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A Note From the President

Annual State Meeting On Schedule

by Greg Medenwald, President
BMA of Mississippi

Though we will have to be flexible with our plans as the date approaches and the meeting streamlined due to Covid-19 safety issues, the October 20-21, 2020 meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi with Midway First Baptist Church, Sumrall, Mississippi, and host Pastor Blake McClain, will be conducted on schedule.

Everyone of course is welcome to attend, and social distancing protocol within Midway's build-



Greg Medenwald

ing will certainly be encouraged. However, as moderator, and understanding that people will be coming together from all four corners of our state during an actual pandemic, I will not aggressively promote the meeting as a gathering place for large numbers of visitors. Yet we do ardently hope that each BMA of Mississippi church

will be represented by three messengers, and if three are unavailable, then at least by one. Our 2020 vision for what is arguably the most unique year in the history of our Association is for each church to be represented by a messenger or messengers.

The Program Committee will finalize the plans for the meeting, and communicate the plans through the Mississippi Baptist midway through the month of September. The intent, as it is now, is to conduct the meeting in one morning and one afternoon session if at all pos-

sible. This schedule is to allow most of the attendees to travel to the meeting and back home all in one day.

Lunch on Tuesday, October 20, can hopefully be accomplished in a briefer than normal period of time with Midway currently considering the feasibility of providing box lunches, or with people bringing a sack lunch from home to eat in their vehicles. This will allow for social distancing and also give us quality time to hear reports and conduct business without the necessity of Tuesday night and Wednesday morning sessions.

Whatever is mandated by our state guidelines will certainly

be done according to the guidelines, but in areas where flexibility is allowed, 2020 will be a premiere year in which to be creative with the program schedule.

As a final word we encourage you all to make plans to attend the meeting with the idea in mind that we are not coming together in October to do a lesser work under God, but a greater work. The Great Commission is as great as ever and the Great Commandment of loving God and one another has never been in greater need. I look forward to seeing you on the morning of Tuesday, October 20, at Midway!

REVIVAL! America's Greatest Need!

Preached by RD Cline July 6, 1986 at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Meridian, Mississippi.
Transcribed and submitted by Bro. Anders Lee

I ask you to turn to 2 Chronicles 7:14 and we will look at other places for the message this morning. Also Ezekiel 22 and Psalm 9. Read with me please: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Look at Ezekiel 22:30&31: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD."

And now Psalm 9:17: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget

God."

May God add His blessing to the reading of His Word (a prayer was worded).

At Junior Camp last week here in the state of Mississippi, James Schoenrock stood up to preach. (He is our director of missions.) As he began to preach God brought to my mind some thoughts. It was my honor last October to be elected to preach the annual message for the Mississippi Baptist Association of churches this October. Since that time I've prayed for God to give me direction and give me the message to be brought for this associational meeting.

Last year Bro. Dewitt Bain brought the message and his subject was revival. So surely I thought I wouldn't be preach-



R.D. Cline

ing on the same subject... the Lord wouldn't ask me to do that. So that was not a subject I was giving consideration to, although I was praying and asking the Lord's direction. But then last week at camp during that service these thoughts came to mind... "Revival - America's Greatest Need!" Then other thoughts came to mind to be included in that sermon so I jotted it down so I wouldn't lose it and put it in the back of my Bible.

I've been praying about it and studying on it. I haven't got all of it together and I know I have a lot more to be done before I bring this message to the association. But I want to share some of it with you this morning. I pray that God will bless and direct by His Holy Spirit.

"Revival, America's Greatest Need!" In the Chronicle passage

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2020 Graduation at Southeastern Baptist College



Due to the Covid-19 Virus and shutdowns around the state and nation, graduation for Southeastern College was delayed.

Graduation was held on campus on Saturday, August 11 with Dr. John Adams the featured speaker. A good crowd consisting of family and guests was on hand as social distancing and masks were the order of the day.

More information and photos on pages 4 & 5 of this issue.



Dr. John Adams bringing commencement address at Southeastern Baptist College

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Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi



Don Brown
Editor

Obituaries

Former Pastor and President of BMA of Mississippi R.D. Cline Passes Away

Raymond D. Cline, 72, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. He was born May, 6, 1948 in Idabel, Oklanoma, to James Milas and Margaret Wright Cline. He graduated from Idabel High School in 1966 and went on to attend Oklahoma State University while concurrently serving in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. As an avid lifelong learner, he continued his education and earned a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel, Mississippi, and master's degree in Religious Education from Liberty University in Virginia.



R.D. Cline

Bro. Cline's first pastoral call was to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Ellisville, Mississippi. He also pastored the following churches: Broadmoor Baptist Church in Meridian, East Amory Baptist Church in Amory, Senior Adult Pastor of First Baptist Church Aberdeen, Interim Pastor at Woodland Baptist Church in Columbus, and Bethel Baptist Church, in Aberdeen. His final call was to New Hope Baptist Church in Hatley, Mississippi where he faithfully served until his passing.

One of the greatest challenges of his life came in 2005 when he was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Against all odds, he defeated cancer with the help of God, to whom he gave all credit. During this time, he also preached 6 revivals.

