

Important Dates

September 14-16, 2007

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National Singles Conference

Hilton DFW Lakes
Grapevine, Texas

September 28 & 29, 2007

Mississippi Ladies Retreat

Jackson Hilton
Jackson, Mississippi

October 9-11, 2007

Pastors Oasis

Hilton Branson Convention Center
Hotel
Branson, Missouri

October 22-24, 2007

BMA of Mississippi

Annual Meeting
Southeastern College
Laurel, Mississippi

October 30 - November 1, 2007

National Senior Adult Conference

Hilton Convention Center
Branson, Missouri

My Camp Runneth Over

by James Speer, Director
Daniel Springs Baptist Camp

The last week of July is normally very hot and dry but this week, the high temperature has been 92 degrees and we are thankful because we have over 800 campers and staff at Daniel Springs for the SonQuest II teen camp. It has been unseasonably cool at nights with temperatures in the high 60's and low 70's. I am sure that summer in Texas will set in very soon and the mercury will climb but in the meantime we are enjoying it to the utmost. The kids are from 4 different states and from as far away as Gulfport, Ms and San Angelo, Tx but they are enjoying all the athletic contests and more cerebral pursuits like chess and dominos. The Bible Study classes are very impactful and the worship services at night are very uplifting.

The usual mishaps and malfunctions take place but the kids are much more resilient than us adults and they bounce back quicker. It has been a good camp with many life changing decisions made already with more to come as the camp draws to a close on Friday.

Kids will leave Friday morning to return home with new cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses of their new friends from camp. They will talk back and forth all year, anticipating the next youth event when they will see each other again. It is special times like these that help youth reinforce their commitment to Christ and seek accountability partners to help them maintain their standards. Thank you, kids for helping us old fossils to remember what it is like to find new friends and share our faith in a positive atmosphere.

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Jackson Hilton to host event Ladies Retreat set for September

by Chris Smith

LADIES, are you just plain tired from all that shelling and peeling and canning and freezing?

Here's an opportunity to get refreshed, renewed, re-vitalized and revived!

The Mississippi State Ladies Retreat is coming up September 28 & 29, 2007.

You'll hear good speakers: Mrs. Steve (Kim) Dillard from Arkansas and Mrs. Lloyd (Rita) Sweat from Amory, Mississippi.

There'll be good music led by Mrs. Roger (Anita) Akers, also of Amory.

This Retreat will be held at the Jackson Hilton, 1001 E. County Line Road, just off Interstate 55. You should make your own

reservations by calling 1-888-263-0524 or 1-601-957-2800.

The registration fee is \$60.00 per person and should be sent to: Chris Smith, 212 South Fox Hall Rd., Pearl, MS 39208.

You are encouraged to bring items for the Silent Auction. The proceeds from this will go toward the State WMA Project which is our Mission work in Cleveland, Mississippi.

The auction is a fun time and it usually generates a good amount for the project. If you can't bring an item, just come prepared to bid big!

See you there the 28th of September, 2007.



Creation Museum passes 100,000 mark

PETERSBURG, Ky. (BP) - Open for less than two months, the Creation Museum just outside of Cincinnati received its 100,000th visitor July 21 and is on pace to break its own projection for first-year attendance.

The high-tech, \$27 million, 60,000-square-foot museum and planetarium - both of which present a scientific view of the biblical creation account - opened Memorial Day weekend to large crowds and hasn't slowed much since. Initial projections by museum officials were for attendance to be in the range of 250,000 this year. But that may be surpassed. Attendance this summer has been so impressive that the museum has had extended hours a number of times, particularly on weekends and holidays.

Located in Petersburg, Kentucky, just

south of Cincinnati, the museum is scheduled to have extended hours Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. In addition, museum officials are asking the county to allow

"We are delighted the Creation Museum has generated such interest, but I'm not surprised," Tom Caradonio, president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, said in a statement. "Many religious-meeting partners told us early on they were interested in taking groups there."

The museum features more than 50 educational videos, as well as animatronic dinosaurs and a special effects theater, and is a product of the apologetics ministry Answers in Genesis.

For more information visit the museum's website at www.CreationMuseum.org.

Christian Group Gathers in DC to Show Support of Israel

(CNSNews.com) - Evangelical Christians from all 50 states gathered in Washington, D.C., this (past) week to express their solidarity with the state of Israel in the face of mounting challenges to its security from Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran.

Christians United for Israel, a group formed by San Antonio mega-church Pastor John Hagee, is holding its second annual summit in the District of Columbia.

CUFI's main objectives are to "educate and build Christian support for Israel throughout America" by educating Christians on the "biblical and moral imperatives of supporting Israel" and "to convene in Washington" in order to "enable CUFI members to personally speak with their elected representatives on behalf of Israel."

CUFI will organize members through rapid response alerts to request action for Israel from the administration and Congress at "critical junctures" during the remainder of the year.

The executive board of CUFI features several leading figures in the evangelical Christian community - Hagee, American Values President Gary Bauer and Christian Broadcasting Network President Michael Little.

The goal of CUFI, according to Hagee, is to become the Christian version of the America Israel Political Action Committee, a powerful lobbying panel that also urges strong U.S. support for Israel.

Hagee may have had success in this regard. At their inaugural Washington summit last year, CUFI drew 3,500 attendants. David Brog, executive director for CUFI, reported that it took AIPAC 15 years to draw 2,000 attendants to an annual policy conference.

"With each passing day," CUFI notes, "the threats to Israel and the Jewish people are growing. Iran's president has called for Israel to be 'wiped off the map,' - and he is rapidly acquiring the nuclear technology to carry out this threat.

"Hezbollah has retrenched and re-armed ... and the terrorist group Hamas - also committed to destroying Israel - has now taken over the Gaza Strip and is smuggling in arms

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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.

Gothard Evangelistic Ministries

Paul & Lisa Gothard of Gothard Evangelistic Ministries are available for Revivals, pulpit supply, concerts, special emphasis Sundays etc. Please visit our website at www.thegothards.com or contact our ministry office at 832-202-9717 for scheduling.

