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Pastors Oasis to Feature Jonathan Falwell, Sandi Patty

The Challenge of Ministry Transition

by Donny Parrish
DiscipleGuide Conference Director

DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry would like to invite all pastors, church staff members and their spouses to experience Pastors Oasis. The goal is to honor them with an intimate and valuable event during Pastor Appreciation Month, which is celebrated nationwide. Pastors Oasis is a three-day, two-night conference featuring the best in worship, Christian concerts and Bible-based teaching that is sure to challenge their ministries and encourage their hearts. The purpose of the conference is to uplift and empower pastors with fresh hearts and fresh looks at their ministries. It is definitely a time of fellowship and encouragement that they wouldn't want to miss. The conference is held in Branson, Missouri, one of America's

top destinations. All sessions will be held at the Hilton Branson Convention Center with connected lodging at the beautiful Hilton Hotel. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of Pastors Oasis 2014.

Ministry is dynamic! Change is always occurring in a congregation. The challenge for any pastor or ministry leader is to channel change toward the vision and mission of the ministry in a positive way. Without God's help and wise counsel, many times change will occur and leave carnage in its wake.

Pastors Oasis will feature speakers who have successfully navigated the waters of change successfully. Hear from pastors who rode the waves of ministry change both organizationally and personally. Talk with pastors who faced some of the same challenges that you face as they strive to

change the direction of your ministry.

Featured Personalities

Reverend Jonathan Falwell is the Senior Pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. He served under the leadership of his father and Founding Pastor, Dr. Jerry Falwell, from 1995 until his father's death in 2007. He was called to be the Senior Pastor at that time by a unanimous vote of the church congregation.

Pastors Oasis is excited to feature the musical artistry of Sandi Patty during this year's annual Pastor Appreciation Banquet. A multiple



Sandi Patty

Grammy and Dove Award winning artist, Sandi Patty is one of the most recognized gospel artists in the world and the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history.

Jason Aultman & Henry Horton

Hear firsthand how these pastors Navigated the Challenge of Ministry Transition. Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas

Scott Attebery, Director of DiscipleGuide Church Resources and former pastor of Wyatt Baptist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Also featured will be the comedy and drama of Acts of Renewal with Carol & Jim Shores and comedian, Michael Jr. We are excited to have back the talented Travis Sellers leading worship from Antioch in Conway, Arkansas.

Make reservations at the Hilton by calling their national reservations service at 1-800-445-8667 or directly at 866-442-0959 by September 5 and let them know you are with Pastors Oasis. Group rate is \$131 plus tax per night. Early registration is \$75 per person by September 5, \$85 after September 5 and \$100 for offsite attendees. Register online at www.discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis or use the downloadable registration form to mail your registration.

I personally look forward to meeting you at Pastors Oasis. Churches step up and make sure your pastor is honored this year by sending them to Pastors Oasis. Call the office with any questions or if we can assist in any way. 501-205-8753



Jonathan Falwell

Reintroducing Dr. E. Harold Henderson

For over 38 years, Dr. E Harold Henderson wrote BMA adult Sunday School literature. His writings helped shape the theological foundation of our association.

Interestingly, Dr. Henderson surrendered to the ministry on the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor when he was 14. Throughout his life, he pastored seven churches throughout Texas and Oklahoma. At one time, he was also chairman of the Department of Bible at Jacksonville College.

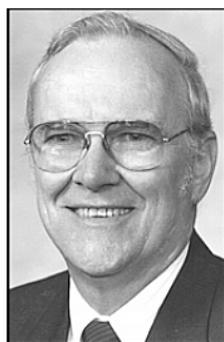
Dr. Henderson served on numerous committees and trustee bodies in BMA associations from local through national levels. He was a past president of both the BMA of Texas and the BMA of America and ministered personally in over 30 nations world-

wide.

Dr. Henderson passed away in 1996. Now his impact continues through the new "We Believe" series beginning in the Fall 2014 edition of the Compass Sunday School quarterly.

This four-quarter series will feature Dr. Henderson's writings regarding what we believe about doctrine, God, Jesus, and the Church. Each lesson in the series will help your congregation affirm and review our basic beliefs as BMA Baptists.

The series will begin in September



Henderson

with a study of the BMA doctrinal statement entitled, "What We Believe." The next three quarters will focus on what we believe about God (winter), Jesus (spring), and the Church (summer).

While one generation will enjoy revisiting Dr. Henderson's writings, another generation will be introduced to one of our association's great leaders.

If you have adult Sunday school classes who are not currently using the Compass quarterly, ask them to consider trying the "We Believe" series this fall. This is the perfect time to make the switch.

For more information, or to order, call DiscipleGuide at 1-800-333-1442 or go to discipleguide.org.



