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ChangeMaker 100 Cycling Event to Benefit Missionaries

DONOR TO MATCH ALL FUNDS GIVEN TO CHANGEMAKER 100

On August 8th, Dr. John David Smith, Executive Director of BMA Missions, will dedicate his century ride to ChangeMaker Missionaries, and encourages supporters to donate \$100 toward grants for these missionaries. A recent donor has pledged to match every dollar given toward the "ChangeMaker 100"

A century ride is when a cyclist rides 100 miles within the span of twelve hours. Several months ago, Dr. Smith challenged himself to this fitness goal for his 50th birthday, but then he continued to wonder how his goal could be used for the kingdom of God.

"I kept thinking," said Dr. Smith, "How could we leverage this to more than just a personal fitness goal? How could we bring awareness and participation in God's global mission?"

After speaking to John Meriweather and Donny Parrish, who serve at the BMA America offices, they decided

to focus on raising grants for "ChangeMaker Missionaries." These missionaries were pre-



Director John David Smith

viously referred to as national missionaries, and they serve as missionaries in their native countries. Spread out over nearly 80 nations globally, it is often difficult for them to raise funds due to their lack of expo-

sure. "The ChangeMaker Missionaries are the thrust of what we do in BMA Global Missions. In this event, we want to spotlight them and let people know who they are."

The ChangeMaker 100 will be broadcast live on the BMA Missions Facebook page, so make sure to tune in on August 8th at [facebook.com/bmaamissions](https://www.facebook.com/bmaamissions).

"Kim and I gave the first 100 dollars," said Dr. Smith. "Each 100 dollars collected will be used as grants for church planting and compassion ministries of the ChangeMaker missionaries. Every penny will go to these missionaries."

To give your 100 dollars, which will be MATCHED IN FULL, in support of the ChangeMaker 100, you can visit [bmamissions.org/changemaker100](https://www.bmamissions.org/changemaker100) to give online, or send a check to P.O. Box 878 Conway, AR, 72034, and make sure to put "ChangeMaker 100" in the memo line.

How Long Does It Take Jesus To Save A Sinner?

by Bro. Grover Laird

NOTE: Bro. Grover Laird is well known and loved by the people of the BMA. He has had some health problems recently and we thought it fitting to let him preach to us through the written word. We pray the Lord's blessing on Bro. and Mrs. Laird and for good health.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Our text tells us that if a sinner is saved, Jesus will save

him. When a sinner moves from Satan's family into God's family, passes from death into life, moves from the road to hell to the road to Heaven, Jesus will do it. But how long does it take Jesus to save a sinner?

Believing that salvation



Grover Laird

comes to a person instantly and believing that it is very important that we understand this, I will draw on the Scriptures freely in an effort to answer the question that entitles this article. I will also take the liberty to print out most of the verses.

Upon reaching an age that one becomes accountable for his sins, he spiritually dies. (Romans 7:9) This death has come upon all mankind since

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Philippine Bible College Library Needs Books Great News From the Philippines!

from Missionaries Doug & Diane Lee

As many of you know, one of our goals was for the Bible College to be recognized by the Philippines Education Department - Commission for Higher Education (CHED). Our Religious Education majors were going to school and getting a Certification that was not recognized by the government and therefore, they could not teach in any public school. For those that wanted

to teach in a public school, they had to attend a recognized college or university to receive their certification. That meant 8 years of school for them. We made application last year for the Bible School to be CHED recognized. The process was started. After many hours of work, money, sweat, and tears along with many, many prayers, we are in the final process. If all goes as planned, we will be certified by the August.

The next phase is a site inspection in July. Our weak spot is the library. We have over 12,000 books in our library but less than 1,000 are qualified as acceptable by CHED. We must have at least 5 books for each subject offered and 3 copies of each. The library is required to have 3,000 books that are not older than 1991. We have been scrambling to bring our library up to date with current books. If anyone has books they would like to donate, please notify us and we can give you information for shipping.