Bethel, Fulton

Oh, how time flies. It will soon be time for school to start! The Senior Youth attended SOAR in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 2nd-5th, they reported a great time of Christian fellowship and fun. Thanks to all who made this possible. On the 6th, the Harmony Association met at Westview in Oxford. A new class has started and is called "Mom's After God's Own Heart". They met in the COC on July 9th.

On the 15th there was a Ministry Fair set up in the COC. Each ministry of the church had a booth set up to show what is going on at Bethel. It was well planned and took a lot of work. Thanks to all who set up the booths and made this possible. On the 22nd the Brotherhood met for breakfast. The speaker was Balford Patterson.

Bro. Jameson was in revival on the 22nd-25th at Pleasant Hill in Tupelo. On the 27th there was a Vacation Bible School Kick Off Bash. What a great time everyone had. On the 29th we observed the

Lord's Supper. On July 30-August 2, VBS was held, more on this later. There have been 5 additions since last report. Ya'll come to see us when you can!

Dr. Martin Jameson, Pastor
Joyce Cooley, Reporter

Concert planned

Oakland Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will have Jerry Trammell in concert on Friday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. Jerry, who is considered to have one of the most powerful tenor voices in gospel music has had the pleasure of singing with The Florida Boys Quartet, The Blue Ridge Quartet, The Blackwood Brothers, and J.D. Sumner & The Stamps. God has saved him from some experiences that have given him a message of warning and encouragement that is greatly needed. God has added to that blessing a strong testimony, a gift of communication and a passion to reach lost souls. The public is invited. For more information contact Pastor Michael Moore, Oakland Baptist Church, 2959 Oakridge Rd., Vicksburg, MS 39183. The phone number is 601-638-6724.



Jerry Trammell

Short Message Series by Rev. Grover Laird

Jeremiah In Trouble

"...thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." Jeremiah 1:7

About the last forty years that Judah stood, before falling captive to Babylon, Jeremiah stood as God's prophet "unto the nations." (Chapter 1:1-5) He was a preacher because God called him to be a preacher. (Chapter 1:6,7) Since it is difficult to stand before people who are going the wrong direction and turn them to the right way, God assured Jeremiah of His presence and deliverance when He first called him. (Chapter 1:19)

Since Jeremiah's call to preach involved rooting out, pulling down, destroying, and throwing down, (Jeremiah 1:10) he surely knew that he would suffer a lot of abuse, which did come. His enemies threatened to kill him. (Chapter 11:21) They

smote him and put him in stocks. (Chapter 20:2) They also put him in the dungeon where he could have easily died. (Chapter 38:6)

One plan they decided on to silence him from preaching has been used by Satan through the years. It really is effective. What they decided was, "...let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words." (Chapter 18:18) They treated him as if he was not called of God, nor got his messages from Him.

However, things did not work out too good for those who troubled Jeremiah. Hananiah withstood Jeremiah and "died the same year."



Grover Laird

The Bible said that Hananiah died because he had "taught rebellion against the Lord." (Chapter 28:16) Judgment was pronounced on Pashar, who smote Jeremiah and put him in the stocks. (Chapter 20:6) Shemaiah also worked against Jeremiah and suffered God's judgment. (Chapter 29:24-32) Many others suffered who sought his hurt. (Chapter 18:19-23; 11:21-23)

Though Jeremiah suffered so much at the hands of his people, he surely made an impression for good that lived on for many generations. Centuries after Jeremiah died people were wondering about Jesus. Since He was so great, some thought that he might be Jeremiah raised from the dead. (Matthew 16:13,14)

When God sends us great preachers like Jeremiah, it would be to our advantage to stand behind them. (See Jeremiah 1:17; 9:1,2; 26:2)

-Taken from: SERMONS DEVOTIONALS THOUGHTS

Deadline Nears For Holy Land Classic

The registration deadline for joining this fall's Holy Land Classic sponsored by DiscipleGuide Church Resources and hosted by Kirk and Toni Shelton is August 15th. Holy Land Classic is an eleven-day tour of some of the most prominent Biblical sites in Israel including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Megiddo, and Masada. The trip also includes a side trip into the country of Jordan to visit the rose red city of Petra - a city as old as time.

"Toni and I are extremely excited about this trip to the land of the Bible," said Shelton, Pastoral Ministries and Church Growth Consult-

ant for DiscipleGuide. "As of right now we have between 35 and 40 people signed up with only a few spots still open." The trip, scheduled for November 19-29, has participants from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, California, and Wisconsin. Included in the group are several BMAA pastors and wives as well as Terry and Tricia Kimbrow. Tricia is employed by DiscipleGuide and her husband Terry is President of Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas.

Anyone interested in joining the group must act quickly. It is recommended that those considering signing-up at this late date should already have valid passports in hand. If not, they will need to personally

travel to a U.S. Passport office and do a "same-day issue" passport. For more information contact Kirk Shelton at 972-935-6898 or kirk@fellowshipforney.org.

Support for Israel

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daily in preparation for the next war with Israel," the group added.

In a February 2006 Hagee direly stated that if September 11 proved anything, it showed that America is not immune from attack by our enemies. It also proves beyond any reasonable doubt that our enemies are willing to use whatever weapons they have to kill as many of us as possible. In Islam, the highest honor is to die a martyr by killing Christians and Jews.

"Several authorities have said Iran could have a nuclear bomb ready in the near future. If Israel strikes beforehand, there doubtless will be a vast pan-Arabic Islamic army assembled to attack Israel. Once again, Jerusalem has become the target. We are standing on the brink of a nuclear Armageddon," Hagee added.

"The coming nuclear showdown with Iran is a certainty. Israel and America must confront Iran's nuclear ability and willingness to destroy Israel with nuclear weapons. For Israel to wait is to risk committing national suicide."