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“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Ps 90:1-2

God Continues To Bless

Souls being saved, people being baptized, discipleship taking place, revivals, VBS’s, and camps...I love the activity and it is all because of God’s blessing on us. He is and always will be the reason why we enjoy the privilege to do what we do.

Day Star Baptist Mission Holds First VBS

Day Star Baptist Mission, led by Missionary



Closing program at Day Star’s First VBS

Phillip Burns, held their first VBS in Sumrall, recently. With the help of volunteers from First Baptist Bay Springs, and Big Creek Baptist Church of Soso, Day Star Baptist Mission conducted a one



ABOVE - Mrs. Shirlene Smith and BELOW Mrs. Barbara White help with teaching at Day Star VBS



day VBS with a total of 42 present. Missionary Phillip Burns reported that they had a wonderful time and new contacts were made.

Capitol Association Votes to Affirm Land Purchase for Grace Baptist Mission

After presenting the proposal to purchase land and build a first unit building on Pinehaven Road in Clinton, the Capitol Association voted to reaffirm her support and donated an additional \$10,000.00 to help with this project.

Judson Association Votes to Assist Freedom Baptist Mission

At the last Judson Association meeting, the Judson Association voted to send \$500.00 to the matching fund campaign for Freedom Baptist Mission’s debt reduction. This amount will be matched. This brings the total raised by Freedom to \$27,000.00. This will result in \$54,000.00 in reduction. Other commitments are still coming in. This campaign continues until September. Freedom continues to grow and presently has 12 awaiting baptism.

South Forrest Continues with Baptizing and Building

Missionary Sidney Farmer reported that they borrowed the baptistry at Calvary in Purvis recently to baptize Joe Stinett. They are also continuing with the building of their new sanctuary. Recently, they poured the concrete piers to support the laminated beams for the building. They have the sewer and plumbing in



Baptism service at South Forrest



and they are hoping to pour the slab in the next couple of weeks.

Paramount Baptist Church Received Report on African American Missions

Brother Ed DuVall, Coordinator of African American Missions for the BMA of Mississippi, recently traveled to Paramount Baptist Church near Wiggins to preach and share a report about the progress of

the African American Mission work in Mississippi. Bro. DuVall is leading in Bible training with a number of men who could prospectively become missionary pastors in the future. He and these men are planning an evangelistic event on the 16th of August. Bro. DuVall expressed his appre-



ABOVE - Six baptized at Way, Truth and Life
BELOW - Three Surrendered to preach



ciation to Paramount for their continuous support of his missionary work since he first became a missionary with the BMA of Mississippi.

New Budget Reviewed and Approved

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budgets for both Missions and Revolving Loan Fund have been presented and approved by each committee respectively.

6 Baptized and 3 Surrendered To Preach

Bro. Elvis Garcia, Coordinator of Hispanic Missions (North) for the BMA of Mississippi reported that they baptized 6 recently and had 3 men surrender to the ministry.

Revolving Loan Fund

(as of July 25, 2014 and since August 1st, 2013)
Gross assets are now at \$18,551,265.00, an increase of \$1,087,344.00 since August 1st. Net assets are now at \$3,079,518.00, an increase of \$130,278.00 since August 1st. We have 12 new loans totaling \$1,179,572.00 since August 1st. Our current loan rate is 4.25%. If your church is in need of a loan to expand or build new facilities, we encourage you to give us a call.

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Danny Pitts

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Support Important

July and August are the months set aside by the BMA of Mississippi for Southeastern Baptist College to receive an annual Special Emphasis offering from the churches. Each church is encouraged to promote the school and take up special offerings in addition to the regular support. At the present time these contributions are necessary for the general operations of our college. One reason for this is unfunded scholarships. We offer several such scholarships in order to meet the needs of some students and to draw in quality scholars.

Scholarship Help

Southeastern offers a variety of scholarships. A grant of several hundred dollars is given to Baptist pastors, their family members, and those in full-time Christian ministry. H.A.N.D.S. - is an acronym standing for "Helping Attract New Desirable Students." The program is designed to encourage enrollment of pro-

spective students from the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi and other churches which support Southeastern. Any student who is a member of a church associated with the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi, or a church which supports Southeastern Baptist College financially on a regular basis, may be eligible for a substantial tuition grant. No limit is set on the number of students who may benefit from a qualifying church. Recipients are required to be enrolled for a minimum of six hours.

ACT scholarships are also given. Students who make a composite score of 21 to 24 on their ACT qualify for up to one-half tuition scholarship. Students who make a composite score of 25 to 27 qualify for up to a three-quarter tuition scholarship. Students who make a composite score of 28 or above qualify for up to a full-tuition scholarship. These scholarships are renewable each semester the students maintain certain ac-

ademic standards. All of these are unfunded scholarships and amount to a discount given by the college.

