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Lifeword Community Radio Helps discover Unreached Village

In early 2014 Open Door Baptist Church in the Filipino village of Pandan began a Lifeword Community Radio station with the help of Lifeword Asia-Pacific. Pandan villagers immediately loved the station, which broadcasts from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. and provides the only radio service in the area. After several months on air, Lifeword began receiving calls in response to the programs from a place no one had never heard of—a place called Melendrez. Only four miles from Open Door, the village of Melendrez was unknown to the people of Pandan until they called with requests for more information on the Bible.

As soon as they could, Open Door's pastor and a deacon visited the village, bringing tran-



Steve, Andrew, and Rick

sistor radios to distribute and estimating that there were 90 households and 500 hundred people in Melendrez. After that initial visit, they planned to return during Christmas of 2014 and meet more of the people who had been listening to Lifeword.

DiscipleGuide

The Future is Bright

by Scott Attebery, DiscipleGuide Executive Director

It was Friday morning, July 8, in Dallas, Texas. The night before, snipers shot five police officers two miles away during the third session of SOAR student conference. Friday morning seemed overshadowed by the darkness of a broken nation.

Session four of SOAR began promptly at 9:30 a.m. as scheduled on Friday morning. Speaker Cliff Johnson challenged the students with the message that every believer should be a missionary. As the session closed, a call was made for students to come forward if interested in a short-term mission trip through the BMA mission's VSM program. Approximately two hundred students flooded the aisles. Next, students who had given their lives to missions were asked to come forward. Another fifty or sixty students walked the aisle.

Watching the students come forward, I was overcome with joy. Although the world looked dark that morning, the future is looking bright! Praise God for still calling young people into missions!



Scott Attebery



Bro. Berto baptism

played games and shared the gospel with the children during the trip. This was the first time they had been visited by any Christian group and the first time these children ever heard a Bible story or received a Christmas gift. Pastor Pete (Pedro

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Manara Mountain Ministry Reaching the Unreachable

by Holly Meriweather

There are seven billion people in the world today. Two billion of them can hear a Lifeword broadcast through traditional Lifeword "broad"-casting and Lifeword Community Radio "three-to-five-radius"- casting. Covering more territory and more languages is Lifeword's continued prayer through those gospel programs.



Pete Etabag giving instruction

During the 2016 Lifeword Sunday/Walk

season, Lifeword Community Radio will be highlighted in the 2016 LWS video and on T-shirts. LCR has been an incredible tool for local communities, churches and pastors to use for outreach, disciple-

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As you read this article we will be closing out our fiscal year and preparing for our annual audit. Every indication is that we have had another good year. Our books show that the largest percentage of monies received for missions was actually spent on missionaries this year than any year previously. God is blessing us to improve efficiency year after year. Our 2016-17 budget, which begins August 1, 2016, calls for even less in funds for overhead and includes funding for two new missionaries. Our Missions Committee has reviewed and approved this budget.

Of course, our budget for the upcoming year is based on the current giving by our churches and local associations. As we move into that time of the year where local associations, during annual meetings, will be reviewing their giving to State Missions or State Missionaries, I want to prayerfully ask that each church and local association continue to support all of the areas that you are now supporting and if possible, increase your giving to the General Fund of State Missions.

In the upcoming year, we expect to see additional mission projects started. I expect to see growth in the Northwest part of the State around and in cooperation with the work Bro. Anders Lee is doing at Central in Southaven.

Central at Southaven

Bro. Anders recently reported that they had 7 families and two individuals for a total of 25 people join so far this year. They will be having a baptismal service for those saved this year soon. They have 12 families that they are working to reach and assimilate. Bro. Anders and I are already discussing new church plants out of Central. One such opportunity is likely to begin in the upcoming year. I look forward to visiting with Bro. Anders the first week of August and exploring possibilities together. Bro. Anders has a vision to plant a network of churches in the Tri-State area where Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee meet. In a recent conversation with Bro. Anders, my heart was blessed when he said, "All of the churches that we plant out of Central, and later as a work of this network of churches, will be connected to the BMA of Mississippi."

Midway at Batesville

Our newest mission, Midway at Batesville is showing good signs of growth under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Pollock. Recently he sent me this report, "We officially began as a Mission on January 24, 2016 with three former members of Westview Baptist joining with me and Carole. Since that date, the mission has enjoyed great Sunday morning services. In the early weeks, attendance was up and down. One service only had myself and one other person but another service had 18 present. During the first four months, average attendance for morning services was seven. We made

several contacts within the close vicinity of the mission and had twenty-four people to visit one or more times. On the third Sunday in June, attendance was 25 and the following Sunday we had 23 present. Since that time our average attendance has been 16, and we had one more person to join by letter.

We have continued to maintain a visual presence in the area explaining our work at the mission. We held a special Gospel Singing in late June and reached several adults and a few youth. We are now planning an outreach event focused on youth and children. This youth event will be sometime in early Fall and we will be calling on our sponsoring church, FBC Mantachie, for help.

