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2019 Lifeword Sunday Season Begins

Lifeword Sunday season is upon us! We pray your church family will plan to join the Lifeword team in a day of informing, praying and giving. October 20 (or whichever date your church may choose) is Lifeword Sunday and our desire is for your church members to understand how Lifeword helps them fulfill their Great Commission calling.

Here's how you can participate in 2019 Lifeword Sunday:

- Register your church at lifeword.org/lifewordsunday or call Lifeword to register at 501-205-1127. (You'll be entered to win an Apple watch!)

- Be on the lookout for your church packet in the mail. Enclosed in it are two posters and a bulletin insert sample you can use to highlight the day. A short video will be available for you to download at lifeword.org or email lauren@lifeword.org for a DVD. This will help your church understand what Lifeword is all about.

- Order Lifeword Sunday T-shirts at lifeword.org/lifewordsunday. This year our T-shirt company will be printing and shipping shirt orders every two weeks, so we encourage you to place your shirt orders at least three weeks before your Lifeword Sunday event to ensure they arrive on time!

- Pray for the millions who need to hear the gospel on October 20 and take a special offering for Lifeword.

Thank you in advance for your partnership with Lifeword. We appreciate you!

T-Shirts Available



Donny Parrish Injured

Lifeword Executive Director Donny Parrish was involved in a bicycle accident recently and has spent time in ICU at Baptist Health Medical Center in Conway, Arkansas.

He is being treated for multiple broken ribs, a broken collarbone, and a collapsed lung. At this writing, Parrish was still under hospital care but hopes to be released soon.

"I'm grateful for the many of you who have reached out to our family during this difficult time and I'm praying for God to grant a full recovery soon. The excellent team at Lifeword has stepped in to make certain Lifeword's programming and operations are not affected by my absence. I covet your prayers," said Parrish.



Lifeword Director
Donny Parrish

Lifeword's teams and families around the world continue to lift up Donny in prayer. Updates on Donny's progress will be released via Lifeword's Facebook page.

For Donny's scheduled speaking engagements and appointments in August and September, Director of Church Relations Lauren Crawley and Director of Operations Luis Ortega are reaching out to either reschedule or have Luis Ortega fulfill them.

For any immediate needs contact Luis Ortega at 501.329.6891, directly at 501.358.3835, or luis@lifeword.org

Darlene Carey Christian Academy Established at BMA Bible College, Philippines

by Jimmy Walker
Missionary to the Philippines

As many of you have heard, life long BMA missionary Darlene Carey passed away this last month. To have known her was to know

a true warrior for our Lord. For many years she served as a missionary in the Philippines traveling from village to village, evangelizing, doing women's ministry, establishing Christian

Kindergartens and assisting church planters in whatever they needed to help grow the Church. After many years serving in the Philippines her ministry spread to the other countries of



Darlene Carey

Southeast Asia. She was the first single woman elected by the BMAA to be a missionary. Her example for young girls and women across our work is remarkable. So we announce the name of our new Christian Academy at the Bible College: "The Darlene Carey Christian Academy".

I first met Darlene at the student SOAR Conference many years ago. I remember being moved by her compassion for the lost and her willingness to GO! That Legacy is still very much alive here in the Philippines. Whenever her name is mentioned among our churches here, faces light up with Joy!

Last month we launched our fundraising campaign to build 12 new classrooms to accommodate a 1st-12th grade Christian academy. We are excited that her legacy will live on in the life of this new grade school and that it will challenge young girls and boys to follow in her footsteps.

You can help be a part of this great

legacy by giving to the construction of this new school. Please send your offering to the BMAA missions office in Conway and designate your gift to "The Darlene Carey Christian Academy."

Why start a Christian grade school?

This will be a tremendous outreach to the community around the college. It will be a place where children can come each day and receive a Christ-centered education. It will be a place where disciples are made. The school will also give us opportunities to reach parents with the Gospel.

The grade school will also be a financial blessing to the BMA Bible college. Right now around 95% of the colleges operation budget comes from churches and individual donors in the United States. We anticipate that the grade school will be able to provide around 40% of the funds needed to perpetuate the college ministry. This is the first step in helping the college to

become a self-supported ministry.

Here's What We Need

In order for us to grow the grade school we need 12 additional classrooms. It is not necessary to have all of them at one time, but we will need 3 by this next July and we would need to begin construction by January. Each classroom will cost around \$10,000. Can you help provide a classroom? Can your church help provide a classroom? Your gift will be a blessing that will have an impact for decades to come. Please prayerfully consider being a partner in this project!

Offerings can be sent to: BMAA Missions Office: P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033 or Garrett Memorial Baptist Church: P.O. Box 223, Hope, AR 71802

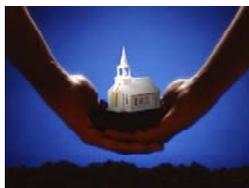
Designate your gift to The Darlene Carey Christian Academy, Philippines. If you would like to talk further about this, shoot me an email at bmabcphilippines@yahoo.com.

