

Baptist

Mississippi

JOURNAL OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MISSISSIPPI

August 1, 2015

www.bmaofmississippi.com

Vol. 69 No. 15

From DiscipleGuide Church Resources

A Gift for your Pastor

Pastor Appreciation Month is fast approaching! October is a traditional time for church families to show love for their pastor

will be the featured speakers for Pastors Oasis this year.

Bill Elliff serves as Direction Leader and Senior Teaching



and staff members. Their tireless work in shepherding and caring for the needs of the communities that they serve can often go unnoticed. Church members, have you considered how you will honor your pastor and staff families this October?

DiscipleGuide Church Resources offers Pastors Oasis as the perfect gift and retreat for BMA pastor teams. Pastors Oasis, scheduled for October 5-7, is a three-day, two-night event featuring the best in worship, Christian concerts and Bible-based teaching that is sure to challenge their ministries and encourage their hearts. The focus of Pastors Oasis 2015 is "A Pastor's Prayer." One of the most important roles each pastor fills is that of an intercessor and prayer warrior for the people that God has given him to serve. Pastors Oasis 2015 will focus on the importance of being a praying pastor and leading a praying church.

Todd West and Dr. Bill Elliff

Pastor of Summit Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bill is a nationally-known conference speaker and pastors a church that ministers to thousands of people weekly. His passion for prayer and revival has offered him the opportunity to minister to thousands of pastors each year.

"A

Pastor's Prayer"

Todd West serves as Lead Pastor of Oasis Church in Maumelle, Arkansas. In addition to his role at Oasis, Todd serves as Director of Church Solutions for DiscipleGuide Church Resources. Todd is well known in BMA circles as a tremendous evangelist and a friend to pastors. Both Todd and Bill will bless the hearts of your pastor and staff members.

Guest artists for Pastors Oasis will be recording artists Selah and Gordon Mote.

Selah is a Christian vocal trio consisting of Todd Smith, Allan Hall, and Amy Perry. They have won seven Dove Awards and

continued on page 3

Philippines Bible College Expands Curriculum

A new Community Radio training program is now part of the curriculum of BMA Bible College of the Philippines. Beginning this year, future pastors and lay leaders from all over Asia will be trained to use this effective tool as a part of their formal ministry education.

Bro. Pete Etabag, a Lifeword broadcaster since 1975, taught the first Multimedia class on June 15th in Talisay City, Philippines, training students with the technology that they can use to enhance their ministries after graduation from Bible College.

Bro. Pete says, "For now, we have installed four LPFM stations, three in Negros Island and one in Leyte. As this ministry expands, I admit that I will not be able to do all the installations, not only because of age but for the reality that it would be too much for me to handle. Spreading this technology to oth-



Pete Etabag training students with the technology that they can use to enhance their ministries after graduation from Bible College

ers will not only help me of the burden but also to speed up the field of coverage. I am happy that Lifeword saw the need for this project and has given financial support for the equipment to be used in this training. BMA Bible College will partner with Lifeword in providing the studio and other facilities for this training."

The studio will also be used

for internet broadcasts that will be beamed towards Vietnam, China, Thailand and other Asian countries. There are two Chinese students, one Vietnamese and one Thai student who will be broadcasting in their own languages to reach their own people and will eventually be equipped to continue the work when they return to their countries.

World Prayer Meeting Set For Sept. 4, 2015

by Holly Meriweather
Lifeword National 'Walk for The World' Coordinator

In honor of Lifeword's fiftieth anniversary, a World Prayer Meeting for Lifeword will be held at the BMA Global Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m. on September 4, the day of the first broadcast in 1965. We are inviting the entire BMA global family to have morning coffee with us via internet and share in a special time of prayer for this unique media ministry that began as radio broadcasting and is now a world-wide instrument for the

gospel through any available media.

If you would like to hear an excerpt from one of the first radio broadcasts, please go to

*Lifeword's
50th
Anniversary*

lifeword.org/video gallery to see Lifeword's fiftieth anniversary video. Also on the website, you can purchase "Lifeword at 50" T-shirts and register your

church for the 2015 Walk and/or Lifeword Sunday (October 25).

We hope you and your church will find your own unique way of honoring our 50th birthday on Lifeword Sunday (October 25)...maybe a challenge of 50 nickels, 50 dimes, 50 quarters, 50 dollar bills, 50 five-dollar bills, etc. Please contact us when you have determined your Walk/Walk event date so we can be praying for your church. Also, Lifeword staff members would love to come speak to your church or group or attend your event. Just contact holly@lifeword.org



Larry Geraldson
Director



Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

Department of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund



State Missionaries and Wives



Bob & Edie Burch



Kenneth & Carole
Pollock



Bobby & Lesa
Elliott



Danny & Brenda
Bartlett



Sidney & Becky
Farmer



Wesley & Holley
Martin



Anders & Carla
Lee



Phillip & Dawn
Burns



Estuardo &
Yasmine Marroquin



Elvis & Wendy
Garcia



Ed & Patricia
DuVall

601.428.8616

www.bmams.org

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life..." John 6:27a.

Jesus challenged his disciples to focus their energies on producing things of eternal value. The eternal value of something can only be measured by God. In this case, the labor that is on display is Jesus' own efforts to reach the lost with the gospel. Jesus said, "...I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Vs 38 "...He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Vs 47b In verse 29 he states, "This is the work of God..." God gave us Jesus, who is the life giving bread, we give that bread to others and those that receive Him live. But unlike those who ate the manna and died, those who receive by faith the "Bread of Life," shall live forever. As we labor to do the will of Jesus Christ who sent us, we labor, "...for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life..." This is the work of Missions.

New Missions Opportunities Developing

I mentioned in my last article that some opportunities were being discussed and I was talking with three men about the possibility of starting new church plant projects. This discussion continues, but I can report to you that at least one new application has been received and a location for the new church plant determined. We are in the beginning stages of processing that application. Please pray with us about this. My desire is to do God's will. I look forward to sharing more with you in the days to come.

