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Rivers Of Blessing *New Life For the M.S. Arrington Boat of the BMA in South America*

By Buddy Johnson

There is bad news and good news concerning the Arrington riverboat in South America. The bad news is that its hull rotted and the motor ruined. During the past ten years, the Arrington has made many trips up and down the Mamoré River in Bolivia. From the Cháparé River at the southernmost point to Guayara-Merín at the northernmost point there are many river villages that have been contacted as a direct result of the ministry of the Arrington. Through the years, many medical teams, flood relief teams, and evangelical teams have traveled the hundreds of miles up and down the Mamoré. Pastor and boat Capitan David Flores reports that there are believers



"The First Arrington"

The Arrington named in honor of native Mississippians Bro. and Mrs. M.S. Arrington in 37 different villages who are direct results of the ministry of the Arrington. Along the river, several church houses have been built and the pastors of these churches have been trained as

part of the Arrington ministry. Our River Bible Institute in Belencito has been built, com-

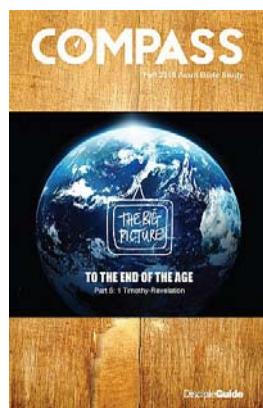
missioned, and is being used to train young men to evangelize up and down the Mamoré River.

Sadly, this entire ministry came to a splashy halt as the Arrington motor became useless and the boat slowly filled with river water. After much prayer and discussion, we decided to sell the boat and purchase one or two smaller boats with which we could continue the ministry. In order to sell the boat, much needed repairs had to be made. The boat was lifted out of the water with hydraulic jacks and placed on stumps of large trees that had been cut for this purpose. More than fifty 2x12x20 hardwood boards were cut from jungle trees with chain

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Fall Literature Highlights

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will focus on portions writings of others and Peter. Eventually where we see drama of God's re-Believers can be con- of the New Testa- and applicable today. All Scripture is profitable (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17), and every book preaches Christ in a unique way (Luke 24:27; 1 Corinthians 10:11).

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EIM Schedule - Trip Slots Available

Our 2017 team schedule has been set. EIM will be offering several short term mission opportunities for adults and families. EIM has over 15 years' experience in leading and facilitating teams. EIM would consider it an honor for you to be a part of our team. All of our team trips are evangelistic in its approach and focus. Listed below are the dates that are available for additional team members.

June 14 - 25 Overseas Bible School Shinyanga, Tanzania. Cost \$3,000.00. Cost includes airfare, lodging, transportation and food. (Cost does not include a Visa fee due in Tanzania.) EIM currently has openings for four additional team members.

For adults 21 and over. Team limited to 16 members

September 1 - 8 Overseas Bible School Rimnicu Vilcea, Romania. Cost \$2,800.00. Cost includes airfare, lodging, transportation and food. For adults 21 and over. Team limited to 12 members

October 9 - 13 Shepherd Bag™ Distribution Honduras. Location not yet determined. Cost \$1,500.00. Cost includes airfare, lodging, transportation and food. For adults 21 and over. Team limited to 4-8 members.

November 3 - 10 Overseas Bible School Accra, Ghana. Cost \$3,000. Cost includes airfare,

lodging, transportation and food. (Cost does not include a Visa fee.) For adults 21 and over. Team limited to 16 members.

A non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 and application deadline for Overseas Bible School will be due November 15, 2016. Application can be found on our website www.eimworldwide.org "serve with us" link. Application can be submitted online.

If you would like to put together a team from your church we would be willing to look at our schedule and see if we could schedule your team.

If you are interested please contact Fonda Norris, EIM team coordinator, at 870-226-3626 or email her at fnorris@eimworldwide.org

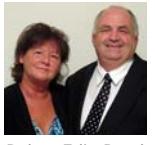


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New Fiscal Year Begins

Our fiscal year begins August 1, 2016. This means we have completed our budget process, submitted our budget for the new year to the committee men for approval, and have begun our operation for the new year. We continue to improve our efficiency and I am excited to report to you that we closed the year with an efficiency rating of 87/13. This means that for every dollar that comes into the general fund of State Missions, 87 cents goes directly to our missionaries. This is an improvement over last year's 84/16. But I am not satisfied and won't be, until we get this number to 90/10. However, I am excited that we are making improvement. With the close of this fiscal year, I can report that we will close in the black again this year. It wasn't by much, but it is enough for me to say "Praise the Lord."

