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## *"I don't ever want to go back..."* A Missionary On A Personal Mission

by BMA Missionary Celia Broom

**Editor's Note:** *Mississippians Dale & Celia Broom are BMA missionaries to the African nation of Ghana. The Brooms will be in the States on furlough from August 20th through October 31st. They have a number of church visits already booked, but still have some dates open. You may contact them by Email at either brodale50@hushmail.com or celia\_broom@yahoo.com to schedule a time.*

Embarrassment was just one of the emotions I felt as I was forced to ask the attendant on the plane for a seat belt extension because I could not buckle it. During our flight, the chest cold that I had became much worse and my fever continued to rise. I literally felt horrible and don't remember much about the flight. After arriving in Ghana we purchased some antibiotics for me to take and it still took two rounds before I finally got better. Besides being morbidly obese, moving away from family to another country and being unhealthy in general, God turned everything

around and changed it all!

After being here for about three weeks, I stepped on the scales for the first time and I had lost about 20 pounds already. I was glad, but wasn't very concerned with it because we were just trying to adjust to a new way of eating as well as everything else! We were eating whatever we wanted or should I say, whatever we could get. American-style food is not readily available here and the food that is available is not as readily available as it is in America. So we eat whatever is available.

As time went by we tried to learn more about the culture and the work God called us to do. Needless to say life got busier and we learned our way around more and we were beginning to get into a regular routine. During all of this time my weight was still dropping. Before I knew it, I had lost more than fifty pounds!

Not long after this point I began to pay more attention to what I was eating. I had already begun to feel much better, but I was still eating anything I



Celia Broom - Before & After

wanted. At that time I was taking medications for high blood pressure, diabetes, thyroids, hormones, and fluid retention. So I began to do some research online about how to control some of these problems with food and weight loss. I first started with cutting down on sugar and carbohydrates to control my blood sugar levels. Due to the climate, I had already increased my water intake in a huge way, but I stopped drinking sodas unless it was diet. On that note, I will explain that

diet coke or coke light is very difficult to find here. Sometimes you can easily get them and at other times you just can't find them at all. So I drink mostly water and tea at meals with artificial sweetener (when I can get it). Let me also say that snacks or junk food are also very limited as well. Even the cookies (biscuits is what they call them) are not very sweet and there are not very many of them. With all of these explanations given, the weight kept dropping and I was able to stop taking the blood pressure and diabetic medications.

At this point you are probably wondering what kinds of foods I eat, so I will talk about that a little. But before I begin, I have a few more explanations. Shopping for groceries is much different here than in the states. We live about an hour's drive from Kumasi (town) so we don't go but about once or twice a month. The market there is very small and has a limited amount of

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## Warning to parents: *'These are not the cartoons you grew up with'*

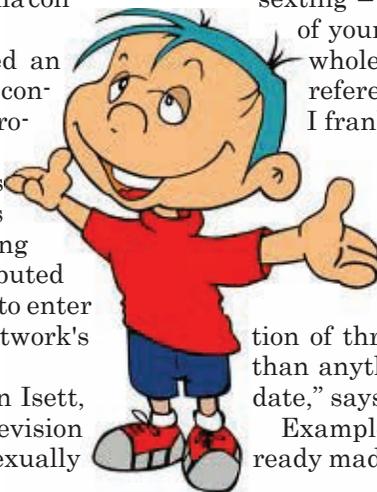
**(OneNewsNow.com)** This article describes media content that is extremely offensive

The Parents Television Council has issued an urgent warning to parents and advertisers concerning the explicit content of an animated programming block that just launched.

"Just when you think network standards couldn't get any lower, they do," begins PTC's online alert about a new animated programming block on the FOX television network that debuted last Saturday. It is the latest attempt by FOX to enter the late night fray similar to the Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim" programming block.

While the shows may appear innocent, Dan Isett, director of public policy for the Parents Television Council (PTC), warns they are ultra-violent, sexually explicit, and profanity-laden cartoons.

"There's an entire section of this thing that's all about



'sexting' – the taking of [explicit] photographic images of young men and distributing them through the whole school," he tells OneNewsNow. "There's references to group sex and all sorts of things that I frankly can't describe very well."

According to Isett, FOX has quietly built an audience for the programming via the Internet by showing explicit animations on the program's website – which has no parental controls. "Any eight-year-old could simply click and watch selections from a collection of three-minute cartoons that are more explicit than anything we've seen on broadcast television to date," says PTC.

