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On Carnival's Fantasy Ship - January 15 - 19, 2009

The Great Escape Cruise

Attention all full-time, part-time, volunteer or future youth workers! How would you like to get away with other youth workers to spend time in fellowship, networking, learning and relaxing...ON A CRUISE SHIP? Well now is your chance to leave your cares behind and spend a weekend on a 4-Day Western Caribbean Cruise. For \$400 per person, you will sail out of New Orleans, Louisiana, on board the Carnival Fantasy with one port of call in beautiful Cozumel, Mexico. This price includes all meals, lodging, on-board entertainment and conference registration!



The only additional cost is your travel to New Orleans, on-board tips (recommended \$50 per person) and optional insurance of \$49 per person. Third and fourth persons in the same cabin cost \$200 each. Great Escape cabins will be on the Rivera 1 Deck of the Fantasy. Our Escape begins Thursday, January 15, 2009 to set sail at 4:00 pm with a return date of Monday, January 19 at 8:00 am. During each day at sea, you will enjoy the teaching of guest speakers John David Smith and Terry Kimbrow along with worship led by Steven Carroll. When in port, you may choose from a variety of island excursions (prices vary) or relax on board. You may view the excursions by going to www.carnival.com and locate your cruise. Be ready to board 12:30 pm - 2:30 for the 4:00 departure. You will need a Passport or Original Birth Certificate and a Government issued ID such as a Driver's License. Pier parking costs \$14 per day.

1	New Orleans, LA	4:00pm
2	Fun Day At Sea	
3	Cozumel, Mexico	8:00am-5:00pm
4	Fun Day At Sea	
5	New Orleans, LA	8:00am

Register now before the ship fills up! A \$150 per person deposit is due by Thursday, August 28, 2008. This amount is refundable until November 17, 2008 when the remaining balance of \$211.08 is due. To register with Carnival call 1-866-721-3225 and identify the group as The Great Escape with booking #3Z54H6. At that time you will let them know

if you want insurance or advance pay for the tip. You will also need to request the early dining at 6:15 pm. Next you will need to register with DiscipleGuide by going to our web site at www.discipleguide.org and click on conferences then The Great Escape. The registration fee is \$40 per person. You may register online or download the registration form and mail it to the DCM office. Deadline for DCM registration is August 28 and is non-refundable after that date. Call the DCM office with any questions at 501-513-3726.

See you on board for The Great Escape Cruise!

Mississippi CAC Director

Dr. John Adams to serve as MAC Interim Director

By Bobby L. Hudgens

Board of Trustees Chairman

The board of trustees of the Moral Action Committee has asked Dr. John Adams to serve as interim director of the Moral Action Committee, and he has accepted. Please place him on your prayer list and faithfully pray for him.

Due to the tragic loss of Dr. Roy L. McLaughlin, the Moral Action Committee board of trustees felt it was necessary that we search out a leader to function as interim director until our annual association meeting next April. Going into a critically important

election season, we believe the association needs someone to keep BMAA people informed of moral issues related to the election and encourage them to actively make their convictions known to their state and national legislative bodies.

Effective immediately please send all offerings to the following address:

Moral Action Committee, P.O. Box 305, Mantachie, MS 38855



John Adams

Standard Annual Church Letter Now Available

DiscipleGuide Information Services, with the input of many church and association clerks, has developed a standardized church letter form that will save church clerks time and duplication of effort. Using this new form will allow church clerks to complete only one annual church letter instead of three, supply their local and state associations (not national) with the information they need, and provide Information Services the data needed for the Directory and Handbook.

Paper copies of the church letter forms are being distributed to local association and church clerks. The form will soon be available

online at www.DiscipleGuide.org allowing clerks to complete their church letter online, submit it to Information Services, save a copy to their personal computer, and print additional copies as needed. You will be able to find it on the DiscipleGuide Web site in the Pastors/Leaders drop-down menu or by clicking on the Information Services button.

We encourage all church and association clerks to make use of the new standardized church letter. Additional information is available by contacting us at info@discipleguide.org or by calling 870-772-4550.



*Southeastern Baptist College
Celebrating 60 Years*

I'm Old Enough

When I was younger, I wanted to be older. When I was a child, I wanted to be older so that I could do the "big boy things." As a younger child, I could not wait until I got older to "do things" that were not allowed for children. I could not wait until I "grew up" so that I could participate in those things reserved strictly for older kids. I got to be a big boy and did those things. Then when I was an adolescent, I wanted to be older. I wanted to be older to do the "adult" things. Then I could not wait as an adolescent to grow up to be allowed into the adult world. Adults could do things adolescents could not. Time graciously passed, and I grew from adolescence to adulthood. Now I am an adult. Now I am an adult significantly past middle adulthood. I have done the adult things for quite some time now. I have had lots of time to be older.



today.

Yes, I am old enough now. I'm old enough to die. I still have dreams of some things I want to do and accomplish. I still have plans I am making for "tomorrow" if God grants me another day. There are still some "big boy" (even man)

Leave It To Cleaver

things I want to do before I leave. My list may be somewhat different from my childhood and adolescent viewpoint; nevertheless it is a viable list of things to accomplish. I'm working on it!

Dear God, this morning it dawned on me I am now old enough to die. Death comes to all for it is appointed for all humankind to die, and after

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.

Canaan, Purvis

Canaan Baptist Church, Purvis will hold its revival August 24-30. Speakers will be: Bro. Mike Lee, Sunday Morning service, August 24; Bro. Troy Burrows, Sunday evening service, August 24; Bro. Harold Floyd, Monday night, August 25; Bro. Virgil Ainsworth, Tuesday night, August 26; Bro. Gary Kelly, Wednesday night, August 27; Bro. Roger Miller, Thursday night, August 28; Bro. Sidney Farmer, Friday night, August 29; Bro. Scottie Rayburn, Saturday night, August 30.

that the judgment. I have always been old enough to die. Yet right now I understand You have given me today as a gift of life. I want to accept this gift to do the living that is granted me today. I want to do the kind of living with this gift that is perfectly acceptable to You. May I please You today! That's my prayer.