At this point we are pretty much where we need to be with 6 members and 9 others who attend frequently. Work schedules prevent some of these from coming weekly. My assessment is "successful" for the first 6 months.

Looking forward, I expect growth in all areas in the months ahead. We plan to begin a weekly Wednesday evening program for youth after our special outreach event. When the youth program gets going, we plan to begin a program for children. Our plan is to present programs that are different from and better than what is offered at other churches in the area. Our goal is to at least double both our weekly attendance and membership over the next 6 months."

Caledonia Baptist Mission at Caledonia

Construction of the new addition at Caledonia Baptist Mission is ahead of schedule. Missionary Bob Burch reported that the building is in the dry and the buildout on the inside is coming along good. Caledonia



Caledonia Church addition

has experienced record attendance during the middle of the summer which reflects the enthusiasm of the people in the community as the church grows both physically and spiritually. We expect this growth to continue and we are excited about their hosting next year's Missions and Evangelism Conference so everyone in the BMA of Mississippi can visit and see firsthand what God is doing in Caledonia.

Freedom at Burnsville

Bro. Elliott and the folks at Freedom Baptist Mission in Burnsville continue to move toward the goal of

being self-supporting and self-sustaining by developing all of the necessary ministries of a local New Testament church. This summer they have had VBS, Revival and Church Camp while continuing their normal outreach efforts. Recently, Freedom was the recipient of a church van donated by First Baptist Church of Mantachie. We are grateful for the kindness



Above - Freedom Youth headed to camp

Below - Dr. John Adams presents keys to van donated by FBC, Mantachie.



and generosity of this gift by First Baptist Mantachie.

Grace Baptist Mission at Clinton

Missionary Danny Bartlett provided the following. "We were blessed to have a good group of GMA girls, from Shiloh Baptist Church at Mt. Olive come and help us with our first, one day VBS on July 16th. Mrs. Lane Flynt, the GMA leader from Shiloh, planned and organized the event which was attended by Shiloh's Pastor Bryson Hayden and his wife, as well. The group from Shiloh joined in with children from the our area and it was a good day.

Recently, we have had a few new families visit Grace that have shown interest in our mission. I trust that the Lord will bring them into our church family.

Pray for us as we endure the "Summer Slump." Our attendance numbers were down in July due to many being out because of job training, vacations, and extended out of state medical treatments. I am thankful that our offerings are strong and stable. The offerings for July were \$4,200.00 - Amen and Praise the Lord!

SENIOR SOURCES

byBecky Ulmer- becky.ulmer@jghms.com

Exercise - The Physical Needs of Our Body

In the last article "Brain Exercise" was the focus. Now we will discuss the importance of exercise for the rest of the body.

Mississippi as a rule does not rate well in the area of health. We "lead the country" in areas that I wish our position could be at or near the opposite end of the spectrum. Yes, we are referred to as the "obese state". Along with obesity comes the health conditions that go hand in hand....heart disease, hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, strokes and so on. Yes, our great state leads in many of these areas as well.

There continues to be astronomical amounts of money spent on diets, diet pills, diet foods and weight loss supplements. What household do you know of that has not sold or given away a "slightly used" or "in new condition" treadmill or piece of home exercise equipment? The desire is there, however, the acceptance of the simple underlying cause of being overweight is how can I say it... hard to swallow?

Most weight loss products contain a fine print disclaimer stating "results



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may vary. Requires dietary restrictions and moderate exercise to achieve optimal results". Would the actual results be any different if we skipped buying the product and just adhere to the advice on the disclaimer? This writer knows firsthand the desire to take a pill once a day, eat what you want but yet the weight will fall off--- permanently.

When did obesity become epidemic in our state and country? Yes, our ancestors ate good foods and their diets included foods that are referred to as harmful in society today due to the fat and salt content. Did the amount of work and exercise produced by the average citizen then differ from now? This is where this writer believes the "girths" changed.

One of the most troubling aspects of this epidemic problem is the age of

onset. Preschool children are being diagnosed and treated for obesity, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and strokes. Television ads encourage 60 minutes of exercise daily for children. That's only one out of twenty-four in the day!

I have heard and /or used too many excuses / reasons not to exercise. Lack of time still ranks near the top of the list along with refusal to give up certain foods and the mindset of not being able to "afford" diet or exercise. From my point of view we can no longer afford not to do something! Should TV antennas be brought back? How many strides were made to and from these devices to maintain picture clarity during a program on the only channel the TV set received?

In the financial aspect of life, if you take in less money than you spend - it is called "overspending" and there will be consequences for one's actions. In health, if you take in more food (calories) than you spend (exercise) it is called "overweight" and again, there will be consequences involving health and well being.

The question is, "What can I do to improve the health and well being of

myself and my family?"

The first thing is to decide that a change is needed and evaluate the amount taken in compared to the amount used (speaking of calories).