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“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful...” I Cor 4:2

As I sit to write this article, our team of auditors have occupied our conference room. The team of five will spend the entire week going through our Missions and Revolving Loan Fund books. Each year, we subject ourselves to the most stringent audit to ensure that we are doing things as good stewards. We are confident that we will have another good audit.

God continues to bless both Missions and the Revolving Loan Fund. We ended our fiscal year in the black in both areas. I continue to see growth and improved efficiency. I am excited about how God continues to bring this about. However, we still have room to grow. I am actively praying for and seeking two new missionaries that could begin before the first of the year.

Also, we continue to solicit new deposits into the Revolving Loan Fund. We need to raise approximately \$1,750,000.00 in new deposits to meet the demands of these upcoming loans. Our current rate of return to our shareholder accounts is 2.25%. If your church has a cemetery fund or a building fund or savings account not yet on deposit with us, please consider setting up an account with us. If you need more information, please contact our office at 601-428-8616. These are good challenges to have.

Reports from the Field

Canaan Baptist Mission - Waynesboro

Thank the Lord for the progress we have made thus far! We still have around 15-20 who meet regularly, with 12 of those being members. Recently, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Lucedale, contacted us in regard to used and left-over Sunday School material. The Mission Church will be receiving this material, several years' worth, and begin hav-



Canaan Baptist youth choir singing special music at Canaan Baptist Mission

ing Sunday School probably in September, if things go according to plan. We are looking forward to holding Bible Study/Revival August 26th - 30th! Our members have been very busy passing out tracts and inviting people from the community to the Mission Church and up-



Full house at Canaan Baptist Mission

coming Revival services. We have a very loving and caring congregation, and I thank God for them and your faithful support. – Jason Howard, Missionary Pastor

Midway Baptist Mission – Batesville

Greetings from Midway Baptist Mission, Batesville/Oxford. All is well at Midway. We are rejoicing in the success of Vacation Bible School. South Forest Baptist Church blessed us greatly in conducting the program. The average student attendance was fourteen, and most all of them are from families who are not actively attending a local church.



VBS at Midway in Batesville

We are doing follow-up with each household and praying for positive results. Our membership is predominately older adults, but spiritual growth is very evident.

The people are reaching out to family and neighbors, seeking to get them involved in the local church. Our desire is to reach people of all ages with the gospel. To accomplish that, we must be prepared for the task. Very soon, we will begin Disciple Way small group training.

Increase in membership may be slow

and one by one, but that's okay. The goal for Midway is to be well grounded in faith, the Word, and the doctrines of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi. Pray with us that God will bless and make of us the local church He desires for our area of the state. – Kenneth Pollock, Missionary Pastor

Homestretch Baptist - Cleveland

Homestretch had a VBS July 25-26. Bro. Beau Comeaux, Pastor of Mt. Calvary in Picayune, and his family came up and helped us and did a great job. We had 15 children and 10 adults to attend.



VBS at Homestretch in Cleveland

We spent Friday going out into the community and witnessing going door to door. We were able to lead one young lady to Christ and prayed with many more. We had a special group of kids and we are following up to get them involved in regular church service. I have recommitted myself to going to the streets to share the gospel. It feels good getting back to our original mission. – Bro. Ed DuVall, Pastor

Hispanic Missions Report – Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Manager

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42. There is a blessing to report about Hispanic missions in the state of Mississippi. Every field continues making steps forward and sharing the gospel of Jesus.

Bro Lucas Gomez in Canton Mississippi reports that they recently began Sunday School classes and are having



Bro. Marciano Montalova baptizes 4 from El Camino in Laurel



Sunday School class at the Hispanic Mission in Canton, Mississippi

good attendance. A total of fifteen people are attending faithfully every Sunday morning; two people been saved and are being disciplined.

Bro Jorge Galicia in the Biloxi mission reports fourteen in Sunday



Sunday School class at the Hispanic Mission in Hattiesburg School and worship service, sharing the gospel with twelve people and the small group of ladies on Thursday mornings is

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MINISTERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

by Anders Lee

This Place is Getting Wicked...

I know you all have been paying attention. You don't need me to tell you know how wicked this place is getting. You are not uninformed and ignorant about the status of our country, I know you watch the news. Yet I have a point, so read the article to the end.

We have an openly gay married man running for President of the United States. South Bend, Indiana's Mayor, Pete Buttigieg, has entered the 2020 race for president. He announced his intentions with a video featuring scenes of him and his husband, Chasten, cooking and playing with their dog, Anders Lee Buddy. CNN news says it's a "Big Deal" and that it will "further the cause of the LGBT movement" more than anything before it. "This place is getting wicked..."