What I really need now that I am old enough to die is a full realization of what it is to live in the fear of God. Teach me that I will learn and learn well that life is from You. May I certainly count this day as a blessed day. Spirit of the Living God, come to my being so that I may be accountable to You for my behaviors today. Let me know reverence - the genuine and without pretense fear of God. Fear is not cringing in fright at the worry of doing wrong. Fear is obeisance in Your awesomeness with holiness of soul wanting to please You. Amen.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy a great time fo preaching, music, and fellowship. Time 7:00 p.m. nightly

William Robertson, reporter

Woodlawn, Pascagoula, to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Woodlawn Baptist Church, Pascagoula, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sunday, September 7, 2008. Our Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m., with morning worship at 10:30. Lunch will be served at noon with the anniversary service at 1:30 in the afternoon.

You are cordially invited to this special anniversary service.

Hopewell Baptist Church near Laurel to hold revival

Hopewell Baptist Church, 95 Jasper Hwy 533, Laurel, will begin revival services on Sunday September 7, with Evangelist Gary Smith of Tupelo, Mississippi. There will be regular services on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We will have lunch in the fellowship hall after the morning service.

Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening through Wednesday

2008 Local Association Meeting Schedule

Association	Date	Location	Speaker
Big Creek	Oct 4	Fairview, Laurel	Harold Holifield
Capitol	Sept 20	Oakland, Vicksburg	Michael Moore
East Central	Sept 13	Calvary, Leakesville	Greg Hillman
Gulf	Oct 9	TBA	TBA
Harmony	Oct 11	Corinth, Farmington	Martin Jameson
Hobolochitto	Sept 27	Hickory Grove, Lumberton	Wayne Rice
Judson	Sept 13	Oak Grove, Mantachie	Michael Yielding
Mid-Central	Sept 20	Magnolia Heights, Forest	Ray Lott
Oak Grove	Sept 18	Main Street, Petal	Ralph Hatten
Tombigbee	Oct 4	Shiloh, Caledonia	Bobby Jerrell
Washington	Sept 20	Temple, Lucedale	Malcolm Clark

Spotlight on BMAA Missions Work Crew needed in Romania

Our work in Romania continues to do well under the direction of our National Coordinator, Bro. Daniel Bagosi and our team of national workers there. With over 10,000 villages in Romania without any gospel witness, the burden of the Romanian brethren is to reach as many of these villages as possible. God continues to open new opportunities for us to reach out to new villages and this is one of those stories.

During the 2007 fall semester at Central Baptist College, the missions office became aware of a student there from Romania by the name of Elvis Opris. This young man's family lives near Brasov - they have a ministry there that needs helpers to work on their building. Our long range goals are to help with church planting in that region, but first the building there needs two porches built.

Florin Opris, Elvis' dad, has written the missions office asking if maybe a work crew could come over and complete this project. We are organizing a work team right now for the last part of September or the first part of October to answer this humble request. If you have any interest in making this trip please call Bro. Larry Barker for more details. Office number is 501-455-4977 & cell is 501-766-2606.

July - August 2008

Special Emphasis

Southeastern Baptist College

60 Years of Service To The Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

night, September 10. Pastor Arthur Smith and the entire church family at Hopewell invite you to come worship with us. If you need more information, call 601-729-5638.

Pineview, Lucedale

Pineview Baptist Church of Lucedale has been busy for the Lord. June 9-22 we sent 27 youth and 5 sponsors to the Washington District Youth Camp at Paul B. Johnson State Park and were blessed with 7 professions of faith. June 22nd three more came on profession of faith and were baptized. July 21-25th we held Bible School with a high attendance one night of 79. We also raised over \$400 in our Pennies for Christ drive. We are serving Jesus by sending this money to Bro. Ed Duvall at Homestretch Baptist Church in Cleveland. The following week Pineview held community revival services with Bro. Jason Howard preaching on Monday night, Bro. Sidney Farmer on Tuesday night, Bro. John Mills on Wednesday night, Bro. Brandon Rogers on Thursday night, and Bro.

Skip Holland on Friday night. During these services Pineview was blessed with three souls saved, many re-dedications, four joining as candidates of baptism, and three on promise of letter. Once again, Bro. John had the privilege of baptizing nine Sunday night.

Pastor John Mills
Reporter Myrnis Jones

Red Creek to hold rally

Red Creek Baptist Church will host a BEAMS Rally on Friday, August 29th. We will start serving gumbo and fried chicken at 5:00 p.m. (no charge) with special music starting at 6:00 p.m. and preaching at 6:30 p.m. Guest preachers are Bro. Tommy Watts, Bro. Jeff Bass, and Bro. Johnny Pope. Our church is located at the corner of Smithtown Road and Red Creek Church Road, Wiggins. For more information contact Pastor Scotty Rayburn at 601-928-9886 or BEAMS at 228-832-1096. An offering will be taken for Bible Education and Missionary Service (BEAMS) for Bibles.

Ministry position open

Oakland Baptist Church, Vicksburg, is seeking a Director of Children and Youth Ministries, with an emphasis on children grades 1-6. If interested, send a resume to Pastor Michael Moore at 2959 Oak Ridge Rd. Vicksburg, MS 39183; email pastorrob@bellsouth.net; or call 601-638-6724.

