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Nominee for Executive Director of BMAA Missions Announced

Native Mississippian recommended for position

The Advisory Committee has unanimously voted to recommend Dr. John David Smith, as Executive Director of the BMAA Department of Missions. The recommendation will be presented at the 61st annual session of the BMAA in Fort Smith, Arkansas during the Mission's Department report.

Dr. Smith is no stranger to BMAA churches having served as a missionary in Cape Verde from 1992 to 2006. He has served in the Mission's office since 2007. In April, 2009 Dr. Smith became Assistant to the Executive Director.

Dr. Smith also serves as the head of the missions degree program at Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. The committee has agreed that he should continue in this role.

Dr. Smith completed his undergraduate studies at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel, Mississippi and his Masters degree from Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia. In 2006 He earned his doctorate in Missions from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Cordova, Tennessee.

Dr. Smith is married to the former Kim Upton of Bay Springs, Mississippi. They have two sons, Josiah age 13 and Seth age 11. The Smiths are members of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway.

Smith is the son of Bro. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church near Laurel.



Dr. John David Smith

Can Christian Organizations Remain Christian in a "Tolerant" Age?

By Albert Mohler

Author, Speaker, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Can a Christian organization remain Christian in a culture of postmodern "tolerance?" That question is the focus of a case soon to come before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Like most colleges and universities around the nation, the University of California Hastings College of Law recognizes certain student organizations within the life of the school. Until recently, the Christian Legal Society had been one of those groups. But, controversy arose about five years ago, when leaders of the CLS chapter at Hastings asserted the national policy of the organization, which states: "In view of the clear dictates of Scripture, unrepentant participation in and advocacy of a sexually immoral lifestyle is inconsistent with an affirmation of the Statement of Faith."

The presenting issue is homosexuality and, as the Los Angeles Times reported, the issue before the nation's

high court is "whether a Christian student group's right to religious liberty and the freedom of association can trump a university's ban on discrimination against gays and lesbians." Of course, another way of stating the same issue is this: Must a Christian organization surrender its Christian convictions in order to be recognized by a secular university?

The Christian Legal Society describes its mission as "to inspire, encourage, and equip lawyers and law students, both individually and in community, to proclaim, love and serve Jesus Christ through the study and practice of law, the provision of legal assistance to the poor, and the defense of religious freedom and sanctity of human life." It also clearly states that it is a "fellowship of Christian lawyers and law students."

The CLS "Statement of Faith" is clearly rooted in orthodox Christian beliefs, and the group is candid in pointing to its Christian intellectual, moral, and organizational commitments. It is involved in local chapters across the country and in student fellowships on many law school campuses. As the group warns, "Because law school is the formative period in an attorney's life - setting patterns and habits that will long endure and, in the case of bad tendencies, will only be broken with anguish - it is imperative that Christian law students seek out one another for fellowship, encouragement, and accountability. As a supplement to involvement in the local church, a Christian law fellowship should facilitate a closer relationship with Christ, so that in the words of the 10th century prayer, He may defend, refresh, preserve, guide, justify, and bless us."

The CLS understanding of "unrepentant participation in and advocacy of a sexually immoral lifestyle" as "inconsistent" with the organization's State-

State Junior Camp Information

I would like to remind all our churches of the May 1st registration deadline for State Junior Camp. If your church has not received a registration packet please contact me as soon as possible at dwightlindsey@live.com or 662-397-6832. Be in prayer that the Lord would open the eyes of our youth to the grace offered by the blood of Jesus Christ and that they would accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Thank You and May God Bless,
Dwight Lindsey
Interim Director
Mississippi Youth Department

Shipment of The 'Guide to God' New Testaments Received

by Bobby Hudgens
DiscipleGuide Church Resources

DiscipleGuide has just received a long-awaited shipment of the popular Guide to God New Testament. The main reason it's in such demand is that it's an inexpensive New Testament that contains excellent evangelistic and discipleship helps. They make very appropriate gifts for new converts, VBS children, Sunday School classes, and more.

The newest printing of the Guide to God New Testament brings back the popular pocket-size format as well as being available in the more readable 5" x 8" edition. To order call 800-333-1442 or go online at DiscipleGuide.org.

The Guide to God New Testament, King James Version, Item no. 10-172, 5" x 8", Price: \$3.50 each or \$3.00 each in lots of 100.

The Guide to God New Testament pocket edition. Item no. 10-173, 3.5" x 5", Price: \$2.50 each or \$2.00 each in lots of 100.

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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.

Big Creek, Soso, calls new Youth Pastor

Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, announces the addition of Jacob McKenzie to her staff. Jacob is a senior at Southeastern Baptist College and will graduate in May. He has joined the staff of Big Creek as Youth Pastor. Pastor Don Brown said, "Jacob and his wife Heather are excited about the youth work at Big Creek and are a welcomed addition to the church staff".

Sunrise service scheduled

Pineview Missionary Baptist Church near Lucedale, will have Easter sunrise service Sunday, April 4 at 7 a.m. Revival will start Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Monday through Friday nights at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Scotty Rayburn. Pastor John Mills invites everyone.

For more info call 601-766-1728 or 601-508-9909.

Bethel Fulton

Over 50 individuals attended the Marriage Retreat in Florence, Alabama, March 5-7. The

Worship Conference led by Dr. Gary Gray on March 28 was an awesome worship experience. Our spring revival with Dr. John Adams will be April 11-14, Sunday 10 am & 6 pm, Mon.-Wed. 7 pm. A group from Bethel will go Ronald McDonald House n Memphis to prepare a meal for the families that have children receiving cancer treatment at St. Jude on April 24. Bethel will host a Marriage Mentoring Workshop April 29-May

You are always welcome at Bethel. If you are in the area, please stop by for a visit.

Pastor Dr. Martin Jameson
Reporter Martha Duncan

Harmony Association report

Our March meeting was held at Westview Baptist Church in Oxford. Following special music the evening message was brought by Bro Doug Wilson. After the message the meeting was then called into business. 9 churches were represented with 40 present, and 2 visitors.

The April meeting will be held at Bethel Baptist with speaker Bro. Charles Bobo. Bro Elvis Garcia, gave a report on the Hispanic mission work in Ripley and reported on the new building and the work the Master Builders were in the process of.

Bro Fulton Lindsey gave a report on the prison ministry New Directon. Bro Dwight Lindsey gave a report as the Interim State Youth Director.