I Resolve

Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live; Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can; Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another; Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge; Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

-Jonathan Edwards

Walnut Grove organizes as New Testament Church

Walnut Grove Baptist Mission held organizational services on July 14, 2007 to organize into a new testament church. 135 individuals were in attendance with 9 ministers and 4 deacons participating in the presbytery. Walnut Grove was a mission project of the Central Baptist Church, Corinth, Mississippi. The mission was begun when Bro. Thelbert Hill was pastor of Central Church.

Bro. James Wilson is the founding pastor of Walnut Grove. The mission effort grew out of interest in the television ministry of Bro. Wilson's beginning in September 2005. With the help of a number of individuals, property was purchased just south of Fulton, Mississippi.



Walnut Grove Baptist Church

The mission experienced good growth and began services in their new building in January of this year.

The church address is 1906 South

Adams St., Fulton, MS 38843 and their phone number is 662-652-3703. Bro. James Wilson is the pastor.

THE AUDACITY OF MODERN SCIENCE

by Ray Lambright
Huntsville, Texas

Does it seem to you that the "scientific" community and the mainstream liberal media have gone over the edge? Recently many of them have become outraged that special creation might be taught along with evolution in the state's schools. As a matter of fact they go ballistic every time this subject is brought up. Why do you suppose that is? Could it be because when the two models are placed side by side and critically analyzed by logical people, evolution loses the argument every time?

Creationists are consistently asked to prove special creation, but evolutionists are never asked to show scientific proof for their theory. It is simply assumed to be true because the only other alternative is special creation and the need for a Creator.

You do not have to be a scientist, or the son of a scientist, to observe what goes on around you in nature and make judgments based on what you actually see. What you see is a fantastic profusion of life with many

species and subspecies giving us a wonderful and beautiful variety of life. What you do not see is an example of one species evolving into another species. You also do not see this happening in the fossil record.

I think that if this statement is true (and it is), we need to ask ourselves if evolution is even possible! Sir Fred Hoyle, an English astronomer, mathematician, and a devout evolutionist calculated the odds for us. Hoyle calculated that the chance of obtaining the required set of enzymes for even the simplest living cell was one in 1040,000. He goes on; since the number of atoms in the known universe is infinitesimally tiny by comparison (1080), he argued that even a whole universe full of primordial soup wouldn't have a chance. He claimed: The notion that not only the biopolymer but the operating program of a living cell could be arrived at by chance in a primordial organic soup here on the Earth is evidently nonsense of a high order (Wikipedia July 22, 2007). We might add that a chance happening of just 1050 is considered impossible.

Now this quotation comes not from a Bible thumping, right wing fundamentalist Evangelical. This comes from one of the most revered men of science and a professed evolutionist.

lutionist.

It kind of makes you wonder who has to exercise the most faith - evolutionists or creationists. If we see the abundance and variety of life on earth along with the natural wonders of the world and compare them to what the Bible says about the creation, the fall, the curse and the great world-destroying flood, I think we can conclude that Creation ex-nihilo (from nothing) better fits what we see than evolution.

Of course we live in a free country. We have the right to believe anything we want. When I was very young I believed in Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, fairy tales and the such. But when I grew up I gave up these childish things. One of the last fairy tales I gave up was the theory of evolution. It's too bad the so-called scientists of today can't do the same.

It seems strange to me that these people accuse creationism of being a religious "faith" while claiming, without one shred of scientific proof, evolution is a fact. It is truly astounding.

To believe in evolution you must believe all sorts of "just so" stories that starts with a cosmic egg of odorless invisible gas and an ocean of lifeless chemicals on the earth and ends with the universe as we see it today. It truly is amazing what one must believe to be an unbeliever.

Pharmacists sue over "morning-after pill"

SEATTLE - Pharmacists have sued Washington state over a new regulation that requires them to sell emergency contraception, also known as the "morning-after pill."

In a lawsuit filed in federal court Wednesday, a pharmacy owner and two pharmacists say the rule that took effect Thursday violates their civil rights by forcing them into choosing between "their livelihoods and their deeply held religious and moral beliefs."

"The stakes really couldn't be much higher," plaintiffs' attorney Kristen Waggoner said.

The state ruled earlier this year that druggists who believe emergency contraceptives are tantamount to abortion cannot stand in the way of a patient's right to the drugs.

Opponents predicted a court challenge after the rule was adopted, saying the state was wrongly forcing pharmacists to administer medical treatments they consider immoral.

Democratic Gov. Chris Gregoire, who brokered a compromise on the contraceptive rule and pressured the state Board of Pharmacy to adopt it,

stood behind the regulation Thursday.

"Gov. Gregoire feels the Pharmacy Board went through an extensive public process to come to their decision, and she supports them," spokesman Lars Erickson said.

The plaintiffs are pharmacists Rhonda Mesler and Margo Thelen, and Stormans Inc., the owners of Ralph's Thriftway in Olympia, a grocery store that includes a pharmacy.

Under the new state rule, pharmacists with personal objections to a drug can opt out by getting a co-worker to fill an order. But that applies only if the patient is able to get the prescription in the same pharmacy visit.

Sold as Plan B, emergency contraception is a high dose of the drug found in many regular birth-control pills. It can lower the risk of pregnancy by as much as 89 percent if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

The federal Food and Drug Administration made the morning-after pill available without prescription to adults last year.

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Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

What Kind of College is Southeastern?

Often I am asked, "What kind of courses do you offer at Southeastern Baptist College?" In the past, we have not done a very good job of telling people what kind of college this is and the kind of subjects that are offered. Yet we have been trying to get that information out. We do a fair amount of advertising in local newspapers, in our Mississippi Baptist Paper, billboards, and some news items on TV. The new sign by the highway is helping a lot in this effort, by the messages we are able to put on it. Many people still assume that we are just a college for preachers. Someone who knew that I work at Southeastern asked me this week, "What do you all teach there? Is it just a theological college?" He was surprised when I explained it to him.

Since assuming the position of president, I have tried to get the message out that we usually have more students who are not preachers than students who are preachers. Therefore, I want to give some information about the kind of college Southeastern is. Many of you can help us in this effort.