Diamondhead Mission Holds First VBS

Bro. Wesley Martin sent in some photos of the first VBS at Redemption Baptist Mission in Diamondhead.



Left - VBS Class at Redemption Mission.
Right - Stage set for VBS Services



Activities at Redemption VBS

The evening VBS has provided an excellent opportunity for the mission to meet new people in the Diamondhead community. They have reached as high as 46 people attending at the time of this article and are hoping that the number will grow through the rest of the week.

Thank You, Mt. Carmel!

Bro. Cedric Lumpkin and the youth from Mt. Carmel in Picayune traveled to Sumrall, Mississippi,



Bro. Cedric Lumpkin & Bro. Phillip Burns
and the young people of Mt. Carmel

on July 14 to conduct Vacation Bible School for the Day Star Mission. They graciously gave of their time and



Some of the children attending Daystar VBS

resources to help Day Star reach out to their community through VBS. They averaged approximately 30 each night of VBS. We are grateful to Bro. Lumpkin for encouraging his people to get involved with helping this mission project.

Grace Mission in Clinton

The offer that we made for 13.5 acres on Clinton-Tinnin Road in Clinton, Mississippi, has been accepted. This property is approximately 2 miles from the current meeting location. Praise the Lord! We have now ordered a survey and hope to begin our due diligence as soon as the survey is back. During our due diligence, we will do all that is necessary to ensure that a church building can be built on this property before we close on the purchase. Please continue to pray with

us about this. Grace mission continues to have new visitors and return visitors. God is blessing and we are grateful.

Freedom Mission Baptizes New Believers

Bro. Bobby Elliott baptized 10 new believers following a successful church camp. Bro. Elliott has expressed how exciting it is at Freedom during this time



Freedom Baptizes 10 New Believers

of year when the church can pull aside and focus on spiritual matters.

Year Close Out and Audit

July ends our fiscal year and we begin the process of closing out our books and preparing for our annual audit. This year our audit is scheduled for the August 10-14. Our projection indicates that we have had another good year in Missions and Revolving Loan Fund. We look forward to the confirmation of this projection when our audit is complete.

Visit Our Website and Facebook Page

Our website is www.bmams.org. Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bmamsmissions>.

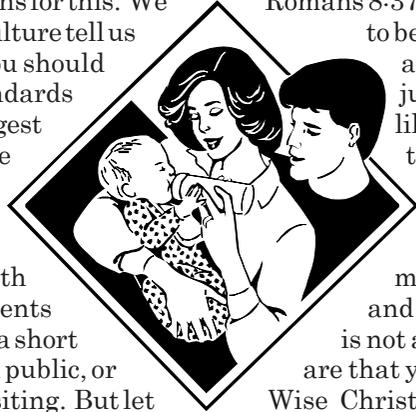
BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund Report (As of July 27, 2015 and since August 1, 2014)	
Gross Assets	\$19,618,008.00
New Loans Made in 2015	10
Total of New Loans Made in 2015	\$1,071,611.00
New Loans In Process (not yet closed)	5
Total of Funds Obligated for Loans in Process	\$923,151.00
Cash Reserve (% of shareholder deposits)	20%

See Missionary Statistics On Page 3

Feeling Like A Failure As A Parent

by Dr. Travis Plumlee

It is actually very normal to feel like you fail a lot at parenting and there are many reasons for this. We hear all the alleged “experts” in our culture tell us what we should be doing and how you should feel bad if you haven’t met their standards for parenting. Probably one of the biggest causes of feeling like a parental failure is looking at other families. You compare yourself too much to other families you know and see. The problem with this is that you are not with them 24 hours a day. There are parents and kids that can hold it together for a short period of time while at church, out in public, or over at friends or relatives houses visiting. But let me assure you that there are no perfect families. Even these families who seem to raise such wonderful, obedient children, and whose parents always look like Hollywood movie stars, they too have their moments of epic failure.



hide it in your heart that no matter what problem your family faces you can conquer it in Jesus’ name. Romans 8:37. Humans are not perfect. Quit trying to be something you can’t be. You have set an impossible standard by which to judge yourself. Being a perfect parent is like stacking marbles. It just isn’t going to happen. Aren’t you glad that you have a perfect Heavenly Father that you can go to day or night and ask for help, strength, guidance, wisdom and mercy in parenting? God is generous and will not hold back. He is for you. He is not a stingy God. If you have not, chances are that you have asked not.

Wise Christian parents are not perfect, but do aggressively seek God in prayer. Philippians 4:6

So the first thing to do is to stop comparing yourselves to others. No one has kids exactly like you. God makes all children unique. No one has the exact family situation that you have. Experts are full of bologna if they are not pointing you to scripture to base all their parenting principles upon. God alone is wise and all wisdom comes from Him. Humanity or counselors cannot come up with something better that they think God just simply didn’t know about or have the expertise to address.

You must know that God is for you and your children. Romans 8:31. You must know that no matter how many failures you have as a parent, God will always love and accept you. Romans 8:38, 39. And

Family Ark Ministries

Dr. Travis Plumlee is a full-time professional speaker and leads Family Ark Ministries. For more information or to contact him, visit www.travisplumlee.com.



states that we should pray about everything. You should pray when the kids are arguing all day long amongst themselves. Pray about it. Ask God to change their hearts. Ask God to give you mercy. Ask God to change their tongues immediately. God loves your children more than you do. He wants them to be successful in life for His glory and as such will give them everything they need to be successful with the plan He has had for them since the beginning. Jeremiah 29:11. And you are God’s child! God desires you to be successful for His glory. Sometimes, I think we forget that we are His kids. He will give you everything you need to be a successful parent. He will not hold back on you. He takes no delight in seeing you fail.