Funded Scholarships

We also have several funded scholarships. The Arnold Knight Scholarships from the Revolving Loan Fund are presented to worthy students twice a year. Also the interest from special donations given in honor or in memory of certain individuals is available to help students with the cost of their education. Betty Turner recently indicated that \$500 will be added twice a year to the scholarship in memory of my parents, Preston & Louise Cochran.

With the financial aid listed above added to governmental grants such as Pell and Veterans benefits, an education at Southeastern becomes a great deal for many. Our college has a place for you. Call the school at 601-426-6346 and ask to speak to Dr. Aaron Parker or Ronnie Kitchens for more information.

Affascinante

My girls were watching a movie the other night, when the main character came on speaking in an Australian accent. I had always heard of people swooning, but when this man spoke, I literally witnessed it first hand. It was disgusting. The girls were all, "Oh my...." (fanning their faces) and "I just loooovvvee his accent!"

What is this fascination with foreign accents?!? That is just how they talk! But then again, I have always been a rebel when it comes to chasing fads and whims. You might call me, in the words of an Australian none-the-less, a bad out-

law. Only you country music fans will get that reference.

It's not only accents, either. How else could you get an American to eat snails, other than changing its name to Escargot? Put an enormous price on it, give it a foreign name, add some mystique, and I think you could market chittlins as an international delicacy that only the rich and elite could afford. "This is the most exquisite and flavorful delicacy that comes from some foreign country called the South". "Monsieur Bubba and his wife Señora Ethel market these tasty morsels from their 'agrario' located just east of Swampbottom, Mississippi".

To be honest, I am surprised that no major corporation has contacted me for

marketing advice. But then again, I don't have a foreign accent, unless you call Country a foreign accent. I'm not sure my wife even swoons when I talk.

Not to be outdone, the religious world has caught on to the idea of appealing to our fascination with all things foreign and out of the norm.

Let a famous reformer or television evangelist say something the Bible has said for years, and everyone is falling over each other to quote them. Famous televangelist: "Do good and don't worry"! Average follower: "Oh my goodness! Did you

hear what the famous televangelist said? He said to do good and don't worry. He is so spiritually uplifting. Why has no one ever told me these enlightening words before"? If he has a foreign accent, that is just money in the bank.

You want fascination? Walk outside about the break of day and watch the sun rise over the horizon! Take a look at the vastness of the ocean! Look up into the stars on a clear night in the fall! Examine your fingers and toes! Read your Bible! When we see God the way He desires us to see Him, all other things will pale in comparison.

As Ray would say in the Greek language, it is "ipEroha"! Or in Latin, "Magnificus"! Or in English, "Magnificent"!

From The Mind of



Chuck Lee

More Missions Activities



Above - VBS at Freedom Baptist Church
Below - Attendance at Way, Truth & Life



Free Seminary Class Available

BMA Seminary is offering a FREE online course for the Fall semester. The class will be Old Testament Survey and will be taught by BMA Seminary Director of Distance Education, Dr. Tony Cleaver. The class will begin August 25 and will run for 8 weeks. Space is limited.

To enroll, contact BMA Seminary at 800-259-5673 or online at bmat.edu.



Dr. Tony Cleaver

Harmony Association Report

The July meeting was held at Shady Grove Baptist in Tishomingo. The church provided a good meal prior to the meeting. The evening message was delivered by Bro. Rayburn Freeman. Reports were given by missionaries present, Bro. Bobby Elliott, Bro. Elvis Garcia, and Bro. Kenneth Pollock. Bro. Larry Geraldson reported on state missions.. Bro. Mark Jones gave a report on State Brotherhood, followed by Bro. Larry Trammel on the Galileans.

The August meeting will be at Westview in Oxford, with the church arranging

the speakers.

Mike Smith - Moderator
Tony Marolt - Reporter

Revival Set

Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale, will have revival services August 10-13th. Services will begin Sunday in the 11:00 am service, followed by lunch and afternoon service. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 6:00 pm. Bro. Gary Smith, pastor of East Fulton Baptist Church will be the evangelist for the revival. Pastor B.J. Hudson and the Temple family would like to extend this invitation to the community.

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Opinion Page

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Her Bible Found Us

At our invitation my wife's parents came to live with us. The Lord blessed our household because of this. Her mother continued to live in our home after her husband died. She was a bright spot for me. We shared a lot of time and trips with each other. Pleasant conversation together is not something that comes to all, but we had that experience.

This past week a friend mailed my mother-in-law's Bible to us. She had lost it years ago at a church during a revival, associational meeting, or some other time her husband had been guest speaker. She mentioned the Bible loss often, for it was a special gift from her husband.