The membership of Westview were great hosts. We enjoyed the great food and fellowship that preceded the meeting.

Tim Nall, Moderator
Tony Marolt, Reporter

Signs of a Teen going the wrong way

Before a teenager gets in to major problems; it would be very important for their parents to spot the signs ahead of time and help their child change course. Sometimes it is easy to know your teen has done wrong. You know they are living wrong if you find marijuana in their room. You know they are headed for trouble when you find out that they have been drinking alcohol. Still, there are other times when it is a little harder to detect.

Your goal as a parent would be to see these signs of rebellion early on before your teen develops problems. After they get into trouble at school or with the law is too late. Then, you have to take corrective action and start anew. After they go behind your back and go against everything you have taught them, it is too late. You would like to head it off before it goes that far.

Here are some warning signs that your teen is headed for trouble. It does not mean they are necessarily already experiencing troubles. It just means they are headed that way. If your teen is doing any of these things, it means they are dishonoring you as a parent. This

is a direct violation of one of the greatest commandments ever given to young people. Ephesians 6:1-2. "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor thy father and mother

6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Here are some warning signs. Your teen displays dishonor towards you with a haughty spirit and haughty eyes. That means rolling the eyes, huffing and puffing and sarcastic facial expressions. A lying tongue. This also includes deceit. If your teen fails to tell you the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help them God; then they are deceiving you. Deceit is a lie. As an example, they may tell you that they are over at a friend's house. But they fail to tell you who else is over there. That is deceit. Saying everything is okay at school with grades, when it is not, is deceit.

A heart that desires wicked plans. This is when your teen plans stuff with friends that he keeps secret. They do things that go against the family's moral values. They know you wouldn't approve of this behavior, but they are already planning on doing it with their friends. You hear them talking about it on the phone. You find e-mails or text (messages) that they are doing things inappropriate. When your teen verbally



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

which is the first commandment with promise."

This is bigger than you just getting your feelings hurt when they talk back to you. This is greater than you getting angry when you catch them lying to you. This is sin. When your teen does not honor you with their actions or attitudes, then they are going against God. Failure to correct this problem, will cause things to not go well for them in life.

If parents fail to administer discipline for a rebellious child, then God will. He states that He will not be mocked. He also states we reap what we sew. Galatians

Silvey to Celebrate 50 Years in Ministry

The family of Dr. James L. Silvey cordially invites you to join them in honoring his 50 years in the ministry. A day of reflection will be observed Sunday, May 2, 2010 at Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope, AR. Special services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. Silvey's sons speaking during the Sunday School hour. An afternoon reception will be hosted by his family beginning at 2 p.m. which will include special guests sharing about Bro. Silvey's ministry.



James L. Silvey made known his call to the ministry May 8, 1960 at Central Baptist Church in Texarkana, TX. While attending Central Baptist College, he began his first pastorate at Antioch Baptist Church, Nashville, AR, and pastored there from 1960-1963. He then pastored Mahl Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, TX from 1963-1964, Grace Temple Baptist Church (now Spring Lake) in Texarkana, TX, 1964-1969, and Northside Baptist Church

in Garland, TX from 1969-1977.

In 1977, Dr. Silvey was elected Director of Publications for the BMA of America. He served in the Publications ministry for 29 years until his retirement as Executive Director in 2006.

In 2006 Garrett Memorial Baptist Church called Dr. Silvey as Pastor, and he served in that capacity until 2008, when he assumed the role of Administrator of the Garrett Memorial Christian School.

Bro. Larry and his wife of 48 years, Janelda, have four children: Paul, Mike, Mark, and Lynn. All three sons are currently serving in ministry positions and their daughter Lynn is an active member of Garrett Memorial. The Silveys have also been blessed with eleven grandchildren.

The family looks forward to sharing this special day with family and friends. Cards or letters for the Silveys can be sent in c/o Paul Silvey P.O. Box 113 Joaquin, TX 75954.

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Homecoming April 18, 2010 Hopewell Baptist Church



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Guest Speaker - Vern Holifield
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Service begins at 10:00 with special music and testimony
11:00 - Preaching
Lunch to follow
12:45 - Fellowship time with former members
Everyone is invited to attend

Mississippi Brotherhood report

By Roger Jefcoat
Brotherhood President

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 150:6 says "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord".

The Big Creek District Brotherhood does praise the Lord for the great success of their annual project fund-raiser. I thank the 11 churches and over 25 men that gave of their time and abilities to raise over \$3,200.00 for our project. It was blessing to see men working together to reach a common goal. The fellowship was wonderful.

I would like to challenge the other 12 associations in Mississippi to have a fund-raiser or a Brotherhood Special Offering Day that could include support for the district, state or national brotherhood projects. These annual projects are all great min-

istries. If I can help with you brotherhood in any way, please call me.

During March, I had the opportunity to work with the Master's Builders and the Mississippi Classic Builders on the First Hispanic Baptist Mission at Ripley, Mississippi. We had a good time with friends from other states, but the greatest part was seeing the walls go up for a worship facility for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to pray for and support Brother Elvis Garcia as he serves God in Ripley. While I was there, I attended a Galilean meeting and worship service at Bethel Baptist in Fulton and Prayer Meeting at Lone Oak Baptist in West Point.

God is still in charge and He is Great. Please continue to prayer our Mississippi Brotherhood.

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John Adams

The Homosexual Theme Legality Not Morality

Romans 1:24-32

Across the nation, pressure is increasing to grant and recognize homosexual privileges and rights. They desire access to jobs of every domain, including the ministry, the right to be

accepted as foster parents, and the right to marry in church ceremonies. Should they have the right to do something that the Bible declares is morally and spiritually wrong? All this is the crux of what is called the

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or in action goes against your rules and teachings, they are in disobedience, dishonoring and rebellion towards you and God.

A false witness is when your teen blames others all the time for why they do what they do. They blame others when it is their fault also. A teen is in rebellion to you when they are "put out" by you just trying to ask questions about what is going on in their life. Granted, there is a time for this. Sometimes, when they are tired, hungry or just home from school or ball practice, is not the time. They are tired and need some time to unwind first. But when you try and talk with them at bedside late at night, or during the meal time, and they are so bothered by your questions and snap at you, then they are in rebellion to you.

A teen is in rebellion when they spread strife by arguing with brothers/sisters and provoke family members. When they do something to intentionally aggravate or upset someone else.