When Kids Have 'Meltdowns'

All kids have temper tantrums. It is a normal part of childhood development. All humans must learn how to deal with frustrations and anger. Those who don't live a life of fractured relationships. They live a life of offending others and separating themselves from the love of others. The Bible even warns us to not make friends with an angry man less we learn his ways. Therefore it is incumbent upon all parents to teach their children to be angry, but to not sin with it. We must teach our children healthy, holy ways of responding to anger in life. It is a fundamental parent-child issue.



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

down. Don't get into an argument with them at this point. After they have calmed down, really listen to them and see what is making them so angry. Talk it out. Help them. They want help. They don't have any coping skills on how to deal with anger. Teach them as they get older to pray, go walking, or count backwards in their head. Teach them to always talk it out before they strike out. Help them learn that hitting, kicking and screaming is not tolerated in the home.

If it persists then privileges have to be removed. Sometimes discipline is necessary to get them to learn that you mean business. You will not accept this type of response to anger. Give them some water to drink. If they throw it at you, they are now in a Meltdown 2 Category.

2. Moderate Meltdown

Here you have to protect the child. They are running around, screaming, throwing things etc. Remove them to a protective area. In a car it may require stopping the car and removing them to an outside location. Stay with them, but touch them as little as possible. Touching can set them off further. Forget dealing with the triggering event. You have to focus on calming them down. Tell them you promise to talk about all of it when they regain control. Nothing else is happening until they regain control. Have them try taking deep breaths. Walk. Remove the audience. Other people staring makes them mad. Other siblings laughing at them makes it worse. Try and isolate them until sanity is restored, and then deal with what triggered the behavior.

Then, help the child learn coping skills on how to get angry, but not have a total meltdown. Discipline is required long term if the learning skills do not take hold.

3. Severe Meltdown

The child won't even remember this event. After it is over, you are physically and emotionally drained. The child feels bad because they didn't mean to go this far and in fact may have had a mental lapse so they don't really remember how bad they got. You must remove the child to a safe area because in these meltdowns, injury and damage to things around them frequently occur. You may have to learn a therapeutic hold

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Fall Registration

Registration days are August 14-15, and registration will be open through August 29. Classes begin as scheduled August 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Scholarships

Beside the Pell Grant, several other scholarships and grants are available to qualified students. Prospective students should contact the Financial Aid Director at the college at 601-426-6346.

The BMA Revolving Loan Fund provides a Pastoral Scholarship for Mississippi preachers who are members of BMA churches. The purpose of this scholarship is to help BMA preachers to attend Southeastern. There is a great need in our churches for more good pastors. We appreciate the R.L.F. for providing this assistance and encourage our preachers to take advantage of it. If preachers want to attend SBC, there will be a way for them to attend.

Memorial Gifts

Offices & Bookstore Remodeling



LEFT- The SBC Bookstore has been moved to the A.M. Wilson building.



RIGHT - The main reception area and office of the President's Secretary has been remodeled. New carpet was placed in two additional offices during the Summer

on the child. You have got to ride this out like a tsunami wave on the ocean. Your first priority is to calm them down and keep them safe.

Look for different triggers than just anger. Watch for food allergies. Do their ears turn red after eating certain things? Always take them to a physician to rule out any medical issues such as blood sugar, hormones or food allergy problems. If there is no physical cause, then these kids may have ODD. It is an emotional disorder that requires medication management. If your child has this, your pride will quickly fade away, and you will seek medication because the whole family suffers with these meltdowns. There is a constant fear of these meltdowns and they dominate the family lifestyle. Please, get this child help. They are good kids that don't want to do this. They need medical attention.

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

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Bethel Baptist Church, Seminary
Center Ridge Baptist Church,
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Centerville Baptist Church,
Mantachie
Community Baptist Church,
Poplarville
First Baptist Church, Bay Springs
First Calhoun Baptist Church,
Laurel

Movella Baptist Church, Lucedale
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church,
Picayune

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Lucedale
Paramount Baptist Church,
Perkinston

Riverside Baptist Church, Ellisville
Rock Hill Baptist Church, Meridian
Ten Mile Baptist Church
Ladies SS Class, Perkinston
Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Kiln

Individuals
Dr. and Mrs. Tony Cleaver
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis
Mrs. Marjorie Harper
Bro. and Mrs. Howard Rhoden
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore
Bro. Frank Panzarino
Dr. Medrick Savell

The total received at this time is \$11,053.05. The goal is \$60,000.00. If all churches and associations will give something, we should reach the goal and God should be honored for His blessings on the college for these 60 years. Please pray and send as the Lord supplies. We are asking the Lord for direction to use it for His glory.

Finally, pray about everything. Philippians 4:6,7. Then, God will give you peace. Pray specifically for God to develop in your child certain fruits of the spirit. I would ask God to develop the fruits of peace and self-control. I would pray for God to give me the fruits of long-suffering and peace. These can be found in Galatians 5:22. Don't give up. God will never give up on you or your child.



Opinion Page

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Doing What We Can

I have never actually looked forward to pulling into a McDonald's to eat, but as is the case with most of us, it has been very convenient at times - especially while traveling or in a hurry.

The article below gives information that I feel is vital to every Bible believing Christian who wishes to live according to God's Word and who also wishes to make a difference. While we cannot know the relationships of each company with whom we do business, I find it difficult to do business with those who support causes that I disagree with and that are so blatantly against Biblical principles. The one thing that the corporate world responds to in their "bottom line".



Don Brown
Editor

McDonalds has made a public decision concerning the support of the homosexual lifestyle. I have made a personal decision to not do business with them (not that I was a very frequent customer) and I urge our readers to follow suit. The kids will enjoy eating at another similar establishment and they are smart enough to understand that "We don't eat there anymore because they support 'bad' stuff".

Take a stand and do what you can to promote morality in a society that is slowing inching toward Sodom.

