business is the only business where "letting you down easy" is not a cause for bad feelings. Nonetheless, it seems that life always tends to body slam you just about the time you get your senses back from a previous life thrashing. Sometimes it seems as if it's just not worth getting back up.

One of my hopeless battles seems to be keeping up with the times. Sure, I'm a dapper, middle-aged, extremely intelligent, Robert Redford good-looking, suave, groovy, hip, cool, above average person, which

**From The Mind of**



**Chuck Lee**

is obvious by the green, plaid nylon suit I wear every Sunday while preaching; but it feels that I just am out of touch with people these days. I have a smart phone, which, by the way, is smarter than I am. I have a device in my vehicle that talks to me as it tells me directions that I know are wrong

and therefore don't listen to anyway because the scenic route is always better. (If it starts giving you directions in Spanish, you may want to turn around). My television set even came with a remote, much to the delight of the children who whined about having to get up to turn the channel while adjusting the rabbit-ear antenna. They even tried to convince me that there are ways now to get more than three channels. Silly children!

Modern technology has about worn me out! However, it has nothing on trying to keep up with all the modern ways of preaching the gospel. I went into the Christian bookstore the other day to browse around and found out that I have been doing things all wrong. There's books on transforming the church, meeting in secret, being purpose-driven, being twinkies in a ding-dong world (oops, that was from the Tim Hawkins video), something about seeking friendly people (it might have said seeker-friendly), and the list goes on and on. If I had taken the time to read some of them, I might have learned something, but I wasn't sure where to start and besides if I started one, by the time I

finished there would be a newer and improved way to spread the gospel and then I would have to buy that book and it would be outdated by the time I got through with it and...you see what I'm dealing with here?

I have learned by going around and listening to different men over the past little while, that apparently a good sermon isn't successful unless it starts with some vital statistics, such as crime rate, abortion rate, tax rate, and just about anything else to inspire us to be i-rate. A funny story is a must to lighten the mood, and then you have to side-swipe them with a tear jerker before reeling them in with a good closing invitation. No less than three points will be accepted along with a poem and if you sing better than I do, a song.

I in no way want to discourage anyone with a zeal for presenting the gospel to just give up. Whichever method you use, I am just proud that Christ is being lifted up. I have been trying a new method that seems to be having trouble gaining traction among God's people today. It is called relying on the Word of God and being filled with the Spirit. I know it would work if I could just convince some folks of it. Keep your fingers crossed, and if it works, I will write a book before it goes out of style.

**Shepherd Bags**

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our busiest time of the year. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Shepherd Bags Ministry give us a call or you can go to our website at [www.eimworldwide.org](http://www.eimworldwide.org). Go to the Shepherd Bags link and you can find out how to help in this amazing God ordained ministry. Also if your church would be interested in sending a team to Honduras to pass out Shepherd Bags go on our website and look at our 2013 schedule and note the dates that we have set for our Shepherd Bags Teams and see if one of the dates works for you. If not, give us a call and we might be able to work out a different date. Those that have gone have expressed how it has changed their lives and their view of missions.

We've said many times and will continue to do so because we can never say it enough. We can't do it without the Lord's blessings and without you, our partners and supporters. Thank you always seems inadequate. But we know that you are not doing it for our sake but because you have a heart for children around the world. Please keep EIM in your prayers. As Bro. Rocky says, "Time is running out and what we do, we must do quickly."

# GMA Girls

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## Mississippi State GMA Retreat Report

by Beth Caldwell, GMA Promoter

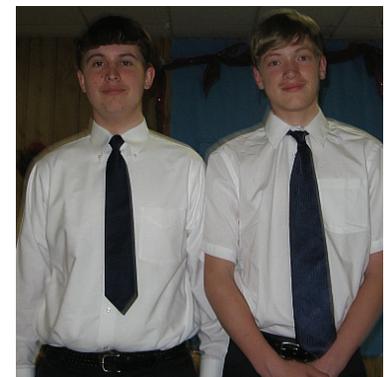
The GMAs and Galileans met together this year for our retreat on March 8 and 9 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. This was a first time for us to meet together so you could say, together we made history. The GMA theme was "How Excellent is Thy Name" taken from Psalms 8. We had 134 GMAs in attendance and 54 Galileans. Bro. Sydney Farmer was camp pastor.