As I get ready to move into my 6th year as your Director, I want you to know that I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve. My heart is filled with gratitude for the way the churches of the BMA of Mississippi have supported State Missions. Recently, I have had the privilege of visiting with Missionaries Danny Bartlett, Wesley Martin, Sidney Farmer, Anders Lee, Kenneth Pollock and Phillip Burns and I am thrilled with the progress, work ethic, and character of our state missionaries. I stand in awe of God's rich blessings on our mission's activity across the state. I look forward to getting out and visiting our other missionaries soon.

We currently have 19 men involved in missions activity around the state; some supported directly and some indirectly. But, all are a part of the network of State Missions. Some of these are coordinators and at least one is in training. Our actual number of active church plants (mission projects) is 14. Our financial support of these men and the missions activity they are involved in would not be possible without the additional support of our local associations. The support of our local associations is critical to the uninterrupted activity of our overall State Mission's program.



Folks from Mt Carmel help Day Star Mission with VBS churches.

Progress continues on the addition to the Caledonia Baptist Mission property. Plans are being finalized for the first unit building at Clinton for Grace Baptist Mission. Central at Southaven has purchased land and is nearing their construction phase. Day Star at Sumrall is looking for land and is already in need of a first unit building. Please pray



Bro. Ed Duvall baptizing two recently at Homestretch Church, Cleveland



elected to Sumrall, Mississippi, to conduct VBS for the Day Star Mission. I want to thank Bro. Lumpkin and the fine folks at Mt. Carmel for being hands-on with their missions support.



Mrs. Becky Farmer pins one of her GMA girls at South Forrest with us, as we tackle these challenges in the upcoming fiscal year.

In my last article, I updated you on some of the events happening at a number of our State Missions. Since then, I have received reports from Bro. Ed DuVall, sharing his excitement over the baptism of two people at Homestretch in Cleveland, and I have received a report concerning VBS at Day Star in Sumrall. This is the second year in a row that folks from Mt. Carmel, led by their Pastor, Bro. Cedric Lumpkin, have trav-

Revolving Loan Fund by RLF Manager Vernon Newman

As I have started visiting with churches and individuals to promote the Revolving Loan Fund, I have found that numerous individuals are not aware of the benefits of the Revolving Loan Fund. This applies to those who have accounts and to those churches that need loans to build, expand, update or maintain their facilities or even to refinance an existing loan to a lower rate of interest. Our current rate of interest on loans to BMA of Mississippi Churches is 4.25%. This rate is well below most commercial banks.

I am available to review all the benefits of the Revolving Loan Fund with anyone that is interested in setting up an account, as well as any church that is interested in a loan.

I can be contacted at the BMA of Mississippi Missions Office in Laurel at 601-428-8616 or on my mobile at 601-606-6910 or via email at vernon@bmams.org. I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Reports for July 2016				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Bob Burch (Caledonia)	88	66	\$4,540.00	East Fulton
Bobby Elliott (Burnsville)	48	44	\$2,230.00	Forked Oak
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest County)	63	48	\$6,350.00	Paramount
Danny Bartlett (Clinton)	10	11	\$4,200.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	29	9	\$3,828.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	38	27	\$3,749.00	Campground
Anders Lee (Southaven)	163	106	\$17,679.00	Charity
Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	16	6	\$4,984.00	First Baptist Mantachie
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin – Manager)				
(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	115	123	\$5,021.00	
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	37	15	\$1,281.00	El Camino
Rodolfo Galicia (Biloxi)	10	3	\$0.00	El Camino
Lucas Gomez (Canton)				El Camino
(Elvis Garcia – Coordinator)				
(Elvis Garcia is also the Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)				
Way, Truth & Life Byron Morales (Ripley)	74	90	\$4,421.00	
Church Planters				
Humberto Regalado (Tupelo)	21	11	\$705.00	Way, Truth & Life
Luis Huchin (Oxford)	43	5	\$1,556.00	Way, Truth & Life
Daniel Polanco (Horn Lake)				Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall – Coordinator)				
(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	34	50	\$3,264.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook (Olive Branch)	11	13	\$1,600.00	Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 307 new contacts, 182 opportunities to share the gospel, and witnessed 19 professions of faiths, and 16 joined by letter in July.				