After opening the package to examine the Bible now returned to the family, my wife and I have had many thoughts about her Bible finally coming home. The Bible found us by way of a kind act of a stranger coupled with the graciousness of a friend mailing to us. It is marvelously inexplicable how God works

things out in life!

Her Bible found us in more ways than just this printed object of paper, cover, and ink. She was that living Bible of life in the ways she behaved, loved, gave, and walked the life of a Christian pilgrim. She exuded the content of her Bible of paper and ink in her life. She knew the Christ of the Bible in that it changed her to one of His kind of people.

Indulge me here to let me list some of those characteristics I saw in her life as I think of her Bible finding us:

She was a pure woman. Chastity, sexual fidelity is absent many times in our society. Not in her life. The heart of her husband trusted in her.

She was a generous woman. Tight fisted, stingy are words incompatible with Christian. She had little income, but gave the widow's offering many times over—in private!

She was a woman who was a life-long learner. She never got tired of learning about her Lord, her world, and the things that would improve



Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

her mind to serve in the Kingdom.

She was a worshipping woman. Oh yes, she attended church services, but more than that she had her private worship daily with the Risen Christ. The glow of Him radiated in her.

She was an optimistic and positive woman. My wife and I often laughed at how she would make something positive out of a really messed-up situation. Her faith prevailed to turn gloominess into cheerfulness as time went forward.

I could go on to recount her humor that was affirmative, her engaging personality, and her kindness to young couples. There are many more of her attributes that she exhibited which are sorely needed in my world today. I think the point of her Bible finding us is more than the mailed package coming to our home. It was her package of life from God that came to be with us as she moved in with us. She was that Bible of life, for she shared the Scriptures in her essence of being. Thank you, Lord, for her Bible finding us.

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Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible and all that stuff."



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Shingles

A man walked up to the reception desk in a doctor's office. The receptionist asked him what he had. He said, "Shingles." She took down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came in and asked him what he had. "Shingles," he replied. She took down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told him to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked what he had. "Shingles," he replied again. She took blood samples, a blood pressure test, a specimen, and told him to take off his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked him what he had. "Shingles." The doctor asked, "Where?" He replied, "Outside in that truck. Where do you want them unloaded?"

Why I'm Concerned About Evangelizing My Son

by Scott Attebery
Executive Director of
DiscipleGuide Ministries

I have a parenting struggle to confess. I am uncomfortable about my young child being asked if he would like to make a decision to trust Christ as his Savior and Lord.

Please, don't label me a heretic just yet. This is a real issue that I imagine other Christian parents have dealt with and I am hoping to generate some helpful conversation on the subject.

First, let me clarify my position.

I ABSOLUTELY want my son to be saved "by grace... through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

That, I believe should be manifest by a profession of faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-13).

Which is in response to the presentation of the Gospel

(Romans 10:14-17).

Now here is where my concern lies. As a former pastor, I have spent time counseling people who made a profession of faith as a young child and then, later in life, struggled with assurance of salvation. While I fully acknowledge that struggling with assurance is not unique to people who make professions at an early age, it does seem to be more common than not.

Of course, when a person struggles with assurance of salvation from an early profession of faith, there are two possibilities: 1) the person IS saved or 2) the person IS NOT saved.

Those who are saved may struggle because they have difficulty recalling their state of mind at the point of their conversion. Those who are not saved may share the same struggle or come to realize

that their life is not bearing the fruit in keeping with repentance (Matthew 3:8).

That leads me to my concern.

I want to guard my son, as best as I can, from making a false profession of faith.

I admit up front, that I do not have control of my son's heart and that I cannot prevent him from making a false profession. For that matter, I can't make him place faith in Christ either.

However, in the same way that I am intentional about how he hears the Gospel, I want to be intentional about how he doesn't hear the Gospel. I'm not trying to be a control freak, I'm

just trying to be responsible.

My son's heart is a precious treasure of which I have been given stewardship. For that reason, I want to guard his heart – not from the Gospel - but from a non-age-appropriate presentation of the Gospel.

However, that begs a lot of questions that I cannot answer with objective facts. Rather, these questions require prayerful wisdom and insight. For instance, at what age will my son be able to adequately understand the Gospel and place faith in Christ? Certainly it is different with every child, but how will I know? What a massive responsibility!

This leads to questions regarding children's ministries, vacation Bible schools, camps, etc. Shouldn't the leaders communicate to the parents how they will and won't share the Gospel with children under their



Scott Attebery

care? For that matter, shouldn't parents be asking? How would a ministry set such guidelines in the first place if all children mature at different rates?