Registration began at 11:00 AM on Friday and lunch was served in the Snack Shoppe with the proceeds going to the State GMA and Galilean projects. The GMAs gave \$3,055.47 to Bro. Sidney Farmer's mission at South Forrest plus \$1,000.00 to State and National Missions in memory of Bro. Arthur Smith. Bro. Smith was a lifelong supporter of the GMAs. As the leader of the State GMA I valued his support and encour-

agement of which I already greatly miss.

Mission classes were taught on Friday afternoon by Mrs. Becky Farmer and Miranda Francis. Mrs. Farmer spoke on the Farmer's new state mission work and Miranda spoke about her trip to Romania. Crafts were enjoyed on Friday afternoon also.

The night service consisted of the Presentation of Queens directed by Mrs. Jean Knight, the Presentation Service of the Jr. Miss GMA and Miss GMA, directed by Mrs. Becky Farmer and the Presentation Service of Jr. and Sr. Galileans directed by Glenn Walley and Mark Jones. Paige Williams of Paramount Baptist Church was selected to represent as Miss GMA. Beth Reus of Movella Baptist Church was selected as Alternate Jr. Miss GMA. Neely Jade Christian of Bethel Baptist Church in Fulton, was se-



lected to represent as Jr. Miss GMA.

Caitlin Dalrymple, first vice president, presided over the house party which was enjoyed by everyone. The house party ended with a scavenger hunt. The girls were divided into groups and the officers were in charge of the night devotion. Bro. Farmer led the adults in a devotional time before bedtime.

The counselors meet on Saturday morning while Makaye Key and Haley Maynard, Na-

tional GMA officers, spoke to all of the GMAs encouraging them to remain faithful.

Olivia Fairley, president, led the business on Saturday morning. Tori Clark, Skyway Hills Baptist Church, brought the devotional and Alexis Clark, also of Skyway Hills, sang. The project elected for 2013-2014 is Alicia Ramshur in the Philippines, Kelby Johnson's Mission at New Albany and General Fund.

2013-2014 Mississippi State

GMA officers elected are as follows: President Tygh Roche; I VP Clara Williams; II VP Kimberly Mitchell; Secretary Brianna Bond; Adult Secretary Linda Smith; Treasurer Shirlene Smith; Assistant Treasurer Sonya James; Corresponding Secretary Marissa Francis; Adult Corresponding Secretary Livi Erkhart; Song Leader Tori Clark; Adult Song Leader Olivia Fairley; Pianist Baylee Carr; Adult Pianist Tammy Bynum; Historian Addy Roche; and Adult Historian Shelby Roche.

The dates for next years retreat are March 14th and 15th, 2014. The theme is "In God We Trust", Psalms 18:2.

## 2013 Ladies Retreat "Joy- N-Rejoicing"

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice" Philippians 4:4*

The 2013 Ladies Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at East Fulton Baptist Church.

The speaker will be Mrs. Barbara White, author of the column, "Sofilthy's Attic." The cost of the retreat is \$20 and includes lunch.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast being served.

The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will go to support Mission trip for "4 moms & A Matt" to Uganda.

For more information, contact Stacy Smith at 662-322-6975.



## 2013 National Girls' Missionary Auxiliary Retreat Information

**"We are the Light of the World"**

Matthew 5:14-16

**National GMA Retreat  
June 18-22, 2013**

**Where?** Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment, Gary, Texas  
**When?** June 18-22, 2013  
**Cost?** \$120.00 for cabins and \$130.00 for dorms

**Register at:**  
www.discipleguide.org Click on Camps. Here you will find the registration information as well as the mandatory background check information and the required medical release forms.

**Camp Pastor/Missionary:**

Bro. Wade Allen, Missionary to the Philippines. His wife, Joanna, and daughter, Carly, will also join us.

**Project for 2013:** 90% Laura Kanaykina, Ukraine, 10% GMA General Fund  
The goal for this year is \$25,000.00. Please send project money by May 15 to our National GMA Treasurer:  
Ruby Poteet, 8303 Middle Warren Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603 870-879-1378  
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"The GMA Singing Bee" will be held this year on Wednesday night after services. If you have girls who are brave enough to participate, please make a list and turn it in to Olivia Fairley, National GMA Song Leader, when you get to camp. She will draw names out of a bucket to choose participants! Include on this list any girls who might want to present a special song or talent at camp.

**Shining Stars:** A special time for all girls in the Maiden through Princess Steps is planned for Wednesday morning of our retreat.

**Queens' Day:** Kristin Herring and Jesslyn Spence have planned an exciting day for Queens on

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# Mississippi WMA

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## State Mid-Year WMA Meeting

by Marilyn Welborn  
State WMA 2nd Vice President

The theme for our State WMA is "The Amazing Race" based on Hebrews 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doeth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Our State WMA mid-year meeting will be May 20th at 7:00 PM at East Fulton.