Cameron Ministry Expands

After traveling and singing southern gospel music for the past ten years, The Camerons are pleased to announce an expansion in their ministry. The group has expressed the calling that God has placed on them to expand into the field of evangelism.

The Camerons are made up of Jus-

tin and Felicia Cameron of Hattiesburg, their son Chance of McLain, and Reese



Reynaud of Brookhaven. Justin and Felicia have served at several BMA churches in south Mississippi and Justin currently serves as the clerk of the BMA of Mississippi. Chance is serving as Worship Leader at Midway Baptist Church in McLain. In July of 2015 God added Reese as a dynamic young bass singer to the group.

With this new venture, The Camerons are available for concerts, but also to preach and/or lead worship for revivals or conferences. You can learn more about The Camerons' ministry and follow their schedule at www.thecameronsministries.com

They can be contacted at 601-325-3047 or 601-674-0307.

Houdini

A week or two ago, a friend donated five Black Sexlink hens to our flock. I named one of them Houdini because she is the master of escape. In all the time we have had chickens, not one has escaped...until Houdini. I put her in the pen and a few minutes later, the dogs are chasing her around the yard. Apparently she likes the exercise, because she escapes sometimes twice a day. I have yet to figure her little trick out. No matter. I just open the door to the coop, and she walks back in the pen. I think she just likes for me to know that she can get out anytime she wants. She just wants to stretch the boundaries of her confinement.

Truth be told, I like the chickens. Don't tell my wife. It's nice to go to the back forty, flip a five gallon bucket over, and just sit and contemplate while watching the chickens scratch around their yard. You might say it is my 'chicken soup for the soul' moment. Besides that, I need to figure out Houdini's magic trick.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

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Baptist Church, Purvis.
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at leecharles47@yahoo.com



DEATHS

Former Pastor Dies

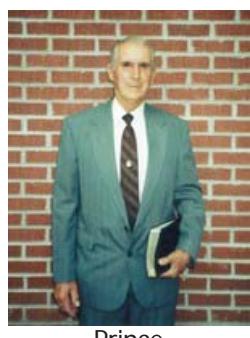
Bro. James E. Estes passed away in Gulfport, on August 9, 2016, at the age of 85. He was born at Tom Nolen, Mississippi. He is survived by his wife, LaBonnia Estes, one son, Tim Estes, two daughters, Deborah Davis and Dianne Spencer, one sister, Dorothy Betts. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Bryan Estes, 1 brother and 3 sisters. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Bro. Estes served as state Director for the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry for 19 years. Memorial services were held Saturday, August 13, 2016, at Central Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Estes previously served as pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church, West Point, Mississippi.

Mississippi Pastor Dies

Bro. Jewel Lee Prince, age 79, of Picayune, Mississippi passed away Friday, August 5, 2016.

Funeral services were held at Lee's Chapel #1 on August 10, 2016. Bro. James Reeves, Bro. Scott Downes, and Bro. Wesley Downes officiated. Burial was in Lee's Chapel #1 Cemetery.



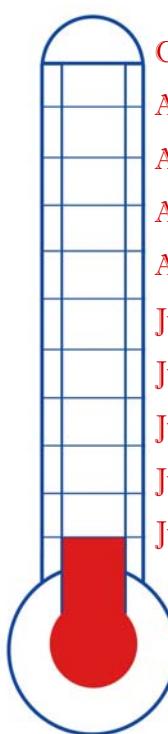
Prince

Bro. Prince served as pastor of Wolf Creek Baptist Church for 30 years, was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a bricklayer, and a Mason.

He is survived by two sons, Timothy Prince and his wife Donna; Allen Prince and his wife Suzanne; two daughters, Aleshia Reeves and her husband James, and Sandy Spiers; loving friend and companion Sue Necaise; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilson L. Prince and Mable Prince; one son, Kimothy Prince; three brothers, Sam Prince, Billy Prince, and Frank Prince; one sister, Mary Catherine Smith.

Statewide Goal: \$ 15,000



GOAL REACHED!