Examples of X-rated animations that FOX has already made available online – and eventually may air

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## CONSIDER THIS

*We are not going to slack up, let up, or shut up 'til we are taken up!*

## BACK UP AND PUNT

In football, it is not always a bad strategy to have to punt the ball. Sometimes it changes the whole momentum of the game and slows the other team down for you to catch your breath and regroup. Most of the time it just means you have a poor offense and are losing the game.

### From The Mind of



Chuck Lee

the world of adulthood with no real understanding of Biblical truths. The reason is because it is hard to maintain a young person's attention span when the element of education is involved. I discovered that more and more adults were using the literature because it kept their attention and still helped them learn.

Since Bro. Don allowed me the privilege of writing for this paper, I have been able to carry this on. Not every thing is insightful, but I do hope that it lights a reader's day. But alas, sometimes we have to just back up and punt. After months of revivals and singing (my family has a gospel group with a touch of bluegrass flair and we go by the name of HeartDeep: aka: shameless plug), along with an

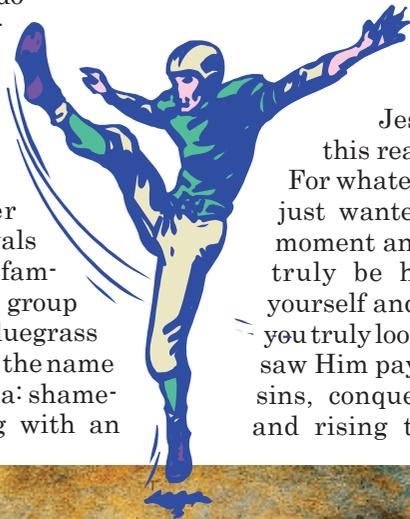
unusual year of deaths in the church, family, and acquaintances, I just felt like taking a step back away from the usual and try to be sober for a moment.

Suppose you went into eternity today. Do you know that Jesus took all your sins on Himself and God has promised you salvation if you believe this? God has already done the work and it is predetermined by Him that if you believe in His only begotten Son that you will have eternal life. It is also predetermined that if you don't believe in Jesus that you will suffer in a lake of fire for eternity. You may be stressed out over your work, your relationships, your time management, your finances, or many other things that stress the mind and

thoughts, but if you haven't trusted in

Jesus, none of this really matters.

For whatever reason, I just wanted to take a moment and ask you to truly be honest with yourself and God. Have you truly looked at Jesus, saw Him paying for your sins, conquering death, and rising to the right



## Cartoons

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on broadcast television – include nude, anatomically correct characters; dead, decomposing corpses that are disrobed; lesbianism; and fondling of women.

“The really key thing for parents to understand is that this is not the cartoons that you grew up with,” Isett urges. “[And] to not trust FOX in this instance, because they’ve taken things that sort of look like classic cartoon fare and turned it into something really raunchy and offensive and damaging to your children.”

PTC urges parents and grandparents to call their local Fox affiliates and ask that this programming block be preempted in their community.

hand of the throne of God where He is ever interceding for us and believed with all your heart? That is the reason you have peace with God or not. I have peace because I know my sins are forgiven and have trusted Christ with all my heart. I trust all that read this can say the same.

## Arkansas Minister Dies

Frank Farris Martin, 70 of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, died August 4, at his home. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1971 by the First Baptist Church, Galena, Kansas. He has pastored churches in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri and had served as a missionary in the BMA of America.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mary Anita Billington Martin; a daughter, Jennifer Poteet of Rison; a son, Phillip Martin of Ottawa, KS; three brothers, Jerry Martin and Larry Martin, both of Galena, KS, and Jeff Martin of Oronogo, MO; two sisters, Grace Ann Martin of Joplin, MO and Sheila Crowder of Carl Junction, MO; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held August 8 with Bro. Grady Higgs officiating.

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## Fan the flame with power

For most pastors, the greatest influence in their ministry (other than the divine work of the Spirit through the Word of God) is not Bible college or seminary; it's the people whom God has used to invest in them.

For me, the list gets lengthy. It includes my parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, Sunday school teachers, pastors, mentors, friends and my wife. In fact, I have said on many occasions, that I learned more about disciple making from my wife than from anyone else.

The men and women of the Bible were the same way. From Jethro and Moses to Elijah and Elisha, Scripture reveals how intricately God wove lives together for the purpose of mutually encouraging their faith and increasing their maturity in Christ. And through those discipleship relationships, God inspired normal, everyday

people to pursue extraordinary acts of ministry.

Just think about Paul's words to his protégé, Timothy.

II Timothy 1:6-7 "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

What does Paul mean when he tells Timothy to "fan into flame" his gift?