Bro. Cline's voice and command in the pulpit were unmatched. He was a true believer of God, Family and Country, in

that order. He sacrificed greatly to provide for his family and was proud to send his girls to college debt free. He passed on his love for God and country to his family. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, wisdom, patriotism and sound judgment. Bro. Cline also founded and led Revive America Ministries, a nationwide ministry and effort to pray to national revival.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Brasher Cline of Amory; 5 daughters, Mechelle Marie Tuttle (Michael) of Colorado Springs, CO, Carla Canary Lee (Anders) of Southaven, MS, and Amelia Suzanne Kuykendall (Nathan) of Amory, Rachel Roseann Pomeroy (Billy) of Meridian, and Sarah Cline Stevens (Michael) of Smithville; one sister, Debrah McDaniel (Curtis) of Smithville, OK; grandchildren, Ryan Joseph Tuttle, Andrew Michael Tuttle, Zachary Dosson Lee, Reagan Raymond Lee, Sierra Kateria Lee, Simon Kellar Lee, Eva Margaret Beachum, Jonathan Ford Beachum, Caleb James Kuykendall, Nellie Rose Pomeroy, Canary Elizabeth Stevens, and Jack David Stevens; great grandson, Ezekiel Brandon Lee; a host of nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Funeral services were held August 10, 2020 at Meadowood Baptist Church with Bro. Dewitt Bain and Bro. Lloyd Sweat officiating.

Memorials may be made to the March of Dimes or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Darnell Minyard Passes Away

Darnell Latham Minyard, of Lucedale, passed from this life on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at age 75. He was born on September 24, 1944 in Holcomb, Mississippi, to Orner and Norma Lee Minyard. Bro. Minyard pastored Dykes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Richton for 19 years, Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Lucedale for 7 years, Pilgram's Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Leakesville for 5 years and ended his ministry of 2 years at Bible Baptist Church in Overtt, Mississippi.



Bro. Minyard

He was first and foremost, a

humble and godly man who loved Jesus Christ and the Word of God. He was a man of prayer and loved preaching and teaching the gospel to anyone who crossed his path. Secondly, he was a loving husband, Darnell and Jean Minyard were married on February 27, 1965 and spent 55 years together.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Orner and Norma Lee Minyard and brothers, Roy Sims, Jr. and Larry Minyard.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Minyard; children, Bobby (Lisa) Minyard, Dawn Pipkins, Jennifer (Jason) Patrick, Blaine (Stephanie) Minyard; 12 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Glenda Sansing; numerous other relatives and friends.

Services were held August 15, 2020 at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Lucedale, with Dr. Cary Kimbrell officiating.

Bro. Jerry Burnaman Passes Away

by Jerry Fulton
from Baptist Progress

Bro. Jerry Burnaman, manager of the Baptist Missionary Loan Association, former director of BMA of Texas Missions

and longtime pastor, has passed away. He suffered a heart attack and stroke July 28 and had been hospitalized in Methodist

Dallas Medical Center in the intensive care unit since that time. This month marked Bro. Jerry's 60th year in the Gospel Ministry.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 18 at Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas with visitation at 1:00 pm and service at 2:00 pm.



Bro. Burnaman

A Dear Friend Goes Home

I answered the call to the ministry in 1977 while a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi. My wife and I moved to the coast along with our two young daughters and found our church home - Parkview.

Parkview was the vision of Bro. Arthur Smith and a BMA of Mississippi missions effort. Parkview was a growing young church with a lot of young couples - many new in the Lord. We had great fellowship and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord.

Seven young men surrendered to the ministry during the next few years. Among them was R.D. Cline. Each of these men were close to each other and were supportive of each other's ministry. The Lord blessed and we each dispersed around the state to various areas of service.

Bro. Cline was laid to rest this past week. Like many of us he had his share of health issues, but he was a casualty of this pandemic that has spread around the world. Another one of the men who surrendered from Parkview is currently in an ICU ward fighting this virus.

A number of our pastors, workers, church members, friends and relatives have had to deal with the virus. Our prayers are with each of them.

May the Lord bless our nation and soon help us to be shed of this disease.

Bro. Cline had a long and productive ministry. He served the BMA as president during his ministry and served faithfully as a pastor and evangelist. He will be missed. We keep his wife Hilda and their five daughters in our prayers.

More Warriors Gone

You will notice the news about two additional ministers who have recently passed on. We send our prayers to the family of Bro. Minyard and also Bro. Burnaman of Texas.

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Assured by Each New Day

For many of us our physical world is crumbling around us. By that, I do not mean we should despair or have no hope. I simply see the reality that the world many of us have grown accustomed to is quickly disappearing. In a sinful world there are plenty of things that need to disappear, but between the current pandemic and the worldview that has shifted in our country, the Christian culture I grew up in is no longer the what I recognize around me. While I am absolutely certain that we are marching to ultimate victory in Christ, the terrain we are currently crossing seems more treacherous than I have ever experienced.

Israel had multiple times they went through great tribulation

as a nation. It could be hard to pick just one of these instances. As I contemplated the negatives we have seen this year my mind was drawn to the specific time when Jeremiah recorded his hurt from witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem. In the midst of his lament we read some of the most quoted and encouraging lines from the Old Testament.

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them

that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."

The Holy Spirit's words given to Jeremiah in Lamentations 3:21-26 have fixed my thoughts on something beyond the rubble.