You must seek Him first in parenting your kids. Don’t seek Him last after you have already gone off the deep edge. Matthew 6: 33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.” See, you can do this. Philippians 4:19, “But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” You are not a failure. When you were saved, you got the victory! You are moving from victory unto victory. It is not in the future. It is in the here and now. With Christ you can’t be defeated or lose out. Christ in you means we face every obstacle and problem from a position of victory. Jesus will remove the problem,

continued on page 7

Compass to Paint the Big Picture of Scripture Beginning this Fall

Do you ever wonder how the sixty-six books of the Bible fit together? Have you wondered how certain passages relate to the gospel message? Do you struggle to see the relevance of it all?

Sometimes, reading the Bible can feel like staring at one small portion of a giant mosaic. The only way to understand what you are reading is to back up and look at the big picture.



Beginning in the Fall of 2015, DiscipleGuide’s Compass adult curriculum will guide participants in a five-quarter journey from Genesis to Revelation. In this series, Dr. E. Harold Henderson will present the Bible as one story with Christ as the central character. Your church will never look at Scripture the same way again!

According to DiscipleGuide Executive Director Scott Attebery, “We all know stories of the Bible, but do we really know the story of the Bible?”

The Big Picture series will begin this Fall and feature eight extra pages of content per quarter. For more information, or to order, call 1-800-333-1442 or go to discipleguide.org.

Oak Grove Association Report

by Ed Steele, Reporter

The Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Association met with Mount Gilead Baptist Church on July 16. The service was opened with a devotional from Bro. Joseph Bain, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Bassfield. The evening message was delivered by Bro. Robert Arinder, Pastor of Rocky Branch Baptist Church. The church provided a great time of food and fellowship at the conclusion of the meeting.

Our next meeting will be for the annual session and will be at Good Hope Baptist Church near Columbia at 7:00 p.m. on September 17. All the churches will receive their Associational forms to be filled out and are urged to elect messengers for this meeting. If for any reason your church will not be represented by messengers, please make sure you are represented by getting the filled out form to our clerk, Bro. Sam Oglesby.

Reports for July 2015

	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Bob Burch <i>(Caledonia)</i>	64	36	\$3,539.00	East Fulton
Bobby Elliott <i>(Burnsville)</i>	60	45	\$2,542.00	Forked Oak
Sidney Farmer <i>(S. Forrest County)</i>	62	31	\$5,929.00	Paramount
Danny Bartlett <i>(Clinton)</i>	16	10	\$3,488.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns <i>(Sumrall)</i>	21	9	\$2,381.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin <i>(Diamondhead)</i>	36	21	\$3,690.00	Campground
Anders Lee <i>(Southaven)</i>	112	64	\$9,537.00	Charity
Hispanic Missions – South (Estuardo Marroquin – Coordinator) <small>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Sr. Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
El Camino <i>(Laurel)</i>	124	117	\$4,016.00	
Church Planters				
Marciano Montalvo <i>(Hattiesburg)</i>	29	14	\$443.00	El Camino
Rodolfo Galicia <i>(Biloxi)</i>	6	2	n/a	El Camino
Hispanic Missions – North (Elvis Garcia – Coordinator) <small>(Elvis Garcia is also the Sr. Pastor of Way, Truth & Life, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Way, Truth & Life <i>(Ripley)</i>	95	86	\$2,445.00	
Church Planters				
Humberto Navarro <i>(Tupelo)</i>	29	18	\$633.00	Way, Truth & Life
Erlin Pech <i>(Oxford)</i>	26	5	\$1,090.00	Way, Truth & Life
African American Missions – (Ed DuVall – Coordinator) <small>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Homestretch <i>(Cleveland)</i>	12	50	\$2,180.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook <i>(Olive Branch)</i>	25	13	\$1,550.00	Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 295 new contacts, shared the gospel 165 times, and witnessed 13 professions of faiths, and 20 baptisms and 5 joined by letter in July.				

Pastor's Oasis

from page 1

sold more than four million albums and single units combined. The group has been featured on The 700 Club, The Hour of Power, and TBN. Selah will be the featured artist for the Pastors Oasis Appreciation Banquet that has become an annual part of the event.

Gordon Mote has served as the keyboard player and featured performer on the Gaither Homecoming stage since 2006, and he has now decided to concentrate full time on his solo career. He came to the Gaither Homecoming Tour in the midst of a successful career as one of Nashville’s most sought-after studio session players. Bill Gaither said of Mote, “I can honestly say I have never worked with an artist with more integrity and more outstanding genius than Gordon Mote. While he will always be part of our family of artists, we will sure miss working with him on the road week-to-week.”

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. Room rate is \$131 per night. Make your reservations at the Hilton by calling their national reservations service at 1-800-445-8667 or direct at 866-442-0959 by September 3.

Register your pastor and staff today for Pastors Oasis 2015. Visit the DiscipleGuide website at www.discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis or download the form and mail with your check to DiscipleGuide. Cost for Oasis is only \$80 per person and includes all sessions, concerts and the Appreciation Banquet.

Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi
www.bmaofmississippi.com

DEPARTMENTS & COMMISSIONS

Mississippi Baptist Paper
P.O. Box 8181, Laurel, MS 39441
601-426-3293

Southeastern Baptist College
4229 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440
601-426-6346

State Youth Department
4226 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440
662-397-6832

Baptist Children's Home
118 Lowe Rd., Laurel, MS 39443
601-426-3928

Missions & Revolving Loan Fund
4226 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440
601-428-8616

Commission on Senior Adults
4226 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440

History & Archives Commission
4229 Highway 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440
601-729-8098

Moral Action
P.O. Box 88, Mantachie, MS 38855



Don Brown

Mississippi Baptist

Opinion Page

www.ms baptist.org

Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

Don Brown - Editor

More Friends Lost

It seems that more and more of our freinds and aquantances are leaving us for eternity. Below is information concerning two recent losses. Mark Kellar, son of Dr. Gerald and Mary Lou Kellar recently passed away.