In verses 1-5, Paul talked to Timothy about the discipleship relationships of Timothy's life. Paul talked about the fact that his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice had both disciplined him in the faith. Paul disciplined Timothy for probably about 15 years in his missionary journeys as Timothy was along for the ride. All of these discipleship relationships were overlapping and becoming a beautiful tapestry in the life of

Timothy to make him the minister he was.

Then, verse 6 begins with "for this reason." Here Paul links those relationships to God's sovereign plan. He is saying to Timothy, "God put all of these relationships in your life that have shaped you in the minister you are today." As a result, he says, "...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God..."

What gift of God? The gift that was given to Timothy "through the laying on of my hands," Paul says. "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." There is a link between the discipleship of Timothy and this reason that Paul wants him to fan into flame the gift that he has given. Let's see if we can uncover the reason.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Romans 12, I Corinthians 12, or Ephesians 4, reveal that there are different gifts given to different people. The gifts of mercy, prophecy, hospitality, and administration are all specific gifts. All of the gifts are to be used in ministry. So every believer, if we are speaking in general terms, receives the gift of ministry.

We see this gift of ministry

mentioned in verse 6 when Paul says that this was given to Timothy through the laying on of Paul's hands. What is going on here most likely is what we would call an ordination service. An ordination service is where either a pastor or a deacon comes before the church, and the church lays hands on this man.

It is a symbolic gesture to recognize that God's hand is already on the man. When we talk about ordaining somebody, we don't really have the power to ordain. What the service really ought to be called is a recognition service, because we are recognizing that God has ordained this man. In the same way, Paul is saying to Timothy to remember when they had this service, and he laid his hands on him and the church recognized him as a pastor. They set him aside in a way that everyone would understand that he has been ordained by God to be a pastor. The gifts that they recognized he had at that time, those gifts are to be fanned into flame.

But this is not just for pastors and deacons. Those are not the only people in the church who are to fan their gifts into flame. Instead, every believer has a gift of ministry.

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love

and self-control.

You can imagine Timothy's reaction in light of Paul's massive personality — "Paul, I don't think that you understand that I don't have what you have." Paul precluded this argument and just says, "For God gave you a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

Thankfully, Timothy could look back at his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois and see an example of two godly women who had exercised a spirit of power and love in his own life. How blessed Timothy was to have these two ladies fan their own gifts of ministry into flame!

You and I also have this opportunity. God has gifted every believer for ministry in a unique way. And no person's gifting is better than another. We are all called to fan our gifts into flames and to use them boldly — not in the spirit of fear, but of power and love!

Even more, we have the opportunity to inspire others to fan their gifts into a flame. I am so thankful for all of the people who have encouraged me along the way to embrace the spirit of power and love in ministry rather than to hide behind a spirit of fear. May God help me — and you — to do the same for those whom we may influence.

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*Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere*

Registration is underway at the time of this writing. It is good to be able to meet new people and to share a moment in time with some students. It seems that most of our students are older than what we were when I came to Southeastern as a student.

Our special emphasis is coming in slowly but we are thankful for all gifts that have been received. The amount so far received is \$ 5,000. If you have not prayed about sending an offering, please do so. The college deserves your prayers and support.

When a school year begins the anticipation of new students becomes a necessity.

When a new student enrolls for the first time it means we have them for at least two years if not four. That is the key to becoming financially stable.

Our prayers go out to Bro. and Sis. Bob Burch in the recent news of the return of Edie's cancer. Bro. Bob is a former student at Southeastern and one of our state missionaries.

I hope to report good news to you concerning the Deep Water Horizon claim that was mentioned a few months ago. All information has been sent in and we hope to get our final answer within the next sixty days.

Continue praying for the college and trustees as this se-

mester begins and the search for a president continues. The trustees will be meeting the end of this month to discuss the matter.

May God bless you as you continue your ministry as a church and pastor.

Matt Hudson, Trustee

### Another testimony from former faculty member Dale Holifield

I had just graduated from Dallas Baptist University, August 1972, when I got a call from Dr. John Adams. I had aspirations of teaching and directing choirs and vocal ensembles, so I was offered the position of Head of the Music Department of Southeastern Baptist College. So I load up my wife and daughter Danna and moved to Laurel. We were allowed to stay in the house right in back of the college, I think it was for free, because I know I couldn't afford to rent or buy anything. So for the next two years, I had a great time teaching and directing the Southeastern choir. I won't

mention names, because I would surely forget someone, but it was for school years '72-'73 and '73-'74. We had a great time on choir tours. I still remember the matching outfits we

were able to buy and getting the Big Creek bus to travel in and doing the record at David Huff's recording studio, I guess that would have been in 1974.