Southeastern Baptist College is a four-year Bible college which was established by the BMA of Mississippi in October, 1948. It began as a junior (two-year) college. In 1974 the liberal arts junior college was converted to a four-year Bible college. It is fully accredited by the ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education), an accrediting

No Bargain

A public utilities company representative was seeking a franchise for his company in a large city. He tried to bribe one of the city's officials whose vote was needed. "Think of the money, man!" he said. "It's a bargain of a life time. You'll never have a chance to make so much money so easily again."

"So easily?" replied the official. "Listen, friend, no one ever got a bargain in sin. It's the highest priced thing in the market. You tell me that all I have to do is vote right. Well, it isn't."

"That's only the beginning of what I'll have to do. I'll have to carry the consciousness of my dishonesty to the grave...I'll have to pass before my wife and children as something which I know I am not. Don't tell me it's a bargain."

agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Southeastern is approved to participate in the Student Pell Grant program, the Veterans Administration program, the U.S. Department of Immigration program for training international students, and other programs.

Being a Bible college means that it is a Christian college whose main purpose is to glorify God by providing education from a biblical point of view and in a Christian atmosphere. It seeks to develop Christian growth in students and to prepare them for service in the kingdom of God, whether as ministers or lay people in the churches. Southeastern also seeks to train people who want to receive the basic courses required in a spiritual academic setting. To provide this type of education, all of our instructors are professed Christians and active Christians. Most of the students are Christians, so we do not have many of the problems that are found on many other college campuses.

Special Emphasis

Let me remind you that the time for special emphasis for the college continues through August. If you have not sent your offering, would you consider doing so soon? We would ask that all churches and any individual who can, consider giving something for this cause. You may designate your contribution to "Special Emphasis" or to the "Land Fund" to help pay for the land that was purchased recently.

Work Days Update

We are still looking for as many people as can to come and help us do some work around the college on August 10 and 11. We could use people to do most any kind of work: carpentry work, painting, mowing grass, bush hogging, or just cleaning up outside. Bring chain saws, weed eaters, etc. We are especially needing someone who could bring a back hoe to clean out a ditch. Remember the college will provide the meals for the workers those days. If you can come, call the college (601-426-6346) or Bro. Cliff Jenkins at 601-498-2748 and let him know.

Please pray for the college and for all who serve the Lord here. Thank Him for all He is doing.

Registration days for the fall semester are August 16 and 17.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Chris Broadhead

Chris Broadhead surrendered to the ministry and was licensed by Westover Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, as a minister of the Gospel on May 13, 2007. Chris is available for pulpit supply and may be contacted at 601-584-7716 or through his pastor, Bro. Sam Oglesby, at 601-550-8513 or 601-264-4843.

Freddy Mills

Freddy Mills, age 57, is available for pulpit supply. He has been preaching for 22 years and is a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Bassfield, Mississippi. He may be reached at 601-441-4057.

Scott Downs

Scott Downs has recently resigned after 8 years of service as pastor of Derby Place Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College, Slidell Baptist Seminary, and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Andersonville Baptist Seminary. He is available for service as the Lord leads and may be reached by writing to P.O. Box 1158, Nicholson, MS 39463.

Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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That Time of the Year

Once again church finance committees are meeting to plan for the new church year. Most of our churches run their church year from September through the following August. This follows the Sunday School year and the public and private school years.

Committees are elected, teachers are chosen and church budgets are set.

Each of the departments of our denominational work rely on the donations of our supporting churches to survive financially. This is even true of those ministries who charge for their services.

Southeastern Baptist College charges tuition to her students,

but the fees received do not come close to providing adequate operating funds. Our Youth Department must charge fees for camps and other activities, but these do not cover the total cost of operation.

Likewise, this publication charges a subscription fee. Currently that fee is \$1.20 per month for each family on a church's mailing list. The actual cost of operation on a per-subscriber



Don Brown
Editor

basis is closer to \$1.80 per month.

Over the past 9 or 10 years our subscription list has declined by over 900 families. The number of churches on the family plan has increased, while the total number of subscribers has decreased. Why is this?

A close look at a large number of our churches (both in the state and nationwide) shows a declining trend. This is a problem with most evangelical denominations.

Speaking recently with the editors of some of our sister publications, they too shared similar trends.

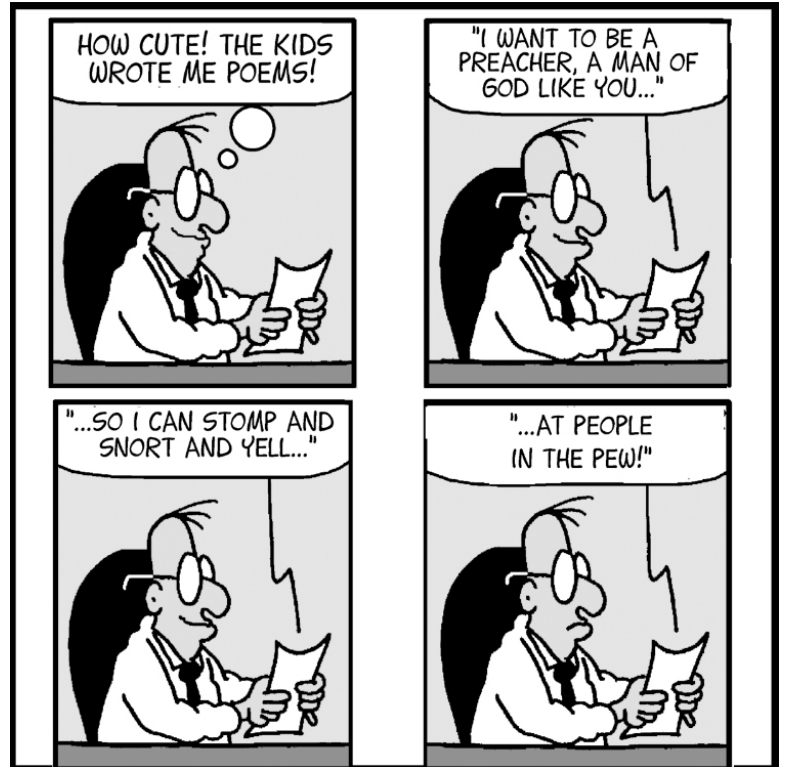
What is the answer? First of all we should certainly be concerned about reaching more people for Christ. This grows our churches and enables them to do more outreach and mission work. People reaching people is the key.