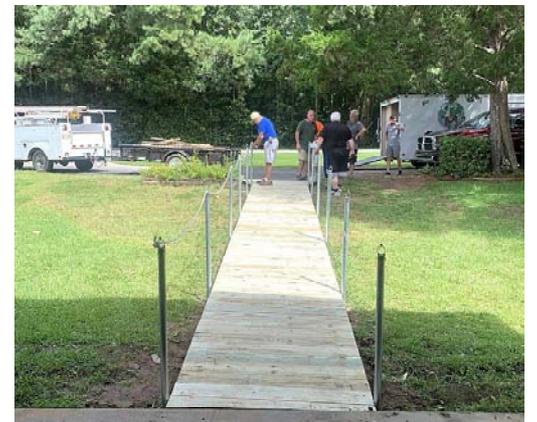
In the circumstances of despair we see hope. We can have hope because of the things brought to our minds. The Lord's mercy, compassion, faithfulness, provision, and salvation. Though riots and destruction are happening around us, I would venture a guess that no one reading this article has seen this first hand at their doorstep...yet. We are just watching the idea of our culture crumble. No matter if it is physical or psychological we can see the same hope as Jeremiah. Have we been consumed, are we finished? Do we wake to a new morning each day? Has the salvation gifted through the work of Christ ceased?

If you are reading this your answer is the same as mine while I am writing. NO, I am not finished. Today is a new day. Salvation is still offered. No

Work By Midway FBC, Sumrall



Midway First Baptist came and rebuilt our entrance ramp while I was stuck in the bed fighting this sickness



matter how broken this world continues to be we have the faithful, compassionate, merciful, God who is holding the pieces together that He will use to accomplish His plans. Believers want this pandemic to end. Be-

lievers want peace in our streets and peace with our neighbors. But, Believers know that each day we wake God is on His throne and in complete control.

God has continually reminded me of His control though these uncertain times. He was in control when my wife had surgery at the beginning of the summer. He was in control when my Father-in-law had surgery in the middle of the summer. He was in control when the Corona Virus made its way into our family a few weeks ago. He was in control when Midway First Baptist came and rebuilt our entrance ramp while I was stuck in the bed fighting this sickness. He is in control now that we are getting back into the routine of school with the kids. Each morning we get up to have devotion before we all go our separate ways is a reminder, "[His] mercies...are new every morning." We have another day with Him on the throne being good to His creation even in difficult times and especially as we never deserve it.

Please pray for the kids as the new school year begins. Pray for their health and safety. Pray for their focus to retain what they are learning. Also, pray for Lindsay and me as we try to help them with their work in 5th grade, 6th grade, 8th grade, 12th grade, GED program, and college (hopefully Desi will continue her good work without too much help from us). Thank you again for your support of this ministry. Together we can show these children and our potential future children the love of Christ.

REVIVAL! America's Greatest Need!

from page 1

God is talking about His chosen nation Israel. They needed revival desperately. So do we here in America.

Now the first thought that came to my mind on this subject was...

If Revival does not come to America, then America is long gone.

One of my favorite critics said that language was not good that we ought to use different language. So I can put it in some modern language, some fancy language. If America does not experience revival, then our probability of perpetuity is poor. We simply won't last very long.

I can say it like this. We're not gonna make it around "dead man's curve." I could say it like this, we're gonna go over the line. We're gonna go over the edge. We're gonna go over the precipice. We will go over the ravine of God's judgment if America doesn't find revival.

When I talk about revival. What is revival? I'm talking about a heaven sent, Holy Spirit revival. I'm not talking about something that comes for just a little while and then it's gone.

I'm not talking about a series of meetings at a church. I'm not talking about a time when a lot of people are saved. That's revival for the church. But I'm talking about revival for America, revival for this land. A turning back to God nationwide. God's Holy Spirit moving on our land. The whole people taking an interest in the things of God. Thousands and thousands being saved. The beer joints being closed, alcohol being outlawed, and tobacco being outlawed. I'm talking about things turning around and turning back to God. That's what I'm talking about.

We knew before President Reagan that we were in bad shape. We were in big trouble, inflation was out of hand. You know that was about 6 years ago and we have forgotten about that. We were about to go under, we were weak and limp as a military nation. We were getting weaker in respect to other nations opinion of us, we were made fun of. Our hostages held captive for 441 days. It was an embarrassment to us that the greatest nation on the face of the earth was experiencing this.

Why did this happen? It was

because of our wickedness and turning away from God. God was getting our attention. Why just before all of this we allowed abortion in our land, an abomination to God. Wickedness! What turned us was God fearing people praying and voting in a godly leader.

America Needs Revival because the sins we as a Nation are Committing DEFILE the land before God.

Now in studying this subject before, I prepared a message entitled the "Defilement of A Nation." I have studied this book from front to back. I studied the word defile and defile the land. I found the land is defiled when it becomes polluted before God because of its sin. A nation is defiled by the actions and the attitudes of the people that live in it. There are three groups of sins that do it.

First, is sexual sins that defile the land.

Sexual immorality. That's what happened in the days of Noah. God destroyed them. Then there is sexual perversion, that's what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. God destroyed those people. You read it here in the Bible, that's one of the sins that defiles the land. And our land is being defiled because of

the sexual sins that are being committed by the people, immorality and perversion.

Second, is the shedding of innocent blood.