From L to R. Tootsie Samson (Assistant Dean, Dr. Edna Oli, Dean, Dr. Maria Monsales, CHED Director, Missionaries Donna and Stan Scroggins and Diane and Doug Lee (President).

"We Are Free" Rally

Mark your calendar for a Rally to benefit the "WE ARE FREE" Ministry. This ministry was established to speak on behalf of the victims of human trafficking.

The Rally will be held at the First Baptist Church of Calhoun, Laurel, Mississippi, on October 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. There will be hamburger plates for sale, arts and crafts, and fun activities for the kids. The visionary who started this ministry will speak later in the evening.

History tells us that slavery is a part of history. There is absolutely nothing we can do about what has been, BUT there is something we can do to alleviate the pain and suffering of these children who are being held in slavery of the most hideous nature.

With that thought in mind, please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Rally on October 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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

President's Perspective

Unlike my father, I like to do small projects around the house or at the college. When growing up, I cannot remember a time when my dad did a small job such as mowing the grass or painting a room or replacing a door handle. His preferred method for fixing things around the house was to hire a handyman. I, however, learned early on that I could buy all the necessary tools and materials, read up or watch a video on how to do the job, and then mess up twice doing it and still save money on the project. I would also learn a new skill set and have a whole new set of tools for the next project. However, we also have a saying in my family.... "EVERYTHING is ten times more difficult than it appears!"

Most recently I decided to take on three minor plumbing issues in two of our college apartments. The first task was to replace a flapper on a toilet tank.

Done! Easy! Success!

The second task was to fix a kitchen faucet that was running on even though the handle was turned off. I watched a video on how to replace a faucet seal and then stopped by a store and purchased the new seals. I then went about replacing the seal. It looked like certain success... but no! Replacing the seal had no effect. So I went on to the third task which was another dripping faucet. As I attempted to disassemble the handle I soon discovered that the wrench I had, which worked fine on the other faucet, was too small for this faucet. Bummer! I was only one out of three in success on these, what otherwise, looked like easy projects. Two of the three small projects that looked like



Dr. Scott Carson
President

simple fixes, were now much more involved and required much more time. But I did have a little better success rate at one third rather than the family motto of ten percent.

Life can be like this. The Lord calls us to walk in holiness and living a sanctified life. "Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16. Through practical experience I can confess that this is much easier to say than to do! Even the Apostle Paul admitted his struggle with his sin nature, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." Romans 7:18-21

This is a life long struggle for every

believer. It is a reality for each Christian that the scriptures acknowledge. But we are never called to give in to sin. Nor are we to throw our hands up in defeat. And, we are definitely not to justify our sin by saying, "Well, that's just me. That's the way I am."

There is a major movement throughout the world to justify sinful activity. But the scriptures never justify sin. We cannot redefine it, nor pretend it is a "normal" lifestyle. It is not easy, but we are called by the Lord to shun sinfulness and to embrace holiness. Yes, it can be difficult. James 3:2 states, "For in many things we offend all." In the Greek, this verse can be rendered, "For in many things we all stumble." And, yes we do! But, "...a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:" Proverbs 24:16.

Let us choose to remain dedicated to pressing forward in our Christian walk with the Lord. May we continue the struggle against our sinful nature anticipating that we will one day stand before our Savior wherein he will declare, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21.

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

Fall Pre-registration

You can pre-register NOW for the Fall Semester! On campus registration is August 6, 7, and 8. Classes begin August 14. We offer in classroom and online courses in Bible, ministry, business and general education. You can work towards a two year Associates of Arts degree or a four year Bachelor of Arts degree. Transfer of compatible credits are welcomed. We remain one of the most inexpensive accredited colleges in the nation! Contact Coach Phillips or Mrs. Emma Bond at 601-426-6346.

Special Emphasis

Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month continues through August for focused donations from churches and individuals. BMA of Mississippi churches should have received materials to assist them in the college's fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. As a reminder, Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity. Thank you to all the churches who sent their special emphasis offering early which assisted us in finishing fiscal year 2018 in the black!