Our State project is the Ukraine Mission Trip and Bro. Ed Duvall, our African-American Missions Coordinator. Therefore, our speakers will be Patricia Duvall, wife of Bro. Ed Duvall and one of the Sponsors going on the Ukraine Mission trip.

Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

## The Master's Builders Help at Daniel Springs Camp

by Nelda Malone, reporter



On April 1st, The Master's Builders returned to Daniel Springs Encampment to begin work on the remodeling of 2 bathrooms and 1 cabin and to cut the lumber and build 60 new bunk beds. They also removed some of the older bunk beds.

When the work began on Monday, we had 19 builders and on Thursday, Bro. James Cox and 3 of the men from New Liberty Baptist in Emmet, Arkansas, arrived. Thanks to them for giving a helping hand.

There is still much that needs to be done at Daniel Springs to spruce it up. Bro. Speers says there is a need right now for repair on 3 more cabins and bathrooms. Please make this a prayer need for your church. Many souls have been saved through this ministry and we need to help in any way that we can to see that it continues.

Thank you to Bro. James Speers and Barbara for the meal they treated us to at a local restaurant. We all enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

This was the 121st job for The Master's Builders and as always we enjoyed our time together. If your church has building needs, or if you feel lead to come and join our group, you can contact our Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or 318-607-4100 (cell) or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or 479-462-1675 (cell).

## Contributions to the Mississippi State GMA Project

March 31, 2013  
by Shirlene Smith

1. Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton	\$ 225.00
2. Berean Baptist Church, Soso	20.00
3. Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso	100.00
4. Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel	107.00
5. Mildred Sumrall, Temple Baptist Church, Laurel	100.00
6. Movella Baptist Church, Lucedale	117.00
7. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Carriere	50.00
8. Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston	165.00
9. Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive	300.00
10. Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl	550.00
11. Springhill Baptist Church, Laurel	50.00
12. Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale	200.00
13. Ten Mile Baptist Church, Wiggins	75.00
<i>Funds raised at GMA Retreat:</i>	
14. Snack Shop (one-half proceeds went to the Galileans)	335.00
15. Officers' Competition	87.06
16. Candy Grams	31.75
17. Craft Sales	574.39
18. Silent Auction	451.25
19. T-Shirt Profits	535.51
Total received for the GMA project	\$4,073.96

### Total Received for the 2011-2012 GMA Project

25% General Fund	
plus designated offerings	\$1,018.49
75% South Forrest Mission (Bro. Sidney Farmer)	3,055.47
Total received for the project	\$4,073.96
Plus \$100.00 of the Arthur Smith Memorial given by the GMA	100.00
<b>Total received</b>	<b>\$4,173.96</b>

### Note:

The Mississippi State GMA Advisory Council met on July 22, 2012 and the recommendation was made to send \$500.00 to the Mississippi Missions Department and \$500.00 to the BMAA Missions Department in memory of Bro. Arthur Smith. The recommendation was read and approved on March 9, 2013, by the Mississippi State GMA.

### Thank you note:

*The BMAA Department of Missions gratefully acknowledges your gift to the work of missions for Five Hundred Dollars in loving memory of Bro. Arthur Smith*

### To the Mississippi State GMA:

*Our hearts are overwhelmed because of the very generous gifts given to missions in honor of our loved one, Bro. Arthur Smith. You could not have honored his memory in a better way because he loved the youth auxiliary work and missions was his heart. Our family will forever be grateful for what you have done. God bless and use each one in His service.*

*Love,  
Mrs. Shirlene, Cindy and Family, Lisa and Family, John David and Family, and Steven and Rhonda*

The new project selected for 2013-2014 is 20 % General Fund; 40% Kelby Johnson Work; and 40% Alicia Ramshur Work Fund. Send offerings to support this project to: Shirlene Smith; 730 Hwy 533; Laurel, MS 39443. May God help us to do more this year for Him than ever before.

## National GMA Retreat

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Wednesday. Girls should wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

**2013 National GMA Coronation:** "Jesus, Light My Path" Psalm 119: 105.

If your girls want to participate in the Coronation Wednesday night, you must send the form located at the end of this letter by May 15 to: Mrs. Jean Knight, 2978 Hwy 15, Wiggins, MS 39577 601-928-3764 dkjlm68@aol.com

**Miss/Jr. Miss GMA Presentation:** State Promoters: Please send your state's Miss and Jr. Miss GMA participant's folders as soon as possible to our National GMA Promoter: Jayna Williams, P.O. Box 321, Mineola, TX 75773 903-258-0284 jaynaw@gmail.com

**Silent Auction:** This is one of our most popular project promotions at Retreat! Please bring several items to place in this auction. Bring special items you think would appeal to either counselors or to girls.