But then Dr. Adams got sick and because of money, the college was forced to shut down the music department. That left us in a quandary. I don't question the will of God, but sometimes I surely don't understand it.

It was then that I got a call from Gerald Orr from Jacksonville College, my alma mater. He wanted me to come to Jacksonville and assist him with the program there. For me, it was a great opportunity and a time to grow and expand and gain experience. So for the next 8 years that's what I did. I moved my family of four back to Texas. Thank God for all our denominational schools.

I left Jacksonville College in the spring of 1982 and spent the next year in music evangelism. We really struggled financially during that year, working odd jobs between revivals, until I got a call in 1983 from Dr. Eugene Murphy, then President of Southeastern. It was an easy decision for me, so back we went to Southeastern for a second stint as head of the music department. I don't remember a lot of detail about this period of time, but I do remember some of the students and faculty and how they were a blessing to me and my family.

I thought I would be in Mississippi forever, but life throws us curve balls sometimes, and I left the college again, this time of my own choosing and moved back to Texas. I know part of the reason was an attempt to save a marriage that was in trouble. I never regret the time spent and the lives I was able to touch during this time. I have no regrets and thank God every time I remember all of you.

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I have received contact and information at my personal email address (not given here) and via my personal Facebook page from a number of individuals. This usually slows down the exchange of information. For better communication please either call us at 601-426-3293 or contact us using the Email address.



Don Brown  
Editor

**Annual Church Budget Time**

Although many churches adjust their budget in July or August, others wait until the month of September. This bit of information may be a little late, but needs addressing just the same.

The budget of every ministry of the BMA of Mississippi depends on the contributions made by our churches. In some of the articles in this issue, department workers urge their supporters to increase their giving. Yes, we are living in difficult economic times and yes, funds are hard to come by for the family, the church and our departments and commissions.

Your Publications Department is blessed to have a number of churches and individuals who support this ministry with monthly or annual contributions. This is vital for every minis-

try and certainly for this one.

If your church does not have Publications in your budget with a monthly offering (not just paying your monthly statement) then we urge you to change that. The monthly subscription fee that is charged does not cover all of the cost of operation. Prices have gone up slowly over the past few years, but they have risen and continue to do so.

We have not raised rates in a number of years and do not think this is the answer. The answer is monthly support. We appreciate your consideration and hope each church will put this ministry in their monthly budget.

**A Great Revival Time**

Bonnie and I were both born and raised in the Mississippi Delta. We had the privilege to spend a few days recently with the good folks of Bethel Church at Louise, Mississippi. For you hill folks Louise is a few miles north of Yazoo City. Bethel Church celebrated their homecoming on August 4, and



Bethel Baptist Church, Louise, Mississippi

invited me to preach their annual revival. We had a great time, they were wonderful hosts and the Lord blessed with good services and the salvation of one young man.

We were blessed to visit with Pastor Jim Ingram and the members of Bethel.

**AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE**

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

**Collin Jones**

Collin Jones has resigned as pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Blytheville, Arkansas, and is available for pastoral service as the Lord leads. He has been in the ministry for



Bro. & Mrs. Collin Jones

31 years, including 13 years in Central America as a BMA missionary with 12 years in small group development, training, organization and administration. Contact him at 870-838-9035 or [pastorcollinjones@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcollinjones@gmail.com).

**Lavon Haden**

Lavon Haden is available for pulpit supply, interim, or however the Lord leads. He may be reached at 601-522-6055.

**Music & Youth Leader position available**

First Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana is seeking a new Minister of Music and Youth Leader. The church prefers to hire someone leaning towards a conservative type of music and youth leadership. It would be our preference to hire someone who has finished their education and willing to relocate immediately.

While we realize that a person experienced in both these fields is rare, it is our prayer and belief that God has someone for our needs.

Our music needs are along a traditional style. We run around 35 in our choir and have lots of talented musicians and vocalists.

The goal for our youth group is to provide them with leadership with emphasis on their spiritual growth.

If you are aware of anyone who might be available to fill this position, please reply to this email or call me at 318-422-0593.