When they display too much anger (slamming doors, yelling, stomping etc.) When their feet run to do evil. What does that mean? When they like to spend

time with friends that are not the right crowd. Running with the wrong crowd is family enemy number one. It doesn't even have to be a crowd. If you teen is choosing to hang out with one friend, or one boyfriend/girlfriend that is not healthy and holy, then you have trouble awaiting. If they converse with some friend you told them not to.

When you get a gut feeling something isn't quiet right, that is a Holy Spirit prompting. You don't dump some kid because of it, but you sure better investigate further. All good Christian kids wind up in trouble when they start hanging out with the wrong person. When they simply don't obey. You ask them to not text late at night. You ask them to clean their room. They don't. This is disobedience to you. What does it cost them? What is the discipline? You must still discipline teens or pay a dear price. Don't underestimate Satan's ability and power to lead your kids like lambs to the slaughter. Be vigilant and sober. These warning sign are taken from Proverbs 6:16-19. Study these as a devotion with your teens. Seek God. Do spiritual warfare in your home. Pray hard. Stop making excuses for your teen

Before it is too late, break through your denial and discipline them. Or else!

"The only exercise some people get is jumping at conclusions, running down their friends, sidestepping responsibility, and pushing their luck."

"gay-rights" issue. Their theme is legality not morality.

I. The conflict of Homosexuality - Leviticus 18:22

What should be our attitude toward persons who practice homosexuality? Thirty years ago a discussion on the topic of homosexual rights in our society was unthinkable. Today, many Christians accept homosexuality and lesbianism as a legitimate alternate life-style. Sometime ago, Time Magazine in an essay "The Homosexual in America" made this discerning comment:

"Beset by inner conflicts, the homosexual is unsure of his own position in society . . . A vast majority of people retain a deep loathing toward them, but there is a growing mixture of tolerance, empathy or apathy."

No doubt, our society is torn between condemnation and compassion for the homosexual. The deviates' plea is that they be treated like everyone else, yet it is known that they are different and practice a different lifestyle. In simple terms, a homosexual is in the grips of Satan's power.

Trace God's Word for clarification and directions. Please take time to read the following: Leviticus 18:22, Ezekiel 16:49-50, Romans 1:26-28, I Corinthians 6:9-11.

The very fact that Leviticus 18:22 is followed by a commandment in Leviticus 18:23 against sexual acts with animals suggest the unthinkable nature of the homosexual-lesbian relations.

II. The confusion of Homosexuality

In all of this, the Bible inevitably has come under sharp attack. Some seek to show by the Scripture that the Bible itself justifies the homosexual lifestyle. Christians should not be deceived, for the Bible clearly enunciates that this perverted lifestyle is without defense. Genesis 19 describes how the lust of men for men led to the destruction of the city of Sodom. Ultimate confusion and destruction prevailed.

From his writings, "Homosexuality: How Should Christians Respond," Dr. Richard F. Lovelace states that the confusion of sex can be cleared up from Genesis 1 and 2.

Genesis 1:27 deliberately notes that the man, made in God's image, was created male and female, connecting this with the command to reproduce in Genesis 1:28.

In Genesis 2, sexuality is also

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Dr. Medrick Savell
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Thanks for Your Support of the Choir

We appreciate the good response from the people, churches and associations to the request to help us send the choir to the BMAA meeting. We have received and been promised almost enough for their expenses to go. It is not too late to send your contribution if you wish to help on this project. Let's show them that we appreciate them and are proud of them and their willingness to go and represent Southeastern Baptist College.

Memorial Gift

We have received two more memorial gifts since our last report. A contribution was given

related to companionship; the loneliness of man is remedied not by the creation of another man, but the addition of woman. The woman became a helpmate suitable for the man. The bond of companionship between man and woman is cemented by sexual union and their togetherness as a family unit. The sexual relationship between male and female married partners continues to be celebrated with unembarrassed candor as a gift of God . . . such as written in Song of Solomon and Proverbs 5:15-19.

III. The Crudeness of Homosexuality

A "Gay Pride" rally in Boston had one of its speakers standing under a banner that read, "Christianity Is Our Enemy." One gay leader read from Leviticus and then burned the Word of God in open demonstration. True Christianity and gay rights cannot mix, they are like oil and water.

The Marquis de Sade, a sex pervert of yesteryear, set the stage for today's sex perverts in declaring "my greatest pleasure is to swear in God's name."

Dr. David Noebel, of Colorado and Summit Ministries, wrote in his book, "The Homosexual Revolution: A Look at the Preachers and Politicians Behind It" (Summit Press) regarding homosexual activity: "Homosexual

to purchase library books in memory of Mrs. Julia Cauley. Another was given to the Southeastern Baptist College Foundation in memory of Mrs. Margaret Lott Steed. We appreciate more than we can express those who remember their loved ones in this way. We also ask for God's blessings on the families during their sorrow.

Spring Festival

The Spring Festival will be April 27. Any prospective student who would like to get information about Southeastern Baptist College and have a day for fun and food should contact the admissions office for more details.

and lesbian activity and seduction techniques vary among homosexuals and lesbians. Some visit gay bars and ponder with others of their same age. Others prey on younger boys and girls - finding them on the streets, in youth organizations, or in colleges, schools, or churches."

The society of Homosexuals and Lesbians detest the word "queer" which berates them. The word "queer" is defined as "very unusual, odd or unconventional." The title speaks for itself. It is without doubt, odd to see a man with a man or woman with a woman in a lover's repose. This act defies social, moral and religious norms.

IV. The Cure for Homosexuality

God's Word has proclaimed salvation and healing for every man and woman. The Word of God declares in I Corinthians 6:11-20 that although no one can continually practice this type of sin and be right with God, some former homosexuals and sexual deviants at the church at Corinth had found deliverance. They began a new life by faith in Jesus.

William Barclay writes, "The proof of Christianity lay in its power. It could take the dregs of humanity and make real men out of them. No man can change himself, but Christ Jesus can change him."

Opinion Page

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Meetings Near

The National BMA of America will meet in Ft. Smith, Arkansas later this month. With the closeness of this year's meeting we encourage each of our churches to be present with messengers.

There are always important issues to address and this year is no different. Each ministry of the BMA of America will be presenting their work, their needs and their plans for the future.