Another pastor has also gone on to his eternal home. Bro. James Wilson recently died after a long illness. Pray for the families of these two individuals and thank the Lord for their lives and ministry.

Dr. Charles Mark Kellar, son of Gerald and Mary Lou Kellar

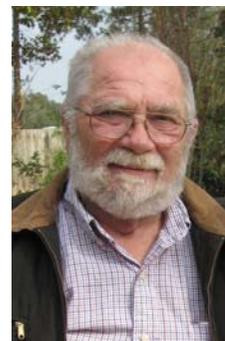
Charles Mark Kellar went to sleep July 26 about 7:05 pm with sure and certain hope of the resurrection. He was the son of Dr. Gerald and Mary Lou Kellar.

His memorial will be held Monday, August 3, at the Klein Funeral Home, Tomball, Texas. Visitation is at 1:00 pm with service to follow at 2:00. His brother-in-law, Dr. Tony Cleaver, will be officiant at the service.

Mark was currently Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at University of Houston, Downtown. He had previously served four Harris County Sheriff administrations as one of the four majors in the department. He was the executive administrator of the Harris County Jail, a system larger than some state prisons. Mark served as a Marine officer during the Vietnam era.

He is survived by his wife, Sondra; son James and daughter Christi; a step-daughter Staci, and a step-son Brenton, as well as five grandchildren. His sister and brother-in-law are Tony and Jerrie Sue Cleaver. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Joseph.

The family has requested memorial gifts be made to Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary. (P.O. Box 670 Jacksonville TX 75766 or 800/259-5673 or bmats.edu)



Mark Kellar

BMA Pastor James Wilson Dies

Bro. James Earl Wilson, 76, passed away Monday, July 20, 2015, at the North Mississippi Medical Center Hospice Unit surrounded by his wife and loving family. He was born May 7, 1939, to Elijah C. Wilson and Ida Mae Grant Wilson. He pastored churches throughout Mississippi for 41 years. He also held numerous revivals throughout Mississippi and Alabama. He served as a trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Children's home for many years and also previously served as moderator for the Harmony Association. He was 32nd Degree Mason. His hobbies were carpentry, gardening, and spending time with his family and friends. He was currently serving as pastor of Walnut Grove Baptist Church, which he helped establish in 2007.

Services were held Wednesday, July 22, at the McNeece-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Fulton with Bro. Frank Panzrino and Bro. Rayburn Freeman officiating.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Louise Chandler Wilson; one son, Tony Wilson (Susan); one daughter, Angie Palmer (Adam), all of Fulton; one brother, J.D. "Jiggs" Wilson (Mildred) of Fulton; two sisters, Louise Grimes and Phyllis Pitts (Wayne), both of Fulton; one brother-in-law, Sylvan Jones of Fulton; one sister-in-law, Bernice Wilson of Tremont; four grandchildren, Hannah Burns (Jonathon), Tori Palmer, Tyler Wilson, and Gage Wilson.



James Wilson

DiscipleKids – Fall 2015

The fall edition of DiscipleKids children's literature will focus on the life of Christ and Christ-like friendship.

In the first unit, "Like No Other: The Life of Christ", kids will discover Jesus, the name above all names, and hear God's purpose for sending his Son to the world. They will trace Jesus' last days on earth through his triumphal entry, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension to heaven.

In the second unit, "Being a Friend", children will examine individuals in the Old and New Testaments who extended love and friendship to those around them, especially in difficult circumstances.

DiscipleKids curriculum is available for children age two through sixth grade. The DiscipleKids material includes downloadable activity sheets and teacher guides. Visual packs, DVDs and CDs are also available. For more information or to order, visit discipleguide.org or call 800-333-1442.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Larry Pierce

Bro. Larry M. Pierce of Lucedale, Mississippi, is available for pulpit supply and pastoral service. He may be reach at 601-514-5085.

Bryson Haden

Bro. Bryson Haden has resigned from Berean Baptist Church, Soso, Mississippi, and is available as the Lord may lead. He can be contacted at 662-251-0443.

Darrell Cooper Surrenders To Ministry

Bro. Darrell Cooper made known his call to ministry July 19th at Hopewell Baptist Church. He will be going through training and teaching for a few months and then he will be available for fill-in work. Pray for him and his family.



Darrell Cooper

Real Faith

German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a man who faced the gallows for faithfully opposing the Nazi Holocaust. He once wrote, "For faith is only real when there is obedience, never without it, and faith only becomes faith in the act of obedience."

Mississippi Baptist

USPS 353-960
P.O. Box 8181
Laurel, Mississippi 39441-8000

Phone 601-426-3293

PRICE
\$20.00 Per Year by Mail
\$15.00 Per Year by Email
CHURCH PLAN
\$ 1.30 Per Month per Family

Don J. Brown, Editor

E-Mail - editor@msbaptist.org
Web site www.ms baptist.org

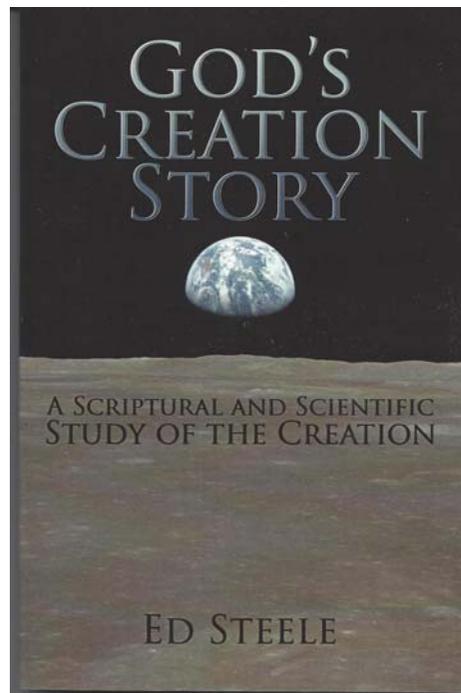
Published on the 1st and 15th of each month by the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi. Periodical postage paid at Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402.