McDonald's does it again

McDonald's has done it again. First, the company paid \$20,000 to become a member of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and to have a seat on the board of directors. Next, McDonald's refused a request to remain neutral in the culture war by choosing to promote the gay agenda. Then McDonald's accused those opposing the gay agenda, including same-sex marriage, of being motivated by hate.

Now we learn that McDonald's sponsors training for homosexuals on how to promote their agenda among corporations from the inside. Out & Equal™ Workplace Advocates is a national organization devoted to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in the workplace. One of its primary purposes is to train employees how to aggressively promote homosexuality within the company they work for, all the way to the corporate boardroom. Part of last year's Out & Equal Summit in Washington, DC, (sponsored by McDonald's) was an organized march into congressional offices demanding same-sex marriage laws be passed.

At the bottom of McDonald's half-page ad in the Out & Equal Summit booklet is this statement: "From neighborhood to neighborhood, coast to coast and around the world, McDonald's is proud to celebrate diversity" (homosexuality).



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This column is for information purposes only.

Donald Sims

Donald Sims is available for pulpit supply and pastoral service as the Lord leads. He and his wife are members of Bethel Baptist Church of Wiggins. He may be reached at 601-528-3295.

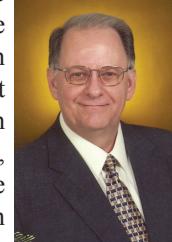
Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



Appropriate attire for pastors.

Keepers

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave



J.E. Sims

away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat, and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand and dish towel in the other.

Come share a time of reminiscing and recollection from our era: August 17, 1968 – August 17, 2008. "Grow old along with me; the best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made." — Robert Browning.

However, since we are unable to be in the USA on this date, our girls have arranged for us to have a celebration on September 27, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., at Lee's Chapel #2 Baptist Church (near Picayune, Mississippi). Come join us please!

In His great love,
Linda & Doyle Moore
BMAA Missionaries
Philippines

In a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating leftovers, renewing old things; I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there would always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most

gets all used up and goes away... never to return: So, while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage, old cars, children with bad report cards, dogs and cats with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

There are just some things that make life important, so we keep them close. Some things we keep.

—J.E. Sims, associate pastor/music director, via First, Mantachie, bulletin

Sunday School Clinic Set For August 30

The Big Creek Association will have Dr. Larry Silvey as their special guest to conduct a



Sunday School Clinic on Saturday August 30 at Parkview Baptist Church in Laurel.

The program will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at noon. All teachers from our churches are invited and encouraged to attend. Dr. Silvey is the former executive director of Baptist Publishing House for the BMA of America.



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Marriage Protection Amendment

U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, of Tupelo, has introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate that will protect our nation's most sacred institution, marriage. This piece of legislation would amend the United States Constitution to declare that marriage is a union only when it is between one man and one woman.

This act amends the Constitution to truly reflect the feelings of the vast majority of Christian Americans. It simply states. "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

Vote for Values, Not the Party

The United States has a great decision to make in the Presidential election of 2008. Our nation is locked

in a bitter cultural battle. We, as believers in Christ, have a spiritual and Biblical obligation to be engaged in this struggle.

This election in November, 2008, will offer voters a definite difference in choice regarding their values. The result will impact Americans for years to come. Christians must vote convictions that promote and stand for Godly values and standards. Reference is not made to either Democratic or Republican parties, but rather to Biblical values and standards. I encourage you to study the candidates closely and gather clear perspectives as to their values, beliefs, Godly principles, and religious convictions. Listen to their presentations and read reliable articles in books and magazines regarding their past voting records, religious affiliation (if any), marriage standards, stand on abortion and other crucial agendas. Compare their standards to Biblical standards. This election should not be in terms of political

parties, but in terms of Bible precepts. I encourage each of you to VOTEVALUESANDNOTPARTY.

Christmas in a Prisoner of War Camp

I have been reading on the candidates and ran across the following excerpt from Reader's Digest (December 1984), p. 84. It is regarding Senator John McCain, (Republican, Arizona and present candidate for President of the United States).

Senator John McCain wrote of his last Christmas as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. The previous Christmas was marked by his captor's cruelty, who punished McCain and the other prisoners for celebrating the birth of Christ.

Meeting this time with fear and trembling, they sang hymns and carols. "Suddenly we were 2,000 years and half a world away in the village called Bethlehem. And neither war, nor torture, nor imprisonment, nor the centuries themselves

had dimmed the hope born on that silent night so long ago. In a place designed to turn men into animals, we clung to one another, sharing what comfort we had." He continues, "The Vietnamese guards did not disturb us. But as I looked up at the barred windows, I wished they had been looking in. I wanted them to see us - faithful, joyful, and yes, triumphant."

United States Going the Way of Europe?

Dr. Philip Yancey shares this thought in his book entitled Finding God In Unexpected Places. He states "I have some hope that the U.S. will not go the way of Western Europe." In his travels, Yancey encountered many reminders of the abrupt decline in the European Christian faith.

A century ago "98% of all Dutch people attended church regularly, within two generations the percentage has fallen into the low teens." For a majority of Europeans, the Church seems wholly irrelevant.

Coming Home

Many of our Mississippi Baptist readers are faithfully committed to God's churches and serve in various positions. Pardon my personal reflection for a moment, but "it's Supper Time," and time to come

home. We need to pray for "Coming Home" revival among those out of God's service, that they will come back home.