**Project Fund Raising at Retreat this year:** Silent Auction, Officer Competition, Candy Grams, Grab Bags, and Buttons. Emily Luck, 1st Vice President, has challenged each girl or each GMA group to decorate their favorite light source (flashlight, lamp, lantern, sun, moon, star, Bible, etc.) and fill it with money! Be creative! Enlist your church to help fill it with loose change for the National Project! The light sources will be judged at retreat!

**Project Nominations:** Please pray about our 2013 – 2014 National GMA Project! If you have a nomination, please submit it by 1:30 Wednesday afternoon to Mrs. Robin Clark. Each nomination should be signed by a counselor and should include the name of the church and the cabin number.

**Retreat T-Shirts will be sold** for \$12.00 (2XL and 3XL will be \$14.00). They will be red with the theme and a map of the world in white on the front. Order forms are at the back of this letter and will be due May 24th. Send order forms to our 1st Vice President: Emily Luck, 956 Joseph Dr., Conway, AR 72034

501-329-7774 emily\_danielle2013@yahoo.com  
"GMA Memories" Display: Let's have a walk through memory lane! Bring your old crowns, scepters, scrap-books, nametags, pictures, etc. to display at camp!

**NATIONAL GMA OFFICER NOMINEES:** Girls should prayerfully consider serving as a National GMA Officer! Those who want to be nominated must have the approval of their family, counselor, and Pastor before coming to retreat! Nomination Forms should be turned in by 7:00 P. M. Tuesday evening to Mrs. Robin Clark. For more information, please contact Robin Clark. Forms for National Officer Nominees, T-Shirt orders and Coronation Participants may be found on the National GMA website: www.nationalgmaofbmaa.net You may also contact Robin Clark via e-mail at robinclark@windstream.net to receive a copy of the National GMA Newsletter 2013 which contains specific camp information as well as all forms.

### Looking forward to seeing you at National GMA Retreat in June!

Serving Christ in GMA,  
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## Part Two Establish A Ministry Mind-Set in Your Children

In the first article we discussed how important it was for parents to teach their children to serve others. It is the parents' role to teach their kids how to have a ministry, and help them establish a ministry that is ongoing. I gave scriptures to study on Matthew 25:40, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 6:4 (parents' job to teach ways of Lord) and Philippians 3:14, I Peter 2:9 and Romans 12:2; which are scriptures related to why our kids are different and should be taught about their high calling.

All families are busy. I think we are too busy doing things that are not eternal for the Lord's glory. I Corinthians 10:31. By now, you have set down and had a family meeting to establish the need for the ministry. Now we must make out an action plan. Once it has been agreed upon what each member will do as a ministry, then we have to organize. We should put the day of the month, the times etc. on a ministry sheet and put it on our refrigerator. We need to check it off or put a gold star on it for completion. Do not reward your kids with ice cream etc. when they do their ministry. You must teach them that ministry is serving others and the Lord. It is never about doing something for others, but also involves you getting pizza, or ice cream or a trip to some place fun because you served the Lord. They need to develop early on that the joy comes from serving the Lord. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

I strongly feel this way about church youth groups as well. While it is okay to have fun times in church youth groups, it is also important to teach teens that sometimes the youth group works their little fingers to the bone and there is no reward other than the Lord's. We don't always have to raise money with dinners and car washes so we get something out of it. Why don't we raise a bunch of money in a car wash and then give all the money away to others or another cause. There is no trip in this for you. You are learning the blessing of doing for others.

Be sure you check out the

ministry with those in authority first. If your kids are going to visit a nursing home patient once a month, then please speak with the administrator and get that set up first. If they are going to volunteer at a shelter, what are the requirements for volunteers?



### Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

Be sure that your kids are always in a safe place. Just inquire as to who supervises their activities. How are they protected? If your kids are young, you may want to do the ministry with them. Always air on the side of caution. If your



kids wants to volunteer and do a ministry somewhere, but you do not feel comfortable with anything or anyone associated with that endeavor; then redirect your child to find a new ministry. Better safe than sorry. We always found it best to let our young kids do ministry in the church with things like assisting in the nursery, lawn care, vacuuming, etc. There are always Sunday school teachers that need little assistants. They can hand out bulletins, make copies, and set up chairs and tables. There is no shortage for things that need to be done around the church that kids could do instead of the pastor and his wife. Then, as they get older, our kids went

out into the community and volunteered at the children's hospital, the nursing home, the shelter and participated in fund raisers for causes they held as important.