Danny Pitts Lecture Series

Southeastern Baptist College announces the first Danny Pitts Lecture Series with Dr. Gary O'Neil as guest speaker to be held on the campus of the college. Mark your calendars

for August 20-23.

August 20, 7 p.m., Pre-conference Service at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, Mississippi

August 21-23, 7 p.m., Lecture Series at SBC Campus

God Will Supply!

Renovations continue in preparation of the huge influx of students for the fall! Each project incurs a large expense, but the work must be done and be completed prior to the Fall semester. Every dorm room will be filled this Fall Semester!

1. The men's dormitories: Room upgrades, carpets, bathroom renovations, HVAC unit and duct work for the entire upstairs.

2. The women's dormitories:

Room upgrades, carpets, kitchen updates, bathroom upgrades, upstairs renovations.

3. Gymnasium: Demolition of previously added rooms and renovations of locker rooms.

National Television

Good things just keep coming! God is on the move on the campus of SBC! We have been notified that we will be featured nationwide in a short "Good News" story on PBS, hosted by Rob Lowe. Filming will occur sometime this September. Look for future announcements for when it is scheduled to be aired.

Gym Floor

Praise the Lord. It is beauti-

ful! See the pictures adjacent to this article. We are proud and ready to host visiting teams on our newly renovated Chargers court.

Association of Christian College Athletics (ACCA)

SBC is now members of two Christian athletic associations. We recently received notification of our full acceptance into the ACCA which will enable our basketball team to compete in a national championship in its first season.

Carson's Army

Brother Chris Floyd is recruiting for Carson's Army! This enlistment includes a pledge at various levels of rank representing their ability to give toward Southeastern Baptist College. If you feel led of the Lord to enlist, call 601-426-6346 today! Please refer to the "Carson's Army" giving chart in this publication. Praise the Lord! We now have a General, two Majors and a Captain enlisted!

VA Educational Benefits Accepted!

SBC possesses the 2018 Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your

benefits. You earned them! And remember, many benefits are now fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Riding Mower

Southeastern Baptist College is in need of a riding lawn mower. The prognosis of our current mower is not good and we anticipate it not surviving much longer. If you have a good used riding mower to donate to the college, contact us at 601-426-6346

Alumni Association

We continue to rediscover our former students and list them in the SBC Alumni Association. One of our primary initiatives in the months ahead is for our Alumni members to consider giving \$56 per month in an effort to raise \$58,000 over the next 12 months. We have many infrastructure issues that must be addressed. Will you allow God to use you? Alumni Sam and Judy Oglesby have graciously accepted to lead this effort. Please contact them at 601-550-8513 or pastor_1@comcast.net to verify that your current contact information is correct.

See Carson's Army
Enlistment Form



'Eyes Right'

Southeastern Gym Floor Updated



Photo Above pictures the new SBC Chargers Logo in the center of the refinished floor.

The photo to the right shows the 3-point line and the lane under the basket. Renovations of the gym floor have brought it back to a beautiful and up-to-date condition.



Ministering To Young People by Anders Lee

Evaluating Your Ministry

Some of you will remember the show "Happy Days" from the 70's and early 80's. It was one of my all-time favorite sitcoms that was on back in the day when a family could actually watch TV and not worry about the content of the show. There were lots of great actors on the show. One of the stars was "Arthur Fonzarelli." Henry Winkler played the role. You may remember him as "The Fonz!"

Now "The Fonz" had perfect hair, an impressive black leather jacket, rode an intimidating muscle man cycle and he was a ladies man. His circle of friends all came to him for dating advice. He was revered and feared. He could never make a wrong move, he was the epitome of "COOL!"

Yet ever now and then he would make a mistake or would be wrong. On those occasions when he needed to apologize, it was hard for him to say "I'm sorry." In fact, he would drag it out and finally say... "I'm sooo soooooo.... I'm sorry." "I was... wroooo wroooo ... wrong... okay!"