Exercise will have to be added to ensure long term success. Getting clearance from your health care provider is advised prior to any strenuous exercises. Leading by example is an effective way to impact the life of your family. The type of food eaten, the size of the portions, the means of preparations (fried or baked) and the amount of exercise is key to achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Preventing weight gain is easier than shedding it. Our youth need to know the importance of healthy lifestyles at an early age. Incorporating this type of teaching and classes in the church has proven to be very effective with long term benefits. Local dieticians, nutritionists, health care providers, wellness trainers and therapists can be contacted to assist in developing and teaching the programs.

Let's pray about this and get started. We must make a change. The future of our children and families depends on it.



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Who wouldn't want to know more about the many religions out there today? So many people have so many ideas that it's difficult to keep them straight! One religion says this, another says that – sometimes it is just "opposite of what I grew up with!"

BMA Seminary has good news for those who want to explore the other religions and compare them with Christianity. Good news for those who want to learn to distinguish between Christianity and other world religions. This fall our free course will explore many of the new religious movements as well as the older world religions.

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The course will begin on September 5th and last eight weeks.

Textbooks required are The Holy Bible – Student selected English translation; and Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices – Terry C. Muck, Harold A. Netland, and Gerald R. McDermott, Baker Academic (ISBN 978-0-8010-3776-4)

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Another Friend Gone

Bro. Elbert Boutwell's funeral was held Wednesday, July 27, at Unity Baptist Church near Guntown. The building was packed with family, friends, and coworkers. He was truly loved.

I met Elbert Boutwell in 1978. I had recently been elected editor and made my first trip to North Mississippi with Bro. Arnold Knight. I did not know where I was going to stay, but Bro. Knight had already taken care of our 'motel'. The Boutwells were ministering at Boguefala Church in Mooreville. The church's parsonage had a 'prophet's wing' and the Boutwells graciously re-

ceived us and made us feel comfortably at home.

Being a new worker and not familiar with most of our churches and pastors, I was impressed by the Boutwell's friendliness and care of our physical needs. Bro. Elbert was always friendly and an encouragement. One thing that I remember was his 'dry wit' and sense of humor. He had a way of sharing little snippets of wisdom in a manner that was always amusing and usually instructive.

I wish I had room to share some of the more humorous things that people have

shared with me concerning his humor. Even with his health failing him, he maintained that part of his personality.

Bro. Boutwell always impressed me as a man who loved the Lord and loved ministering to people.

He will be missed, but what a legacy of ministry he leaves behind. May God bless the Boutwell family in the loss of Bro. Elbert.

Retired Minister Elbert Boutwell Dies

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 27 at Unity Baptist Church, Guntown, Mississippi, for Bro. Elbert Boutwell. Bro. Grover Laird and Bro. Royce Hawkins officiated. Bro. Boutwell died Sunday, July 24, 2016, at the age of 92. Bro. Boutwell was born on August 13, 1923, in Laurel, Mississippi. He married Susan Catherine Miller in 1946 after returning from serving his country in World War II in the Pacific Theater with the U. S. Marine Corps. They were blessed with five children. His children remember him as a kind, gentle, and patient father who encouraged them to love the Lord and pursue their goals.



Bro. Elbert Boutwell

He is survived by his children: Ron (Joy) Boutwell of Dennis, Connie Sheffield of Fulton, Bro. Eddie (Jan) Boutwell of Mantachie, Dan Boutwell of Booneville, Gary Winland of North Carolina, his grandchildren: Amy (Chris) Johnson, Scott (Stephanie) Boutwell, Misty (Brian) Rigby, Brent (Phebe) Sheffield, Christy Boutwell (Drew), and Sean Boutwell; Fourteen great grandchildren; his brother, Roy Hunt (Lou Mae) Boutwell of Laurel, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Bro. Boutwell surrendered to the ministry in 1949 and spent the next sixty plus years pastoring churches throughout Mississippi. He was a generous and dedicated individual who loved his Saviour and who was passionate about spreading the love of Jesus. He was an active and dedicated member of Unity Baptist Church in Guntown.

Another New Feature Added

On page 5 this issue you will find the initial article by Bro. Anders Lee. Lee is a church planter for the BMA of America and Mississippi and is senior pastor of Central Church, Southaven, and has pastored several churches and served many years as a youth minister. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College where he met his wife Carla. The Lees have four children, three sons and one daughter.

We are pleased that he has agreed to author a column directed toward Youth Workers and Young People. Ministering to the youth in our churches is a great responsibility and doing it properly is a must. Bro. Lee has been successful in youth ministry and we his insight, instructions, and advice will be beneficial to those currently working with youth in our churches. We welcome him to our staff of writers and encourage our people to take advantage of his input.