Don Brown
Editor

Missions

This year we will her the final report of Bro. Grady Higgs. Bro. Higgs has served faithful with a genuine love for the souls of man and the effort to reach the world for Christ through our national and international missions program.

A new director will be chosen to take up the mantel and continue as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission. As these lines are being written we await a news release from the personnel committee regarding a nominee for this position.

Make every effort to be in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, for this year's meeting.

Mississippi 2012

I am pleased that the Committee on Arrangements is recommending that the 2012 meeting be held in the new convention center in Jackson, Mississippi. Let's do all we can to make that a reality and make that meeting special to our fellow workers in Christ.

State Meeting

The BMA of Mississippi will hold its midyear meeting at Oakland Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Information concerning directions and motels is available in this issue. Oakland Church and Pastor Justin Rhodes look forward to hosting us this May.

Donation

We received a donation to the Publications Department recently from Mrs. Faye Johnston in memory of her sister, Joyce Guthrie. We appreciate the gift and express our sympathies to the Guthrie family.

Gifts

We have received a number of anonymous gifts in the past few months. These individuals desired no public recognition and we have respected that. We thank each one for their thoughtfulness and care for this ministry.

Midyear State Meeting Information

provided by
Oakland Baptist Church

We are pleased to host the mid-year meeting of the BMA of Mississippi May 17 & 18, 2010. We look forward to our churches joining us for these two days. If we can be of assistance to you in planning your trip for the meeting, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at the church office at 601-638-6724, anytime at 601-218-3364 or by e-mail at pastorjustinrhodes@yahoo.com.

Our church will be providing a light meal on Monday evening beginning at 6pm. This will consist of soups, salads, & sandwiches. We will also be providing a light breakfast on Tuesday morning beginning at 8am. This will consist of fruit, donuts, pastries, coffee, and juices. Of course we will be providing a full course lunch on Tuesday during the meeting.

I am also listing contact for information for some of the nicest hotels in Vicksburg. These are located approximately 10 minutes from the church. You will be responsible for booking your own rooms, and you will need to contact the hotel for their rates. The hotels are as follows:

Holiday Inn Express –
601-634-8777

Hampton Inn – 601-636-6100

Jameson Inn – 601-619-7799

La Quinta Inn – 601-802-0525

Again, if we can help with any other information please contact me. May God bless, and we look forward to seeing you in May.

In Christ,
Bro. Justin Rhodes, pastor

Note: Directions to Oakland Baptist Church. From Interstate 20 take Highway 61 North. Turn right at the 3rd traffic light onto Oak Ridge Road. The church is located 3.5 miles off Highway 61 on right side of Oak Ridge Road.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"I'm sorry you didn't like my sermon Sunday, but I really didn't care for your snoring either!"

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Listing of names does not indicate endorsement. This column is for information purposes only.

Virgil Ainsworth

Virgil T. Ainsworth is available for service where ever and how ever the Lord may lead. He may be contacted at the following numbers. Cell # 601-577-0924 or Home# 601-729-8059.

John Grimes

Bro. John Grimes is available for preaching appointments and pulpit supply as the Lord leads. Bro. John is 41 years old and he and his wife of 18 years have 4 children - ages 16, 13, 9 and 4. Bro. John and his family are members at Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, Mississippi and he may be contacted at 601-717-3743 or 601-936-6937 or through his pastor, Bro. James Brown, at 601-209-1502.

Bryan Williamson

Bro. Bryan Williamson is available for pulpit supply and pastoral work. He has been in the ministry for 22 years and is a member at Biloxi Creek Baptist Church in Perkinston. He may be reached at 601-528-0642 or 601-928-4176.

Missionaries available while on furlough

Doyle & Linda Moore are planning their furlough from July through October, 2010. If your church or group (local Association, WMA, Brotherhood, GMAs, Galileans, DVBSX, AWANAS, Pastors' Fellowship and other programs) would like to allow us to visit with you to present the Asia-Pacific work what we are involved in (BMA Bible College, Church Planting, Publications and other ministries) we would be happy to talk with you regarding a schedule.



Please contact us either at lindafmoore48@yahoo.com or, if you don't have an internet connection, you can call us on our Vonage Computer number @ 1-601-488-0095. Please remember that we are 13 hours different from Central Daylight Savings Time. If it is 7:00 a.m. your time, it is 8 p.m. ours, and if it is 6 p.m. your time, it is 7 a.m. ours. The latter is the best time to call us. We look forward to hearing from you and being with you soon.

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ment of Faith ran into direct collision with the Hastings College of Law administration, which told the group it would lose its recognition by the school because its stance on sexuality violated the school's policy against discrimination based on "race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, sex or sexual orientation."

Back in December, the U. S. Supreme Court agreed to take the case after the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the Christian Legal Society's Hastings chapter.

Writing in USA Today, Tom Krattenmaker argues that the case comes down to this set of questions:

Does religious freedom include the right to discriminate on the basis of gender, race or sexuality? Do authorities have the right to foist their values on religious groups through carrots and sticks such as meeting-space privileges and the threat of withholding funds? And, as more conservatives are asking these days, shouldn't that oft-proclaimed liberal principle of "tolerance" also be invoked to the benefit of tradition-minded Christians?

A more fundamental question is whether Christian organizations can remain Christian in the light of such anti-discrimination codes and policies. The presenting issue in the current case has to do with the issue of homosexuality. But what about the clause banning all discrimination on the basis of "religion?" The Hastings policy would appear to exclude any Christian student organization that would refuse entry to an atheist.

Krattenmaker attempts to be even-handed, acknowledging what he calls "complex questions." Still, he manages to tip his hand in the argument. "Freedom from discrimination based on your color or gender or, as our society is coming to better appreciate, sexual orientation is not some flavor-of-the-month trifle," he insists. "Like religious liberty, it's enshrined in the Constitution, and correctly so. It's not politically correct so much as it's morally correct."

Well, the words "sexual orientation" are not found within the Constitution, but clear language ensuring freedom of religious expression is. As is so often the case, a policy banning discrimination is cited as ex-



Dr. Philip Ateberry
Dean



Dr. Charley Holmes
President

Dear Pastors:

Recently while re-reading a portion of *Pilgrim's Progress*, I came upon a passage that accurately describes what a preacher should be. A man called Christian comes to the man called Interpreter's house where he sees a picture: "Christian saw a picture of a very grave person hanging on the wall, and this was the fashion of it: He had eyes lifted up to Heaven, the best of books in his hand, the law of truth was written upon his lips, the world was behind his back; he stood as if he pleaded with men, and a crown of gold did hang over his head."