You read the Bible and study it from front to the back and find out what God did to nations that did this. What cause land to become defiled? The shedding of innocent blood. There is only one thing that can cleanse the land before me of that innocent blood and that is the blood of the ones who shed that blood. America is shedding innocent blood in two different ways.

First, many are murdered on our streets today. We have between 1500 and 1700 on death row. The only way for that to be cleansed is by the blood of the person who shed it. Life for the life, getting it right with God. If we started executing those people at the rate of 5-a-day it would take nearly a year to do it and yet these murderers would pay attention to that! Things would change. Yet they only execute maybe 20 a year. Somebody needs the backbone to stand up for what's right. That is part of the problem.

And second what about the innocent babies being slaughtered. 4000 a day! One every 20

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Southeastern Baptist College

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Serving Christ With A Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

President's Perspective

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10

I thought the biggest news for this week was our enrollment exceeding 90 students for the first time in many decades! We were really excited about this achievement and praising the Lord for this great moment in the history of SBC, but then, something else much more remarkable happened!



Dr. Scott Carson
President

Our Dean of Student Affairs, Anderle Foster, was explaining a homework assignment for chapel to a freshman.

As they discussed the topic of writing out her personal testimony, it became clear to Dean



New student saved

Foster that this student did not know the Lord. Dean Foster explained the gospel and this student accepted Jesus as her

Savior! Anderle called in several staff members in the immediate area and we all celebrated this student's joyous conversion event. This is evangelism happening right here on your campus of Southeastern Baptist College! Praise the Lord! What a life changing moment for that student and the very angels in heaven were rejoicing also!

I have been questioned several times concerning our bringing into SBC, a student body of so many "outsider" non-BMA students, and why the emphasis on sports? Let me first explain the sports question.

It is a well-established fact that sporting activities are the number one recruiting tool for colleges. I personally wish this was not so. I prefer potential students to be seeking the Lord's will for their future ahead of sports, but our society has raised

them in a sports oriented educational system. Therefore, sports are a must for the success of any college. This being so, we can leverage it for the kingdom of God and for the future of SBC. I do not see SBC as only an educational program. I see way beyond that and recognize the tremendous ministry opportunities we have among the students arriving onto our campus. This first student of the fall semester who has come to know the Lord, is evidence of God using our faculty and staff for His kingdom. All our professors and staff members are encouraged to leverage their positions to share the gospel and the Word of God with their students, whether the class is Old Testament Survey or College Algebra.

The "outsider" question fits into our philosophy and biblical mandate to use what God has given to us to spread the gospel. The place of ministry God has given for me, and SBC's staff and employees, is SBC itself! What a tremendous opportunity to invite total strangers to come into our classes and learn about Jesus! This is exactly what we are doing. I cannot image how

anybody who knows Him could possibly find fault with this ministry. In fact, I would venture to believe that every reader of this article is in favor of us preaching the gospel, counseling with the Word of God, and exalting the name of Jesus among these young people.

We have had dozens of students saved on this campus over the last couple of years. We have implemented dorm Bible studies and invite churches and ministries to minister to our student body at our Tuesday Night Talks (TNT). We have established a Fellowship of Christian Athletes ambassador on campus and we are involving our students in local and BMA of Mississippi ministry projects. The Lord has established a wonderful Christian atmosphere throughout the SBC family. God is on the move and we must keep up with Him!

Pray for us as we continue to meet the daily demands for nearly doubling our student body this semester, and for the opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with them.

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

The Danny Pitts Lecture Series

Mark your calendars! We have set the dates of September 28-30 for the Danny Pitts Lecture Series here on the campus of SBC with Dr. Kevin Clayton, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, as our guest speaker. Dr. Clayton will preach at a special pre-seminar program hosted by First Baptist Church of Shady Grove of Laurel on Sunday evening, September 27.



Dr. Kevin Clayton

dent body is housing. We are currently exploring ways to meeting this significant need. If you know of rental homes, or perhaps available parsonages in the Laurel area that are not currently occupied that your church would allow us to use, please give Dr. Carson a call at 601-426-6346.

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.

Special Emphasis

A huge thank you to all who have already participated in this year's Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month! Special Emphasis Month continues through the end of August for focused donations from churches and individuals. As a reminder, Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity.

CHANGE AGAIN! Lighthouse Café Delayed Reopening!

COVID 19 continuously interferes with our plans. The SBC Lighthouse Café opening is delayed. It should be open within a couple of weeks. We will announce the next planned opening date when it is set. The hours will be Monday

Employee Recognition



Ms. Emma Bond is recognized by the SBC Chairman of the Board Leon Carmical for her contributions to the college upon her retirement after 28 years of service

through Thursday, 11-2. Closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. To begin the school year, the indoor eating area will be for students only. An opportunity for the public will be available for pick up and window service.

Golf Tournament

The Southeastern Baptist College Golf Tournament will be held at the Laurel Country Club on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Proceeds will go toward SBC Scholarship fund. This tournament will be a 4-man scramble.

See the adjacent flyer for more information.

New On-campus Activities



Professor Sean Piper teaching the first day of Old Testament Survey classes.