Postmaster: Send address changes to the *Mississippi Baptist Paper*, P.O. Box 8181, Laurel, MS 39441-8000.

Mississippi Pastor Releases Book

Bro. Ed Steele, Pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Columbia, Mississippi, has recently published "God's Covenant of Grace". The book is a culmination of over 35 years of studying and teaching on the subject. The writer was inspired after hearing Dr. E. Harold Henderson reveal how Genesis 15 is the foundational chapter of the Bible. God made a covenant with Himself to provide salvation by grace to every sinner, grace for service, and grace to meet every need for each saint. The book reveals the significance of the cutting of a covenant in the Bible and what it means to enjoy the benefits of living in a covenant of grace relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

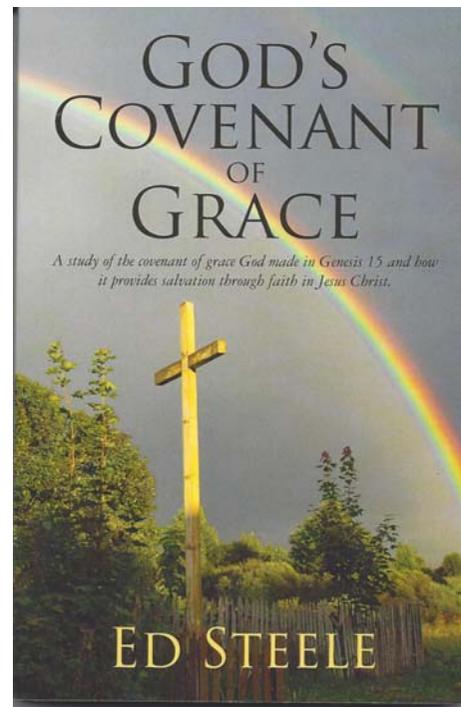
He is also the author of "God's Creation Story" which was published in 2009. It presents a biblical and scientific study of creation and reveals there is no conflict between what the Bible



teaches and true science. Any conflict exists only when the scientific teaching is not true or what the Bible really

teaches about creation is misunderstood.

Both of these books are available on



Amazon.com at a cost of about \$15.00 each or can be downloaded to Kindle for \$2.99. The author purchases copies in volume and can sell them for \$10.00 plus postage (about \$3.00 for a single copy).

He has also had two other books published by a local printer. "God's Big Little Man" is a biography of the life and ministry of Bro. R. G. Holland and "Rejoice! You Are God's Child!" is a 13 lesson quarterly for new believers. Steele also served DiscipleGuide on the Curriculum Committee for several years and was one of the writers of the Compass Adult Quarterlies for the BMA.

For more information or to order any of these projects, he can be contacted at 1244 Purvis Oloh Road, Purvis, MS 39475, or by phone at (601) 794-8861. His e-mail address is ed.steele@att.net.

DiscipleGuide Adds Director of Marketing

Jonathan Wilson will become the new Director of Marketing for DiscipleGuide effective September 1, 2015. His duties will include helping BMA churches understand the vast resources available through DiscipleGuide.

According to Executive Director Scott Attebery, "DiscipleGuide has a heart to help churches. However, many BMA churches do not know all of the new services and resources we offer. Jonathan has a track record of communicating effectively with BMA churches. I am confident he will be a great asset to congregations throughout our association."

Jonathan is originally from Jacksonville, Texas, and his wife Johnna is originally from Texarkana, Texas. Jonathan graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1996 and then attended Jacksonville College. Upon graduating from Jacksonville College, he attended The University of Texas at Tyler and graduated there with a Bachelor of General Studies with Marketing. After graduating he worked in various places in Texas and Arkan-

sas before joining Central Baptist College in 2006 as an Admissions Officer. After one year as an Admissions Officer, Central Baptist College promoted



Jonathan Wilson Family

Jonathan to the Director of Admissions, a position he has held since.

Jonathan and Johnna have been married eleven years and have two children, Rhyon (7) and Rhys (2). The Wilsons are members of Antioch Baptist Church in Conway where Jonathan teaches high school boys and Johnna teaches in the children's ministry.

Southeastern Baptist College

Danny Pitts - Interim President

4229 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi 39440, (601) 426-6346



Danny Pitts

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Travels and Appreciation

My wife and I attended the Associational Meetings in North Mississippi during July. We drove up for the Tombigbee Meeting at East Amory on Thursday July 9th. Pastor Roger Akers had asked me to bring the message and share a report. We attended the Harmony Meeting on Friday night at Providence Baptist Church. I preached at Hopewell in Fulton on Sunday Morning and attended the Judson Association at Roland Mills on Sunday evening.

During those days we stayed at the First Baptist Church Association Guest House in Mantachie. Dr. John Adams and the First Baptist Church of Mantachie congregation provides the former parsonage for departmental leaders, missionaries, and evangelists who travel to North Mississippi. The house was very comfortable and well stocked with snacks and other incidentals to make our time pleasant. We have stayed there before. Obviously the provision saved Southeastern the cost of four nights in a hotel. We wanted to express our appreciation. Thank you very much.