Secondly, I think we must take a look at all of our departmental needs and as we are able, increase support to a sufficient level to maintain our overall outreach.

As your church approaches its annual business meeting and as plans are made for your local church work, keep in mind that the ministries of the BMA of Mississippi and America rely on the generous support of God's people and His churches. It is not the work of the departments, but the work of the Lord through His Churches who are extending their outreach via the ministries of the various departments of the BMA.

May we continue to push forward - and may we provide adequate financial support for the Lord's work.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



Pro-decency bill would restore gov't authority to fine for on-air profanities

OneNewsNow.com - A pro-decency measure that has been approved by a Senate committee would restore the government's authority to fine broadcasters for airing profanities.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee approved the bill that would reverse an appeals court ruling which struck down the Federal Communications Commission's new profanity policy. The Protecting Children from Indecent Programming Act (S. 1780), sponsored by Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia) and Mark Pryor (D-Arkansas), would force the FCC to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent. The bill was proposed after an appeals court ruled the FCC did not have the authority to enforce a new, tougher profanity policy.

Pat Trueman, special counsel with the Alliance Defense Fund, says the FCC began enforcing indecency laws a few years ago, when its leadership changed.

"Kevin Martin became the chairman of that commission [in 2005] and ... immediately began enforcing indecency

law," Trueman recalls, "and he's put, frankly, the fear of God in the broadcasters because they no longer can do whatever they want. We've got to get behind FCC chairman Kevin Martin and the other commissioners who want to help us clean up network television."

Reacting to the Committee's passage of the bill, Martin said that members of Congress "stated once again what we on the Commission and every parent already knows: even a single word or image can indeed be indecent."

But Trueman says the proposal faces much opposition - some of that from the sponsors' own party. "The reality is, many Democrats do not support this bill," the attorney observes. "They are for complete so-called 'freedom of the speech' of the airwaves. And many are heavily paid through PAC money by the network broadcasters and their friends. So there's a great reluctance to pass it in the full House or the full Senate."

For that reason, Trueman says it is crucial that concerned Christians contact their congressman and senator about the pro-decency measure.



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Book Recommendation

"The A.C.L.U. vs America" by Alan Sears and Craig Osten, Broadman and Holman Publishers. This book shares the radical ideology of the American Civil Liberties Union and its policymaking. This is an excellent moral readings for pastors, teachers, and our Christian families in America.

Some covered topics are: The A.C.L.U. vs Marriage, The A.C.L.U. vs Religion, The A.C.L.U. vs Children, The A.C.L.U. vs Christmas, etc., etc.

The cost of the book is approximately \$15.00.

What is your Opinion regarding Gambling?

More and more church members are participating in this hidden and sinful addiction. Leadership Magazine, Fall, 2006 edition, has an excellent article written by Abram Book. The article states, "What makes gambling addictions so devastating is that it is hard to spot, and many people don't seek help until they're hooked"

Joanna Franklin, a compulsive gambling counselor in Baltimore,

Maryland, states there are a few gambling addiction warning signs. They are:

1. a person is suddenly spending large amounts of money,
2. they are frequently taking out large loans from banks or individuals,
3. they are maxing out their credit cards and charge accounts.

So how are we Christians, teachers, youth leaders, and pastors advised to counsel and warn against this addiction. Pastor Dean Register of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, gives four (4) key principles in addressing this subject of gambling:

1. "The Integrity Principle" - Gambling appeals to greed and feeds a lusty selfish pursuit. It's a celebration of irrationality that undermines responsibility and compromises your personal integrity.
2. "The Influence Principle" - As a believer, you have a responsibility to others. Gambling is economic kudzu that oppresses the poor and vulnerable among us, and there are plenty statistics that show this.
3. "The Economic Principle" - Casinos offer you something for

nothing. But it always has a price. Gambling creates higher costs for law enforcement and welfare, and takes jobs away from restaurants, supermarkets, and other area businesses.

4. "The Social Principle" - George Will likes to say that we're living in a day in which big government demands big gambling. Gambling has been directly linked to the demise of society's health. Gambling does not contribute to a city's quality of life.

Write your Congressman

Take time to get your U.S. Congressman's name, address and share your political and spiritual convictions. There is and will always be a dire need for Christians to stand up and share their Biblical convictions.

Highlighted Contributing Churches to the CAC

Lee's Chapel #2, Picayune
 Magnolia Heights, Forest Mt Carmel, Carriere
 Mill Creek, Picayune
 Mineral Springs, Taylorsville

Holsinger's critics have a problem with his faith, says observer

OneNewsNow.com - An official with the Institute on Religion and Democracy says many critics of President Bush's nominee for surgeon general have no problem with his qualifications. Their main concern, says Mark Tooley, appears to be his faith.

Recently, the first hearings were held concerning the president's nominee for surgeon general, Dr. James Holsinger, Jr. The Kentucky cardiologist has come under fire by homosexual activist groups who have condemned him because he is president of the Judicial Council in the United Methodist denomination, which is the church's top court. One of those groups, the Human Rights Campaign, has attacked Holsinger for what it calls his "anti-gay beliefs" and for his association with a church that has an ex-"gay" ministry. Both stances, says HRC, would conflict with his responsibilities as surgeon general.

Mark Tooley is with the Institute on Religion and Democracy in Washington, DC. He says most of Dr. Holsinger's critics are unhappy with his stand on homosexuality and same-sex "marriage." According to Tooley, cases have come before the council involving the church's official policies on homosexuality.

"So, predictably, these homosexual organizations focusing on Dr.

Holsinger's church activities have said that he is not qualified to be U.S. surgeon general because, supposedly, he is too extreme to serve in the role as top doctor for the American people," Tooley observes. "But of course, Dr. Holsinger belongs to a mainstream denomination which, if anything, is left of center," he adds.