Dr. James Barnes, President Emeritus of Indiana Wesleyan University, leads the SBC Board Governance Training provided by our accrediting agency

Not Fully Funded: Hilbun Dorm Renovation

Renovation is complete on the upstairs of Hilbun Hall dormitory and students have already fully occupied them! We still need donors to help pay for the rooms. This is a tremendous opportunity for your church, yourself, or an organization to adopt as their contribution to the growth of SBC. Four of the rooms are financed by generous donors. There is still an opportunity for you to donate toward one or more of the other four rooms. For each full sponsor, the sponsor's name will be placed on a plaque on the door of the suite. Each suite will cost \$7200 to renovate. Please refer to the adjacent flyer for more details.

A Housing Opportunity

We know we can exceed 100 students taking classes here at SBC. One of our greatest challenges to growing the stu-

A Parent's Guide to Biblical Wisdom: Part Eight

from Lifeword Ministries (Missionary to Thailand Brandon Lingle has written a parenting book in Thai, and he has graciously agreed to share it in English.)

Imagine you are walking home and notice something strange going on as you pass the bank. You notice a young man kicking the ATM. His anger escalates quickly and now he is trying to break into it. He even injures a few civilians trying to calm him down. Shocked, you proceed to the security guard at the entrance of the bank and

ask, "Sir, are you going to do something?" He looks you in the eyes and says, "You know how kids are these days." Would that answer be acceptable for you? It still wouldn't make it any better if he said, "Well, he's doing that because he is a sinner. It's just his nature."

It is our duty, as it was the security guard's, to restrain our children. Did you know that Eli



Lingle Family - Brandon, Brittney, Josie and J.J.

was severely punished by God for not restraining his children (1 Samuel 3:11-14)? Have you ever seen a child destroy something that is not theirs right in front of their parents? It's bad when the parents don't even try to stop them. Maybe they have given up trying. Or maybe you have seen a child bully another child and the parent does nothing to stop the child.

What about the opposite? Have you ever seen a frustrated parent try to restrain a child? Ever been that frustrated parent? I have. Discipline and restraining are easier said than done. There are a few things in this world more frustrating than a child who won't listen and obey.

Our kids can make some really poor decisions even after we have warned them many times. But don't let that discourage

you. Let me share with you something that was shared with me and has helped me to view the moments my kids act up in a positive and helpful way:

We see 50 things wrong with our child in a day, so that's not a bad day. Maybe she acts up or throws a fit 50 times that day, but that's not a bad day. That's grace! That means God is revealing to us what is wrong in our child's heart and helping us to see the work that is needed. And sometimes discipline is that work.

Discipline is a tool given to us for our child's rebellion against authority and because of his or her choice to willfully disobey.

Sadly some parents overuse or misuse this tool; meaning, they do little teaching and training first, followed by much rebuking and discipline.

What is Discipline?

Discipline is for past mistakes and the prevention of new ones. It is so important for us as parents to be active in disciplining our children. It is also important for us to remember that God is active in disciplining us. Deuteronomy 8:5 says, "Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you." The pains of discipline give witness that we belong to God.

If my kid throws something at the dinner table I will tell her, "Please, don't do that." We should say it only once. If she does it again, that's a test to see who's in control: you or her. Is this a nightly temptation? Should there only be one warning?

Know your kids. If misbehavior at a certain time is a temptation, kindly remind her, "Hey, no fussing at the table tonight" or "No throwing food at the table tonight." Then, if the misbehavior continues, there will be discipline not for throwing food, but for disobeying you. Point out the sin, not the sinful act. Throwing food is not a sin. Disobeying your parents is.

Difference Between Discipline and Punishment

Before we continue with how to discipline, let's make clear that there is a difference between discipline and punishment. We discipline with the purpose and goal of correction in view. It has a point. Punishment does not; it's just to bring about justice.

Romans 13 says the government has the sword, not the spanking rod. God has given the government the means to bring about justice, but the Bible calls

parents to the rod and to discipline our children, not to punish them. Hebrews 12:11 says, "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Mom and Dad, be United

Mom and Dad should be inseparable when it comes to discipline. The kids should see that Mom and Dad are one. My answer is her answer. If you do disagree, wait and talk about it alone in private. If mom doesn't agree with how dad is disciplining don't call him out. Meet together and talk about it afterwards.

If a child has asked Mom and she says no but then asks Dad the same thing, he's in trouble. We have to teach our kids that causing division between mom and dad is serious. Mom's yes is dad's yes and so on. Usually, before my kids ask me for something I check to see if they already asked Mom or not. If I found out they did I kindly warn them they shouldn't do that, but if they have been warned recently they will be in trouble.

Limit the Amount of Rules

One reason our kids cannot obey all our rules and we are constantly finding ourselves having to discipline them may be because we have too many.

Sometimes we can't even remember what we have prohibited, so how do we expect them to? Make it easier on you both. Our system of discipline must make sense. There needs to be order that even a child can understand.

Even Jesus did this for us. Remember when he gave us the summary of all his law and commandments? Jesus said, "On these two commandments (Love God, and love your neighbor) depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:40). Just like Jesus did, we must keep it simple for our children. They don't need a lot of rules to remember, just a few God-honoring principles. It makes it easier for everyone.

Minimize the number of "Nos". Think about the environment of the Garden of Eden. God made a perfect garden and gave them only one no. We shouldn't have a house filled with "Nos". It should be a place where everyone can relax because everyone is aware of the few "don'ts".