This is the second new column we have started recently. Your comments are welcome on both efforts. Email this editor at editor@msbbaptist.org.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Receipt Far Washday 1916

1. Bild fire in backyard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke want blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. Shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. Sort things, make three piles: 1 white pile, 1 pile collard and one pile work britches and rags.
5. Stir flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water for starch.
6. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Don't bile collored things, just rinch and starch.
7. Take white things out of kettle with broom-stick handle, and then rinch and starch.
8. Hang old rags on fence.
9. Spread towels on the grass.
10. Pore rinch water in flower bed.
11. Scrub porch with hot soapy water.
12. Turn tubs upside down to dreem.
13. Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with side combs, pore yourself a glass of tea. Set and rest and rock a spell and count yore blessings!

NOTE: I'm thinking that us what has automatic washing machines oughta be counting our blessings since we don't have to follow this RECEIPT for getting clothes clean these days. Some days the "Good old days" don't seem so good!!

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MINISTERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

by Anders Lee

You better start sharing a lot more!

When I first started youth ministry I had a group of parents that were always bugging me! I was 23 at the time and my wife and I had just been married. I thought to myself, they had no reason to worry about things since she and I had “arrived” as adults. Yet, this group of parents kept at it, always asking questions, taking up my time after church when I was headed to lunch, coming in the youth room when I was trying to get things ready for youth nights. It was annoying! Then there was this looming fact that they really trusted the former youth pastor. I heard all about “John”! I felt like they just wanted me to do things the way “John” did them.

I rocked on with things for over 7 months, and did a lot of things my way with little communication to parents. Then it happened. We went to SOAR. It was 1995 and that year SOAR was in Kansas City, Missouri. I thought things went great, but when I got back half the parents were a bit rattled that they didn't know some of the things we did on the trip. I ended up having a few meet-

ings separately with parents to put out fires that I could have avoided had I just prepared them with more information.

My wife Carla and I at the time had grown close to a couple in the church. Joe and Wanda Moore loved and supported us a lot! We went by their house after SOAR for a lunch the following Sunday. I belly-ached to them about the parents. Wanda straight up told me, “If you don't want this happening again, you better start sharing a lot more!” I was stunned. Joe explained that they completely trusted me with their son Shannon. He admitted if they had not gone on the trip with us they wouldn't have had adequate information. WOW! That was a gut punch coming from them! I learned firsthand what the scripture says, “faithful are the wounds of a friend.”

From that moment forward, I set out



Anders Lee

to change the lack of communication on my part. I thought that bulletin announcements were enough. Boy was I wrong! It was a different time. The mid 90's did not have the technology that we have today. I won't bore you with archaic methods that I used back then. But here are some pointers I learned along the way.

These are not your kids!

You might think this as you grow closer to them. You might even say, “they are my kids!” I did! You are a privileged person. In your care are the lives of some very precious people! However, bottom line, you aren't Dad or Mom! When I was 23, I didn't quite understand why these parents were so nose. Why it seemed they didn't trust me. After all I thought, “Good grief, I am an ordained minister of the Gospel!” Now that I'm much older and have teens of my own, Carla and I have a completely different perspective. We know our kids far more than a youth pastor can. We need the facts because we alone are responsible for our children. When parents press you for information, don't take it personally, just know that some parents are dealing with kids that quite frankly have lied to them, they have lost their trust, and they want to know times and dates and what's going on at events so they are assured their kid isn't deceiving them or YOU!

Communicating takes time & effort!

Despite popular opinion, youth ministry is hard work if it's done right. It's not all fun and games. Stuff like this is the nuts and bolts of youth work. That's why you have an office! You might be bored to tears by having to generate information, but if you don't take the time to do it, parents will take up more of your time later on when they hold you up for a barrage of questions that you haven't answered. By the way, as you sit and grind on communications, you will even realize some areas you may have not planned well.

Use every means possible!

The more the better! There are so many outlets that people are using today. We use social media, every youth group should have a Facebook page to communicate. At Central, we also use Instagram and a text messaging service. It's fast and easy! Some of your parents still only use e-mail. The parent that's stuck in the 90's needs to hear from you through email also. There will be a group that only uses the church website as a point of reference, so be sure to have it up to date. Does your church have TV's or Projection that are used for the song service? Put together weekly slides to run during pre-worship time. For the smart phone users, develop a ministry app. SOAR 2016 just demonstrated how useful and easy they are. If you are making available all the

information in every venue possible, no one can accuse you of not providing adequate information. It's a lot of work, but do it any way!

Don't abandon the ole school tools!

Of course you have the bulletin, doesn't every church have one? Use it! Your church probably also has a monthly publication or mail out. Your parents might not read it because they are going to tap into the things we've already mentioned. Your teens won't read it either. The crowd that reads these are your grandparents and seniors. I found out a long time ago that they love all the kids in the youth group and love knowing what's going on! When they read your section, many of them will be inspired to help out, give money and pray for things going on! You might be surprised at the amount of response you get from them.

Host a Meeting!