Anders Lee

This year the abortion issue has heated up more than it has in many years. It escalated when New York and Virginia expanded their abortion laws. Their bill did away with many restrictions on abortion past 24 weeks during a woman's pregnancy. It allows for more scenarios of late term abortions. After passing this new legislation, other states began to follow suit and pass very similar bills. Some states have gone the opposition direction and many have fought against this here in Mississippi, still babies continue to be slaughtered at high rates in this country! "This place is getting wicked..."

Recently, Marty Sampson, who has been a prolific worship music writer,

writing and co-writing songs for Hillsong Worship, shared on Facebook that he had virtually lost his faith. In his post he states that part of his reason for losing his faith is a question in his heart. He says: "How can God be love yet send four billion people to a place, all 'coz they don't believe?" Basically he is talking about people dying and going to hell because of their unbelief, and that he just cannot accept this any longer. Hillsong has impacted Christianity drastically in the last 25 years. I personally do not embrace them or follow them, yet here is a group known world-wide for their Christian music and one of their main people is pretty much renouncing his faith. His faith was flawed from the start more than likely. His statements have cause many to mimic his skepticism toward the Bible and God. "This place is getting wicked..."

Last week, here in Southaven, Mississippi, a man came into Wal-Mart just three miles from my house and shot and killed the two managers because they had rightly dealt with his actions on the campus days before the incident. It shook our community to its core as all of that unfolded. It was shocking to us all that this could happen here. "This place is getting wicked..."

I know you all are a lot like me...frustrated... appalled... angry... fed up... wondering where in the world this country is heading... etc... but... there are bright spots to be found! Yes, we need to be proactive against all these things I just mentioned and more. One of the main ways to accomplish that is to

heavily invest in our youth who can help us change the future. At times we all find ourselves asking if we are getting the job done... and well... then it happens. We see God at work and He reminds us that He is indeed still at work even though, "this place is getting wicked!"



Dawson's Baptism

I've been overjoyed lately to watch a young man in our church growing exponentially in Christ. His name is Dawson Futral. He is 15 and was saved very early in 2019. We baptized him recently here at Central and the transformation in his life has been witnessed by all of us. In fact, many of our people at Central have made comments to me about him, stating how very different he is and that his passion for Christ is so obvious. He is in the Word habitually and wild horses can't drag him away from worship. The other day I got to church a little early to get a few things rolling... there sitting on the front porch was Dawson... I asked him how he got there. He said, "I ask my Mom to drop me off early. I just know you

got a lot to do before church, so I figured I'd come by and help you!" WOW!!! What teenager says that? He began doing odd and end things for me.

Having completed all our prep work we sat a minute on the stage before people started coming in. I asked him what God had been doing in his life in the last week. (I have to preface this by saying we had taught small groups the "Roman Road" in the Spring.) He replied; "Well you know I go to the gym four times a week." He continued; "there has been a young guy that goes to the gym the same time as me. We started working out with each other a few weeks back. God told me I needed to talk to him. So I prayed and worked up the courage to witness to him this week." It blew me away!!!! He said; "he didn't accepted the Lord, but I've been asking God to soften his heart."

Folks... I didn't share that to "brag" on Central. All of what has happened in Dawson's life is God's doing. My point is this, I know that "this place is getting wicked..." It's discouraging and disheartening! We must keep working and investing in those teenagers and young couples in our churches!!! There are a whole lot of Dawson's out there that God can use in His Kingdom to be the salt and light in this wicked place. We've just got to intentionally take the time to let God use us in their lives! So let's get at it... the work is before us!!! It's so vitally important!!! We must win our youth and disciple them to impact "this wicked place..."

Blessings to you all... I pray right now that God would raise up many more Dawson's all over the BMA of Mississippi!!!

Lee is a church planter in Southaven, Mississippi. He is a pastor and former youth minister and may be contacted at anders.lee571@gmail.com

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doing very good.

Bro. Leo Adan reports a great advance in the Hattiesburg Mission. They are having ladies small group meetings on Thursday evenings, meetings with young people on Friday evenings to play soccer, eat and have a Bible study. Three young men accepted Christ as personal savior in the last month. Bro.

Leo reports new families starting to attend church meetings in the last four weeks and that they had a total of six people saved.

El Camino church in Laurel reports sharing the gospel with twelve people and that six accepted Christ as personal savior, and four were baptized. We continue training people in the Bible institute and encouraging them to be in-

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Pastor Beau Comeaux, Pastor of Mt. Calvary in Picayune, and his wife Melissa working with kids at VBS at Homestretch in Cleveland, Mississippi

2019 Danny Pitts Lecture Series

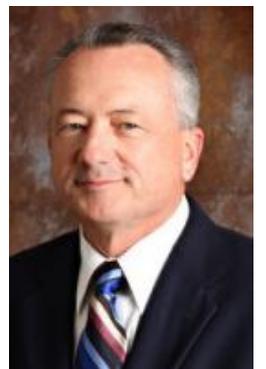
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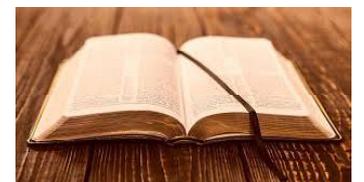
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Don Brown
Editor

The Needs Opportunities Are Great

When someone realizes that they need the Lord it presents a great opportunity to the believer to share their faith and the mercy that is theirs by knowing Christ as Savior. We do not view that a burden on us, but a great opportunity - that is our duty!