August 28th—\$ _____
August 21st—\$ _____
August 14th—\$ _____
August 7th—\$ _____
July 31st—\$ _____
July 24th—\$ _____
July 17th—\$ _____
July 10th—\$ _____
July 3rd—\$ _____



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July/August



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Opportunities Abound!

There are no limits to the opportunities that God's people have to influence the lives of others. We are commanded to give, witness, support in prayer and generally be light and salt to the world around us.

It gives the truly dedicated Christian great joy to find an opportunity to serve and support.

I would like to share some opportunities and needs with our readers and encourage you to prayerfully support these projects and individuals. Someone's eternal destiny depends on the response.

New Missionaries

I met Stan and Donna Scroggins many years ago while they were serving at Farmington Church, Corinth, Mississippi. They prepared themselves well for ministry. They sought education opportunities and service opportunities.

In a recent conversation with Stan I learned they had resigned their positions at First Baptist Church of Magnolia, Arkansas, where he served in the fields of music and education.

He and his wife Donna have surrendered to foreign missions. They will be leaving in the Fall to move to the Philippines and begin work at the Philippine Bible College. They will be "selfsupport" missionaries. Bonnie and I had the joy of visiting the Philippines this past March. What an eye opening experience. We were able to see the work of the ministry first hand. Great things are going on in this Island nation.

The Scroggins have served in BMA churches for over 37 years and are headed to the Philippines to work in the areas of Music education, K-12 education, church planting, pastoral and missionary care, and whatever the Lord puts in their path.

The financial needs of a missionary are great. You, your church, and your groups would do well to help support Stan and Donna with your prayers and generous financial support. Funds should be sent to the National Missions Office in Conway, Arkansas, and marked for support of Stan and Donna Scroggins.

Special Philippine Bible College Project

I have received word from Doug and Diane Lee concerning a special need. Here is the note they shared.

"HELP!!! The students at Baptist Missionary Bible College in the Philippines are hosting a Bible Conference and pastors appreciation day, as part of their training. We desperately need sponsors for this event. Last year a church in Pearl River County, Mississippi, sponsored the conference. The cost to sponsor this event is \$1,300.00 US dollars. This year we are asking for donations from our friends, churches, organizations, individuals and Facebook friends to help with the cost. At present the college cannot fit this into our budget. If you are interested in



Stan Scroggins

helping with this project please private message me with your donation amount or email me at doug@musicservicesinc.com. I will let you know where to send you tax deductible contribution. Thanking you in advance for your generosity."

The Great Need

My home church is First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel. We have hosted five BMA missionaries in the past 8 months. What a blessing to host them and learn of their personal work, the victories, the challenges, and the needs they have. They all need to be remembered regularly in prayer AND they all need sufficient financial support to continue successful ministries.

They depend on the people and churches of the BMA of Mississippi and America to keep them on the field so they may be able to reach the world for Christ.

Be a blessing and a part of sharing the Gospel. Support our missionaries, those in our state, nation, and around the world.

Bains Celebrate 50th Anniversary

On June 4th Dewitt and Brenda Bain celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



Dewitt & Brenda Bain

sary. Forty years of this time have been spent in the ministry of the Lord. We are thankful for both milestones in our lives. God has been so very good to us. We are thankful for all our family and Christian friends who have been such a part of the journey and look forward to what God has in store for the future.

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Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Another Rant!

A few weeks ago a "girl" with whom I had shared an apartment over 60 years ago sent pictures that were made during that time. One in which we were "clothed and in our right mind" as the healed man in Luke 8:35.

BUT in the other picture we were sitting on the back stairs in baby-doll pajamas. My friend asked what in the world we were doing outside in broad daylight in downtown half naked having our picture made?

Well I responded to her by telling her not to worry. These days we could wear those baby dolls to church and not raise an eyebrow because I see females in less at church.

I've come to the conclusion that they are not in their right mind and I refer you back to Luke 8:35.

And that's MY RANT!!!!!!

LifeWord Sunday Promotion

October 23 is 2016 Lifeword Sunday and we want all BMA churches to be involved in learning about, praying for, and giving to Lifeword on that day. To help each church participate in this emphasis day, we will be mailing out what used to be called "walk packets" to all BMA churches. Each packet will include a letter from Executive Director Steve Crawley, a 2016 Lifeword video, two posters and a sample bulletin insert. (Order more inserts online when you order your T-shirts at lifeword.org/lifewordsunday/ or contact holly@lifeword.org.



story.