Parents need the personal touch! Plan a Friday night hang time just for them. When you're planning your budget, include these meetings so you are sure to have money to invest in them. Feed them, fellowship with them, listen to them! Give them all the facts about the next section of the year and all that is going on. Tell them what you have been teaching and preaching on and what you plan to do in the near future. They need to hear how you are investing in their kids spiritually. For me, January, May and August seemed to work the best on meetings like this.

Depend on a Team!

You cannot do everything. If your strong points are not in the realm of writing announcements and covering details, find that guru in your ministry and sign them up to do it for you! Meet with them weekly, give them all the facts and they can generate things for publication on your behalf. They will be thrilled and you will have a much needed teammate. You may say to yourself, “I got this! I can do it!” You still need parents, or youth leaders who know all the scoop that can be available to talk to people. If you try to be the sole contact or point of reference in the youth ministry, you will find out fast why Jethro said to Moses in Exodus 18:17, “What you're doing is not good!” Some youth guys love the fact that they have all the facts and everyone has to come to them. Don't get on an ego trip, it's not about you. Enlist people to help, and involve people in ministry!

I'm sure there is more to say about this, but if you will just remember what Wanda Moore said, you will do just fine going forward! So there ya have it, “You better start sharing a lot more!”

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Replacements Needed

Most of you have heard about the homecoming of Elbert Boutwell. My dad highly esteemed Brother Elbert. They had worked together at the Mingle Company in Laurel as young men. Occasionally my dad would mention that he had worked on the public job with several bi-vocational pastors. He remembered the integrity and dedication of Elbert Boutwell which distinguished him from some others. I am sure that such faithfulness to the Lord was a trait which allowed him later to pastor the same church for about 30 years.

Decades later I pastored in North Mississippi. At the weekly Pastor's Breakfasts, Brother Elbert would often share pithy statements with the younger preachers. They usually were simple, no nonsense statements that held up God's expectation of His men. At the funeral I heard that many had testified about his impact upon their lives. May God raise up many such men because simple faith and consistency are the only hope for our generation.

Special Thanks

I want to thank the churches which sent in an early special offering to Southeastern Baptist College. These offerings helped us make it through July. Although all these contributions made a difference, several gave checks from \$500 to \$1,000. Also several pastors have shared with me about the plans for their churches. Some have set a date in August to receive a Special Emphasis offering. Others are collecting funds as churches or classes each week. Your loving commitment to the college is greatly appreciated.

The number of churches contributing to Southeastern and the amount of annual income from the churches has been essentially the same for years. One area in which income has decreased is from local associations. Although almost every association does give, the totals are less. As you work on your annual budgets, remember this area of the state work if you have extra funds. We thank everyone who loves educational ministry and gives to our college.

State Sunbeam Camp Held at Southeastern Baptist College

On July 23, 2016, the Mississippi State Sunbeam Camp was held at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. As campers entered the gymnasium they were greeted by Mrs. Barbara White who presided over the craft table which raised money for the Sunbeam Project which was Southeastern Baptist College. Hopewell Baptist Church and Big Creek Baptist Church received certificates for contributing to the Sunbeam project. Mrs. Dianna Williams and several GMA girls and WMAs from Paramount Baptist Church provided a concession table where campers could purchase snacks throughout the day.

The day started off with the campers enjoying music time with Brynlee Cochran and Tiffany Davis, Adult Song Leader. Afterward, the State Sunbeam presentation began.

Reagan Jones, representing the Big Creek District was awarded the Miss State Sunbeam Title. Mrs. Shirlene Smith presented the Sunbeam trophy to Reagan. Mrs. Barbara White presented the Sunbeam pillow to Reagan for all the Sunbeams to sign.



Miss Sunbeam Reagan Jones & Mrs. Shirlene Smith presented the Sunbeam T-shirt to Reagan at the end of the award presentation. Reagan worked hard during the



Sunbeams at recent Sunbeam Camp

year learning bible verses and studying various State and international missionaries of the BMAA. After the presentation, Mrs. Linda Smith, State WMA President, presented the charge to Reagan and all of the Sunbeam campers to be the light of the world. This was fitting as it was the theme for the camp: "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14.

After the presentation, campers enjoyed special music selections from McKenzie Rhodes, Reagan and Kadence Jones, and Jasmine Brown. Bro. Justin Rhodes, camp pastor, presented the message for the day. His message was from Matt. 5:14 where Jesus tells us that we all are the light of the world. He encouraged everyone to be the light of their world whether it be at school, at soccer practice, or wherever we may be. After the message, Ms. Linda Faye Dertinger, Lexi Ramos, and Myllie Rhodes gave away several door prizes which were provided by Mrs. Chris Smith and Mrs. Ginny Kellum. Mrs. Christy Rhodes read the minutes

from the previous meeting. Mrs. Glenda Howard and Saylor Jordan, outgoing Historians for the Sunbeams, helped with the beforehand planning of the event.