As a young boy, growing up in Yazoo County and Scotland Baptist Church (what a wonderful church and community), I would listen to the good preaching of my pastors: Bro. James Brown and Bro. Johnny Watts. Often two of the "Scotland boys", Bro. Jimmy Cresswell and Bro. Bud Dixon would sing the song, "Supper Time." My mind and heart still sings when I think of the words, "come home it's supper time" I join many of you as we pray for our nation, leaders, churches, homes, and kids. God is our strength and hope

Suggested Books to Read

A Man of Faith
By David Aikman
W Publishing Group
\$14.99

Finding God In Unexpected Places
By Philip Yancey
Waterbrook Press
\$18.95

The 10 Commandments of Marriage
By Dr. Ed Young
Moody Publishers
\$18.99

Why Great Men Fall
By Wayde Goodall
New Leaf Press
\$11.99

Why Men Hate Going to Church
By David Murrow
Nelson Books
\$14.99

Highlighted Trustee of the Month

Dr. Eugene Anderson is married to the former Sheron Flurry. They have one child at home age 22, named Ryan Jesse. Dr. Anderson has been in the ministry 23 years and has been pastor of Vardaman Street, Wiggins, MS for four years. We welcome Dr. Anderson and look forward to serving with him on the CAC.

**Highlighted Churches/
Associations for the Month**
Centerville, Mantachie
Community, Poplarville
Divine Grace, Long Beach
Dykes Chapel, Richton
East Central Association, Richton

Commission on Senior Adults

Vern D. Holifield, Director
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Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Greetings

It is good to greet the readers of the Mississippi Baptist Paper in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a world of many changes, He does not change. In a world of much sin, He remains sinless. He is able to meet every need we have. Praise His holy name.

Senior Adults

Many of our Seniors are staying close to home this Summer. They are doing their regular meetings and enjoying the fellowship. The price of fuel hinders a lot of trips. I am sure many of our Seniors are planning to attend the National Senior Adult Conference in Branson later on.

Southeastern Baptist College

The celebration of sixty years of ministry at Southeastern slipped up on me. I commend Dr. Savell, his staff, all former presidents, teachers, trustees, students and our churches for sixty years of ministry. I attended Southeastern College in her infant

years. In 1949 the college met in the basement of Park Baptist Church. Dr. D.N. Jackson was the president. In fact he was the first president if I remember correctly. It has been good to watch the college grow through the years. I commend Dr. Medrick Savell, my long time friend, for the job he is doing at the College. May God continue to bless this ministry.

For Your Information

The Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive has asked me to help them all the month of August. The Lord gave us ten years together some years ago. I love the people at Shiloh. They are in a large building program. Please pray for me and the church. God is able to do great things for us.

Church Visits

Church visits include Washington, Neely; Big Creek, Soso; Rocky Branch, Sumrall; Shiloh, Mt. Olive.

Association visits

We visited the Oak Grove Association when they met at Westover, brother Sam Oglesby, pastor. I had the privilege to preach at this meeting.

Financial Support

The financial support holds steady these Summer months. Thanks to every Church, Association and individual for your continued support. Many churches are looking at their budgets. Let me ask you to consider placing the Commission in your budget giving at some amount. It is needed and I sure will appreciate it.

Allow Me To Help

If I can assist your church with your Senior Adult organization or ministry, please let me know.

In Times Like These

In these times we see great and good things going on. We also see some sad things going on. In recent days the Lord has taken some of our very best people home. I am made sad, but I thank God for the blessed hope we have in Him. I have known some of these dear people for many years.

God bless!

How To Be Saved

The Bible says that you must first repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30) As you make this turn from sin to God, by faith you will then receive Christ as your own personal Saviour. (John 1:12) Other Scriptures call this believing on Jesus. (John 3:16; Acts 16:31) It is also called trusting in Christ, (Eph. 1:13) or committing our souls into His keeping. (1 Timothy 1:12) Still other Scriptures speak of it as submitting ourselves to Christ as Savior, (Romans 10:3) or calling upon the name of the Lord. (Romans 10:13)

Whichever way we may think of it, it all means the same thing. To be saved one must humbly (Luke 18:17) turn from their old life as a sinner, and believe in, or trust in, Christ to save. There is no more for you to do in order to be saved. Jesus does all of the saving. (Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15) It's wonderful to be saved and know it.

-Grover Laird



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Mississippi BMA Christian Ladies Retreat

September 26 & 27, 2008

Key Note Speaker
Sandy Jones

Hilton Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi
601-957-2800 or 1-888-263-0524
Fax 601-978-2242



Registration form

Registration fee - \$70.00 (non-refundable) due by September 12, 2008 (early registration appreciated)
Time of Registration - 3:00 p.m. -September 26, 2007

Church Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name Address Telephone (for contact person only)

Name _____ Name _____

(Use additional pages as needed)

Total Number Registered _____ Total Amount Submitted _____

Registration Fee should be in form of a check or money order
-no cash please. Mail registration fee to:

Peggy Thomaston
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(Make check payable to Mississippi State WMA)

Room reservations must be made directly with the Hilton by August 28, 2008. Call 601-957-2800 or 1-888-263-0524 or fax reservations to 601-978-2242. Advise hotel you are with the BMA Christian Ladies Retreat. Rooms must be guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit. For additional information call Peggy Thomaston at 228-826-2230 or 228-990-9311, Jean Knight at 601-928-3764 or Kay Chisholm at 601-764-2232 or 601-739-3632.

Short Notes From National Missions Department

Sympathy to Bro. And Mrs. Michael Poirier

Bro. Michael Poirier's mother died this past weekend. But what a joy to know that she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior just a few days before her death. His desire is that other members will come to know Christ during this time of sorrow. Pray that he will have opportunity to witness to them and that many will come to know Jesus personally.

BMMI Team Safe

The BMMI team that left for Gori, Georgia, last week are home after having to flee the country because of the Russian invasion. They made their way to Armenia, and were taken care of by our dear brother in Christ, Asatur Nahapeyan. They arrived home Wednesday, August 13. Thanks for your prayers in their behalf.