Pastors who commit to participate in Lifeword Sunday by registering their churches will be entered into a December 12th drawing for a 60-inch TV. Other requirements for entry include

the following: naming a contact person for Lifeword Sunday / WalkfortheWorld and sending in contributions (marked "Walk" or "Lifeword Sunday") by December 12.

To register your church or order T-shirts, go to lifeword.org/lifewordsunday/. In addition to being entered into the drawing, pastors and Team Lifeword leaders will receive free T-shirts just for registering. Don't forget to mark your church calendar, register your church, show the video, give out inserts, and send in your contributions to enter to win the TV. (Churches who have already registered will be included in the drawing.)

We want BMA church members to understand our unique ministry that uses media to spread the gospel, even if their church no longer hold a fundraising event like WalkfortheWorld. The short video and bulletin inserts will help to tell our

Central Baptist College Student Dies In Accident

Central Baptist College Statement

On Friday night August 12, the Central Baptist College community lost one of its own. Student Cody Miller of Forrest City, Ark. was killed in a vehicle accident on Dave Ward Drive in Conway. Cody was a member of the CBC Mustangs Junior Varsity Baseball Team and was a member of Student Orientation Staff. Cody was preparing to begin his second year at CBC.

"This is an extremely difficult time for everyone in the CBC family," said Central Baptist College President Terry Kimbrow. "On behalf of Central Baptist College I want to express our deepest sympathies to Cody's family and friends. Please keep his family, friends, coaches, teammates, and classmates in your prayers."

The College is planning to host a time of prayer at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14 in the Burgess Auditorium. The College is also working with the campus Counseling Center to make counseling services available to students early next week, ahead of the start of the fall semester which begins on Thursday, August 18.



Annual Church Letters Mailed

by Justin Cameron, clerk
BMA of Mississippi

The Annual Church Letters have been sent to each local church. Please complete the letter and have it approved in a regular business session of your church. Once the letter is completed and approved, it can be sent to: BMA of Mississippi, Justin Cameron, Clerk, 34 Nelson Manor Dr., Purvis, MS 39475.

You may also bring your letter with you to the Annual Meeting in October.

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School Starting

Although warm weather continues, Summer break is nearly over for college students. Because only a few classes are taught during the summer, many think that summer is a time when very little work takes place. Actually many academic and physical preparations for the school year are much easier.

Sunbeams Meet

The State Sunbeams met at Southeastern on July 23rd. The day was planned with the energy of the young people in mind. They moved from activity to activity very quickly. The kids had opportunity for regular snacks and food. They had physical exercise with a jumping gymnasium. The making of crafts was available. Trophies, prizes, and gifts were given during the day. The center of the spiritual was a variety of music and a message by Justin Rhodes. The number of workers leading and present as counsellors equalled that of the children. Everyone had a great day.

Faculty Preparations

On Monday August 8th, we had 'In Service' for the faculty and staff of Southeastern. About twenty were present for inspiration and guidance concerning the new semester. Everyone was reminded that work at our school is

Some Thoughts From Scripture

by Grover Laird

Church members have been known to turn to a false religion and make great sacrifices in order to live by their rules. Yet the same people would not even attend church regularly in order to live by God's rules. Israel did this at times. While obeying God in small matters seemed too much for them, after turning to idols they burnt their children in the fire in order to live by the rules of a false god - "But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood." (Psalm 106:35-38)

a ministry for the Lord.

Local Home Schoolers Registration

The Laurel Home Schoolers had their annual registration in the gym at Southeastern on August 5th. Hundreds of parents and students came by on the rainy night. Along with a couple dozen others, SBC had a display table. The President, Academic Dean Scott Carson, and Director of Admissions Ronnie Kitchens manned the table. Hopefully relationships were established which will lead to present and future students.

Fall Registration Still Open

Registration on campus at Southeastern Baptist College began on August 8th. If you hurry, there is still time for you to sign up for classes on campus and online at SBC. Please call on Monday through Wednesday or fill out the application online to begin the process. Remember that all On Campus classes are also taught online.