Interpreter provided the artistic exegesis and commentary: "The man whose picture this is is one of a thousand; he can beget children, travail in birth with children, and nurse them himself when they are born. And whereas you see him with his eyes lifted up to heaven, the best of books in his hand, and the law of truth written on his lips, it is to show you that his work is to know and unfold dark things to sinners even as also you see him stand as if he pleaded with men; and whereas you see the world as cast behind him, and that a crown hangs over his head, that is to show you that slighting and despising the things that are present, for the love that he has to his Master's service, he is sure in the world that comes next to have glory for his reward. . . this is the only man whom the Lord of the Place where you are going has authorized to be your guide in all difficult places you may meet with in the way."

The pastor that Bunyan describes is a man who Paul would say had been "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." We want our graduates to be men who reflect Paul's words and Bunyan's portrait. This year's graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday May 15 at 2:00 p.m. I am asking that our churches observe May 10-16 as Seminary Graduation Week. We request that on Wednesday evening (May 12) pastors lead in prayer for our trustee Don Brown as he prepares the commencement sermon. Also pray for the students to have alertness and energy as they finish their final exams on Thursday. On Sunday (May 16) pray for the graduates as they enter ministry the first Sunday after graduation. Last, pray that your seminary will be enabled by God to continue striving to equip pastors and missionaries who are (1st) godly and learned men, (2nd) men who realize their greatest tasks are preaching and soul-winning and (3rd) men who, in the deepest sense, care for their flock.

II Timothy 2:2

Charley Holmes

P.S. It would be an encouragement for our students to know that our churches will be praying especially for them that week. *Please take a moment this week to write a short note or e-mail so that we may post it in our campus announcement sheet acknowledging your acceptance of my invitation to prayer.*

BMA Seminary

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haustively tolerant -- which it is not. Not all "sexual orientations" are accorded these rights under anti-discrimination policies. The argument in Krattenmaker's article does not extend to a deliberation of just how broadly such policies are to be applied.

Instead, he chides Christians for claiming that actions like the removal of the Hastings CLS chapter's recognition is a form of intolerance.

He writes: "At its heart, [tol-

erance] is a philosophy and moral commitment to accepting the rights of others to believe or behave differently from ourselves without excluding or penalizing. Don't expect champions of tolerance to "tolerate" acts of exclusion or bigotry that represent the very opposite of the principle they hold so dear."

In this statement, Krattenmaker is echoing the arguments of the late Herbert Marcuse, who argued that au-

thentic tolerance would mean the toleration of virtually any ideology or practice that was itself sufficiently tolerant. The flip side of Marcuse's argument is that true tolerance requires unqualified opposition to any ideology that is considered intolerant. Marcuse was seeking a radical transformation of society. Today's increasingly aggressive secularism looks much like what Marcuse and the young radicals who followed him hoped

to see.

The case pitting the Hastings College of Law against the Christian Legal Society presents the nation -- and its highest court -- with an inescapable question: Are Christian organizations to be allowed to remain Christian, or must they all morph into secularized associations?

Must the Christian Legal Society surrender its biblical convictions in order to remain a

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GMA Girls

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Sunbeam Promoter - Linda Dertinger
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"How Great is Our God" National GMA Retreat

by **Robin Clark**
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Greenbrier, AR 72058
501-679-4867

The National GMA Retreat will be held June 15-18 at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary, Texas; and the theme is "How Great Is Our God," based on I Chron. 16:25. Luis Ortega, director of programming for Lifeword Media Ministries, will serve as camp pastor/missionary.

Registration is \$95 for cabins and \$105 for dorms. To register, go to www.discipleguide.org and click on Camps, where you will find the registration information as well as the mandatory background check information and required medical release forms.

Project

The project is Philippine Bible College and the goal is \$25,000. Project money should be sent to National GMA Treasurer Ruby Poteet, 8303 Middle Warren Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603; contact her at (870) 879-1378 or rwp8303@aol.com.

Project fund raising at retreat this year will include a Silent Auction, Officer Competition, Candy Grams, Grab Bags, Quarter Folders and Buttons. First Vice President Kelsey Fagala has challenged each girl or GMA group to make a rocket out of a 20 oz. or 2-liter soda bottle. Be creative! Enlist your church to help fill the rocket with change for the national project. The rockets will be judged at retreat.

Afterglow will be held again this year on Wednesday night. If you have girls who would like to participate with a song or skit, please contact Carli Reeder, national GMA song leader, at c_re2011@yahoo.com; or Sarah Hebert, adult song leader, at sarah_h_2006@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Coronation

If your girls want to participate in the Coronation Wednesday night, you must send names, church, state and step completed of the girls participating in the Coronation by May 1 to Mrs. Norma Womble, 7421 Hillsboro House Springs Rd., Cedar Hill, MO 63016; (636) 274-7372 or nrwomble@juno.com.

State Promoters

You must send your state's Miss GMA and Jr. Miss GMA participant's folders as soon as possible before May 15 to our National GMA Promoter: Beth Caldwell, 166 Twin Creek Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452; 601-947-6011 or roydc@datasync.com.

Forward Step Classes

If you are willing to teach a forward step class this year, please send your name and address as soon as possible to Teel Witt, P.O. Box 453, Palmer, TX 75152; 972-935-2473 or twitt98@yahoo.com.

T-Shirts

Retreat T-Shirts will be sold for \$12. They will be royal blue shirts with a yellow shooting star on the front left chest area. The back of the t-shirt will have a planet with the theme "How Great is Our God" across it along with the Scripture reference. Orders will be due May 15 and should be sent to Ruby Poteet, 8303 Middle Warren Rd., Pine Bluff, AR 71603; 870-879-

1378 or rwp8303@aol.com.

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 to Mrs. Robin Clark by 7 p.m. Tuesday at retreat.

For more information, please contact National Director of Youth Auxiliaries Robin Clark at robinclark@windstream.net to receive a copy of the National GMA Retreat Newsletter 2010 which contains specific camp information as well as all forms. Forms for national officer nominees, T-Shirt orders and coronation participants may also be found on the National GMA website: www.nationalgma.com under Retreat information.