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**Church of the Covered Dish**

by Thom Tapp





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“...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

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**Missions Update**

I am excited to report to you all the activity that is happening in BMA of Mississippi Missions. I was excited to hear from Bro. Bob Burch of a profession of faith at Caledonia and 6 saved at Freedom Missions' youth encampment led by Bro. Bobby Elliott. Bro. Garcia reported great response to their Vacation Bible School and Bro. Kelby Johnson reported that he should be adding 5 more members soon (one of which is by baptism) bringing their membership to 13. Bro. Marroquin reported 40 saved during an evangelist campaign and Bro. Farmer reported another new addition bringing



Ed DuVall at Mission Conference held at Homestretch in Cleveland

their membership to 24. Bro. DuVall hosted a missions conference at Homestretch and reported 60 in attendance at their Vacation Bible School. Isn't it exciting to see how God is blessing our missions' efforts across the State? Needless to say, I am very excited and thrilled to serve you as your State Missions Director. I enjoyed being able to visit with the folks that met for the conference at Homestretch and I had a good time visiting the field with new missionary Phillip Burns. Cherita and I had a wonderful time as I helped in revival services at Fairhope in Beaumont. Bro. Jerry and Ms. Brenda Overstreet are some fine folks and the people of



Carolyn Leland, New member at South Forrest



First Hispanic VBS Crowd

Fairhope treated us royally.

I am looking forward to being with Bro. Burch on the 17th at Caledonia for a special service and the next day with Bro. Kelby Johnson at New Albany on the 18th. That evening we will join Bro. Elvis Garcia and the mission at Tupelo. Then, I am also planning to be back up at Burnsville the following Friday, the 23rd, to help Bro. Elliott raise some walls on their new building. "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." 2 Corinthians 11:28

Please keep us in your prayers.



6 saved at Freedom Mission Camp

**High Attendance and Total Offerings For The Month of July**

- Church Planters**  
 Bob Burch 43 - \$1,014.00  
 Bobby Elliott 38 - \$1,114.00  
 Danny Bartlett 15 - \$499.00  
 Kelby Johnson 16 - \$446.00  
 Ray Boone 44 - \$1,345.00  
 Sidney Farmer 38 - \$4,056.00  
 Phillip Burns n/a (not yet on the field)

- Hispanic Missions - South**  
 Hattiesburg 15 - \$248.00  
 Biloxi 12 - N/A  
 Laurel 140 - \$3,661.00.00  
 (Pastor Estuardo Marroquin, Coordinator)

- Hispanic Missions - North**  
 Tupelo 26 - \$290.00  
 Oxford 28 - N/A  
 Ripley 98 - \$3,478.00  
 (Pastor Elvis Garcia, Coordinator)

- African American Missions**  
 Indianola 40 - \$1,025.00

- Olive Branch 16 - \$1,300.00  
 Cleveland 29 - \$2,408.00  
 (Pastor Ed DuVall, Coordinator)  
 Collectively, our missionaries reported 321 new contacts made in July, 54 professions of faith and 3 baptisms.

**Opportunities to Help**

Bro. Elliott can use any help that is offered in the construction of his new building. If your church could help by sending a few people (even if it is for just a few days) please contact Bro. Elliott at 662-423-8373. Bro. Phillip Burns will be relocating to the Sumrall, Mississippi, area soon to begin his missionary activity. If you know of anyone who might be a good contact for him, please give him a call at 601-670-6191. Revolving Loan Fund (as of July 31st and since August 1st, 2012) Gross assets are now at \$17,589,118.00, an increase of \$2,159,717.00. Net assets are now at \$3,071,438.00, an increase of \$345,375.00. We have opened 42 new investment accounts totaling \$1,599,796.00. We have 12 new loans totaling \$3,055,948.00. Visit Our Website and Facebook Page Our website is [www.bmams.org](http://www.bmams.org). Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bmamsmissions>.

**Comfort's anti-evolution documentary challenges professors**

(OneNewsNow.com) A film that debunks Darwinian evolution is setting a viewing record and setting up a debate on the topic.

Evangelist Ray Comfort's new film, "Evolution vs. God," is taking the Internet by storm. In just five days, the film garnered 160,000 views and over 14,000 comments on Youtube.

The film questioned scientific professors, experts and students, and asked them to prove that Darwinian evolution is true. All interviewed were left grasping for answers.

Comfort, Ray "In 36 minutes it doesn't interview any creationists," says Comfort. "It's all evolutionists putting their foot in their mouth and showing that evolution, Darwinian evolution, has nothing."

"It's unprovable. It's unproven," continues Comfort. "It's unscientific. It's unsubstantiated, and there's not an ounce of evidence. It was just amazing to watch these four experts in their field groping and gasping like fish on a hot desert floor."

In the film, scientific experts were unable to give Comfort one provable and repeatable example of Darwinian evolution, which demands a change of kinds.

"Obviously birds adapt, their beaks adapt," says Comfort. "We adapt. When we lift weights, our muscles adapt. That's not evolution. There's no change of kinds."