Like "The Fonz", no one ever wants to say that they don't measure up, that they have failed, or that they could do things better. One of the hardest things you will ever do in ministry is to be honest with yourself. Recognizing your weaknesses, coming to understand what your blind spots are, and changing some things... yeah that's hard. Yet, it's something we all need to do and we ought to want to do things excellent for the Lord.

So we should be willingly to open ourselves up for evaluation so we can see where things need to change! So, how can you as a youth pastor go about doing this?

First, you should always have a teachable spirit.

Proverbs 9:2 says: "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." No one is ever too old to gain insight! Nobody has so much experi-



Anders Lee

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ence that they should not seek counsel along the way in ministry. Every Timothy needs a Paul in their life. There are always people around you who have gone further down the road than you. Find that person and get them to adopt you and mentor you, no matter how long you've been in ministry. Also, surround yourself with the most Spirit filled people in your family of faith. You will be able to go to them and bounce things off of them and get feedback at critical times!

Second, schedule an evaluation time annually with your Lead Pastor.

Disclaimer here... your pastor should have the right to speak into your life at

any time. Staff meetings are designed for this. In other words, his input doesn't happen just once a year. However, you ought to intentionally ask for this honest evaluation at least once a year. The best time to do this is at the end of your "church year." A lot of BMA churches end their year on August 31st. We are near a good time now for you to sit down with your pastor and get some good advice.

In your meeting ask good questions like: "On a scale of one to ten (ten being the best), where would you say this ministry is at now?" "What could I do to make that rating higher?" "What specific things do you love about the youth ministry?" "What specific things would you like to see me discontinue doing?" "Are there any blind spots that you see that I have?" "What are my weaknesses?" Ask the hard questions! Tell him not to hold back. Come up with your own questions. Think about it! Why? "Faithful are the wounds of a friend!"

Third, get feedback from your team quarterly.

At the beginning of your year, schedule these meetings intentionally. Be sure to tell them when these meetings are so that they participate. Remind them two weeks before and then again the week of the meeting. In each meeting use the "WIN" acrostic. This isn't original to me, I picked this up years ago and love using it. Have a meal with your team and then discuss "WIN."

Here's what it stands for. "What is WORKING right now?" "What needs IMPROVEMENT?" What's NEXT?" In your meeting tell everyone that anything can be said as long as it's said in the right spirit and with the right motive. Make sure each member of the team speaks about each letter of "WIN." Set out to spend an equal amount of time on each letter. Ten minutes on each one should suffice. You will love doing this and you and the team will come out unified!

Fourth, put together a ministry evaluation questionnaire for your parents and students.

Best time of the year to do this is January. A brand new year is always a

great time to take a hard look at things. Hold a New Year kick off at your house, or in the youth room, provide food, have music, videos, and make the atmosphere fun. But then... settle them down and tell them you've invited them to come for a very important meeting. Give them all a questionnaire and ask them not to put their name on it. By the way, there are some great questionnaires online. You can find one and modify it to fit your local church. You can expect some negativity on a questionnaire that comes to you unsigned. Keep in mind, there will always be someone that comes off the "top rope" and is super negative. Take that one with a "grain of salt." Most will be honest.

So... what should you do with the information you get from all these meetings? Well... make some changes that reflects the honest feedback you got. The worst thing you could do is for it all to be a smoke screen. It would be a waste of time to make all that effort and then change nothing. You get the same results by doing the same things over and over again. So CHANGE some stuff! It might be hard and some of the things you thought were just the best things ever might have to be sacrificed. Listen... IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU... or ME... It's all about making the youth ministry what it should be for the glory of God and the spiritual good of your students! So there you have it... let's do some evaluating!!!

Speaking of evaluation...