On each page of this issue are articles and announcements that present great financial needs. Often we are prone to see the financial appeals of ministry endeavors as a burden and wonder how can we possibly meet them all. Each ministry represented is a part of the great commission of sharing Christ with the world and discipling those who believe.

Let me list some of the wonderful opportunities that are highlighted in this issue...I will go page by page.

Page One - Lifeword Sunday is coming. The need to share the Gospel via radio, TV, and over the internet

Darlene Carey Academy - Christian education teaching the values of Christ and His salvation in a loving atmosphere.

Page Two - State missions reaching across Mississippi planting churches and sharing the Gospel

Page Four - Just The Crumbs ministry reaching out in times of tragedy to lift up and minister to those in need.

Page Five - Southeastern College is going through a great renovation of purpose and ministry. The future looks bright under the leadership of Dr. Carson and plans are in the works for growth in both numbers, degree programs, and ministry. What a jewel the BMA has in SBC.

Page Seven - The 2019 Senior Adult Conference is a great ministry tool and time of Christian fellowship.

Page Eight (and in this col-

umn) The Grover Laird Endowed Scholarship.

You will find information and a sign up form to participate in this ministry - yes, it is a real ministry.

The *Grove Laird Endowed Scholarship* will go to a BMA minister studying at our BMA Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. It will help further the education of a minister who exemplifies the personal and ministerial standards set forth in the life and ministry of Bro. Laird.

Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes advised that for such a scholarship to help on a regular basis it would need of minimum amount of \$20,000. My personal goal is for an endowment of at least \$50,000.

As of this writing, and we are early in this process, we already have \$2,000.00 given. I say praise the Lord! He is providing.

Again I wish to encourage each preacher and pastor to give a personal donation to this cause. Surely each one could give a minimum of \$100. Many could give much more.

I ask each BMA of America church to give an offering. \$1,000.00 should be easily within the reach of most of our churches.

Individuals and churches could make a pledge and give on a monthly basis until it is reached.

What an opportunity!

East Central Association Meets

by Bro. Jerry Overstreet, reporter

Our August meeting was hosted by Central Baptist Church. There were 6 churches present to care for business. After being called to order by Moderator Jason Howard, our evening message was brought by Bro. Jerry Overstreet. The next meeting is our annual meeting will be September 7 at Canaan Baptist Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our next quarterly meeting will be November 7 at Dykes Chapel. Pastors will meet at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Widow of former BMA pastor Gordon Renshaw

Mrs. LaJuana Joe Renshaw passes away

LaJuana Jo Dean was born on December 29, 1930 in Lubbock, Texas, to William Riley Dean and Lola Lena Hacker Dean. She was the middle child of 7 siblings. She married Gordon Renshaw on August 18, 1950. Her role as the preacher's wife kept her busy - teaching Sunday School, VBS, WMA, typing and editing Gordon's sermons, and helping with all activities of the church. Tiny served as church secretary for Gordon when he was called to pastor the Farmington Baptist Church, in Farmington, Mississippi, in 1980. In 1982, Tiny and Gordon moved back close to her roots in West Texas.



LaJuana Renshaw

Survivors are her children, son Rick Renshaw and wife Sharon of Waxahachie, Texas; daughter Rhonda Irvin and husband Tim of Hope, Arkansas; daughter Regina Hodnett and husband Greg of Paris, Texas. Grandchildren Cody Renshaw of Minot, SD; Jared Renshaw and wife Naphtali of Estacada, OR; Leslie McMonagle and husband Paul of Lynchburg, VA; Luke Irvin and wife Jackie of Conway, AR; Seth Irvin of Conway, AR; Sam Hodnett of Dallas, TX; Riley Hodnett of Paris, TX; and Hannah Hodnett of Paris, TX. 9 great-grandchildren: Caelum, Eleanor, Jason and Darby Renshaw; Megan and Lydia McMonagle; Milo, Mika and Mack Irvin.

Her request was that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: BMA of America Missions, P.O. Box 193920, Little Rock, AR 72219-3920 or Lakeridge Baptist Church, 4601 82nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79424.

HELP APPRECIATED - CHURCH VISITS AVAILABLE Just the Crumbs August Update

by Lavon Haden

Just the Crumbs Disaster Relief Ministry/BMA Support

In mid-June the Just the Crumbs Disaster Relief Ministry set up at Immanuel Baptist Church in Greenbrier, Arkansas, and began reaching out to as many of the 1600 families displaced by the Arkansas River flooding as possible, feeding residents and volunteers, and handing out cleaning and basic daily living supplies.