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

MISSISSIPPI STATE GMA/SUNBEAM TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 20, 2010
By Shirlene Smith

Balance February 25, 2009	\$ 3,848.23
Total Received from Feb 25, 2009-Jan 20, 2010	24,679.12
Total to Account for	28,527.35
Paid Out (See List Below)	22,096.33
Balance on Hand, January 20, 2010	6,431.02
General Fund	\$4,676.57
GMA Project	1,681.85
Sunbeam Project (100%)	72.60
Balance on Hand	6,431.02

PAID OUT

Check No.		
1527	Wanda's Discount Trophies, GMA Trophies	\$ 50.29
1528	Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Camp Missionary	100.00
1529	Bro. Ed Duvall, Camp Missionary	100.00
1530	Bro. Tracey McMillen, Camp Pastor	200.00
1531	Skinner's Florist, Roses for the Queens	139.64
1532	Dianna Williams, GMA Sashes	30.00
1533	Garaywa Camp and Conference Center, Sunbeam Camp Deposit	100.00
1534	Bro. Wallace Williams, Camp Missionary	100.00
1535	Linda Faye Dertinger, Ribbons for Camp	33.03
1536	Garaywa Camp and Conference Center, 2009 GMA Retreat	7,810.00
1537	Charity Lee, VSM-Colorado	200.00
1538	BMAA Dept. of Missions, "Elizabeth"	600.00
1539	Barbara White, Mirrors for GMA Retreat	40.00
1540	Chris Smith, Expenses	59.47
1541	MS State Missions, Duvall Building Fund	4,055.89
1542	Wanda's Discount Trophies, Sunbeam Trophies	19.26
1543	Bro. Chris Flynn, Sunbeam Camp Pastor	200.00
1544	Beth Caldwell, Craft Supplies	30.00
1545	Dianna Williams, Sunbeam Sashes	42.80
1546	Daniel Springs Camp, Fees for Beth, Linda, Carli Reeder, and Crystal Brewer	375.00
1547	Trustmark Bank, Cash for Linda Dertinger (Love Offering)	282.00
1548	BMAA Dept. of Missions, "Elizabeth"	811.00
1549	MS State Missions, Duvall Building Fund (SB)	947.94
1550	Bro. Rocky Goodwin, Shepherds Bags	100.00
1551	Garaywa Camp and Conference Center, Sunbeam Retreat	3,179.50
1552	BMAA Dept of Missions, "Elizabeth"	162.75
1553	Chris Smith, Expenses	69.52
1554	Beth Caldwell, GMA Planning Meeting	200.00
1555	Sue Smith, "Elizabeth"	724.45
1556	Linda Faye Dertinger, SB Expenses	28.43
1557	Beth Caldwell, Expenses and Ink Cartridge	225.00
1558	Bethel GMA, Fulton, GMA T-shirts	973.97
	Service Charges (March-December)	106.39
	Total Paid Out	\$22,096.33

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR THE GMA PROJECT BY JANUARY 20, 2010	
50% General Fund (plus designated offerings)	\$ 2,955.80
(This amount is reflected in the General Fund Balance)	
50% "Elizabeth" serving in a Creative Access Nation	3,380.05
Total Received by January 20, 2010	\$ 6,335.85
Paid out for project to "Elizabeth"	\$1,698.20
Balance on hand for "Elizabeth"	1,681.85
Total Received	3,380.05
Paid to "Elizabeth" from RLF	600.00
Total	\$3,980.05

Balance in the GMA Missions Account of the BMA Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 1,122.00
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Mississippi GMA Retreat Report

by **Beth Caldwell**
GMA Promoter

The State GMA Retreat was held on February 5 & 6 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. Bro. Matt Hudson was camp pastor. The GMAs set a record in giving to the project this year. The project was "Elizabeth" which was one of our own Mississippi GMA young ladies. The project for this coming year will also reach out to help some of our past GMA girls that are now going to serve **Mississippi GMA officers for 2010-2011**



(left to right) Teresa Broom, Miss GMA, Charity Lee, 1st Vice President, Miranda Francis, Corresponding Secretary, Melanie Greenhaw, Song Leader, Madison McMillen, Jr. Miss GMA, Carli Reeder, President, Shelby Umfress, Historian, Livi Erkhart, Secretary, Kiera Roberston, 2nd Vice President, Mary Cross, Pianist

on the mission field. We also will give to build up our funds that we use to help our girls that participate in the summer missionary program.

We have been truly blessed in Mississippi to have the GMA girls that we do. Many have been summer missionaries and some are becoming BMAA missionaries. If you do not have GMAs in your church and would like to help with our project, please contact me and I will be glad to send you a copy of our project sheet. Please pray for our program and I do encourage every church to participate in the GMAs.

Your girls are missing a blessing if you do not have this auxiliary. The Mississippi State GMA Retreat for next year will be March 11 & 12, 2011. The theme for this year is "The Wonder of it All" taken from John 1:3.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MS STATE GMA PROJECT March 25, 2010 (Update after camp)

GMAS:	
1. Bethel Baptist Church, Bassfield	\$ 100.00
2. Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton	1,263.00
3. Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso	145.00
4. Big Creek District WMA	100.00
5. Canaan Baptist Church, Lucedale	632.60
6. First Baptist Church, Bay Springs	175.00
7. Homestretch Baptist Church, Cleveland	60.00
8. Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel	260.25
9. Mildred Sumrall, Temple Baptist Church, Laurel	100.00
10. O'Neal Road Baptist Church, Gulfport	105.00
11. Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston	150.00
12. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Carriere	45.00
13. Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl	1,372.00
14. Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale	2,005.00
15. East Amory Baptist Church, Amory	50.00
16. Northeast District GMA	200.00
17. Officer Competition	98.70
18. Snack Shop	634.90
19. Silent Auction	282.50
20. Craft Sales	602.90
21. Candy Grams	65.50
22. Profit From T-Shirt Sales	811.02
23. Officer Competition	6.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$9,264.37

TOTAL RECEIVED FOR THE 2009-2010 PROJECT:	
50% GENERAL FUND	\$4,037.77
50% "ELIZABETH" (MISSIONARY TO CHINA)	\$5,226.60
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$9,264.37

Seminary to Teach DiscipleWay Evangelism Component in June

BMA Seminary is scheduled to offer evangelism training June 7-11, 2010 on the campus of Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. The course is part of the seminary's usual summer offering of motion courses and will prepare individuals to use the DiscipleWay evangelism component.