I'd love to hear some feedback from those of you who read my articles. Is there a subject you would like for me to address in an article? What in particular would you like to see or hear more of? What suggestions would you give me? How can this feature of the Mississippi Baptist improve? I want this to make an impact and be a blessing... so fire away!!! Let me have it! I'm listening! My email is listed below! Use it and let me know!!! Thanks in advance for your thoughts!

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



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President Carson Available to Preach

Thank you for the many churches providing Dr. Carson an opportunity to preach the Word of God to your congregations! Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to make a presentation about the great work and vision of Southeastern Baptist College. You can reach him at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu.

Church Seeking Pastor

Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Wiggins, Mississippi, is currently accepting resumes for the Senior Pastor Position. The church has a full-time secretary as well as part-time music director, staff, youth leaders and helpful men and women in the various departments. The church is located in town with a Life Center and other buildings on the church campus. Through the years, the church has a history of supporting missions and departmental work of the BMA. Contact may be made by mail at P.O. Box One, Wiggins, MS 39577 or phone Dale Davis at 601-528-0121. He may also be reached by e-mail at vardamanstreetba@bellsouth.net.

My Cup Runneth Over

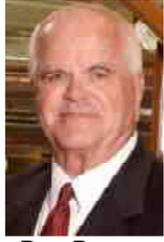
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Someone You Should Know

Mission Accomplished!

by the editor

A number of years ago when my wife and I were members of Parkview Baptist Church in Laurel, we became acquainted with fellow members Bob and Carolyn Henderson. My interaction with Bob revolved around the game of golf. He actually sold me a good set of used clubs that I still have and occasionally use.



Carolyn Henderson
on the Appalachian Trail

His wife Carolyn always had a smile on her face and is a very engaging lady. Bob has since passed away and as is the case in many relationships, we have not seen Carolyn with any regularity. Over the years we would occasionally encounter her in a store or other venue.

One of the things that interested me about Carolyn was discovering her love of hiking. Yes, the art of walking and walking a lot in some of the most interesting places. She had a deep interest and love for hiking the Appalachian Trail. The Trail is about 2,200 miles long from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Katahdin, Maine. There are too many facts about the Appalachian Trail to cover here, but they can be found on the internet. The Trail has a very storied history.

Carolyn Henderson had a goal of walking the entire trail. She has finally reached her goal

at the age of 80 years old! She has walked many miles by herself, some with her son, and some with other folks. Her husband Bob (not a hiker) relayed various stories concerning his part of her goal. He said that he would take Carolyn to an entry point and drop her off and then he would go to KFC, get a

She works so hard to stay in shape to do the things she loves, "Hiking is so much more than a physical endeavor; it's also a mental attitude. To do something like that gives you such an immense sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Believe me: if you can climb a mountain carrying a 27 pound bag, you can do anything!"

Bobbie Spradley
Daughter

bucket of chicken, and go to a point farther down the trail to wait on her and pick her up. Bob had a great sense of humor.

Carolyn herself related many stories and encounters she had on the trail. What a wonderful accomplishment by a lady who set a goal and has finally reached it. Congratulations Carolyn. May God bless us all as we set goals of serving and honoring Him.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

A Quick Thank You

A few years ago, I knocked on the door of the parsonage at Big Creek Baptist Church and was greeted by Bro. Don Brown. I had seen him at association meetings, but other than that, I had no clue who he was except that he published the Baptist Paper. I handed him a few sheets of paper that I had written



Bro. Chuck Lee

some short stories on and asked if he thought he might could use them in the paper. I won't describe the look on his face as I handed over the stories, but when I left I was pretty sure they would end up in the garbage or perhaps the bottom of a hamster cage. I think I made some reference that I just thought people could use a little levity in their lives and through that receive some encouragement for those moments that we all have that aren't so pleasant.

To my surprise, he called and said he wanted to print one of the stories. I can't remember if it was at that call, or later down the road, that he asked if I

would write on a regular basis. I figured that I would write a few stories, he would get a few threatening phone calls, and we would part ways. I underestimated the kindness of God's

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people. And that is the purpose of this article.