We delivered meals to displaced people and volunteers assisting in clean-up in Pine Bluff, Willow Beach, Conway, and Greenbrier. We contacted the Arkansas Disaster Relief Recovery organization to find where we could do the most good. They kept us informed of volunteers coming in and residents who may need help. The area we were in had the second highest number of flooded houses.

During the first week of August we began packing up our equipment. The various communities were taking care of their own and helping with recovery efforts, therefore we felt that our services were no longer needed.

We extend a grateful and heartfelt thank you to the many local and non-local people who helped us with the loan of equipment, working where the need was at any given time, helping financially, and just being kind and helpful. We were impressed with the spirit of giving and caring in Greenbrier and the surrounding areas.

We will be getting our equipment serviced and ready for the next event where God gives us an open door. During this down time we would love to visit your church and give further details of this ministry. You may contact me, Lavon Haden, at 601-522-6055 or jtcops@gmail.com, and we can set a date. Your prayers are always desired and appreciated.

Church to Celebrate 100 Years of Ministry

by Pastor Corbey Jones

Good Hope Baptist Church of Stringer, Mississippi, is celebrating 100 years of being a light for Christ in the Stringer community. We will have special services on Sunday August 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Former pastors will be here to rejoice with us. Bro. Randy Corley and Foxfire will be our musical guests. We invite all former members and friends to come celebrate with us. We will have a fellowship time from 10:00 - 10:30 with services beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

Ruth 2.10 "Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

Ruth was overwhelmed with the gracious act of Boaz, for he let her glean in his fields unmolested. Ruth was in desperate need of the basics of life: water, food, and safety. Boaz provided those things for her. She responded with the only act she could. She fell face down and bowed to the ground in front of Boaz with her words of thanks.

Good Reader, we can take a lesson from Ruth's actions. We too are strangers to the land of heaven. We are foreigners to the things of God. The Lord has graciously provided us His safety and provision through Christ Jesus. Shall we not bow each and every day in reverence before Him to thank Him for His kindness and providence toward us?

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President's Perspective

We are off to a strong start for the Fall Semester! Good news! When the regularly scheduled registration closed last Friday, we have the same number of students as the Spring Semester. We expect several more students registering before late registration closes on August 22.

There was a great amount of activity throughout the SBC facilities as we scrambled to ready the dormitories for incoming students. The Faculty and

Staff Fall meeting, Orientation Day, continued work on the cafeteria, and classroom preparations have been priority. There have been contractors, volunteers, and staff members working in all corners of the campus. The scene is like a kicked over ant hill!



Dr. Scott Carson
President

One important event that we cannot lose focus on is the upcoming Danny Pitts Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. The lectures will take place on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 19, 20, and 21 at 7:00 each evening.

We are looking forward to having Dr. Holmes bring three

nights of messages. Dr. Holmes has done a great amount of research on the theological premise for associational work among Baptist churches. It is greatly beneficial to us as Missionary Baptists to understand our history, legacy, and scriptural authority for our work.

I invite local churches to dismiss their Wednesday night services and join us together in worship and study as, we reacquaint ourselves with the purpose and mission of the BMA! It

is a tremendous opportunity for your church members to learn and better understand the distinctives of our associational work.

Dr. Holmes will speak on the following topics:

August 19 - History of Associations

August 20 - The Doctrine of Scriptural Sufficiency and Associations

August 21 - Biblical Foundations for Associational Functions

Come join us each night! We are looking forward to learning and fellowshiping with you!

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

Registration: It's Not Too Late!

Classes began August 12, however, late registration is accepted until August 22. We offer in classroom and online courses in Bible, ministry, business and general education. You can work towards a two year Associates of Arts degree or a four-year Bachelor of Science degree. Transfer of compatible credits are welcomed. We remain one of the most inexpen-

sive accredited colleges in the nation! Contact the Admissions Office at 601-426-6346.

Danny Pitts Lecture Series
Southeastern Baptist College will host the Danny Pitts Lecture Series with Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, as guest speaker to be held on the campus of the college. Mark your calendars for August 19-21. The

program will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. See the adjacent flyer.

Special Emphasis
Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month continues through August for focused donations from churches and individuals. BMA of Mississippi churches should have received materials to assist them in the college's fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. As a reminder, Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity. Thank you to all the churches who sent their special emphasis offering early. That was greatly appreciated and assisted us in finishing fiscal year 2019 in the black!

SBC Choir
We are blessed to have Krista McKenzie as the Director of our newly formed SBC Choir. Krista has recruited fifteen local students who will register for the Fall Semester. Does your church or ministry want to host the SBC Choir? Now is the time to reserve dates for their performance. Hurry, we anticipate their schedule to fill up quickly. Contact Krista at 601-426-6346.