I certainly don't have all the answers. And perhaps I'm an over-protective parent. But when it comes to my son's standing before God, I would rather err on the side of caution. So, here are a few ideas that have been rolling around in my head on the subject:

1) It's never too early to share the Gospel. The issue lies in how you share it. I try to be very intentional about sharing the good news in the way most appropriate for my son at the given time. I believe that learning the Gospel through repetition over time is valuable and helps assure that my child understands concepts fully as the sharing increases in detail.

2) I do not want to give my son false assurance. If my son (at an early age) makes a profession of faith in Christ, I would rather respond by saying, "I'm so thankful that you have taken steps toward Christ" rather than "Congratulations, you are saved now!" If he is saved, he certainly isn't going to be unsaved by my hesitancy to give him false assurance. On the other hand, if he isn't saved, yet I claim that he is, I am adding to his confusion and struggle later in life.

3) Because of that, I believe that as a parent, not only does responsibility of evangelizing my son belong to me, but the responsibility of guarding my son from non-age appropriate evangelism belongs to me as well. Non-appropriate evangelism would include things like overly persuasive language, pressuring for a decision, assuming knowledge that the child does not possess, etc.

I know there must be a lot of insights and questions I am missing here. So, assuming you don't think I'm a heretic, would you share your thoughts?

What have you learned from your experience as a Christian parent?

How are you guiding the conversation in order to avoid false professions while inviting dialogue?

Has your church's children's ministry ever discussed this issue with you? I'm looking for wisdom and help here... so please, share!

Contact me at scott@discipleguide.org or message me on Facebook or twitter @scottattebery

BMA OF AMERICA PUBLISHES ADDRESS CHANGES

The recent move to Conway, Arkansas, by BMA Missions and DiscipleGuide Church Resources, has necessitated a change in address for these departments. Please note the following addresses when sending offerings or correspondence to BMA National Departments.

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The street address for the above departments for UPS or FedEx shipping of packages, including all used literature to be disbursed on the mission field, is 611 Locust Street, Conway, AR 72034.

Other BMA department addresses are listed here:

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SOAR:lit to Focus on the Church

This year's edition of SOAR:lit student Bible study material will be covering the important topic of the church. Beginning this Fall, students will learn about topics such as the origin of the church, the local nature of the church, the purpose of the church, the ordinances of the church, and the importance of membership within a local church.

A biblical understanding of the church goes hand in hand with a biblical understanding of Christ. After all, the church is His body, established under His ministry, and purchased by His blood.

This fall's lessons are written by Jeff Herring, Associate Pastor for Youth and Children at Oak Park Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jeff's knowledge of the Bible and insights into church ministry will be a blessing to your students and leaders.

If your students are not already using SOAR:lit, this would be a great time to sign up. The downloadable literature is available at discipleguide.org for \$11 per student per year. Order now to get started this fall and you will receive the entire series on the church plus you won't have to order student literature again until next fall!

To order, or for more information, go to discipleguide.org.



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2014 Christian Women's Retreat

Sponsored by BMA of Mississippi WMA
 Cam Garaywa Conference Center - Clinton, Mississippi
 September 12-13, 2014
*Under His Wings, Ruth 2:12 - **Speaker, Bro. Travis Plumlee***

We are excited about the upcoming retreat. It will be one you will not want to miss. (Retreat: a perfect time to get away for spiritual renewal and relaxation.)

Registration is from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Friday, September 12
 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Good time to visit ministry booths
 Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
 General session begins at 7:00 p.m.

The retreat will continue through lunch Saturday, September 13.

The conference fee is \$45.00 per person and includes three (3) meals. Room accommodations vary on type room desired. Rooms at Patterson Place have two queen beds and accommodate up to four (4) people per room. Accommodations in other parts of conference center are single beds with shared bathrooms at \$25.00 per night. For the adventurous, there are cabins with bunk beds at \$17.00 per person (must furnish own linens). These cabins have outside bath houses. All sleeping areas are air-conditioned

Rooms assigned on "first come first serve" basis. Registration form, conference fee, and room charge must be received together to get room of choice. Do Not Delay, send registration in NOW!

Retreat Tee Shirt - The T-Shirt design - on the back with a dove over the words "Ladies Retreat" on left pocket area. It is in the popular olive color. Order your tee shirt on the registration form below. Be sure to note the sizes and number of shirts you will need. Sizes are sml - med - lge - 1X - 2X. The price is still \$15.00 each. Add the total cost of your order to your registration form. Your shirt(s) will be waiting for you when you register at the retreat. Be sure to get your order and registration in by September 4 or earlier to ensure that you receive the sizes you want.