State Sunbeam Officers were elected



New Officers

at the meeting and include the following: President Saylor Jordan, 1st Vice President Maddox Rhodes, 2nd Vice

President Krista Mae Fairley, Secretary Myllie Rhodes, Adult Secretary Christy Rhodes, Treasurer Shirlene Smith, Asst. Treasurer Sonya James, Corresponding Secretary Kadence Jones, Adult Corr. Secretary Kaye Jones, Song Leader Brynlee Cochran, Adult Song Leader Savannah Cochran, Historian Jaily Brown, and Adult Historian Brenda Broadhead.



Camp Pastor Bro. Justin Rhodes

After the officer installation, Mrs. Becky Farmer gave the charge to the newly elected officers. Mrs. Chris Smith provided gifts for the outgoing officers. Then, the campers were given opportunities to tour Southeastern Baptist College with Bro. Danny Pitts, go play on the jumps in the gymnasium and create crafts with Mrs. Beth Caldwell.

The campers enjoyed lunch in the gym. Lunch was provided by Mr. Roger Jefcoat and Mr. Randall Coker. Mr. Derrick Cochran from Movella Missionary Baptist Church in Lucedale also helped with setting up lunch tables for the campers. Overall it was a fun event and all campers thoroughly enjoyed the day together.

Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week *Pick Up Leaves Of Sunbeams*

by Sherry Laminack
National Sunbeam Promoter

September 19-23, 2016 is Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week. The theme is "Pick Up Leaves of Sunbeams". Our theme verse is Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We, as Sunbeam counselors, have a part in training boys and girls to learn about God 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 from 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 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 leaves for decorations

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



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Oak Grove WMA Meets

by Betty Kendrick, Reporter

The Oak Grove WMA met in July in Bassfield at Bethel Baptist Church. The group enjoyed the fellowship and the array of food choices.

Sandra Smith opened the business session with prayer. A letter from Alicia Ramshur Samson, our missionary to the Phillipines, was read thanking the group for a special wedding gift. Afterwards the group addressed some special needs for prayer with Betty Speights leading in the prayer. A mo-

tion was made and second to move our meetings from the first Friday after the first Sunday of each quarterly month to the Tuesday after the first Sunday beginning at seven o'clock.

Freida McNeese enlightened the group on "Feeding the Fruit" by referring to Galatians 5:22-23. Each person was given a plant to be challenged to feed in order for it to grow, comparing the need for each of us to feed our minds with God's word in order for us to grow.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4, at Good Hope Baptist Church.

Girls Missionary Auxilliary

Splish Splash With A Purpose

On August 13, 2016, the GMA of First Baptist Church, Bay Springs, will host the Big Creek District GMA Meeting. BUT will also have a water slide and a slip and slide soft-ball game.

The GMA Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and will be over by 11:00 a.m.



At 11:00 the water fun begins. Everyone is invited to play in the water - boys and girls.

At 12:00 noon, lunch will be served until 12:30. The menu is hot dogs, chips, drinks, and cookies.

All of this is available for a donation to 'Water For Christ'.

So bring your hot self to Bay Springs and cool off in the water and help drill a well for a community that doesn't have water to drink, much less to play in!

August 13, 2016, on a Saturday, 10:00 am!

Pick Up Leaves

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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, Moral Action.

Sunbeam counselors have been blessed with great treasures, the lives of children. LET'S PICK UP MANY LEAVES OF SUNBEAMS during Sunbeam Enlistment and Promotion Week, September 19-23, 2016. God's Word can change the lives of these boys and girls!

Reaching the Unreachable

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ship and teaching. On a recent trip to the Philippines, BMA Productions and Lifeword team members were able to witness a community in the Manara Mountains dedicated to serving and ministering to surrounding villagers...and even multiplying itself.

Pastor Pete (Pedro Etabag, Lifeword's Asia-Pacific director) and his assistant Pastor Jhun (Santos, Pastor Pete's son-in-law) drove the team into the mountains two hours from Bacolod City to see the village where LCR station manager Pastor Andrew (Orquita) broadcasts two hours of programming, including twenty minutes of Bible teaching, every day. Pastor Andrew lives on site at the radio station and pastors a church several miles away, but it's his father-in-law who pastors the church (Manara Grace) there. What was once Pastor Mario Baroma's rice storage building has become the radio station, thanks to the efforts of Pastor Pete and his team who made the difficult journey to build and bring power to it.

Radio Manara 90.7 FM advertises one of their most fruitful outreaches

Oak Grove Association Report

by Ed Steele, Reporter

The Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Association was blessed to meet with Corinth Baptist Church in Runnelstown on July 14. After a time of food and fellowship the meeting began at 7:00. Bro. John Miller opened the service with Scripture and prayer.