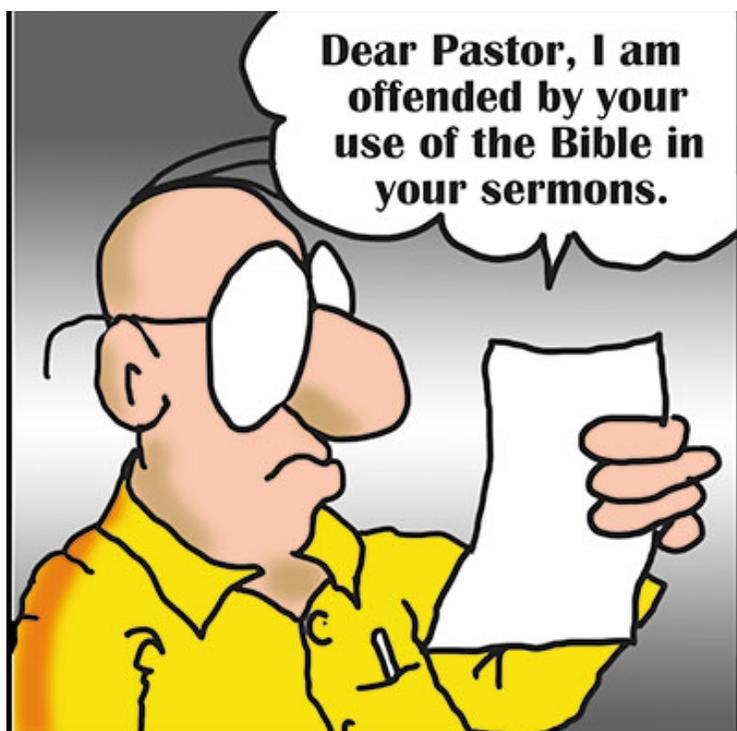
Bible Conference Scheduled

We have planned the first of what we hope will be an annual Bible Conference at Southeastern Baptist College. On September 21 and 22, Dr. Charley Holmes will be with us speaking on Baptist Foundations in the U.S. The sessions will be on Monday from 9:45 to 10:30AM and from 6:30 to 7:30PM. The meeting will close with teaching from 9:30 to 10:30 on Tuesday morning. Everyone is encouraged to be present. Our heritage with the Landmark Baptist tradition marks us as folks who value the history of doctrine. Many of our younger brethren have never been exposed to our rich history. Dr. Holmes will lecture during these special services.

Special Emphasis Response

The response to our Special Emphasis has been good. We appreciate everyone who has given. Your heart for this work of the Lord is recognized. May God bless you greatly.

Church
of
the
Covered
Dish
BY
THOMAS
TAPP





Women's Missionary Auxiliary

President Linda Smith
2816 Old Bay Springs Rd. Laurel, MS 39440 - 601-470-1398

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Shirlene Smith
730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443 - 601-729-5638

Project – “Making A Joyful Noise in the Philippines”.

The BMA Bible College Renovations and Remodeling Project was adopted by the National WMA this year for their 2015-16 project! Needless to say, we are excited! This project involves renovations and much needed repairs to the buildings at the school. The money from this project will enable us to do necessary electrical work, replacement of windows, piano practice studios with electric pianos, and other repairs. Your WMA group will be receiving information on this national project soon. You can also go to nationalwmaofbmaa.net to view the video.

Philippines District WMA Meeting

Attendees brave the elements to get to their meeting! Time For the Bike Ride to the church. These ladies are dedicated to the cause! How many of us Americans would walk in the rain and the mud, and then catch a motorbike to get to a WMA meeting? God bless these faithful servants of the Lord. As we look at the hardships these ladies endured while serving the Lord with joy in their hearts, it makes us wonder just how much we would sacrifice to “Serve the Lord with Gladness.” This should be an example and inspiration to us all. We are encouraging all the ladies of the WMA of America to support their local WMA.



WMA meeting in the Philippines

Pictured below - Philippine ladies making their way to their WMA meeting braving the elements to attend.



Auxiliaries Acquire New Videos

New videos developed to enhance the work of BMA auxiliaries are listed below.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Best Day Ever—is the keynote address given by Pat Quesenbury at the National Women's Missionary Auxiliary meeting in Springfield, Missouri, in April, 2015. It provides the viewer an opportunity to enjoy the national WMA worship service. More importantly, it is a vivid reminder that struggles in daily living can be invaluable lessons in faith. To access Best Day Ever, go to: nationalwmaofbmaa.net national keynote address click on link.

Making a Joyful Noise in the Philippines— is the

National WMA project for 2015-2016. The video is an overview of academic programs offered by the Baptist Missionary Association Bible College (BMABC) in the Philippines, enrollment data and composition of student body. Since the project goal is to raise money for practice studios/instruments, electrical wiring updates, water system and bathroom updates, and replacing windows, a justification for each need is presented. The intent is to motivate WMA's to meet or exceed this year's financial goals.

SUNBEAMS

Missions in Cambodia—is designed to teach young

TOUCHDOWN, SUNBEAMS!!

by Sherry Laminack
National Sunbeam Promoter

September 21-27, 2015 is Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week. The theme is TOUCHDOWN, SUNBEAMS. Our theme verse is Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” What better TOUCHDOWN can we score than help boys and girls learn about the Lord and His salvation.

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. Sunbeams lessons 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, His salvation 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

continued on page 7

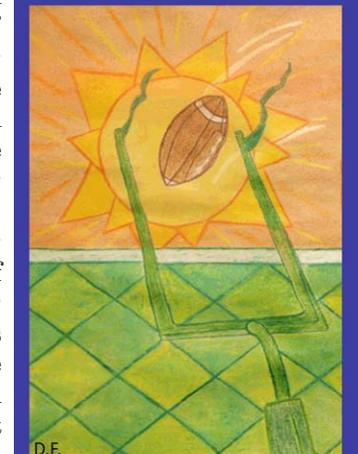
children (ages 3 – 8) about Missionaries John and Louella Page and the Cambodian culture. While the video was designed for the Sunbeam Program, younger GMAs and Galileans would probably enjoy it as well. It would be too juvenile for teens. During the video, the viewer takes an imaginary tour into the village where the Pages work. While the tour is “make believe”, pictures are actual photos from the field. The trip culminates with a typical Cambodian meal. To access the video, go to: sunbeams-bmaa.net Mission Videos Cambodia link.