David Dickson Receiving Chemotherapy

Bro. David Dickson, missionary to Puerto Rico, is presently undergoing chemotherapy at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. His treatments began

Hobolochitto District WMA Report

The Hobolochitto District WMA met at Mt. Calvary, Picayune on July 29 with President, Nicole Mitchell presiding. Ladies from Benville, Lee's Chapel #2, Henleyfield, Mt. Carmel, and one visitor were in attendance. The newly decorated nursery was filled with little Sunbeams and GMAs. Praise the Lord.

Ministers present were Bro. Vernon Watts from Henleyfield, Bro. Cedrick Lumpkin from Mt. Carmel, and Bro. Rico Lee from Lee's Chapel #2.

Our project for the quarter is the Bible College in the Philippines where Bro. Doyle Moore is director. The ladies fellowship and fun-time is September 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Jack's Fish House in McNeil.

Officers were elected. Installation of new officers was led by Ollie Mae Currie. The theme was "The shoe must have all parts to fit properly." She challenged each one to work together and fulfill the duties given them.

Congratulations to Benville ladies winning the banner. Bro. Rico Lee was our speaker.

Our new president, Cassie Miller, encouraged all ladies to attend the October 28 meeting at Mt. Carmel.

Good fellowship and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Jean Overton, Reporter

August 5 and will continue through the next few months. After treatments he will undergo surgery to remove his bladder. Continue to pray for him and his wife, Shelley, and other members of his family. His mailing address is: David Dickson, 2514 Chaffin Lane, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753. His e-mail is garifuna1@aol.com.

Volunteer Student Missionaries Are All Back in the States

We rejoice because of God's blessings on each VSM team that served during June, July and August. All twelve teams are safely home and each reports successful ministries. We thank all who prayed, all who contributed financially and those who went as sponsors. Pray that the seeds that were sown will bring forth increase in God's time.

NGO Selection Will Happen This Fall

Applications are still being accepted from any college students who feel that God is calling them to go to China during the 2009-2010 school year. More information may be obtained by corresponding with the BMAA Missions Office.

2009 VSM Teams Are In The Making

Over 400 students attending the meeting at SOAR concerning VSM trips planned for 2009. How many of those will actually go is yet to be determined. The determining factor will be how many of these turn in their initial payment when it is due this fall. As God allows, we are selecting the following locations for VSM Teams: Bolivia, Cambodia, Canada, China, Columbia, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Ghana, Laos, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine, Colorado, Minnesota and Illinois. Pray that God will move on the hearts of our young people to go to the nations next summer. Pray that God will raise up a sufficient number of adults to go as sponsors.

Have You Considered Being a Part of a Barnabas Touch Team?

We need pastors and other Chris-

tian leaders to go with us on one of our Barnabas Touch Ministry teams in 2009. We encourage you to pray about joining one of the following teams: Philippines (March); Bolivia (March); Romania (June); Canada (September); India (November) and Central America (December). It certainly is not too early to start praying, planning and saving to go! You will be blessed and you will be a blessing to our missionaries and church workers.

Emergency Funds Needed

During the past few months demands for relief funds have certainly put a stress on our ability to supply every need. In fact, our relief money is almost depleted. The latest call for help is from Bro. Newsom in the Philippines where thousands are homeless and in need of food, shelter, clothes, bedding, water, etc., because of the recent typhoon. Should you feel led of the Holy Spirit to contribute to these needs you may do so by sending your gift to BMAA Department of Missions, P. O. Box 30910, Little Rock, Arkansas 72260.

Make Everlasting Smiles - Fill A Christmas Shoe Box

Jesus, the original Christmas Gift, taught us that Christmas is all about giving. The "Make Everlasting Smiles" project helps children learn the joy of giving and makes Christmas a time to smile for children around the world. Fill a gift-wrapped shoebox with things like toys, school supplies, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, soap and a Spanish Bible or books. Please include \$5 to cover the cost of shipping. Last year we sent 5,100 to Southeast Asia nations. This year the boxes will be sent to Spanish speaking nations. This is a wonderful project for individuals, families, WMA's VBS, Sunday School classes, Sunbeams, GMA's, Galileans, AWANA, Pioneers, and even Brotherhoods! Pray about taking part in this worthy Christmas project. The boxes need to be sent to the Missions Depart-

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Celebrating 60 Years of Service Southeastern Baptist College



July - August 2008
Special Emphasis



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DIRECTOR

direction God wanted us to take.

Our motives were inner impulses producing outward action. These motives were the things that kept us going; God's love, Christ's love, and mankind's need.

We had the best and most powerful equipment that anyone could have asked for. The equipment for our mission is what God has always given us to be used in a given work or useful in effecting a given end. We have everything needed for efficient operation or efficient service. This equipment is the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and prayer.

Opportunities come to people busy serving the Lord. If you want God's guidance, get busy serving where you are and He will show you the next step.

Opportunities usually produce opposition. God sows the good seed and Satan sowed a counterfeit. Opportunities reveal character. Opportunities develop leadership. What we are doing and what we have done is a team effort and the vital thing is the glory of God.

Mission Accomplished

Our mission for 2008 is not over, but through our ministries we have accomplished a great deal for the honor and glory of God.

What kind of year have we had? It has been exciting to honor God through our ministries. We have been on the mountain top. We have been through the valley. Again, have we been successful? Success is not determined by what we are, but rather by what we are compared to what we could be. It is not measured by what we have done, but rather by what we

have done compared to what we could have done. Successful living results from successful development of spirit, soul and body.

In our mission for this year we have followed our commands. Our commands were something imperative. Our command was not an option, but something to be obeyed. We have done a lot of waiting, but we have waited with an expectant attitude.