Comfort is asking Christians to continue sharing the film by visiting [EvolutionvsGod.com](http://EvolutionvsGod.com).

# PRINCE GEORGE HAS LESS THAN YOU!

Prince William, heir to the throne in England; and his wife Kate, Duchess; recently gave birth to a son named Prince George. He will inherit the royal crown of England. Someday, Prince George will become the King of England. The entire world-wide media was abuzz with his birth. 2 billion people world-wide tuned in to hear about the birth. The news reporters stated this child is a very special baby, with a great future ahead of him. Yet, you must know all the way to the core of your heart, that you too are a special baby.

Some days you may forget who you are. It is not who you are going to be. It is who you are right now. If you have chosen Jesus as your savior, then the Bible says that you are royalty. Read this again slowly, and let it sink in. You are royalty! Romans 8:17, 18 "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed

in us."

Bless little Prince George's heart. He is actually poor compared to you. He will someday inherit a tiny rain-soaked island, and live in a 900 year old castle that has mold, mildew and probably rats. You will inherit the entire earth, the entire solar system, the entire universe, the entire galaxy and add infinity. Your castle will not be full of mold. It will not be dark on cloudy days. The light of the lamb will shine so



## Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

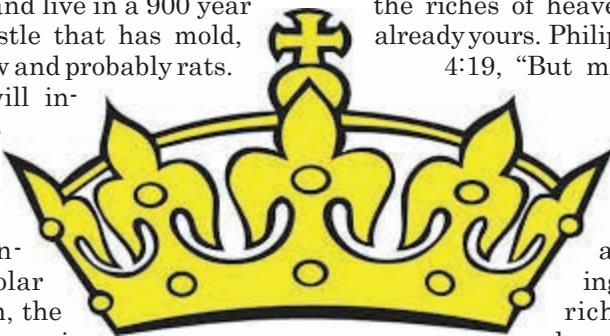
brightly in your castle that you won't even need a sun or moon. There is no mold in your castle because there is no bad

weather. Weather is perfect in heaven.

But you see, you don't even have to wait until you get to heaven. The riches of glory, the riches of heaven are already yours. Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Is heaven rich? Heaven is beyond human understanding when it comes to the wealth of God's kingdom. And He can meet all your needs on earth from those riches by Jesus Christ, and because of Jesus Christ. Why would God meet all your needs? Because you are part of the royal family.

Jesus Is THE King of Kings and you are part of that family.

Here is something else to understand about your present status. You are not a baby prince or princess. Prince George is a newborn baby. He can't really wear his crown yet.



## Mississippi W.M.A.

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### WMA Project Needs and Suggestions

Please continue to pray for our worth while project this year and let the Lord lead you to give according 25% general fund, \$2,000 for Ladies from Mississippi going on the mission trip to Ukraine and the remainder goes to Bro. Ed Duvall, one of our State missionary's. One example of a

church fund raiser - have a church luncheon after Sunday morning services with those attending giving a love offering of what they normally would have spent going to a restaurant. It makes a really good fund-raiser.

May God continue to Bless you in your WMA work.  
State WMA Promoter  
Dianne Rainey  
Lynn McCoy

He can't even hold his head up. He can't walk around town with his head held high as part of royalty. Nor can he ride a horse with the army of Great Britain. When you are saved you are born-again. You have a new life in Christ. But babies can't claim their riches because they can't write checks, walk or talk. So, you have been adopted. That word adoption in the original language means a full adult heir. So although we are born

as babes in Christ, we are also saved and become instant adult children and heirs to the throne. We can access our riches right now. We can ride with the army of God right now. We can walk through our valleys without fear because we are able to with Christ, and the status of an adult royal heir to the throne. Here is the word

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# National Senior Adult Conference

Hilton Branson Convention Center, Branson, MO - November 6-8, 2013

Go to [discipleguide.org/nsa](http://discipleguide.org/nsa) to register.



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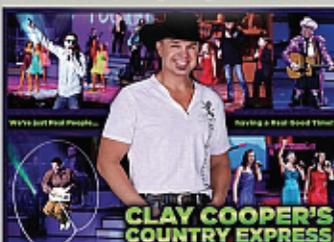
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Director

we will see that opportunities really do abound.

#### Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Lori Garrett. Mrs. Lori has resigned as our bookkeeper and said it was something she had been praying about for a while. We appreciate Mrs. Lori and the trustees have voted to give her a gift for her time. After a short search, we have brought on Mrs. Brandy Riley as the new bookkeeper. Mrs. Brandy has already begun to work and is doing a great job.