The IRD spokesman says it seems as if critics of Holsinger want to prohibit all traditional Christians from holding public office. Tooley also says it is telling that Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and John Edwards have voiced their opposition to Dr. Holsinger.

Church Seeks Pastor

Broadmoor Baptist Church, 5426 Hwy 39 North, Meridian, MS 39305, is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. If you are interested in this position, please mail your resume to the attention of the pulpit committee at the address listed above.

Stephanie Holifield, Church Clerk

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS

What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?

Few things are as depressing as becoming old enough for the songs on the radio to 'mean' something (except maybe turning old enough that the songs of your high school years are now played on 'classic' weekends - thank you KZ-94). It's not that much pop music is so deep that it's hard to understand, but when you can relate to it on levels other than background noise. Most of us have heard the old song (and its remakes) 'What Becomes of the Brokenhearted'. Do you remember the first time your heart was ever broken? I do. It was in junior high (when you still have all the perks of the good life, but none of the responsibilities).

All of my classmates and I had grown beyond the 'I love you, do you love me, please check one' style of dating and were beginning to see what a real relationship would be like. For that age group such a relationship was exciting, new, and eventually painful - it's not easy to have your heart broken. If you still had to have the box checked, eventually it would be checked 'no'. How great it would be if after that first painful lesson, your heart never broke again or at least it was never as painful again - but those things aren't true either. Having your heart broken is much like bumping your



Shane's World

Shane Singleton

head - no matter how often it happens it never hurts any less. And it happens more often that we would like.

Friends do or say something and it breaks our heart. We might hide in the words of 'It's just how they are' or 'It doesn't matter what others say', but in our heart a bruise begins to form. Nobody can hurt us as much as those we love and we don't hurt anybody else more than the ones we love. There are those in our lives during those painful times that all of a sudden take the side of the 'enemy'. The bruise from the words of a friend becomes a deeper wound by the loneliness that begins to set in from being abandoned.

King David had Ahithophel, Jesus had Judas, we all seem to have somebody that would take this role when we least expect it (or maybe it's just more noticeable when we're already hurting). This is when panic and fear sets in. We think those hurtful words and that abandoned feeling are forever. It will always be

like this. When you look back over the causes of a heartbreak, they are no different now than they would have been 20 years ago. Friends talk, sides are taken, and we feel like we will always be alone. It wasn't true then, and that's not true now.

To be honest, it has never really been true. I mentioned King David - the friend that turned on him was his own son, Absalom. David's former counselor, Ahithophel, took Absalom's side and David felt like he was all alone. When his heart broke, he did what any of us would want to do - run fast, run far, and leave all the pain behind. But we never can, our pain travels with us wherever we may go.

So what does become of the broken hearted? Call on the Lord with great confidence. Think back to the first time your heart was broken. Who mended it? Who gave you strength? Who brought you through? It might have been through the hands of many, but overall it was God. He is always there, especially in the trying times.

Call on Him with great confidence and cast your burdened, broken heart on Him. That would be the advice David would give (Psalm 55); that would even be the advice Peter would give (I Peter 5:8); and these are men that know broken

Each Day In Nicaragua a Unique Blessing



by Shirley Warrick BMMI Team participant from BMMI Newsletter

What a blessed treat it is for me to go on a mission trip! And my most recent one to Nicaragua was no different as far as blessings were concerned, but as they all are, this one was unique.

We arrived in Managua and were

hearts. It seems so easy, yet think of how easily our hearts break. Wouldn't the gracious hand of God make the solution as simple, if not simpler, than the sorrow? If the musical question of our lives seems to be "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?", let's answer with another 'classic' song - "Where Could We Go But to the Lord?"

met at the airport by a lady with a "card" who just escorted us right out of the airport into the waiting bus. It was very late when we arrived at our hotel and we learned that the missionaries, Oscar and Tamy Gaitan, planned to pick us up at 6:00 a.m. the next morning for our first day of work. We protested, "Too early, too early!" and they changed it to 7:00!

After breakfast, we were then on our way to San Jorge, all of us just very excited to be in Nicaragua. When we arrived, there were already people waiting to be seen by the doctors for medical needs. We ministered to them, both physically and spiritually, which is always the goal of any BMMI trip.

On Sunday, we all went to different churches. The one I went to was outside on a plot of ground that has been purchased for a church, but that has not happened yet. There were about 50 people there and even though I didn't know what the pastor was saying, I knew for certain the Holy Spirit was there also.

Wherever we could set up to see men, women, and children who needed attention, that was where we wanted to be. One day we worked outside where the wind was blowing so hard that we thought we would never be clean again. Another day, we worked out of someone's living room - that is the way it was - every day was different! We saw over 800 people and approximately 125 accepted Christ.

The missionaries, Oscar and Tamy Gaitan, were such gracious hosts and we had the special treat of meeting their little daughter, Lydia ... we all fell in love with her!

On the day reserved for shopping and sightseeing, we saw an active volcano, the only fresh water lake in the world where sharks live, and other interesting sights.

When it is time to pack up and go home, there is always a degree of sadness, but when we reflect on the people we have helped, both physically and spiritually, it is a time of joy as well. I praise God for the privilege of going on this trip. "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalms 100:5



Singles Conference September 14-16, 2007 Grapevine, Texas



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To be single in an American society has its unique challenges. To be single in the church is a different animal all together. The ONE Conference is designed for those living the single life. You'll be encouraged by great speakers, inspired by gifted artists and given an opportunity to connect with other singles in the BMA. This one-of-a-kind event features world-class amenities and a first-class ministry opportunity. Join with singles across the BMA for ONE special weekend of worship, prayer, fellowship and fun. ONE... but not alone.



Keynote Speaker Alan Corry has been involved in single adult ministry almost 20 years. He has served as a singles pastor and most recently as Single Adult Specialist for LifeWay. He is founder of singleadultministry.com and managing editor of Living Solo Magazine.



Patti Foster's life is a testament of the love she feels for others and that is what she will share during Session 2. Patti's desire is to inspire, encourage and motivate.