Missions in Mexico—children spend an imaginary day playing with Bro. Eric Johnson's children. The day culminates with a traditional meal from Mexico. Viewers are introduced both the Eric and Grady Johnson families, the Ricky Williams family, and the Tommy Rose family. Viewers stop by Bro. Eric's church to share a video with the children's choir as well as an open air market to purchases a snack on their return trip to the airport. The video is age appropriate for older Sunbeams as well as younger GMAs and Galileans. To access the video, go to: sunbeams-bmaa.net Mission Videos Mexico link.

GALILEANS

National Galilean Camp 2015—is a pictorial overview of the 2015 camp. It is designed for two purposes: to recap memories from the 2015 camp and to motivate camp participation. To access the video, go to: galileans.com. click on 2015 Camp Video underneath where it says here is the link to the national camp picture video, click on 2015 Camp Video.

Touchdown Sunbeams



You are the light of the world

Clubhouse

I'm sure if a genetics professional (I'm not sure what his actual title might be) used a high enough powered microscope he would find an unmistakable code etched in the DNA of a child that is programmed to activate at the age of four to begin building clubhouses. It may be different with girls, of whom I am no expert, than it is with boys. However, after close observation of my own two girls, it seems that they were also genetically made to build forts. It could be that since they had to play with my boys, they just went along with the guys until they learned better.

The inventor of the couch cushion obviously had children in mind when designing the sofa. With a sheet or blanket, possibly a chair to aid in the construction, and a couch with a minimum of two cushions, a child can build a place that will carry him into a world of fantasy away from the drudgery of...well...Ok. Maybe there is no drudgery in the life of a child, but a child needs no excuse to venture off to fantasy land. Later, the male species will use this knowledge to construct a place to sleep through the night after answering his wife's question of 'Does this dress make me look fat?' (By the way, there is no acceptable answer to that question. Just feign a coughing spell and exit the area immediately!)

When I was about four or five, my two older brothers and a neighborhood friend hollowed out a tunnel through a pretty significant briar patch. That made the best clubhouse. Adults never braved crawling through the briars to see what

we were doing. I can still remember putting leftover cigarette tobacco from ashtray stubs into our homemade corn-cob pipes and smoking them in that little clubhouse. Our neighbor's mom hollered at us for a good fifteen minutes before giving up her quest to penetrate our hiding space. It was her stubs we were using.

My brothers and I made a fairly nice clubhouse from corn stalks one year. We used it as a place to ambush blackbirds and robins with our pellet guns. For some reason, we would eat those things. Apparently, we hadn't discovered armadillo yet.

Even today, I like a nice clubhouse. It makes me feel secretive and smug at the same time. The modern man has distorted the idea of the clubhouse by turning it into a man cave with air-conditioning, television, refrigerators, pool tables, stereo, and finger foods. Makes me sick! These guys need to pull out the old sofa once again and rediscover the essence of a true clubhouse. Or, at least invite me over for a Bowl Game every now and then.



From The Mind of Chuck Lee

Lee pastor's Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at leecharles47@yahoo.com



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

118 LOWE ROAD, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI 39443 - (601) 426-3928
SIDNEY DAVIS - DIRECTOR



SIDNEY DAVIS

Revival Services

It was a joy throughout the week of July 19-22 to be able to be a part of the revival services at our home church, the First Baptist Church of Shady Grove. Our Evangelist for these services was Bro. Blake McCain, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Midway near Sumrall. His messages challenged us as believers to be a faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, Bro. McCain, for faithfully delivering the Word of God to us.

VBS Presents Check to Home

Recently we were with the Midway Baptist Church near McLain for their morning services. We enjoyed our time of worship and fellowship with this good church. At the conclusion of the services a check was presented to the

Home that their VBS had received for the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home. Our thanks goes out to each VBS student and worker for your efforts in support of the ministry of the Home. It is appreciated!

Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the Home in your prayers and its ministry. We appreciate your prayers and support of the Home. May we take comfort and assurance that the Lord is faithful and will give us the strength to do His will as we depend upon Him. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.



Pictured above are some of the youth from Midway Church, McLain whose VBS gave an offering to Home. (Our kids are also in the picture)

Parenting - from page 3

change it, or take you around it, but He will not sit by with no compassion to help you. I Peter 5:7 and Psalm 46:1.

Failures are things that happen in my life. Every parent makes mistakes. We probably fail at least once a week. Don't focus on failures. Focus on victories. It is our adversary, Satan, who wants us to focus on our failures. He wants to push our thoughts to give up on Biblical parenting. He wants you defeated and discouraged because then you will just give up and let your kids do what they want to do. Stop in the name of Jesus. Push on. Fight on. Have faith.

Kids are resilient. They will be okay

even when you mess up from time to time. If you are providing food, shelter, clothing, love, communication, and teaching them the ways of the Lord, you are doing your job. You don't have to do it perfectly. You have a full-time, paid, child and adolescent counselor who will come day or night to your home. He is called the Holy Spirit. He is a wonderful counselor. Ask Him when you don't know what to do with your kids. I think we don't spend enough time before the Lord. Instead we just fret and worry. You are not a failure. You are part of a royal family and so are your kids. Hang in there and know God is on your side. Grace really is sufficient.

Sunbeams ----- from page 6

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 football and football game 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 SCORE MANY TOUCHDOWNS during Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week, September 21-27, 2015. God's Word can change the lives of these boys and girls!

'Gay' adults no threat? Think again ...

by **Charlie Butts**

(OneNewsNow.com)- A traditional values leader finds it ironic that the largest pro-LGBT lobbying group in the U.S. criticized Scott Walker for voicing support for a Boy Scouts policy the Wisconsin governor said protected children.

Last week the BSA voted to drop its longtime ban on openly homosexual leaders. Prior to that vote, Walker – an Eagle Scout and GOP presidential hopeful – was asked how he felt about the proposed policy change.

"I have had a lifelong commitment to the Scouts and support the previous membership policy because it protected children and advanced Scout values," he told the Independent Journal Review.