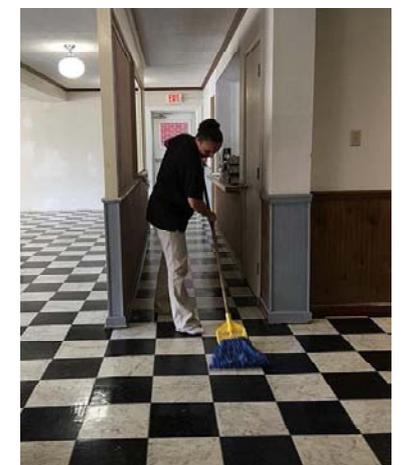
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SBC possesses the Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.



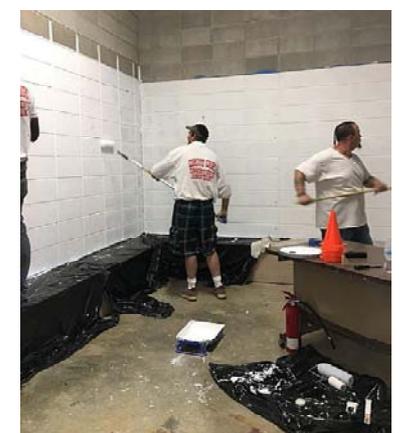
Dean Walker leads the faculty and staff meeting in preparation for the Fall Semester



Brother Ben Beasley, Student Pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, brought a powerful message titled "Your Syllabus for Life" to our students and parents Orientation Day Event



Thank you SERVPRO of Laurel, Mississippi who volunteered to clean carpets and wax floors at no charge to the college



The Jones County Circuit Court Community Service crew did an outstanding job painting the gymnasium locker rooms

Golf Tournament

The Southeastern Baptist College Golf Tournament will be held at the Laurel Country Club on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Proceeds will go toward SBC Scholarship fund. This tournament will be a 4-man scramble.

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Cafeteria Project

We continue to make significant progress on the renovation of our cafeteria. Two of the most expensive pieces of equipment will shortly be acquired. Volunteers will help retrieve a used commercial vent hood and the kitchen will have an HVAC unit installed. A major rewiring project is scheduled for August 16th to accommodate all the heavy electrical kitchen equipment. Thank you again, to the Women's Missionary Auxiliary

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Pastors need friends

by Dr. Allen Tilley
from *Baptist Progress*

A pastor's life can be lonely. While we are expected to be a friend to everyone in our congregation, finding someone with whom we can be honestly transparent can be difficult.

Over the years, I've heard horror stories of pastors who confided in a church member, only to have their faults thrown into their faces at a business meeting.

While God never intended pastors to walk alone, we must

be careful about selecting close friends. Knowing pastors and their friendship needs are different, here are some suggestions for developing the right kind of friendships.

Maintain childhood friends. Sometimes the best friendships are those we established before we entered into ministry. These people knew us before we were preachers and maybe even before we came to Christ. Although they will not understand the pressures of being a pastor, they've already accepted you,

warts and all. If you've moved from your hometown, try to find them on Facebook so you can reconnect. One of my best friends is someone I led to Christ years ago. Both of us have moved, but we manage to call and visit each other regularly. I've confided things in him that I would never share with a church member.



Dr. Allen Tilley

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involved more in missions work.

Also, I ask your prayers for the Hispanic Camp on August 17 and 18 at Waukaway Springs Camp and that the Lord will bless this activity. Once again, thanks for your prayers and support for the Hispanic Missions.

Salt Light Baptist Mission – Waveland

We had seventeen in attendance Sunday morning with about eight children. It was a great service for sure. We talked about Sunday School this morning and it was exciting. We're planning on canvassing our neighborhood the 31st and having a block party on the 7th of September. We are looking forward to making new prospects. We're about to get our sanctuary sound equipment Monday or Thursday with much thanks to Evergreen Baptist Church in Seminary. Please keep us in your prayers. – Johnny Williams, Missionary Pastor

Day Star Baptist – Sumrall

Day Star Baptist Church had a great time investing God's Word in the lives of children this past month at VBS. We have been blessed to have had another individual join the church. There also are a few individuals who are asking questions concerning salvation. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance in these lives. Thanks also for the faithful support and prayers of the churches throughout this journey of our lives. God is so good! – Phillip Burns, Pastor



Recent baptism at Redemption Baptist in Diamond Head this work without you.

Redemption Baptist Mission – Diamondhead

What a blessing it is to do the ministry of the Lord! I'm thankful for all that God has done and has continued to do in Diamondhead. We had a wonderful VBS where we were able to minister to families in our community. We have continued

New Missionary

On July 23, 2019, the Missionary Committeemen interviewed and approved a new missionary. He is scheduled to begin 1 September 2019. We will be providing you more information about him and his family in upcoming issues. This brings us to 3 new missionaries added this fiscal year. We would like to add two more before the beginning of the calendar year, Lord willing.