DiscipleWay is a project being developed by the Baptist Missionary Association of America to assist churches in the spiritual maturing process of their members. The project focuses upon seven key spiritual disciplines: Bible study, prayer, worship, giving/stewardship, evangelism, service and leadership.

DiscipleWay has teamed up with Evangelism Explosion to utilize the new Everyday Evangelism material also known as EV2. This material uses Bible study and real-life witnessing opportunities to help individuals become more confident and effective at sharing the gospel everyday.

Bobby Gilmore will join seminary professors to lead the training. Gilmore serves on staff with the Springhill Baptist Church of Greenbrier, Arkansas and serves as the resource person for Evangelism Explosion in Arkansas.

The seminary has taught the classic EE for more than a decade. This summer will mark a transition in the seminary's approach in order to provide support to the DiscipleWay project. Anyone interested in using DiscipleWay at church would be a "step ahead" by taking advantage of this training opportunity.

Both degree seeking students and those interested in simply learning the material for personal growth are welcome to enroll. Please contact the seminary dean's office in Jacksoville, Texas for more details before April 30, 2010.

Former Pastor - SBC Dean Passes Away

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 29, 2010 for Dr. Jasper Emerson Fail who passed away Friday, March 26, 2010 at his home in Picayune. Burial was at the Benville Cemetery in Picayune.

Dr. Fail loved the Lord. He preached and taught the Gospel for 58 years. He died doing his second love, working in his garden. Originally from Bay Springs, Mississippi, he was an Air Force Veteran and 32nd degree Mason. Dr. Fail touched so many with his firm belief in the Lord. He was pastor of New Testament Church in Picayune. He pastored many churches, including: Canaan Baptist in Franklinton, Louisiana; Jackson Heights Baptist, Pensacola, Florida; Plainview and Oak Grove Baptist, Poplarville; Salem Baptist, Stringer; Pleasant Hill, Nacogdoches, Texas; and Temple Baptist Church in Lucedale. He was guidance counselor at Hancock North Central in Kiln, Mississippi, for 23 years before he retired. He was also Professor of Sociology for P.R.C.C. in Poplarville, Principal at Pearl River Academy in



Picayune, Vocational Guidance for the Jones County school system in Laurel, along with Dean of Students at Southeastern Baptist College, also in Laurel.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Emma Richards Fail; his daughter, Judy Ann Gaines; brother, Joe Fail; and grandson, Stephen Fail. Survivors include: his beloved wife, Elizabeth Lee Fail; four daughters, Dinah Fail Martin, Picayune, Jacquelin Fail Caruso, Baton Rouge, La., Michel Fail Rush (Billy), Picayune, Christal Fail Colby (Bruce), Slidell, La.; three sons, J.D. (David) Fail (Tammy), Lafayette, La., Donald Fail (Gayle), Picayune, Kevin Fail (Christy), Bay Springs, Miss.; four step-daughters, Janet Seals (Elroy), Carriere, Faye Knight (Jody), Picayune, Christine Spiers (Ronnie), Picayune, Michelle Deschamp (Benford), Kiln; two step-sons, Jesse Lee, Poplarville, and Joseph Lee (Sylvia), Picayune, 32 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren; one sister, Myra Fail Everett, (Leon), Lake, Mississippi, and one brother, J.T. Fail, (Doris), Jackson.

WMA Books for Prisoners Report

Paul E. Lee, director
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I am happy to report that the BMAA's National WMA ladies have reached their goal of raising \$10,000.00 to buy study books for women in prison. They gave some to Chaplain David Norvell for the Military. They brought and gave to the Prisoners Bible Crusade 2,410 study books for women in prison. I now have the books in hand. The titles are "Mama Said"; "Far Better, Far Worse"; and "Is Love Enough". The Ladies had previously given 956 study books to this ministry for women in prison. I plan to contact by phone the chaplains at as many women's prison as possible and offer these books and bibles for the women in their care.

And this note, this project was under the direction of the Study Book Committee of the National Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Sister Patsy Campbell was on this committee and was my contact person until last year when the Lord Called her home. I join with all the ladies of the National WMA in giving honor to Sister Patsy Campbell and her work in the Kingdom of God!

I cannot say enough about this great blessing to this ministry and for the women in prison who will be receiving the books! So, Ladies, please accept our grateful thanks in the Lord!; Praise His Holy Name! Only in Heaven will we know how complete the blessing of God will be on these books!

The Prisoners Family Ministry

I am requesting that God's people pray about beginning a "Prisoners Family Ministry" in your Church. Its purpose is to minister the hope and love of God to people with love ones in prison. In the beginning we are asking the Ladies in our Churches to seek out the wives and mothers in your community with loved ones in prison. Then, go to them in love showing, sharing, and ministering the love of God in their time of need. I have a brochure entitled, "Ever Present Help" (in time of trouble) to help begin a ministry in your church to people with loved ones in prison. We also have a manual with guidelines that will help guide your ministry. These guidelines will address some of the differences

CHILDREN'S HOME

118 LOWE ROAD, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI 39443 - (601) 426-3928

Annual Rally

On March 11 the Gulf Association had their annual rally for the Home. This meeting was held with the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ocean Springs and Pastor Duane Ledlow.

It was good to have the opportunity to report on the ministry of the Home and also share a message from God's Word to those in attendance. Our appreciation is extended to each church and individual who gave toward this rally.

Hall of Fame

It is with much delight to report to you that our sixth grade student at North Jones Elementary was selected to the Hall of



Fame of his class for the school year of 2010. Alden will be graduating from North Jones this year and will be attending West Jones Middle School next year. Congratulations Alden on your achievements at North Jones and God bless you on your future years in school.

He Lives

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were

between a Family Prison Ministry and other ministries in your Church. As your Prisoners Family Ministry grows, I encourage the men to get involved in ministering to men with loved ones in prison in your community.

Remember them in bonds! - Heb. 13:3; You visited! - Matt. 25:34-40

I would be happy to send information and/or speak to your Church or Group about this prison ministry, the Prisoners Family Ministry or the oneday Bible Study Helps Seminar.

Again, our thanks for your prayers and support for this Bible Ministry to people in prisons.

dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

Much of the world believes and will admit that Jesus died on the cross, but many refuse to believe and accept the fact that He arose from the dead. Just what does the resurrection of Jesus Christ tell us?