#### On That Note

Because Mrs. Brandy already works at the Missions Office, we are now asking each church to send your contribution to the Missions Office. We will no longer be using the P.O. Box. Please make a note of this and begin sending your contributions to:  
BMA of Mississippi Missions Office  
4226 Highway 15 North  
Laurel, MS 39440

#### This Year

If you are currently supporting the Youth Department, we are very thankful and ask you to continue. If you are not supporting, we encourage you to consider putting us in your budget for the upcoming year. We plan to do another leadership conference, a Summer camp, and offer some youth mission opportunities in 2014. In order for us to make these opportunities a success, we desperately need more funds. Please consider us in this upcoming year.

## Plumlee

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adoption in scripture.

Romans 8:14, 15 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption; whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Adoption here means not adopted as a baby. But adopted as an adult child. It simply implies your status. You are not only royalty when you are born again at salvation, but you are adopted as a full recipient of all the riches of the crownhead of heaven. That is why we can call God our "daddy". Abba is a term of affection; implying closeness. It implies

even be an encouragement to someone who needs it. Best of all, you may can share the gospel with someone and invite them to your church. Serving Christ does not mean you are always planning ministry events and outreach services. Those things are great but if we will keep our eyes open and our hearts focused on Christ,

### An Excerpt from Doug & Diane Lee's Newsletter

*The Lees are working in the Philippines*



Doug & Diane Lee

Recently we traveled to Manila to renew our missionary status visas. We were a little nervous as we met with the immigrations officer and didn't know what to expect. As he looked over our paperwork, he asked the question, "What is a missionary and what do you do as a missionary?" I replied by saying that being a missionary requires many different things and named various aspects of our ministry and explained our work at the Bible College and among the churches. Our Christian Care attorney, who had accompanied us, told him we could sing! He then asked us to sing him a song. Doug started singing "How Great Thou Art". Our attorney and I joined in and the mood of the meeting changed. We enjoyed sharing with him about what God is doing and he was gracious and greatly appreciated our presence here in his country.

After we returned home, I checked the exact definition of missionary. The on-line dictionary describes it as "one who is sent by God on a mission, especially one sent to do religious or charitable work in a territory or foreign country; one that carries the gospel, trains and teaches and helps the less fortunate; Affirming your faith!"

#### Opportunities Abound

My children love going back to school! Not really. As a parent, however, I do look forward to the new school year. The summer is a really busy time and it is nice to get back into some semblance of a routine. For us, the school year not only brings about a normal schedule, but it produces opportunities to serve the Lord. The new school year is a great time to open our eyes and see that opportunities abound. Attend your local school's activities and sporting events, but do so not simply to be entertained. You can meet new people, rekindle old friendships, and possibly

## 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.

#### Temple sets revival dates

Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale, will have revival services August 25-28th. Services will begin Sunday in the 11:00 a.m. service, followed by lunch and afternoon service. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Gary Smith, pastor of East Fulton Baptist Church, will be the evangelist for the revival. Pastor B.J. Hudson and the Temple family would like to extend this invitation to the community.

#### Tombigbee Report

The Tombigbee Association met at Ballardsville on August 8, 2013. A good meal was served by host church. Our special music was brought by Terry Wheeler. The evening message was brought by Bro. Tracey McMillian. We had 8 churches represented with 44 messengers and 4 visitors. Reports brought by Bro. Bob Burch, Bro. Bobby Elliott, and Mark Jones.

# CHILDREN'S HOME

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#### Back To School

All the girls and boys have started back to school and are getting back into the routine of all the activities of school. Keep each of them in your daily prayers each day that the Lord would guard, protect, and give them wisdom as they continue their education.



SIDNEY DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

bered by the boys at the Home along with the others who were in attendance.

#### Thankful for Prayerful and Financial Support

We continue to desire your prayers for the continued ministry of the Home. At this time of the year many churches are considering financial support for various ministries of the associated work for the coming calendar year. The Home has operated on a deficit the past few years and we have used reserve funds to offset the decrease in offerings during this time. Cutbacks have been made in salaries and other areas of operating costs, but despite these cutbacks we will have another deficit this year. If you would consider increas-

#### Galilean Field Trip

The Galileans of our church recently took a trip to tour the Pioneer Aerospace Facility in Columbia, Mississippi. Galilean leader Roger Jefcoat was responsible in making ar-



rangements for this exciting visit. The tour consisted of seeing how parachutes are made and how they play a role in different areas of NASA and military use as well as private use of parachutes. This outing is one that will be long remem-

ing your regular giving to the Home or place the Home in your regular giving it would be much appreciated. Once again, your prayers and support are a blessing to this ministry and we give God thanks for you always.

intimacy. And our "dad" will give us everything we need because He loves us as His kids. We are not only heirs but we are JOINT heirs with Jesus. This is shouting ground. It is really unbelievable. Except it is our reality as Christians.