CHURCH NEWS

Texas Church Seeks Youth Minister

New Harmony Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas is seeking a full time Youth Minister. Talents or abilities desired are as follows: Education and experience in Theology and Counseling; Bilingual a plus, but not required; Remit resume to New Harmony Baptist Church, 10251 FM 724, Tyler, TX 75704, fax 903-593-2500, email nhbc@nhbc.us. For questions or information, call our office 903-593-5811.

East Central Meets

by Jerry Overstreet

The East Central Association met recently with Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Leakesville. Host pastor Greg Hillman welcomed the messengers and special music was presented by Calvary's choir. The evening message was brought by Bro. J.R. Hartfield. Four state missionaries were present along with Missions Director Larry Geraldson. The East Central Association will hold an association wide revival September 5-9. Services will begin at 7 o'clock each evening. Speakers for that week will be the five missionaries we support with five different churches will host a night of revival.

Military BibleSticks Ministry

Greetings BMA Pastors!

My name is David Powell and I serve with Faith Comes By Hearing ministry. FCBH has partnered with 150 BMA congregations to provide Military BibleSticks (MBKs) for our nation's military personnel and for our Veterans. An MBK is a dedicated listening device built to military specifications that has been pre-loaded with the audio New Testament and an hour's worth of selected Psalms. To date, BMA congregations have funded 6,515 MBKs. Amen! Overall, 692,123 MBKs have been distributed by 1,685 Chaplains to our active duty military personnel as well as to Guard and Reserve units and

to Veterans and from Iraq and Afghanistan to installations across the U.S.

A Captain with the Army Reserve wrote "Thank you so much for making this! I'm deployed to Iraq and this makes it so easy to stay in the Word and stay positive. I like to listen in the morning on the bus on the way to work and then read what I heard in evening." A Navy Petty Officer wrote "I am a submariner; the Bible Stick takes up little room & helps bring peace in rough times." A Marine Gunny Sergeant wrote "It helped me deeply when I was in the field and not able to get to my BIG BOOK. I pray that more of the Bible Sticks can be distributed...literally." A Vietnam Vet-

eran wrote "Thank you for your work getting the Bible out to people. It makes my heart happy. I found the true Gospel by listening to your Bible at night as I sleep....".

Pastors, I want to invite you and your congregations to partner with us on Sunday, September 11 (Patriot Day) to provide additional MBKs for the troops/Veterans. Chaplains have requested 35,700 MBKs since early May, including a request from the 101st Airborne, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, for 10,000. To help us fulfill the requests, simply play our "Hope For Our Heroes" support

video and demonstrate an MBK to the congregation and receive an offering. Every \$25 raised will place an MBK in the hands of the troops/Veterans and also open a door to provide additional audio Scripture resources to their families back home. Please communicate with me if you would like to participate and I will provide support materials and we will coordinate your plan. Thank you for your consideration! God's blessings!

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Big Creek WMA Elects New Officers



The Big Creek WMA met for its annual session at Salem Baptist Church, Stringer. New officers were elected as follows: President Mrs. Shirlene Smith, Hopewell Church; First Vice-president, Martha McLemore, First, Calhoun; Second Vice-president, Bonnie Brown, First, Shady Grove; Third Vice-president, Jean Jefcoat, Berean; Recording Secretary, Jeanelle Burkes, Lebanon; Assistant Recording Secretary, Linda Smith, Hopewell; Corresponding Secretary, Ruby Bynum, First Calhoun; Assistant Recording Secretary, Janice Bryant, Lebanon; Song Director, Barbara White, First, Bay Springs; Director of Youth Auxillaries, Lane Flynt, Shiloh; Assistant Director of Youth Auxillaries, Shiloh; Reporter, Ginny Singleton, Parkview; Pianist, Mary Wardell, First, Shady Grove; Historian, Judy Eavanson, Parkview; Assistant Historian, Marta Carmical, Parkview; and Assistant Project Promoter, Carole Rice, Berean.

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Junior Miss GMA Talks Retreat
Hi everyone! I'm Macey Jones, your 2016 State Junior Miss GMA. I just wanted to let you know about the upcoming GMA retreat. It will be March 17 & 18, 2017, so mark your calendar!