When we were to come we responded, but we didn't make it for all the calls. We didn't always know the

Leadership By the Book

by Jerry Jolly
Pastor, Temple Baptist Church
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Message preached at 2008 BMAA Pastor's & Laymen's Conference

A while back, six of us at Temple spent almost a year praying and planning, trying to simplify our ministry. I can remember, on more than one occasion, asking myself: "How can it be so complicated to become simple?"

Finally, we presented our "plan of organization for simplicity" to the church and they voted overwhelmingly to receive it. The immediate result was that we lost 50 members.

But that's not the end of the story. Since we have returned to simplic-

ity, I have begun to see the ministry God intends for a body to perform. I am convicted that the church is not just an organization; it is an organism. The members are attached to each other; when one hurts, the others should hurt. The ministry of this organism shouldn't be that complicated.

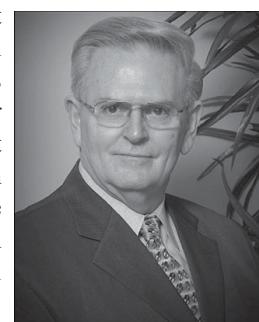
In Matthew 5:13-14, we find the ultimate simplicity of ministry: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

Jesus simply said, "You're the salt; season.

You're the light; shine." That just doesn't seem too difficult to me. His requirements are not so much organizational adjustments as they are attitude adjustments.

In other words, He's telling me some things that are going to have to happen in my life and in the life of the church I pastor before we can ever be salt that seasons and light that shines.

• Salt that is going to season has to lose its identity in the container in which it is placed. The seasoning must become more important than the "seasomer." Jesus covered that



Jerry Jolly

in verse 3 when He said, "You must become poor in spirit." That's not so difficult to understand; it's just difficult to do, at least for me.

It means that I'm going to have to become empty of self-confidence, self-importance and selfrighteousness. When that occurs, Jesus tells me "Then my grace will be free for you." He says I must come to the point where I can mourn

over sin, when I hate it and am determined to fight it and not flirt with it. There is a problem with church leaders falling into sin.

Jesus tells me that if I'm going to be blessed by knowing the joy and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, I'm going to have to mourn over sin in my life. He said, "Blessed

are the meek." That means I must surrender to God's will on a daily basis.

I'm coming to the realization that the best sermon I've ever delivered in my power couldn't provide enough illumination for a man to get out of bed and go to the bathroom, much less to the throne room. (By the way, I never used that illustration when I was in my 30s and 40s.)

Jesus was saying that I'm never going to illuminate until I am plugged into the proper power source. The power of illumination is not in the light; it's in the source.

Short Notes

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ment by September 15. For further information call the Missions Department at 501-455-4977.

Two New Missionaries In Training and on Deputation

Bro. and Mrs. Michael (Jocelyn) Barton and Bro. and Mrs. Eric (Kelly) Johnson are in a period of training and deputation. Pray for them as they prepare to go their respective fields of labor. The Bartons will be going to Canada and the Johnsons to Mexico. Pray for Kelly Johnson and their new baby.

Summer Camp Report

2008 Camps	Full Time	Part Time	Saved
Tombigbee, Judson	67	25	
Harmony	107	25	8
South Central Junior Camp	228	37	10
State Junior High, Senior	70	30	
Total	472	117	18

Association of Baptist Students 2008-2009

University or College	Beginning Date	Time	Room
Southeastern, Laurel	August 25	12:00 Noon	TBA
Jones County Jr. College	August 27	7:45-8:20	Conf. Room
University of So. MS	August 26	11:45-1:00	Library Cochran Center Room



Those making a profession of faith in Christ at 2008 Junior Camp

He said, "Blessed are those who become so hungry for God's righteousness that they lose all interest in self-establishment and recognition." That's going back to where the salt has to lose its identity.

If you're going to season and shine, blessed are those who lose their stern, hard, legalistic attitudes and bend over to offer a hand to the fallen and the hurting; who determine no longer to shoot the wounded. Blessed are those who are so hungry for purity that they seek to continually see God, love God and imitate God.

Finally, He said, "Blessed are those who seek to quiet dissension, endure opposition and enjoy the love that will enable us to forebear with one another and endure all things." Brethren, we're never going to see things the same way because we are uniquely and wonderfully created. You have no right to expect me to lead Temple like you lead your church, and I have no right to expect you to lead your church like I lead Temple. So I think what

God is saying is that we need to become peacemakers who focus more on the presentation of the Book than the punctuation that is in it.

Can I season and shine? Yes! I have to admit that I can because the Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13) And some days I do. Some days I can really season and shine. But there are those other days when I become more preoccupied with the shaker than the salt and spend more time examining my voltage than I do looking to see if I'm plugged in.

I wish it wasn't like that. Some of you don't have that problem, but I do. I can just be sailing along and doing well, really focused on seasoning, when all of a sudden my focus turns back on me.

Then I found that Paul had an answer for this problem—it's a daily command. Paul said, "I die daily." So, by the grace of God and one day at a time as I seek to die to self, I can learn the delight of seasoning and shining.

Equipping Center August Schedule

Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi

August 23, 2008

Turning Your Church Inside, Out!

Magnolia Baptist, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 23, 2008

The ABC's of Student Ministry

SOAR Paperwork Lost; Director Needs Help!

Dear Student Pastor/Pastor/Student Worker/or someone conned into bringing kids to SOAR... I goofed.

I hoped I wouldn't have to write this letter, but the time has come to face the music. In the chaos and mass of technical stuff and paper work that make up SOAR, there was a box filled with all the applications for our 2009 VSM trips. Well... I can't find it. I've looked and looked, torn up my house and ripped apart the storage shed where we keep our gear, but I just can't find it. They're gone.