Bro. Philip Burns reported on his work with the Day Star Missions in Sumrall. Bro. Estuardo Marroquin spoke on the behalf of Hispanic missions in South Mississippi. Bro. Ted Quinby gave a report on a recent mission trip a group of volunteers from Midway First Baptist Church made to Georgia to work on three of our Interstate mission projects. As a Trustee of Southeastern Baptist College, Bro. Sam Oglesby spoke on behalf of Bro. Danny Pitts encouraging our churches to be faithful in giving to the College in their time of special emphasis. The message was delivered by Corinth pastor Bro. Matthew Yontz.

The annual meeting will be with Calvary Baptist Church in Purvis on September 15. The clerk will be sending out letters to each church. It will be helpful if our churches can approve their letters and send them in early so the Committee on Digest of Finance and Letters will be able to prepare their report during the time of food and fellowship prior to the meeting. Bro. Blake McCain, Pastor of Midway First Baptist Church, was chosen last year to bring the annual message with Bro. Greg Medenwald, Pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church, serving as alternate.

during the broadcast - a free battery and phone charging station. People come from several kilometers away to use this service, and while they are waiting for their devices and batteries to charge, Pastor Mario of Manara Grace Baptist Church asks them to gather together so he can share the gospel with them.

In the neighboring village of Sinalsagan, a man named Roberto heard about the free charging station, carried his car battery (on his shoulders) that helps to light his home at night and made the twelve kilometer trip that would change his life. While waiting at the station Pastor Mario shared the gospel with him and won him to the Lord. Very excited to share the good news, he then invited Pastor Mario to come to his home and tell his family and relatives about how Jesus died for their sins. Families at Manara Grace began ministering to Bro. Roberto's family, and they became faithful church members there.

When Pastor Pete received a solar panel, Manara's power source for their

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Etabag, director of Lifeword Asia-Pacific said, "It is amazing what these small radio stations can do. Even though the signals do not travel a long way, they go places we have never been and reach people we have never met. Open Door Baptist Church was organized in 1978, but this nearby village was not known until the church at Pandan started its radio station. What a great way to reach people and plant churches. Our goal and challenge in the coming years is to use the LPFM Radio (Lifeword Community Radio) to reach more places and then start a mission that will eventually become a church. To God be the glory!"

The work in Melendrez continues to this day with an extension class held every Saturday by leaders at Open Door Baptist Church in Pandan. More young people and adults have been saved and are attending their Sunday worship services as well. Responses to the church's Lifeword broadcast continue, but since they have no available workers to start a new church, new believers attend Open Door Baptist Church. Pastor Pete says that he and other leaders are praying for the Lord to provide trained workers for a church plant in Melendrez. Please join Lifeword in that prayer as well.

charging station, he attached it to Bro. Roberto's home in Sinalsagan. The new charging station is now Sinalsagan Mission, a place where people come to wait for a charge and hear the gospel. The people of Manara had been challenged by their pastor, Bro. Mario, to minister to their neighbors, and thanks to Lifeword Community Radio, they have answer that call to ministry. Pastor Pete says he and his leaders are training "potential leaders (young and old) so they can minister to this new missions that will eventually become a church someday. I never thought that the Low Powered FM radio will do such tremendous job in opening missions and even follow up the believers on a daily basis. I don't think a missionary can do that alone. LPFM radio is one of God's important tool to help us spread the Gospel on a wider scale. Help us pray that we can install more of this in many more villages. PRAY, GIVE AND GO!"

On October 23, Lifeword Sunday, be a part of this and other life-changing ministries of Lifeword Media Ministry by registering your church (lifeword.org/lifewordsunday/), planning for Lifeword Sunday and/or a fundraising opportunity for your church. Pastors, if your contribution is sent in before December, you will be a part of the December 14 drawing for a 60-inch TV. For more information, contact holly@lifeword.org.

How To Be Saved by Grover Laird

The Bible says that you must first repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30) As you make this turn from sin to God, you will by faith receive Christ as your own personal Savior. (John 1:12)

Other Scriptures call this believing on Jesus. (John 3:16; Acts 16:31) It is also called trusting in Christ, (Eph. 1:13) or committing our souls into His keeping. (11 Timothy 1:12) Still other Scriptures speak of it as submitting ourselves to Christ as Savior, (Romans 10:3) or calling upon the name of the Lord. (Romans 10:13)

Whichever way we may think of it, it all means the same thing. To be saved one must humbly (Luke 18:17) turn from their old life as a sinner, and believe in, or trust in, Christ to save. There is no more for you to do in order to be saved. Jesus does all of the saving. (Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy. 1:15) It's wonderful to be saved and know it. (Romans 8:16)

State Missions

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We are ready for the "Back to the Bricks" block party for the students at Mississippi College. This is how we met Elizabeth and Laith last year, students



VBS at Grace Baptist in Clinton, MS
GMA girls from Shiloh at Mt. Olive

who attend Grace while they are here. We are excited about meeting new students this year. August 25th is the date for this event. We are also in the early stages of preparing for our Fall Celebration. We hope to have this event around the end of October. We want these events to also serve as a way of outreach to share the gospel with those in our community.