So how can you reduce your rules? Pick a few principles that

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Never before have we encountered such anti-God, anti-church and destructive behavior as we are dealing with today. We all must agree that change is in the air for America and for our world. Even so, it's not likely that you and I will ever have to face consuming torture as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had in the furnace of Daniel's book.

Many writers and speakers tell us that God knows completely what we are going through. So the very strength and joy is that Jesus is walking through it with us. We do love Him!

Psalms 91:15-16: "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

I have resigned as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Mississippi, after 20 years of service. These years have been wonderful and God anointed.

FBC has agreed to let Moral

Action ministries continue to use the large office that we have used since 2005. I plan to work three-fourths time in Moral Action efforts. Mrs.

Adams and I will do our very best to honor our Lord in this valuable and needed ministry.

Of course travel is limited and we will not be going to Jackson or Washington, D.C. until the COVID subsides. By e-mail, snail mail, telephone, text and social media, we will continue.

The 2020 Moral Action Freedom offering has been exceptional. We are approaching \$21,000.00, which dealing with our climate of social unrest, has been encouraging. Thank you church members, teachers, WMA's, Brotherhood, Pastors and Deacons for your support and prayers.

Please continue to help us by giving monthly. Set us in your budget this fall or this New Year. There is joy in my heart.



Dr. Adams

REVIVAL! America's Greatest Need!

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seconds. In the time of this sermon innocent lives have been lost. Since 1973 we know that over 17 million babies aborted!!! Murdered!!! Killed!!!

You know when Cain killed Able the voice of Able cried out to God from the ground. The Bible says that God heard it. Well, how loud is the voice of over 17 million innocent babies crying out in the ears of a holy and righteous God in heaven? Our land is defiled before God! They are enjoying the sexual sin and then killing these babies!

Third, a nation is defiled because of idolatry.

You know in Egypt they worshiped frogs and lice. So God gave them more frogs and lice than they could handle. They worshiped the sun and God put out the sun. They worshiped fire so God reigned down fire on them. They worshiped the water so God turned the water to blood. They worshiped anything and everything but God. Because of this God drowned Pharaoh and his armies in the sea!

The Canaanites inhabited the Promised Land and they worshiped false gods. They were

idolatrous and sexually immoral too! The worshiped stones and idols. God said they had defiled the land and therefore I'm gonna remove them from the land from before you and give it to you because of their sin. They offered little babies up in sacrifice too! God removed them because of all that! God said after I bring you in and don't you do like they did. Don't defile the land like that. If you do I will remove you. They did what God said not to do! God removed them and punished them – didn't He? The same can be said of America. If revival does not come to America then America is long gone.

What is revival? A great moving of God. A supernatural moving of God! Revival can come. It has come in the past to America. Just go back to Billy Sunday. When Billy came to a city and hundreds were saved, after he left the liquor stores would close. There was a city wide change. Now that's revival! Revivals have come and stayed for as long as two years at a time. The Spirit of God falling upon America so strong that when immigrants came into the country where the Statue of Liberty is they would begin to cry out to

God to get saved.

One evangelist that was used of God for Revival went into a factory. He went to this sewing factory and shared the Gospel. People began to stop work, the sewing machines stopped, and people sobbed before the Lord. As he preached souls began to be saved and that revival went for two weeks in that factory and thousands were saved in that city. This was happening all over the land. It went on for about two years Revival can come and Revival can stay. Revival makes a difference in the course of the country. How will it come?

History reveals that Revival comes thru Fasting & Prayer!

The Bible says; "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you and I are the key to revival. If MY PEOPLE which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face! It is not gonna come apart from that. Pray for our country! Pray for God to send Revival! Get ourselves right before God!

Three things will take place if we do.

1. He will hear from heaven.
2. He will forgive our sins.
- 3 He will heal our land.

This land that has been defiled by the actions and attitudes of the people will be HEALED! God is the only one who can fix it! I think knowing this we ought to go further than that! We ought to fast and pray!

Listen to me ... your children and grandchildren have got to live in this land. How much has it changed in your life? How far from God has it come? (Some of this section was not clear on the original tape.) What kind of nation? What kind of land will it be like when your grandchildren are here? The older I get, the more plainly I see the need! Maybe we ought to become concerned and pray and seek God's face!!!

Revival! America's Greatest Need! It can come if you and I will pray and seek his face! Will you accept the challenge to do it? Do you care about our nation? Do you care about our land? If we do we ought to be praying to God and pleading for Him to change our land! Think about it...we ought to fill this altar today and beg God to change us! To revive this land! To redeem our people!

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cover the majority of your children's disobedience. Maybe it's sibling fighting, maybe it's disrespectful speech, or maybe it's laziness. Observe and communicate clearly over and over again those few basic rules. When you have fewer commands it is easier to win every time. Notice I said easier not "easy".

Pick Your Battles Carefully

Some battles are not worth fighting. Often when our child is doing something we would prefer him not to do but isn't breaking any of our established house rules, my wife and I will look at each other and give each other that should-we-pick-this-fight look. Believe it or not our children are very good at being childish. As adults sometimes childishness can be annoying, but it isn't sin. Listen to this wisdom from Voddie Baucham: "Rebuke the sin because it is sin and displeases God; don't rebuke the child because she has displeased her parent."

Build Trust

Before we talk about how to discipline our children I think we need to talk about building trust with our kids. If we are going to be effective in our discipline we must have a strong bond and an already established trust with our children. They must know and feel that we love them.