I could blame the mistake on getting old and probably get away with it, but the fact of the matter is that I just don't know where they are. So, could you help me, please?

• Could you announce to your students that

they need to go online and apply again? The website address is www.teamvsm.org.

- Ask basketball team people just to make a note that they want to go on the basketball trip.

- If one of your students received a scholarship from the Missions Office, would you please have them call the Student Missions office at (469) 762-4017 or email us at www.studentmissions.org and let us know their name was drawn?

Time is of the essence. I really need to get everyone's first letter out, explaining the process of becoming a TeamVSM Missionary. If you could make this a priority I will make you a recipient of part of my estate when I depart. (Which could be any minute!)

I am sorry this has happened. If you could help me out, I would appreciate it. Should you have any questions and want to speak to me directly (or should you wish to ridicule me or complain) my cell number is (972) 571-0357. Thank you in advance for your forgiveness and understanding.

In Him,
Donny Parrish



Donny Parrish

Honoring A Request

Dear Mr. Brown,

My father-in-law, the late Bro. Harry Tapp, was a great encouragement to me for many years. Both as a family member and as a pastor (Campground Baptist Church). He said many times that I should send you a poem or two for your paper. Sadly, I didn't do it while he was with us, but thought I should now, as he was so often right in his advice. Perhaps I can help to brighten someone's day!

Vicky Tapp
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PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

by Vicky Tapp

Lord, I have no solutions for the problems I'll face today. I won't know how to handle all the troubles that come my way.

Please give to me the confidence to always do the thing that's right; and help me remember that to win, I must sometimes fight.

Lord, help me to be kind to all the people I meet today. Help me to resemble you in everything I do and say.

Without your strength within me, I could not make it on my own. So Lord, please stay beside me through this day, then bring me home.

Amen.

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Rayburn Freeman, Director



July they fell somewhat. Who knows why? But, we are still doing okay financially. Our sanctuary should be completed by the end of August and our building fund will also be depleted. Praise God we had enough to finish the inside, with the exception of kitchen cabinets and of course the parking lot. We expect to have our first worship service in our sanctuary on September 7th. Also, we will be hosting the annual Ten Mile BMA meeting on September 20th.

My son and I visited Ronnie Davis, who is the husband of one of our members, and we were able to witness to him and he received Christ as Lord and Savior and has made a public confession of faith and is waiting to be baptized in September. Praise God for His

marvelous grace.

For all of you who have helped and support us financially, we thank you. We are planning to be able to organize into a church by March of 2009. Until then, we are trying to reduce our debt to help make it financially easier. Please continue to pray about helping us another six months. I am humbled to even ask you

after all the help the churches, associations, and individuals have already given. We are getting close, keep praying for us. Three years ago we poured the slab for our building. There has been a lot of work, sweat, and money invested here. Our people are folks you can be proud of.

Thank you again and may God bless you for all you've done. We Love You.



Bro. & Mrs.
Wallace Williams

The Spirit Can Help Us to Pray

by Grover Laird

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the

Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26,27)



Grover Laird

When a person is born again, saved by God's grace, the Holy Spirit of God begins to live within him. (I Corinthians 3:16) He comes to enable us to do those things which a Christian is commanded to do. One of the most important things that a child of God is commanded to do, or has the privilege to do, is pray. Through the channel of prayer we worship, obtain guidance in our decision making, unload our burdens, obtain "our daily bread," and find help to minister. According to our text, the Holy Spirit can help us in all of our praying. Consider some of

Revolving Loan Fund Update

We are thankful to inform you that we sold the Shady Grove - Laurel property to Colonial Funeral Home. Also, we have signed an agreement to purchase the Colonial Funeral Home property located on Highway 15 North in Laurel. This will be the future site for El Camino Mission. Occupancy is expected to be realized by the middle 2009. This is an exciting time for this Mission. We continue to receive contributions toward debt reduction for which we are thankful.

Wallace Williams Divine Grace, Long Beach

Divine Grace Baptist Church would like to thank all of you who have been so faithful to pray, help, and give to the work that God has called us to do in Long Beach, Mississippi. We are so blessed and we truly love you all.

The past two months have been very busy months and as usual a time of vacation. Our attendance is about the same with Sunday school in the 40's, morning worship in the 60's, Sunday evening in the 40's and Wednesday night in the 30's. During June we had our first VBS with a high attendance of 59 and a low of 52. Three of our men taught some of the classes and I am very proud of them. This is a first for us. Pam Nault did an outstanding job coordinating the VBS. The whole church is to be commended for a great job done.

Our offerings for June were good but in

those ways.

I. He Can Give us Faith to Pray

Faith is a very important factor in reaching the Lord when we pray-- "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." (James 1:7) If the Spirit would give the sinner faith to be saved, (I Corinthians 12:3) He would surely aid the Christian in obtaining faith to pray. We should therefore ask the Lord to increase our faith, and then give the Spirit room to work.

II. He Can Put Us in The Right Spirit to Pray

Prayers that avail much are fervent. (James 5:16) Elijah stopped the rain for three and one-half years when he prayed earnestly. (James 5:17) Only the Spirit of God can put us in the condition to pray this kind of prayers. Many know this by experience.

III. He Can Teach Us What to Pray

Many times we really do not know what to pray for. But according to our text, the Holy

Spirit knows and will help us to know. He can discourage us from asking for those things that are not in the will of God. He can encourage us in praying for the things that will be for our good and God's glory. Praying in the will of God will bring more answers to our praying. (I John 5:14) This will in turn strengthen our faith, and in the end help our prayer life.

The Spirit can also help us to be humble, thankful, and faithful. All of which will make our praying more effective. This will make us a greater blessing to others, build up our own selves, and bring more glory to God-- "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost," (Jude 1:20)

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