Annual Local Association Meetings

From August to September, we will be attending annual meetings of our local associations, all across the State. Many meet at the same time and we have to split up to attend as many as we can. We hope to see you there and look forward to the opportunity to possibly share a brief report about how God is blessing our Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Department.

Just for your Information

Our website is currently being migrated to a new host and is not working properly. We will let you know when it is up and running properly. We are sorry for the inconvenience. If you are looking for information about our churches or men who are available to preach, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 601-428-8616.

Develop relationships with other pastors. It's true some pastors are territorial, jealous, and suspicious of other pastors, but most long for legitimate fellowship with other pastors. At the next local associational meeting, broach the subject by asking if anyone would enjoy meeting over coffee, a meal, or devotional so they can carry out the biblical command to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Set a date and then meet. You might be surprised by how many offers you receive.

Test the waters slowly. If you decide to develop a close friendship in the church, move slowly. Get to know the person well before sharing anything too personal. Guard your speech; let him earn your trust over time. If you go this route, be aware of two possible unintended side effects. First, don't show favoritism. Treat everyone in the church with dignity and respect by including them. Second, don't spend all your time with this friend. Others in the church may grow jealous and resent your friendship. Remember your job is to pastor all the people, not just one person. And, never make a close friend of the opposite sex. The warning the apostle

Paul gave Timothy still holds true (2 Timothy 2:22).

Guard your heart. Remember a friend is just that – a friend. If you carry emotional scarring from ministry, seek professional help by turning to a qualified counselor. Most friends are ill-equipped to offer lasting solutions for deep seated problems. If you're struggling with marital issues (ministry puts a heavy strain on pastoral marriages), don't gossip about your spouse. Together see a Christian marriage counselor who can help resolve your issues.

Let me conclude by reminding you that social media like Facebook and Twitter are poor substitutes for real friends. At times every pastor needs someone who can listen, give a firm handshake or hug, and provide feedback. If you don't have a friend, find one today.

Dr. Allen Tilley is pastor of First Baptist Church of Carthage, Texas. He has over 30 years of pastoral experience, and God has continually blessed his ministry with dynamic spiritual and numerical growth.

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for making this your fund raising project for this year!

Food Donations to the Dorms

Last year several churches and individuals donated food for the dormitories. We would like to continue this opportunity for you to minister to our students. While purchasing food, think purchasing long shelf life individual microwavable meals that don't require refrigeration (until cooked).

Tuesday Talks

Each Tuesday evening, we bring the student body together for a meal and a spiritual lesson. We invite churches and ministries to sponsor a Tuesday Talk by providing a nutritious catered meal with a person bringing the spiritual 15-minute lesson. This program was a huge success last year and we already have three churches signed up for this important ministry. Contact Dr. Carson soon to schedule your night of ministry.



Brother Cliff Jenkins, pastor of Temple Baptist Church of Laurel, and Joel Garrett, from Berean Baptist Church in Soso, complete the gymnasium stands project



Stan Holifield applying his expert plumbing skills to the new vanity top in the women's dorm



Activity at Day Star in Sumrall

Missions to French Speaking Canada and to Haiti

by Michel Poirier
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Reaching Quebec

During Maximum Impact we had a 69 year woman that came to the Wednesday night prayer service. She came in and sat with us and started to put stickers on the tracks for distribution for our last day and then took part in our prayer service. God is so good to send us unsaved workers to help the cause of Christ in Levis. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we walked the streets sharing the gospel and our special invitation door hanger and thanking Him for his mercy and love to us during this time of sowing the gospel seed.

This all took place in a suburb of Levis called St. Nicolas and we handed out 8,000 gospel tracks. Through this effort we also received 46 calls, but only one lady left a message for us to call her back. We had a good response with the people in general, but some did not want to

talk to us, or even take an invitation, and some even dared to say NO to Jesus. We started with 11 helpers and by the time Thursday came we had 17. We had numerous occasions to share the gospel and were well received. We praise the Lord for open doors.

On the 21st of July we had an 86 year old man obey the Lord in water baptism. He was so happy. He was saved in February, but the next day he was hospitalized for 4 days with a punctured lung. What a joyful day we had when he was finally able to be obedient through baptism.



An 86 year old man obeyed the Lord in water baptism

tion my friend! Please pray for Carla and Pablo to learn French. They speak Spanish and some English, they are both Christians and want to attend a good Bible believing church. I think they found the right place.