We continue to develop our building plans and trust that the Lord will allow our building plans to receive approval from the City of Clinton so that we can begin construction in the not too distant future.



South Forrest VBS

We are very close to starting our mid-week/small group Bible study. We are trying to determine what will be the best evening of the week as well as the best time for this (transition from summer schedules to school schedules for those with young children). We, at Grace are very thankful to the Lord for the faithfulness of those churches, auxiliaries, and local associations that support us every month. Your prayer support and financial gifts are what keeps us going in our service to the Lord in Clinton."

South Forrest Baptist Mission in South Forrest County

South Forrest Baptist Mission, under the leadership of Missionary Sidney Farmer, held their first week long VBS this year. This was a first for all the workers and teachers with exception of the Farmers. Bro. Farmer reported recently that they are excited

about being able to focus on ministry now that the construction of their building is complete. Already, they have new families attending and they are working to assimilate them into the mission.

Redemption Baptist Mission at Diamondhead

Congratulations to Missionary Wesley Martin and his wife, Holley on the birth of their son, Hudson Cruz.



Hudson Cruz Martin son of Wesley and Holley Martin

He was born 7lbs 9 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. Hudson joined in his first VBS held at Redemption Baptist Mission in Diamondhead this past month.

Bro. Martin shared the following report recently, "I think things are in a good place. We have a couple of new families who are getting connected. We also have been seeing visitors. Moving into the Fall I believe things will settle down. Folks who have been scattered during the



summer will plug in. We are continuing to do meaningful outreach and connect with people. I hope to see even more new families going forward."

Day Star Baptist Mission at Sumrall

Missionary Phillip Burns sent this report, "We are thankful for God's blessings upon Day Star Baptist Church! The discipleship has continued to go well. I have three men in the church who are about to finish up. Two of these men are going out with me weekly to visit people in the community. I have another man who is going to start the discipleship program with me in the fall. My wife is also doing this same study with a young lady in our church.

We had the opportunity to be at Junior Camp this year with our family. We had a few from our church that were planning on attending, but were unable to make it. We had a wonderful time at camp as always.

The mission set up a tent at the 4th of July Festival in Sumrall, and we were able to make numerous contacts through this event. We handed out Bibles, gospel bracelets to the kids, and shared the gospel with many adults that stopped by the tent.



Day Star 4th of July Tent

Our VBS will be taking place July 27-29, and we are looking forward to this. Thanks to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Picayune and their youth group for heading this up. I am excited because we have about ten children who are attending Day Star this year that were not with us last year. We praise the Lord for this and are looking forward to a great week.

As we continue the discipleship program we hope to add new students. We are also planning on having an ice cream social at our home in August and a movie night in September.

God has continued to bless Day Star Baptist Church and for that we are thankful! We are also thankful for the prayers and support of the churches and associations of the BMA across this great state. May God bless you!"

BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions

BMA of Mississippi Hispanic missions continues to flourish. In 2016, our Hispanic missions program was reorganized with Bro. Estuardo Marroquin as the manager and Bro. Elvis Garcia as the coordinator. Recently, Bro. Garcia sent this report. "Two new missions have begun. One in Horn Lake and one in Canton. Brother Lucas Perez is the missionary at Canton and Brother Daniel Polanco is the missionary at Horn Lake. We plan to further develop these two mission fields by providing spiritual and organizational support and we hope to start developing small groups in these areas. We also plan to further develop the missions in Biloxi and Oxford.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead - 10 years ago our association did not have a single Hispanic church organized in our State. Today, we have two organized churches, two formal Bible institutes operating in the North and South, respectively, and 6 missions in development.

In the fall, we will be holding a Hispanic missions conference in the North. It will be held in the city of Tupelo and Pastor Estuardo Marroquin and two Hispanic missionaries from the South will be preaching.

BMA of Mississippi African American Missions

Bro. Ed DuVall, our African American Missions Coordinator, called recently to share with me his excitement over new additions at Homestretch and two that are awaiting baptism. Bro. DuVall said they had VBS recently with over 80 in attendance. I will be joining Bro. DuVall in a visit to see Missionary James Cook at Olive Branch some time the first week of August.

Revolving Loan Fund Manager's Report by Bro. Vernon Newman

As we approach August 1, 2016, we are preparing to finish out the 2015-16 year in a sound financial state as well as initiate our new 2016-17 budget for the new fiscal year. It is with much anticipation that I am



Vernon Newman

transitioning from being a Trustee for the Revolving Loan Fund to being the Manager of the Fund. In preparation for the change, Bro. Geraldson, Mrs. Kim and I have spent several days in the office during June and July going over day-to-day foundational information to prepare me to serve as your RLF Manager. I invite each of you to contact me if I can be of service to address your interest in investing in the Revolving Loan Fund or if your church needs to make a loan. I can be reached at 601-428-8616 (o), 601-606-6910 (c), or via email at vernon@bmams.org.