Featured artist Clay Cross has had numerous #1 Christian hits such as "I Surrender All" and "I Will Follow Christ." He is a three-time Dove Award recipient.



Neil Dumas will lead in worship for ONE. He has served as minister of music and education at First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Tex. for the past 13 years. Neil is an accomplished musician, songwriter and minister of the gospel who will bless your heart as you worship.



Christian Comedian, Thor Ramsey has been featured in the family-friendly comedy series, "Bananas," and his own series, "Comedy At Large with Thor Ramsey." He is a very funny man!

Hilton DFW Lakes (www.hiltondfwlakesecc.com) in Grapevine, Tex. will serve as host to this singles event. Room rate is \$109 with up to four to a room by the Aug. 14 deadline. Make your reservations by calling the Hilton at (800) 984-1344 or direct at (817) 481-8444. Registration for ONE is \$75 per attendee by Aug. 24. After that date the fee will increase to \$85 and the off site registration is \$95. All attendees are expected to pay registration. Registration is non-refundable after the Aug. 24 deadline. You may register online at www.bma-dcm.org or complete the registration form found online and mail to DCM along with your check. Call the DCM office with any questions at (501) 513-3726 or via e-mail at triciak@conwaycorp.net. See you at ONE!

Marriage Makers and Breakers

Breaker # 1: S-E-C-R-E-T-S

There are no perfect marriages. Now that we have established that fact, it is important for married couples to always be willing to grow



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together. I have heard people who get a divorce say, "We were young when we married and just grew apart." I wished that they would have grown up and grown together.

All people change. Adults mature through life. It would be sad if everyone in their 40's and 50's were the same identical people they were when they were in their 20's. The key is to grow and change as an individual, yet at the same time, always taking into consideration that you no longer live for just you. You are married. You have a covenant partner. You are obligated to live for someone else. You no longer make independent decisions. We must make the most of the great gift God has given us - our partner for life. You don't need to be dedicated

to marriage. You need to be devoted to marriage.

There are some things that break down and break up a marriage. Always file these in your head to avoid doing them. Aggressively seek to not do them. Here's the first.

Keeping secrets from each other

This is sledge hammer when it comes to tools that destroy a marriage. Trust is a fundamental requirement of a good marriage. In therapy, we would tell our families, "you are only as sick as the secrets you keep." You may keep a secret from your spouse because you don't want to hurt their feelings. You may keep a secret from your spouse because you don't want to get into trouble. You may keep a secret from your spouse because you are sinning. All three of these excuses create a marital strike-out. And don't try and equivocate your spouse keeping a birthday party secret from you, as the same as you not telling your spouse of your internet problem. They are not the same thing.

You will have to learn to speak

the truth in love. Ephesians 4:15. You will have to learn that God hates lies. You will have to learn to quit living a lie and start living the truth. Yes, it will hurt. But it only adds to the pain to lie about it to someone you are suppose to trust with everything.

If you have found out a secret that your spouse kept from you, then you will have to grieve through it. You have the right to be upset, depressed, angry or whatever emotion you are feeling. Yes, there has been a betrayal. However, that does not give you the right to be a flaming tongued tyrant now.

Don't take your hurt, and break the heart of your marriage. As a Christian spouse you must seek Godly counsel and set some boundaries

about your marriage. It is okay to not trust your spouse for now. They have broken the trust vow. But trust can be re-earned. It may take a little time. The offending partner may not like some of the boundaries placed on them, but that is a consequence of sinning and keeping it secret. Deal with it.

As you work through the pain, you are going to have to practice forgiveness. You will never find healing for your broken vows or broken heart until you do. You don't have to feel like forgiving them. You just have to be obedient to God's Word. Ephesians 4:32. Matthew 18:34,35. You can't hold it over them the rest of their life either. Both of you will have to deal with this for some time. You have to work together. Trust has to slowly be rebuilt. The secret keeping spouse cannot just expect the offended spouse to "get over it." I am sure you would love for this to hurry and get behind you so that your little secret will not mar your conscience too long. But healing takes time.

You will both have to have a heart of restoration and reconciliation. It is not the worst thing in the world. That would be to die without Jesus. Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37. You are going to have to do some hard work. If it is a secret like "I have been going to jog after work instead of coming straight home", then you two can probably work this out on your own. If it is a big secret like, I have been going to lunch with someone at work or I have been looking something up on the internet, then you will probably want to seek objective third-party Biblical counsel.



Without Natural Affection

An accurate description of society today can be found in II Timothy 3:1-5. This description is not some abstract of an unknown people in an unknown time. I believe it accurately and prophetically describes the time in which we live today. Who can argue with such words and phrases describing men as "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers" and this is only a partial list. Every one of these "qualities" can be found daily from a compilation of newspapers.

One phrase that stands out as especially true and descriptive is "without natural affection." The word natural is derived from the word nature which has to do with "the inherent or essential qualities of anything," to give a dictionary definition. To have affection for someone means to cherish that person. The phrase is also found in Romans 1 with reference to homosexuals who are without natural affection for the opposite sex. Having natural affection is the norm, as in a male having natural affection for a female, a female having natural affection for a male, and a parent having a natural affection for his or her children. In other words, it's just the natural thing, or that which is expected and normal.

Though the Bible never mentions the word abortion, it does speak of murder and shedding of innocent blood. The phrase "without natural affection" in I Timothy 3:3 can also describe the feeling of a mother toward a child she may want aborted. In the animal kingdom, most mothers have an intense desire to protect their young, to the point of the mother putting her own life on the line. With animals, this is called instinct. The mother doesn't think about it or have to be taught to protect her young. She just does it, therefore it is natural.