Haiti

We need your prayers for Haiti. It is always a challenge to serve in a country filled with adversity and demonic power. During Maximum impact (VBS) in Ségur, 160 young people par-

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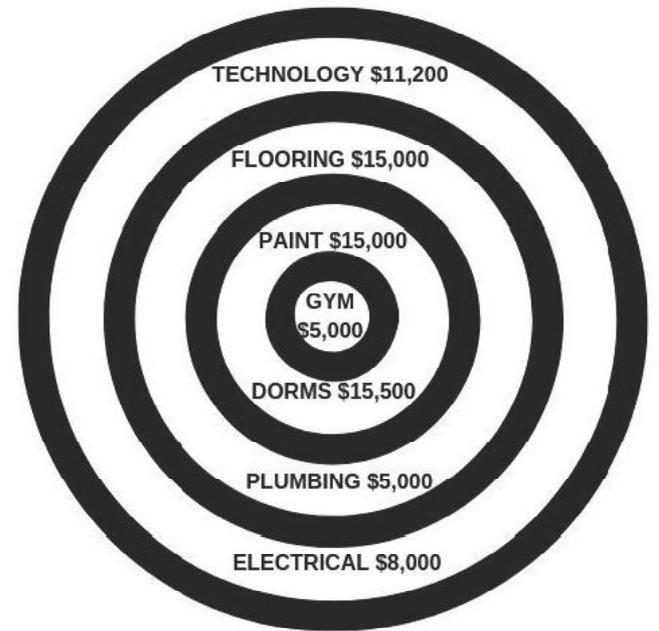


Preparing literature for visitation

We have also had a young couple from Chili come to the services. They had only been here a week when they found our church. Now that is dedica-

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In July & August



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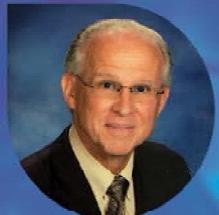
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Meat or Cotton Candy?

by Paul Gauntt
from *Baptist Progress*

What best describes the sermons you hear each week at church? Sirloin steak - or cotton candy?

Are you substantially fed from the message, or are you hearing that which tickle your taste buds? Can you describe them as messages of substance, or are they fluff?

What kind of sermons are you getting a steady diet of today when you attend church? What TV preachers attract you?

I saw two images on Facebook today. One was of a large church—actually a gigantic sports arena converted into a church, with thousands of people jammed into the seats. Below that

image was a church with people sparsely seated around the auditorium. The caption on the large church said, “When you preach what they want to hear”—and the caption on the

other photo read, “When you preach the truth.”

Paul told Timothy (2 Timothy 4:3-4) “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables.” Those words, simply put, say, “the time will come when people will no longer listen to “warning” sermons that convict, but rather “feel good” sermons that soothe.”

Folks, those days are now upon us. The trend today is for a

large number of the population, if they go to church at all, they are drawn to a place of entertainment—a place where they can come away feeling good—a place where either Jesus is totally left out of the message, or else, He is portrayed in whatever way pleases the crowd.

I just wonder how many of the thousands of people that jammed that sports arena would shuffle out the door if Jonathan Edwards of the 18th Century would show up unannounced, some Sunday morning and



Paul Gauntt

preach his sermon, “Sinners in the hands of an angry God,”—or 20th Century Baptist preacher, R.G. Lee, preaching his famous sermon, “Payday Someday?” It was common for people sitting under the sound of those messages to break out in shrieks and cries of conviction of sin, and openly cry out to God. In my 71 year lifetime, I have seen very few instances of that.

What preacher among us wouldn’t want people to leave the church house with hope in their hearts? But the way for people to leave with hope in their hearts, is to leave with assurance that Christ lives in their hearts—rather than giving some sort of hope of blanket prosperity and health.

There are “preachers” today who “preach” to throngs of people every week, who will stand before the God of judgement at the Great White Throne one day, and cry out, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name

done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:22-23).

My long-time friend, Waxahachie native, Hunter Bonner said recently, “I’ll take a revival in a small church preaching the truth of Christ, than an arena full of people wanting their sins validated.”

There's enough time in
every day
to do gracefully
everything

God want you to do.

-Adrian Rogers

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An endowed scholarship is being established to honor the memory and ministry of Bro. Grover Laird. Bro. Laird served the Lord for over 70 years as pastor, evangelist, prison ministry worker and a number of others areas. He published the Revivalist Newspaper and shared it at no charge for a number of years.



Rev. Grover Laird

Bro. Laird had a lasting impact on the lives of so many and was a faithful worker and preacher of the Gospel.

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Canada and Haiti Report

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participated in the event. All who attended received a meal each day from Monday through Saturday. As a result of this outreach 27 young people came to Christ. We thank the Lord that we were able to participate in the event by giving them our assistance.

In Onaville, (our other work), during Maximum Impact (VBS) 103 participated in this event and 2 more young ones came to Christ. We thank the Lord also that we could take part of that great outreach for children. A special thanks is sent from the group in Onaville, for the love gift given to feed these children. Thank you for your love and the Lord bless you.

My plan is to go to Haiti in

September, Lord willing, and I will need your help in both prayers and financial assistance as well. The price of food has skyrocketed and most people we know are suffering with little or no food. I will also have people coming down from the mountains to receive Bible teaching and I will lodge and feed them during this time.

We thank you for all you do for us, keep us in your prayers as we labour together for the cause of Christ. Isa 52: 7 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”

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