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Church _____

ROOMS (Please check)

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*List roommates _____

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For more information or questions, contact Sharon Lindsey, Retreat Coordinator, Phone 662-401-6573, Email: slindsey157@yahoo.com

2014 State WMA Sponsored Women's Retreat

Camp Garaywa – Clinton, MS September 12-13, 2014
Retreat Theme: Under His Wings Ruth 2-12
Speaker: Bro. Travis Plumlee

Vendor Booths – Anyone who would like a vendor booth to display items that appeal to Christian women (books, jewelry, cosmetics, etc.) may rent a tabletop display area for \$15.00. To inquire about space, contact Sharon Lindsey at 662-401-6573. Please reserve your booth by August 27th. Thank you.

For further information about registering for the retreat and/or reserving a booth, please contact Sharon Lindsey, Retreat Coordinator, at 662-401-6573 or slindsey157@yahoo.com.

State WMA Project Information

Time is getting close to the end of the year State Missionary Project which is 25% General Fund and 75% Young Ladies Ministry in Ghana. Continue to pray and let the Lord lead you in your giving. Please send money to Mrs. Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533 Laurel, MS 39443

May God continue to bless you in your local and district WMA work.

State Project Promoters Dianne Rainey, Lynn McCoy

Oak Grove WMA Report by Betty Kendrick

The Oak Grove WMA held their quarterly meeting on July 18 at Pine Grove Church in Purvis. We had a medley of Mexican foods including taco salad, Mexican casseroles and chicken salad. The Pine Grove ladies also provided an array of wonderful homemade deserts.

New business included election of officers for the new year. They are as follows: President, Tina Ross; Vice-president, Debbie Patterson; Secretary/Treasurer, Fredia McNease; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Lynn English; Historian/Reporter, Betty Kendrick; Song Leader, Joyce

Crowe; Pianist, Janice Ramshur. The Advisory Council includes pastors, Joseph Bain, Chuck Lee, and Denny Patterson.

The program included Belinda Lee sharing her life changing testimony through a deeper prayer relationship which drew her closer to God. Sue Smith gave her testimony explaining how she had always been very active in church work, but much later in life discovered she was not saved and how she found such peace and happiness once He truly came into her life. We were dismissed with prayer.

The next meeting will be October at Bethel Baptist Church in Bassfield.

Dropping abortion rate expected to dip even more in Lone Star State

OneNewsNow.com - Because of a new state law – part of which has yet to go into effect – Texas has recorded a drop in abortions.

And even more abortion clinics are expected to shut down in a little over a month.

A study has been released, done after the first year of the new law, reflecting a 13-percent drop in abortions in Texas.

"That represents 9,200 lives that have been spared since this new law went into effect," says Cheryl Sullenger of Operation Rescue.

She says approximately half of the abortion clinics in Texas have already closed, "because they cannot comply or will not comply" with the new law.

An additional 15 abortion clinics are expected to close after the rest of the law goes into effect on September 1, when clinics will have to maintain the same health and safety standards as other surgical clinics.

Lawsuit follows Christian's firing from university

OneNewsNow.com - California State University, Northridge will have a chance to answer in court how it has treated a Christian researcher whose findings contradict the theory of evolution.

In 2012, Mark Armitage – an electron microscope technician with the CSU-Northridge biology department – participated in a dinosaur dig in Montana, during which he unearthed a large triceratops horn. He subsequently wrote a paper about it in which he estimated the age of the bone to be 4,000 years rather than the mil-

lions or billions attributed by evolutionists.

University officials questioned his motives and, after a discussion at the school, fired him – claiming his appointment of 38 months had been temporary, and that there was no longer funding for his position.

OneNewsNow spoke with Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, which filed suit last week on behalf of Armitage for wrongful termination on the basis of religious discrimination.

"He was just examining a triceratops bone that had soft

tissue that seemed on its face to question the timeline that traditional evolutionists use for judging the development of creation and creatures," the attorney summarizes. "His supervisors in a very point blank way said that his religion has no place in science."

In fact, according to court documents, one university official shouted at him: "We are not going to tolerate your religion in this department!"

As PJI's Southern California office notes, it's apparent that attributes such as "diversity" and "intellectual curiosity" – often touted by academia – don't apply to those with a religious viewpoint.

"True science welcomes all scientific evidence whether or not it supports religion," argues Dacus. "So what they're advocating is a very closed-minded censorship mentality which is a major disservice to true science and true academia."

The PJI president is hopeful the case will send a message that true academia does not allow bigoted censorship and discrimination based on religious beliefs.

Let's Harvest Sunbeams

by Sherry Laminack
National Sunbeam Promoter

September 15-19, 2014 is Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week. The theme is LET'S HARVEST SUNBEAMS. Plan special activities for this time. If you already have Sunbeams, make this week a special time for your group and make a special effort to enlist children in your church and community who are not members of your group. If you do not have Sunbeams, now would be a good time to organize a group.