Our theme is "Peace of God", and the theme verse is from Philippians 4:17. The officers are already working hard to make this retreat great. Please start praying for the retreat and that souls may be saved. Hope to see you there!

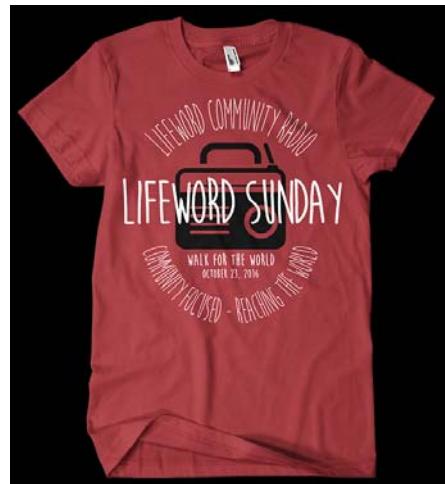
SOAR Students Give To Missions

by Jonathan Wilson

Students gave over \$15,000 to missions at SOAR 2016. Approximately \$9,000 was given to the ministry of T.J. and Jenni Johnson. Over \$5,500 was given to the Missionary Care Conference scheduled for early 2017. Another \$700 was given to Volunteer Student Missions. In a day and age where youth are often overlooked, students at SOAR made an everlasting impact on the world.

LifeWord Sunday Promotion

October 23 is 2016 Lifeword Sunday and we want all BMA churches to be involved in learning about, praying for, and giving to Lifeword on that day. To help each church participate in this emphasis day, we will be mailing out what used to be called "walk packets" to all BMA churches. Each packet will include a letter from Executive Director Steve Crawley, a 2016 Lifeword video, two posters and a sample bulletin insert. (Order more inserts online when you order your T-shirts at lifeworld.org/lifewordsunday/ or contact holly@lifeworld.org.)



story.

Pastors who commit to participate in Lifeword Sunday by registering their churches will be entered into a December 12th drawing for a 60-inch TV.

Other requirements for entry include the following: naming a contact person for Lifeword Sunday/WalkfortheWorld and sending in contributions (marked "Walk" or "Lifeword Sunday") by December 12.

To register your church or order T-shirts, go to lifeworld.org/lifewordsunday/.

In addition to being entered into the drawing, pastors and Team Lifeword leaders will receive free T-shirts just for registering. Don't forget to mark your church calendar, register your church, show the video, give out inserts, and send in your contributions to enter to win the TV. (Churches who have already registered will be included in the drawing.)

We want BMA church members to understand our unique ministry that uses media to spread the gospel, even if their church no longer hold a fundraising event like WalkfortheWorld. The short video and bulletin inserts will help to tell our

Master's Builders Work In Texas

by Nelda Malone- reporter



The Master's Builders working at Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas

Editor's Note: The Master's Builders consist of faithful men and women who give of their time and talents to the Lord's work. They build, remodel, repair and work at churches, schools, departments, camps, and anywhere they may be of service to the Lord and the churches of the BMA of America.

If your church has a building need this editor would suggest you talk to these great servants and see if they can be of service. God bless them!

The Master's Builders returned to Jacksonville College, Jacksonville,

Texas, on July 18, to do several projects around the campus. Dr. Mike Smith had lined out several areas that needed a "face lift".

Buckner Chapel had several projects: a new sound booth in the balcony, a reworking of area around the stage, new handrails for the steps up to the stage and new platforms for area in front of the stage. Another project was the bathroom renovation at a house that was recently purchased across from the JC campus, which will be used for student housing. The Ragsdale House got a new laundry room, the cafeteria

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Thank the Lord for Our Youth

The Lord has given Pat and I an opportunity to be involved with working with young people in various churches and ministries. We served in youth ministry while I was the director of the Association of Baptist Students on the campus of Mississippi State University early in our service to the Lord. While there we were also a church planter in the Starkville area. In every church that I had the privilege to pastor over the years, youth ministry was a vital part and focus as we ministered in that particular church. Of course now, through the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home, our primary emphasis is working with children and young people.

We thank God for the children and young people that God has allowed us to have a part in enriching their lives. Let me encourage the youth of our day, as you grow up seek and discover the things that really matter. Accept yourself for being the person you really are, made in the image of God, and created to do His will. Make up your mind that you are going to the best of your ability as a youth to invest your life in things that really count and not just spend your life on things that have no eternal value.