The first step as previously mentioned is to help your kids learn what their gifts and talents are. The best way to learn what your gifts are is to get out and start serving. In time, it will become clearer as to how to direct your gifts to the most appropriate ministry. That is why we do several different types of ministries as kids and teens. Then by the time we are adults we know what our gifts are and how best to use them for God's glory.

There are so many needs out there. Your kids could take gifts to teens in a shelter. Kids are removed from homes all the time and placed in temporary homes. Find where these are and let your kids drop off things. They can't see the kids, but the kids can receive a gift and hand written card of encouragement from your kids. The money to buy the gift comes from the child's chores or by doing extra work to earn the money. Don't give money to do a ministry. We must teach our children to sacrifice and work for the Lord. Nothing is given to them.

Understand that your kids are learning. They will make mistakes and that is okay. Don't hover over them like a helicopter. If you have all agreed that this is their ministry then let them think and act independently to achieve the goal set before them. This will help them throughout life.

There are so many hurting people out there. The Lord really needs Christians out there serving Him. There are senior adults from every church that no one ever calls on. Your kid could spend 10 minutes a month going over and seeing some older person and just say, "hi" and it would make a difference in the older person's life and your child's. Life is meaningless without serving the Lord. Sports and school are important. But so is serving the Lord. Don't just hope your kids become that way. Teach them. Take them. Show them. Just Do It!

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### The Power of the Familiar

The familiar things of life can be the best starting point for spiritual discussions and discipleship opportunities. Consider an example from the first grade.

Imagine the teacher walking in the room and writing  $1+1=2$  on the chalkboard. Then,  $1+2=3$ ,  $1+3=4$ , etc., until she worked through every possible problem up to  $10+10=20$ . This would fill up the whole board! Now, what if she said, "Class, tomorrow I will test your ability to add?" For a first grader with no prior math skills, this would be daunting.

Instead, what if she took out two apples, laid them on a table, and showed you how to add them together and get two? Then, what if she used apples to illustrate  $3+2=5$ ,  $5+7=12$ , and  $6+4=10$ ? After they got the hang of it, do you think it would be necessary to memorize the entire board? Of course not.

By using a concrete illustration (the apples), she has taught them to think in the abstract (addition). After they master the apples, the chalkboard will be no problem! In education, this process is referred to as the Concrete-Representational-Abstract Instructional Approach

In the spiritual arena, sitting down for weekly meetings and talking about abstract ideas from the Scripture is like pointing to the chalkboard and saying, "Learn it." In contrast, Jesus consistently used concrete situations to teach his apostles. Did they ever learn anything abstract? Of course they did. Several of them wrote the New Testament! The secret to building these theological giants was to use life's apples to prepare them for life's chalkboards.

Bill Hull describes Jesus' disciple-making process in three stages. The "four-month come and see period" consisted of the disciples spending vast amounts of time watching Jesus. Next, Jesus used a 10-month "come and follow me" period to equip and transform the Twelve.

As the disciples watched the Master during the "come and see period," they obtained a clear picture of their goal. Watching Jesus flesh out obedience to the Father was a foreshadowing of how the disciples would live under the ministry of the Spirit. These first two stages of Christ's ministry compose the bulk of His time with the apostles. Notice the fact that He practiced concrete-saturated training in these stages.

The last phase of Jesus' disciple making, "come and be with me," consisted of 20 months. Unlike the first two phases, this one began with an abstract approach.

"In this third phase of training, the first thing Jesus did was to sit his men down to teach them the backbone of the believer's lifestyle. This extended teaching is commonly referred to as the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)." The phase ends in an abstract lecture in the upper room where, Hull states, "Jesus now began to cram three years into three hours." His first two phases of ministry built a concrete foundation so the apostles could understand abstract ideas.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>BMA of America</b><br>Norman, Oklahoma                                   | April 22-24, 2013 |
| <b>Missions &amp; Evangelistic Conference</b><br>First Baptist, Bay Springs | May 3, 2012       |
| <b>North Senior Adult Conference</b><br>Mt. Pleasant Church, Fulton         | May 10, 2013      |
| <b>BMA of Mississippi Midyear Meeting</b><br>East Fulton Church, Fulton     | May 20-21, 2013   |