All human mothers have a God-given desire to protect their young, whether inside or outside the womb. To dislike, even hate a child to the

Just remember, God is on your side. God wants your marriage to be successful. Secrets and trust breakers are not acceptable in a marriage, but they don't have to destroy a marriage. Seek God with all your humbled heart. And finally, if your spouse isn't keeping secrets, but you always have an air of mistrust, then you need to go for biblical counseling yourself. You may have some previous issues to overcome. God bless your journey. His grace and mercy awaits you both.

point of murdering the child, is to be without natural affection. But God places a natural affection within the heart of every parent. The same can be said of any father who might abuse or kill his children. He is without natural affection. Simply put, it is natural for him to love and protect his children, and unnatural to hate and abuse them. The result of any mother who rejects or denies this God-given natural affection is guilt and frustration, which explains why so many mothers who have had



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their children killed, eventually need some kind of emotional or psychological counseling. They also need forgiveness from God for committing the sin of murder.

As we "celebrate" decades of killing the innocent and helpless, may God have mercy on America and raise the consciousness level of this current generation concerning the horrible holocaust that has been taking place in the name of choice, because of the lack of natural affection.

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Creation scientist: Recently discovered fossil doesn't bolster evolutionists' claims

OneNewsNow.com - Science fiction reported as science fact? That's the claim of a staff member with Answers in Genesis in reaction to a recent scientific "discovery."

Dr. David Menton, a speaker with the apologetics ministry Answers in Genesis, says the recent announcement that scientists have found a possible link between two species of early humans is more fiction from those who want to promote the false theory of evolution. He says he sees a double standard in how evolutionists handle their so-called discoveries in comparison to other scientific fields.

"The intriguing thing is that in any legitimate branch of science, these articles are published in the scientific literature and are hashed over there long before you get the popular press," explains Menton. "But in the field of evolution - and particularly hot-button areas of evolution like origin of birds, origin of humans - it seems like the first release is to the public, as though the real effort was to convince the public rather than to really communicate with the scientific community."

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GMA First Vice-president

Hi, my name is Megan Brewer. I am your Mississippi State GMA 1st Vice-president. I want to remind everyone that state GMA camp this year will be February 8th & 9th, 2008. Our Theme is Love the Unloveable - Mark 12:30-31. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. We have fun and exciting things planned for this year's camp. Our project this year is Creative Access Nations. Please support the project. Because of the immediate financial need for money there is a fund set up for this mission trip. Please send your money as soon as you can to Mrs. Shirlene Smith. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Shirlene Smith, Mrs. Beth Caldwell and/or any of the State GMA Officers. I will be sending out more information on how you can purchase a T-Shirt to wear at camp.

Being in GMA's has been fun, exciting and a learning experience

for me. God has blessed me in so many ways. He has given me an opportunity to meet many missionaries and girls from all over our nation. I enjoy being in GMA. Therefore, I am encouraging all GMA girls and counselors to pray that our camp will be a blessing, especially to those who do not know Christ. Counselors and pastors, please encourage all girls to attend. This is an opportunity to reach those who do not know Christ as their Savior. If you do not have a GMA Auxiliary at your local church and you are interested in becoming part of the GMAs, please contact Mrs. Beth Caldwell, State GMA Promoter. She will be happy to assist you.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you February 8th and 9th. Remember LOVE THE UNLOVEABLE.

May God Bless You All.

Megan Brewer, 1st Vice-Pres.

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Greetings from the Missions Department

Summer is in full swing and believe it or not it is almost time for school to start again! Our mission points have been enjoying summer camps and life decisions have been made by several young people around our state. Bro. Latrelle Windham does a fine job planning our camps every year. We praise God for him.

God continues to bless the Mississippi State Revolving Loan Fund. We are steadily opening new accounts. We have been blessed with several nice size deposits. Due to the

number of loan applications, coupled with the amount of liquid assets on hand, the Missionary Committee has decided to implement a moratorium on out-of-state loans. The moratorium will be lifted once operating funds increase.

Our Special Emphasis will end July 31st. As of July 25th, we have received \$18,357.30. We praise God for this amount. The names of the churches to be placed in the Missions 2008 Calendar will be listed in next month's issue of the Mississippi Baptist.

Please remember our state Missionaries

in daily prayer.

Missionary Reports for June

Bro. Ed Duvall

Homes Visited	5
Soul Talks	10
Professions of Faith	1
Average SS Attendance	17
Total Monthly Offering	\$1,516.52

Bro. Elvis Garcia

Homes Visited	34
Soul Talks	40
Average SS Attendance	30
Additions by Baptism	5
Additions by Letter	1
Total Monthly Offering	\$452.12

Bro. Kevin Marr

Homes Visited	10
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Average Worship Attendance	33
Addition by Baptism	1
Total Monthly Offering	\$2,335.25

Bro. Estuardo Marriquin

Homes Visited	18
Soul Talks	69
Professions of Faith	8
Average SS Attendance	72
Additions by Letter	4
Total Monthly Offering	\$3,179.46

Bro. Joseph Oyeleye

Homes Visited	34
Soul Talks	45
Professions of Faith	5
Average SS Attendance	10
Total Monthly Offering	\$932.00

Bro. Wallace Williams

Homes Visited	5
Soul Talks	1
Average Worship Attendance	50
Total Monthly Offering	\$6,497.00



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Welcome

Well, do you attend many associational meetings where there's not a "welcome" given somewhere near the beginning of the meeting? The word "Welcome" does not appear in the Bible (even in the KJV).

So where did we ever get the idea that we're supposed to do that? Is it just to tell folks where the nursery and the rest rooms are located and where to find the kitchen or fellowship hall?

These "welcomes" surely come from a desire to be hospitable as the scripture tells us, especially in I Peter 4:9: "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." According to I Timothy 3:2 preachers certainly are to be hospitable. So let's keep on giving those "Welcomes"!

Court rules against prayer opposers

OneNewsNow - The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has vacated a lower court ruling against Louisiana's Tangipahoa Parish School Board over prayers at board meetings. The court said the plaintiffs didn't show they had standing to file a lawsuit.

Writing for the majority, Chief Judge Edith Jones found that the court record didn't show that the plaintiffs actually were exposed to the invocations. The appeals court also ordered the lower court to dismiss the case brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of two public school students and their father.

Another lawsuit over prayer at a Tangipahoa Parish high school graduation ceremony is pending at the district level.

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