I challenge you as a young person, to allow biblical young people be your examples and heroes. One example is Joseph who can explain to you how you can make your dreams come true. There are many more examples listed in the Bible for your consideration. Read and study their lives and see how God blessed them when they followed His instructions and obeyed His will.

We thank the Lord for you our youth and our prayers are with you!

School Is Back In Session

Can you believe that the summer is almost over and school is back in session pretty much all over the state of Mississippi? Well, the boys and girls at the Home are back in school. Everyone seems to be doing well in getting back in the routine of getting around earlier in the morning to get ready to get off to school. Pray for each student at the Home that the Lord will give His watch care, protection, grace, and love throughout this school year.



Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the Home and its ministry in your prayers. Pray for the children and youth of your church. May the Lord help our youth as they seek Him for direction in their life. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

Thank you to ALL who helped make this HOT job much more enjoyable: Dr. Mike Smith and all the staff and workers at Jacksonville College; the cafeteria staff made great meals and we so enjoyed the fellowship; to First Baptist Jacksonville, Bro. Vernon Lee, the Jubilee Club, and the WMA for all you did for The Master's Builders while we were there.

The Master's Builders will now enjoy a much needed rest! But remember, if you have questions about our ministry or if your church has building needs, please contact Office Coordinator Bro. John Mangum at 318-205-5155 or his cell 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675.

Rivers Of Blessing

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saws by our brethren in Belencito. The rotting hull was repaired and coated anew with tar to make it floatable once again. While this was happening, the crew repainted the boat inside and out. Also, plans were being made to replace or rebuild the straight six-cylinder Volvo diesel motor.



"New motor with radiator and barrel
(Pastor David Flores)"

The problem with the motor is this: the cooling system had been taking in water from the river, and over the years the algae and minerals in the river water corroded and destroyed the cylinder walls of the motor. We decided to rebuild the motor and install a radiator for the cooling system. The drive shaft, U-bolts, etc. were all rusted and in need of replacement. However, before all this work began, David received an invitation from people who lived along another huge river, the Intenis, which intersects the Mamoré and comes from deep within Brazil. As he made contact with several new villages along the Intenis, God began to refresh his vision for the Arrington River Boat.

Instead of selling the boat, we decided to repair and renovate it and begin a completely new era in Brazil. Several of our men along the river are bilingual and speak both Spanish and Portuguese. They, along with David, have made contact with several villages in Brazil and already have several believers along the new river. In early July, I visited the boat to accompany David and the crew on the "maiden voyage" of the newly repaired boat. On the trip, we found that the radiator was too small to continually cool the motor and the air flow was not sufficient to cool the water as it circulated through the radiator. David and his mechanical abilities solved

the problem by circulating the water with a lot of coolant through a barrel filled with clean water. After a few adjustments, the motor was tuned up, smoothed out, and fully functional.

Here is the good news. Many new churches are being started in the northwestern waterways of Brazil. A new era of ministry is now being realized, and soon the Brazilian Association will have a ministry begun by Bolivian missionaries. God is exciting many people with his vision for the villagers along the Intenis River in Brazil.

Here is our dilemma! The funds which were available for the ministry of the Arrington have been depleted! The necessary repairs cost almost \$12,000.00. As the ministry continues along the rivers of Brazil, we desperately need to replace these funds and spend our time and efforts evangelizing the river people in Brazil. Our plans are to invite the leaders of BMA Brazil to help with this ministry as funds become available. As you read this article and view these photos, will you pray for the future of this worthy ministry? Will you consider a gracious one-time or monthly offering to help us reach this new area with the gospel? May God receive all the glory and may we rejoice in his blessings.

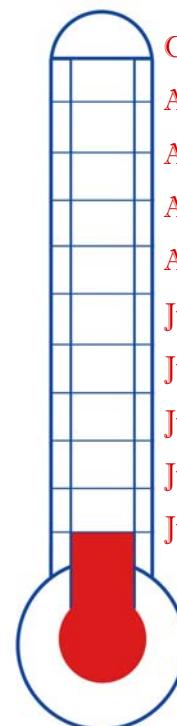


"Motor before repair without the radiator"



"Newly repaired and repainted Arrington"

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