So, don't walk through life as if you have nothing to offer. Don't act like you are poor. You are so rich. You are from a rich family. You dad owns it all. And you look so good wearing your crown of glory today and your crown of honor later tonight. And I simply love that garland of grace you have around your neck. The royal

jewels I would imagine. You don't ever see Prince William or Kate walking around London dragging a long face and whining about how sad their life is. They hold their head up because they know they are royalty. So are you. Hold your head up and walk through life like you are somebody. You are somebody because of Jesus Christ. You are his joint-heir. Live out your position in life. More people will be drawn to you if they can see who you really are.

Then, you can point them to Jesus and tell them that they too can become royalty today!

# HOPE of the WORLD

**BMA Missions Symposium 2013 - September 10-11**  
**Antioch Baptist Church & Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas**

**Tuesday Evening, September 10, 2013**  
**Antioch Baptist Church**  
 Worship by Travis Sellers and Antioch Praise Band  
 Missionary Testimonies  
 Message by Rick Lemons, Senior Pastor  
 Fellowship, Forney, Texas

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
**Central Baptist College**  
 Worship with the students of CBC  
 Missionary Reports from Around the World

**Wednesday Morning, September 11, 2013**  
**Central Baptist College**  
 Breakfast, Central Baptist College  
 My Town, My Mission & Morning Workshops

**Wednesday Evening**  
**Antioch Baptist Church**  
 Concert Artists - Shane and Shane  
 Message by Brandon Cox, Church Planter  
 Grace Hills Church, Rogers, Arkansas

**Brandon Cox**

**Rick Lemons**

**Travis Sellers**

**Shane & Shane**

## A Missionary On A Personal Mission

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goods. We can get cheese, butter, chicken breasts, canned items, oil, milk, sugar, bread, and sometimes they have some snack items and streaky bacon (this is very similar to our bacon, but it has hardly any fat and tastes more like lean ham). Outside the market there is an open market where I can get most any kind of fruit and vegetable that I want except butterbeans, corn, and yellow squash. Then we go to a cold store (meat market) to get minced beef (ground beef that is also so lean that oil has to be added to keep from sticking to the pan). Rice is plentiful and can be gotten from most anywhere.

A container from the states will also come occasionally and our family can send items that we don't have here or some special things that we want. So as you can tell, our choices are much healthier than what we were accustomed to but they are also limited. Also all of the items that we usually have available here may change at any time and not be available the next time we go. So we just see what is available and choose what we need or want. Now I will give you a sample menu for a day to show you how I eat most of the time.

Breakfast: omelet made with 1 egg,

green onions, green peppers and tomatoes and 1 slice of streaky bacon if we have it. I also drink a bottled coke light if I have it too. Otherwise I drink tea.

Snack: 1 medium apple

Lunch: ½ canned Member's Mark salmon (without bones or skin) sautéed with onions and olive oil, 1 cup of stewed fresh okra and tomatoes (they are always available at the market nearby so I can get it every day)

Snack: 15 nuts

Dinner: 3 or 4 oz. pan fried chicken breast with olive oil, 1 cup steamed eggplant, ½ cup green beans or some other kind of vegetable.

Breakfast is the same most every day but the other meals and snacks are variable depending on what is available and what I want to eat. Yes, there are times that I "cheat" and eat some carbohydrates or even a candy bar! But I try to make sure that I get right back on track with the regular eating habits.

As of today, August 4, 2013, I have lost 134 pounds and I am off all medications except a thyroid pill, ½ of fluid

retention pill, and an aspirin. I feel better than I have felt in almost 30 years! And I want to give God all of the glory for it! I have tried over and over throughout the years to lose weight and I would be successful at times, but I always gained it back and usually more. But I feel that God has shown me how unhealthy I was and that I could not do the work He wants me to do in the condition I was in. I don't ever want to go back to that unhealthy state again!

I worry often about the possibility of gaining weight when we go home on

furlough and I pray every day that God will help me continue with this lifestyle and also continue to lose weight until I reach the weight that I need to be. I realize that I will want to eat some things that we do not have here, but I plan to eat a small portion of it and then continue to eat the way I have been eating. God is always with us, leading and guiding us in His direction and I want to follow His perfect will for my life! Please continue to pray for Dale and me as we work in Ghana and also as we travel for furlough this month

## Southeastern Baptist College

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