Sunbeams are children birth through third grade. The lessons taught in Sunbeams are designed to help the children develop a firm foundation in the Christian principles and doctrines upon which the Baptist Missionary Association of America is founded. The goal of the program is to train the children to live in his/her community and church—and to challenge the children to know more of God and how to live for Him. If you would like more information or help in organizing a new group, please contact me at jaslaminack@cox.net or at 870-543-9640.

Listed below are suggestions for activities for this week of promotion. These are just suggestions. Do whatever works best for your group.

Have a special awards program for the Sunbeams who completed Star Awards requirements.

If your group is just getting started, have a special program and present each student with their pin or sash.

Use fall harvest items for decorations.

Invite the parents to your meeting and explain the Sunbeam program to them.

Let the Sunbeams sing in a church service.

Serve cake and ice cream at one meeting and invite children in your church and community who do not attend Sunbeams.

Take your group to a nursing home to sing.

Select a method to raise money for the Sunbeam project, Shepherd Bags.

Sunbeam counselors have been blessed with great treasures, the lives of children. LET'S HARVEST SUNBEAMS during Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week, September 15-19, 2014. God's Word can change the lives of these boys and girls!

he was placed on "indefinite paid suspension" while the company investigated his blog post. A few days later, the journalist was called into his boss's office and immediately fired and escorted from the building.

"The paper expressed that the sole reason for his termination was his expression of his religious beliefs," explains Whitaker, "and they really felt like he had the right to believe what he believes, but he couldn't ... express that – and that's illegal."

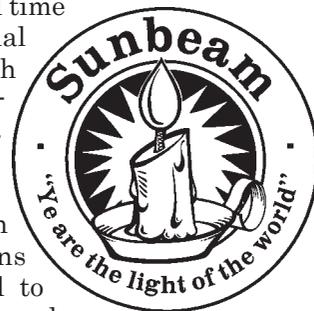
Specifically, the president of Shaw Media, Inc. – which owns the newspaper – explained in an editorial that Eschliman's "public airing" of his beliefs "compromised the reputation of this newspaper

and his ability to lead it."

According to Whitaker, the newspaper's action against Eschliman is a blatant violation of federal law – and they want the EEOC to issue a favorable ruling. "We're asking for back wages, we're asking for prospective wages; actually [we're] asking for exemplary damages, which are equivalent in court to punitive damages," he describes.

Whitaker hopes the case sends a message to employers nationwide that religious freedom also means a person is free to express their religious beliefs.

Supporters of Eschliman have established a Facebook page, encouraging people to join them as they speak out on behalf of religious liberty.



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National GMA Camp Report

National GMA Camp was held June 17-20 at Daniel Springs in Gary, Texas. The theme was "Trust in Jesus, Walk

by Faith², and the theme verse was Proverbs 3:5-6. The 2014 project was the ESL (English as a Second Language). There were a total of 298 girls present. Bro. Scott Attebery, our camp pastor, talked about finding God's will in our life. Over 155 girls were witnessed to at the evangelism table and there were 11 professions of faith. The new camp project is to improve Daniel Springs in honor of Bro. Speers for his 35 years of service. It was an amazing week at camp this year! Next year camp will be



National GMA Winners

June 16-19, 2015. Please be in prayer for our new officers as they plan camp for next year!

2014-2015 GMA Officers

Katy Hicks-president; Hailey Hughes-1st vice president and Miss GMA; Hayley Maxwell-2nd vice president; Mckenna Wilson-recording secretary; Kaylen Fagala-song leader; Madi Townsend-historian; Clara Williams-Alt. Miss GMA; Kayley Phillips-Jr. Miss GMA; Autumn Herring-Alt. Jr. Miss GMA.



National GMA Officers

Christian journalist files suit over firing

OneNewsNow.com - An Iowa newspaper is being called to task for firing an employee who expressed his Christian beliefs in a personal blog.

Bob Eschliman was editor-in-chief for the Newton Daily News in Newton, Iowa, and is now taking his complaint against his former employer to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The complaint [PDF], charging the newspaper's owners with "religious discrimination and retaliation," was filed on Wednesday.

Eschliman's attorney is Liberty Institute-allied lawyer and former federal prosecutor Mat Whitaker, who tells OneNewsNow the journalist was an "exemplary" employee.

"He had won many awards as a journalist and by all accounts he had outstanding performance as an employee," says the attorney.

Eschliman ran into a problem, though, after he wrote about his personal religious beliefs on his blog and expressed his belief in traditional marriage. On April 30,

How Does Your Wife Know You Love Her?