In response, the Human Rights Campaign called for an apology from the governor. "[His] suggestion [that the Scouts' policy] somehow 'protects' chil-

dren from gay adults is offensive, outrageous, and absolutely unacceptable," HRC president Chad Griffin offered in a statement. "His comments imply that we represent a threat to the safety and well-being of young people."

Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality takes issue with Griffin's reaction, reminding HRC of its own history – and particularly that of one of its major contributors and co-founders.

"Terry Bean himself is being prosecuted for having homosexual sex with an underage boy – and now it's come out that he had sex with another underage boy," LaBarbera explains. "And so for the Human Rights Campaign to condemn Scott Walker for wanting to protect Boy Scouts from homosexual predators is just the height of irony."

It appears that Bean will go to trial because a judge recently refused to accept a settlement that would have led to the criminal charges being dropped.

Policy blocks pastor from offering scriptural counsel

by **Charlie Butts**

(OneNewsNow.com) - Liberty Counsel is backing a Kentucky pastor whose volunteer efforts to help juveniles with same-sex attraction ran afoul of a state policy.

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has revoked the volunteer credentials of David Wells, a pastor with Pleasant View Baptist Church in McQuady. Wells has ministered at juvenile detention facilities for ten years – but Liberty Counsel founder Mat Staver says that came to a halt with a new policy that orders volunteers not to speak in a derogatory manner about homosexuality or refer to it as "abnormal, deviant, [or] sinful."

"[Pastor Wells] was asked to sign that he would not say anything with respect to sexual orientation [or] that you could change [your sexual orientation] – and of course that's simply unbiblical," Staver explains.

According to the DJJ policy, Wells couldn't respond scripturally even if a

juvenile mentioned being molested and wanted to work out the problems associated with it. Staver contends the agency's edict is illegal.

"The policy itself is discrimination on the basis of viewpoint; it discriminates on the basis of the content, but particularly the viewpoint of the message," the attorney explains. "[Under that policy] you can speak about homosexuality or same-sex attraction, but you can't speak about hope and change. You can't give any kind of information that would lead to changing someone's struggle with same-sex attraction."

Liberty Counsel has written the Department of Juvenile Justice asking them to respond by July 31, revoke the policy, and reinstate Wells.

Liberty Institute has also intervened on Wells' behalf, explaining in a letter to the DJJ that he is ideally suited to minister to youngsters who have been sexually abused, having successfully overcome similar abuse himself as a young child.

Coalition ignites Christian civil rights movement

by **Charlie Butts**

(OneNewsNow.com) - In reaction to the Supreme Court legalizing unnatural marriage, a coalition recently met in Dallas to develop a plan of action to protect religious rights.

Pastor Bill Owens of the Coalition of African-American Pastors met with the delegation in Dallas and says religious rights of Christians have been harmed by the Supreme Court decision and will continue to be in the future. Owens tells OneNewsNow the reason is the Church was not an effective force in the battle

for biblical marriage.

"We never galvanized the masses of the Christians, and so we met in Dallas to start a movement, really like that of the civil rights movement, but a Christian rights movement, because they're stripping us of all of our Christian rights," the pastor laments. "To offset this, we must have a movement."

And he calls on Christians to respond.

Owens says the first phase of the Christian civil rights movement is to draw attention to businesses that support the homosexual activist movement.

COMMISSION ON Senior Adults

4226 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Kenneth Flynt
Director

The influence of a church is not measured in its buildings, nor its budget. The influence of a church is measured by the results of her members and their dedication and the testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ and His work.

Your commission on Senior Adults has the privilege of ministering to those who have meant so much to the local church during their lifetime and continuing during their sunset years. Through the support of our churches, our seniors have the opportunity to come together in worship, testimony and as a witness for their master.

Our 2016 Senior Adult Conferences are scheduled and planned for Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso for the South Conference and Tuesday, May 10, 2016, with East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, for the North Conference. Since our last writing the commission has lost a great supporter with the passing of Bro. Gary Smith. He was always involved in this ministry somehow or other and graciously invited the next conference for the northern part of the state to meet with East Fulton where he

was serving as pastor. We will miss him greatly but his influence in the ministry will live on.

We do appreciate your continued prayerful and financial support of this ministry. Mrs. Kimberly Parker of the Missions Office continues to handle all bookkeeping matters and does an excellent job.

Looking forward to two great conferences in 2016 and I hope you are still excited over this work. Several first time attendees at the last two conferences were elated and expressed deep joy in anticipating attending the future conferences.

Thank you for your being such a tremendous blessing and encouragement. Tell others about this ministry and bring several with you to the next conference you will be attending.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Origin of Some "Old Ed'ard Sayings"

There is a phrase that is used frequently by some folks these days that causes me to cringe when I hear it. It has been shortened to OMG, but even that is taking God's name in vain.

But on the positive side, there are a lot of old Ed'ard sayings that are actually quoting the Bible. You know why they call them "Old Ed'ard Sayings" don't you? Because Ed'ard was all time saying them. Here are some that come to mind...

A drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15)

A thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Eat, drink, and be merry (Luke 12:19)

The powers that be (Romans 13:1)

The handwriting on the wall. (Daniel 5)

Holier than thou (Isaiah 65:5)

Woe is me! (Isaiah 6:5)

The skin of my teeth (Job 19:20)

Fly in the ointment (Ecclesiastes 10:1)

Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)

Spare the rod, spoil the child (Proverbs 13:24)

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)

Let he who is without sin cast the first stone (John 8:7)

There is no new thing under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)



"We're going to pick a major store chain to boycott. We've already picked the boycott," he explains. "We're not announcing which one yet, but we'll boycott one day all over the country and let them know that they cannot talk out of both ends of their mouths by supporting everything the gay community does."

Owens asserts it will take an organized national effort supported by a galvanized Church and Christians effectively standing in the gap. As for himself, he plans to spend the rest of his life fighting for the civil rights of Christians.