Just before our daughter turned three, she tripped over a step in my sister's house. She fell face first and busted her mouth. I quickly picked her up and laid her head between my shoulder and head. What happened next shocked me: She bit me! That was the first time, and I was just trying to comfort her!

I remember getting really angry and confused, but during all those emotions and her loud crying we noticed her tooth was chipped. We had to take her to the dentist. She was terrified. She wouldn't sit in the dentist chair for anything. I asked the dentist if I could hold her. The dentist said, "No" so I let them fight her for a few more minutes but my daughter was winning. I asked again, affirming that

if they let me hold her she would calm down. The dentist and her three nurses gave in. I put her on my lap and whispered in her ear, "Daddy is here. Everything is going to be OK. They said I can hold you if you stop crying and don't move while they fix your tooth." She didn't budge during the 20 or so minutes they were in her mouth. She trusted me. She thought they were strangers trying to hurt her, but she has always known me and knows I would keep my word and wouldn't let anyone hurt her.

We must build trust with our kids. This takes time and effort. Even though we want them to fully trust us, we have to be honest with them that sometimes we will let them down. We don't have to tell them that they will see it. During those times of failure we point them to the One (Jesus) who will never fail them and deserves their full trust because he is trustworthy.

Remember the first time your child trusted you in something? I can remember clearly the first time my daughter finally trusted me to catch her when

she jumped from the ledge into the pool. She lit up with excitement and wanted to do it over and over again.

We want them to have a healthy amount of belief and trust in us. J.C. Ryle said it like this: "... you should train them up to believe what you say. You should try to make them feel confidence in your judgment and respect your opinions as better than their own. You should accustom them to think that when you say a thing is bad for them, it must be bad, and when you say it is good for them, it must be good."

Spanking is Our Last Resort

As Tedd Tripp says in his book *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, "God has given two methods for childrearing. They are (1) communication and (2) the rod." Both are mixed into what we call discipline. We try to lovingly persuade our kids that obedience is what they must do and need, but sometimes that doesn't work. We are to engage them in all the forms of commu-

“ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM”

by Diane Lee

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Growing up as a preacher's kid, it seemed we never stayed in one place very long. I attended fifteen different schools by the time I graduated, and had lived in LA, TX., and MS. Since Doug and I have been married, we have moved quite a bit, and 8 years ago, we left the US and moved to a foreign country as missionaries. I have learned not to expect to put down roots in any place. Many times, since arriving here, I have felt rootless. This is where God has put us to do his work, but it is not home. When we go to the US, we are happy to be home and enjoy our family, grandchildren, home church, and visits with our supporting churches. Yet, after a

few weeks, we are ready to be back on the field, and I begin to feel rootless again.

We expected to go home at the end of the school year, but because of the pandemic, four booked flights have been cancelled. I have to confess the first 2 times when we received the news, I cried. Our first great grandson was born in December, and I had anticipated seeing him before he was 6 months old. When the third flight was cancelled, I got mad!



Diane & Doug Lee



By starting a new Bible study in a nearby village, several have come to know Jesus as their Savior.

(Forgive me Lord, for my anger.) Living in a third world country where everything can come to a screeching halt from one day to the next is common, but can be extremely frustrating. The fourth time our flight was cancelled, I found myself saying “Whatever, Lord.” You have us here for a divine purpose. We are trapped and stranded on this island, so use us for Your Glory! “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.”

Because of this calamity, I have spent more quality time in His Word and in my prayer time. God has given us the opportunity to reach out to people, that under normal circumstances, would not have happen.

Several days a week are committed to working on Doug's dissertation for his PHD in Biblical Counseling. I am the prof-

reader, and that project is nearing completion.

I know God doesn't want me to feel rootless, and He revealed a Scripture to me that caused me to realize He wants me to be rooted in Him. Colossians 2:6-7, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”

Wherever I am, God is there, and I am rooted in Him, and “at home.”

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nication, training, and warning that we can before we go to this next form of correction.

There are times when communication will not help our children to obey, so the “rod” is needed. We will use that term because that is the term the Bible gives it. Proverbs 22:15 says, “Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.” God has given us the rod for a reason: Our children might see it as their enemy, but it is really a tool in the hands of those who love their children (Proverbs 13:24). We don't want rebellious children to stay in their rebellious and foolish state. If that happens they will live under no one's authority and submit to no one while living for themselves. We cannot allow this attitude to stay in their hearts and minds. It's our job to drive it out and help them see the truth and beauty in living for God and under his authority.

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We have a closer relationship with our students and staff on the campus, who also have been confined.

Ed Steele Announces New Website

In my over 50 years as a minister in the BMA, I have tried to focus a lot on teaching. For the last 15 years or so, I have converted many of my former studies to PowerPoint presentations and have developed others to go along with them. My next birthday will be my 80th so I am aware that it is unlikely I will ever use any of them again. Therefore, I was seeking a way whereby they could be available to others who may want to use them. Obviously, anything that others disagree with can be changed. Therefore, I have just opened the website edsteeleministry.com to offer much of what I have prepared.