It tells us that Jesus is who He said He was, the very Son of God.

It gives us the assuring promise that we too will experience a resurrection. Because Jesus arose, we shall one day be raised. 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

It is positive proof that God is going to judge this old wicked world one day. "Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." Acts 17:31.

It is by the resurrected power of Christ that we are able to live our lives to the glory of the Lord. Rom. 6:4; Gal. 2:20.

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Prayer

Continue to remember the Home and this ministry in your prayers.

Tolerant Age?

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recognized campus organization? Does religious liberty now stop at the law school door?

Obviously, much is riding on this case. The same logic used against the Christian Legal Society in this case can be used to argue that any Christian organization, school, or institution no longer serves the community's welfare if it holds such policies. How long before similar arguments are made against churches and Christian schools?

Can Christian organizations remain Christian in an age of ideological "tolerance?" All eyes will soon be on the U. S. Supreme Court as the Christian Legal Society's appeal is heard. Far more than one CLS chapter in one law school is at stake here.



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The 52nd State Missions and Evangelistic Conferences held March 15-16, and March 25-26 are now history. Ballardsville Baptist Church, Tupelo; El Camino Baptist Mission, Laurel, and New Heart Baptist Mission, Hattiesburg, were gracious hosts. The blessings received by all participants will linger in our hearts for a long time. We enjoyed wonderful worship services in each of the locations selected for these

conferences.

The Lord truly met with us and he was glorified and we were edified. We were blessed to hear the very best preaching from God's Word by many of the best preachers and, my how our hearts rejoiced together. Our subject was the Beatitudes, with Matthew 5:1-16 being our text. All speakers were well prepared, and their delivery proved it to be so.

We were all enriched by each other and the presence of the Lord. The singing blessed our souls for those responsible for the singing clearly made careful preparation, and the food was delicious as well. Surely Baptists must be the best cooks around and there was no shortage of appetites and now, the extra pounds will be hard to be worked off. The fellowship was sweet and will be remembered for a long time.

Thank you for being a part of these conferences, and thank you to each host church and mission. More will follow later. God bless you. Pray for your Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Department.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Sayin's Wise and Otherwise

I came across some "Old Ed'ard Sayin's" the other day and I thought I'd share some of them.

1. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
2. He only opens his mouth to change feet.
3. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, but He'll accept money from an old grouch too.
4. Don't promise no more than you can do, and always do more than anybody expects.
5. A rare book is one that you get back when you loan it out.
6. If you wait to do something until all the problems is removed, you won't never get it done.

BMA of America National Meeting April 19-21, 2010

Fort Smith Convention Center • Fort Smith, Arkansas
Program

Monday Morning, April 19

Display/Exhibit Set-up (Mon.-Wed.) Exhibit Hall C
Registration Set-up (Enrollment and Finance Committee)

Monday Evening, April 19

7:00 **First General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music
Opening Prayer
Welcome by President
Introduction of Officers
Introduction of Host Pastors
Central Baptist College, Jacksonville College
& Southeastern Baptist College Choirs
President's Message and Introduction of Theme

Tuesday Morning, April 20

8:00 WMA Registration Exhibit Hall A1
8:30 WMA Exhibit Hall A1
Brotherhood Exhibit Hall B
10:00 Pastors' and Laymen's Conference Exhibit Hall B

Tuesday Afternoon, April 20 (Called Meetings)

1:30 Committee Meetings
Missions Department Convention Center Rm. A1
Baptist Music Fellowship Convention Center Rm. A2
Lifeword Convention Center Rm. 2
DiscipleGuide Convention Center Rm. 3
BMA Seminary Convention Center Rm. 1
Nominating Committee Holiday Inn
Ministers Resource Services Holiday Inn
Moral Action Committee Holiday Inn
Coordinating Council Holiday Inn

Tuesday Afternoon, April 20

3:00 **Second General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music and Prayer
3:10 Enrollment Committee (Initial Report)
Welcome Petitioning Churches & Seat Their Messengers
3:20 Proposed Changes to the Constitution
3:45 Nominees for Nominating Committee
3:50 Clerk's Report
4:00 Master's Builders Report
4:10 Coordinating Council Report
4:30 Miscellaneous Business
5:00 Prayer/Adjourn
5:30 Seminary Dinner TBA

Tuesday Evening, April 20

7:00 **Third General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music and Prayer
Annual Message Jason Aultman
Prayer/Adjourn Alternate Gary Smith

Wednesday Morning, April 21

8:30 **Fourth General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music and Prayer
8:45 Nominating Committee Report
9:05 Lifeword Media Ministries
9:35 Baptist Music Fellowship
9:45 Ministers Resource Services
10:15 BMA Seminary
10:45 Brotherhood Report
10:55 WMA Report
11:05 Vote on Constitutional Changes
Miscellaneous Business
Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Afternoon, April 21

2:00 **Fifth General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music and Prayer
2:15 Final Nominating Committee Report
2:25 Minute and Clerk Hire
2:35 Election of Officers
Election of Annual Speaker
3:00 Committee on Arrangements
3:15 DiscipleGuide Church Resources
3:45 Moral Action Committee
4:15 Revolving Loan Fund Report
4:20 Election of Missions Advisory Committee Members
4:30 Final Enrollment Committee Report
4:40 Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Evening, April 21

7:00 **Sixth General Session** Exhibit Hall B
Music and Prayer
7:15 Missions Department
8:45 61st Annual Session Closed
Missionary Commissioning Service
9:00 Closing Prayer

Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday	2:00-4:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Tuesday	8:30-9:00 a.m. 2:00-3:00 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 a.m.

Nursery provided for in Exhibit Hall A3

Dates To Remember

BMA of America Annual Meeting

Fort Smith, Arkansas
April 19-23, 2010

Senior Adult North Retreat

East Fulton, Fulton
May 11, 2010
9:15 AM

Sunbeam Retreat

May 14-15, 2010
Camp Garaywa
Clinton, Mississippi

BMA of Mississippi Midyear Meeting

Oakland Church, Vicksburg
May 17, 18, 2010

State Youth Camps

Tombigbee Camp

June 7-9, 2010
Tombigbee State Park

State Junior Camp

June 16-18, 2010
Waukasay Springs
Vossburg, Mississippi

Harmony Camp

June 21-23, 2010
Tishomingo State Park