It's not buying her things. Although that is a good thing to do. There are many wives that would appreciate a token expression of your love for her. But that is not real love. Any woman that says all her husband has to do is buy her expensive things and she will put up with anything is a woman that is psychologically messed up and does not understand the true meaning of love. I have seen many a young man in recent years go way into debt to buy a huge engagement ring, only to get a divorce shortly thereafter. A big diamond ring does not buy faithfulness or trust. So, what are things that a Christian woman would see as true love?

TRUST

Trust has to be a cornerstone of a loving relationship. She has to trust you completely. Some women have mental health issues in regards to trust, but I am not addressing them in this article. You show trust by doing what you say you are going to do, and by always being where you are supposed to be. Calling her is not because you are hen pecked. It is showing respect. You tell her you are going to be late get-

ting home. You tell her that plans have changed and that you are staying in a different hotel now. The momma bird has security when she knows



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where daddy bird and all the baby birds are, whether they are in the nest or not! If you say you are going to repair that fence, take out the trash, or mow the lawn today, and then several days later it is still not done, this is how trust starts eroding. It is little things that you promise and then fail to do that over time causes her to not trust what you say.

HONESTY

If a man would lie to his wife, he would lie to anyone. That is the ultimate threshold of lying. The two of you are one. You know no matter how hard you try, you can't really lie to yourself. Well, if the two of you are one, you

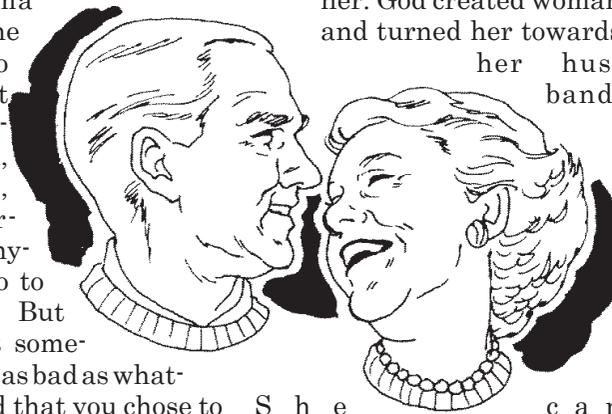
can't really lie to her either. Women look people in the eyes more than men do. She knows how to read her man. If you lie to her she eventually will see it in your eyes and she is going to start inquiring. Your defensive nature against her questioning is often times just the confirmation that she needs to know that you are lying. We can, and must, all be forgiven of anything we do to each other. But lying about something is just as bad as whatever you did that you chose to lie about. Love demands honesty. Being untruthful with your wife reveals a huge character flaw in your heart.

PRAISE

Want a new wife? Praise the one you have and you will have a new wife almost overnight. The Bible tells you husbands to do this. Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." It is actually your job to

teach your children to show honor to their mother and call her blessed. To stand in honor of their mother. And you are supposed to do it also.

This means that in several little ways throughout each day, you and your children find ways to show respect to her. God created woman and turned her towards her husband.



She can have lots of people love her. She can have lots of people encourage or praise her. But no one can punch her happy button like you. She looks to you as the very one she was made from.

A wise husband is one who finds at least one thing every single day of his life to say or do towards his wife that is praising or encouraging. If you don't know how to do this, just ask. She will tell you things that encourage her. If

your wife is depressed, unmotivated, cranky or irritable, pour on the praise. If you think she has just let herself go over the years then it is your job to help her achieve her maximum potential. Start paying attention to her, and praising her and she will flower before you.

ATTENTION

Let's take a look at this. Your wife is supposed to be the number one human that walks the face of the earth in your life. Jesus is number one in your life, or should be, but He is the Son of God. The number one human on earth is your wife. A good shepherd (and that is a job description for you) pays attention to his sheep. You can tell her that you love her each day. You can buy her flowers and a piece of jewelry on special occasions. You can even take her out to eat, and take her on vacation. But she doesn't think you love her if you ignore her.

You may think 'my wife is never satisfied. I do all of this stuff for her and it is never enough'. Maybe what you are lacking is not all the "things" you do for her. Maybe it is something you are NOT doing for her. Pay attention to her.

If your wife nags too much, there is a cure for nagging. Pay more attention to her. We guys get into our jobs and our lives and things we enjoy doing. We get so immersed in what we are doing we don't see anything around us. We are busy doing something else. But as a married man you can never neglect your wife.

You cannot ignore her. Every day you are going to have to learn to shut everything off, look at her in the eyes, and visit with her. Yep. She's got to have it every single day. Maybe you don't realize how much time recently you have spent watching TV, playing video games, being on your cell phone constantly, on the internet or out in the garage or yard working on stuff. We guys can find lots of stuff to occupy our day and keep us busy. But you have to stop it all each day and focus on her for a little while. She should be important to you. Show her. Pay attention to her.

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