There are over 90 PowerPoint presentations, including verse by verse studies of Revelation and Daniel. There are files containing class handouts that go along with 7 of these studies. Twelve documents I have written can be downloaded. One is as short as 6 pages and a study

on the Gospel of John I recently completed has 29 lessons with over 160 pages. There are nearly 150 videos from 15 DVD discs that can be watched or downloaded. Everything I offer is free to any who may want any of the items. The videos are not professionally done as you will readily see if you view them. I also will include a devotional that will appear on the home page for a short time before being archived on the site.

I am now working on another document on 'The Lordship Of Jesus' that I hope to complete and add. I will also video tape another series containing several funeral messages. People are so distraught and tired at a funeral that most of them will not remember what is preached



Ed Steele

and no one but the preacher carries a Bible to a funeral anyway. Hopefully, these messages can be used to give comfort to people long after the funerals are over. I also see the possibility of someone who is approaching death may want to watch them because of what they are facing. I hopefully will have time to prepare other documents and videos to add later.

I hope you can check out edsteeleministry.com and feel free to make suggestions on what can make it better. Also, I would appreciate you sharing it with others. Preachers and Bible teachers may be interested in the PowerPoint presentations and class handouts. Many others may enjoy reading the documents provided or be able to watch the videos on an electronic device or television.

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

Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

Luke 19.10 *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

This story about Zacchaeus is one of the most profound stories Luke includes in his Gospel. Good Reader, if you attended Sunday School as a child, you know the Zacchaeus song with all its attendant body motions:

“Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Master he wanted to see. And when the Master came along, He looked up in that tree; and he said ‘Zacchaeus you come down for I’m going to your house to stay.’”

From this point, I borrow from my father-in-law regarding this verse, as he preached so many times about this story (Dr. Gerald Kellar from his book ‘In His Service’)

“This verse of Scripture makes a sublime declaration and defines a noble purpose. The declaration is, For the Son of Man is come...The purpose defined is ...to seek and to save that which is lost. We are given here the purpose of Christ’s coming in one concise statement. Christ came on an errand of divine mercy. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. Jesus came because there was something to save men from sin. Sin has power to harden, blind, and deceive; Christ can save from it. Sin dressed up in the beautiful, legal, or popular - it is still sin. Jesus came because there was something to save men to - life of fellowship with God, service to God, and a hope in God. Jesus came because there was something to

save men with His blood. This remedy excludes all man-made remedies and must be applied by faith.”

Dear Reader, this is the story of Jesus coming to seek and save me, for I was lost.

Luke 19.46 *“Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but you have made it a den of thieves.”*

Jesus brings up Isaiah 56.7 when He refers to God’s house as being a place of prayer: “...my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Jesus also quotes from Jeremiah 7.11 when referencing the den of thieves: “Has this house, which bears my name, become a den of robbers in your view? Yes, I too have seen it.” This Luke episode is taken from Jesus’ cleansing the Temple. Jesus saw all the events, activities, and practices taking place in the Temple. The real function of the Temple was to be a house of prayer. Jesus observed as He walked the area it was far from that. He called it a robbers’ den because of all that went on to cheat and steal the real purpose of the Temple from the people who attended. Dear Pastor, what is the purpose of your church on Sunday morning? Are there many “activities” to occupy the time that have nothing to do with the Gospel? Are you, Dear Pastor, robbing the people who come to His House to worship? Don’t be the “leading crook” on Sunday morning to steal from your people.



Tony Cleaver

Focus His House on His purpose.

Luke 20.2 *“And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?”*

Authority is a word in this verse that can mean power, right, or ability. The chief priests of the day assumed all authority of the Jewish religion, culture, and government rested in them. Here was One who was usurping their authority by teaching the people in the heart of the Temple area. Not only was He challenging their authority, He was also teaching without credentials He was also not teaching according to the accepted doctrine of the chief priests. Wow, was this young man, Jesus, in trouble! The chief priests and their scribes along with the elders (the national leaders) came to question Him! By reading the Gospel story, we know this was Jesus’ last week on earth. Before His crucifixion, men could challenge His authority after all he was just another young itinerant teacher from nowhere. If we fast forward in the Gospel story we come to His resurrection and ascension. It is not a coincidence the word “authority” is used again. Just before His leaving to return to heaven from where His journey began, He spoke these words to His followers. “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28.18). Here is the authority Christians refer to as their authority to evangelize, baptize, and to disciple all nations. We don’t have to act like the chief priests to ask where the authority comes from. It comes from Jesus. Good Reader, this is authority from the Son of God!

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Master’s Builders Continue Work



The Master's Builders began work at New Beginnings Baptist Church (Mansfield) in Venus, Texas, on July 6. The church needed help on their 30 X 60 foot fellowship hall. Seven Builders helped in building walls and putting up sheet rock and completed the work in two days.

Thank you to Bro. Brian Merchant and the church for the great food and fellowship.

We just learned of the Homegoing of Bro John Mangum of Ruston, Louisiana. He was one of four men who had a vision for a group of people who would help a church build a

place of worship that they otherwise could not have afforded. This was in 1991 and The Master's Builders were formed. Bro Mangum was our Office Coordinator until January of 2019. Pray for his wife Linda and the family. He was a dear friend who will be sadly missed.

If your church has building needs or if you have any questions about The Master's Builders ministry, you can contact Eddie Sikes at 479-462-1675, Mike Green at 972-935-3877, or David Axe at 903-918-0720.

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I'm weary of hearing about the religious right and the religious left.

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the issue is right or wrong.