So many times, people leave things unsaid that others should really hear. Therefore, I wanted to say thank you. First of all, thanks Bro. Don. Believe me, writing in the hopes of lightening someone's load and lifting their spirits gives me great joy. And secondly, thanks to all of you who take the time to read what I sometimes refer to as my little bit of nonsense. I have been simply amazed at the number of people who have approached me and told me how much they enjoy reading the article. It truly humbles me.

From the beginning, my de-

sire was to insert a bit of biblical truth into each writing. Sometimes it is blatant, but I find a sense of joy in a more subtle approach. I like for you to have to dig to find the treasure, so to speak. I also like to poke fun at people without everyone else knowing. (You know who you are, Greek Scholar.) As far as I can remember, I think only one article has been rejected because of political reasons, but I think most of you would have enjoyed it. The lawsuit and jail time probably wouldn't have been much fun though.

If you approach me about the articles I write and tell me you enjoy them, don't think anything about it if I look dumbfounded. I am just simply amazed that anyone takes the time to read them. And for that, I say thank you.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention my beautiful wife of twenty-six years and beautiful daughter of nineteen years for their efforts at keeping the articles grammar friendly. Thank you. By the way, if there are some miscues in this article, it is because I am writing it so late at night and they are both in bed.

God bless you all.
Lee serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at leecharles47@yahoo.com

Editor's Comment - Chuck did kind of take me by surprise. I did not know who he was at the time. I have already apologized to him for my initial reaction, but let me publicly say to Chuck, "Thank you for using your God given abilities to brighten the pages of this paper. Just keep up the good work."

Former Missionary Couple To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Doyle and Linda Moore were married after "a whirlwind courtship" on August 17, 1968 at Lee's Chapel #2 in Picayune, Mississippi, by John E. Moore. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a reception hosted by their children on August 18, 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the same church.

The Moores recently retired as BMA of America missionaries after serving for 41 years in the Philippines. They arrived on the island of Negros Occidental

in 1976 with the goal of establishing a Bible college to train pastors and ancillary support staff (Sunday School teachers and music worship leaders) for establishing churches in the Philippines. That mission has expanded over the years to preparing workers for outreach to all of southeast Asia.



Doyle & Linda Moore

These Filipino workers are able to go to nations not typically open to foreigners because of their ability to blend in and learn the native languages. They are brought in as teachers, IT specialists, medical professionals or whatever their skills might be. Then, by establishing rela-

tionships with the local people, they start small Bible studies and provide outreach programs in the community.

Leaving the mission field is never easy, but coming home to family (and especially grandchildren!) has helped. Please continue praying for them as they make this transition!

When they are not traveling to churches talking about the work that continues in the Philippines, Bro. Moore enjoys teaching and preaching sermon series at Lee's Chapel #2 as needed. They both are enjoying being home and visiting with friends and family, along with their trusty sidekick — their dog, Rusty!

They have five daughters: Myrna (Doug) Kiper, Kara Moore, Rebecca (Charles) Bowers, Rachel (Shawn) Self and the late Aileen Moore. They also have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father..." 1 Thess 1:2-3

Busy Time

I praise the Lord for the opportunity he has given me to help three churches in revival services this summer: East Fulton, Dykes Chapel and Fairhope. It has been a real blessing to enjoy a continuous season of preaching. Each of these churches has been a blessing to me.

I will be traveling to Caledonia on Sunday, July 29th, to be with Bro. Bob Burch and the folks at Caledonia Baptist Church. I will be joining Bro. Burch in talking with a prospective missionary candidate. On August 6th, I will be traveling north to join Bro. Ed DuVall in visiting with another missionary candidate. In addition to these, I am personally talking with someone about the

possibility of serving as a State Missionary. God continues to bless and we covet your prayers.

At the office, we are preparing for our annual close out and our annual audit. We are confident that we will have another good year and look forward to hosting the audit team during the first part of August.

We are glad to have Ms. Kim Parker back in the office after a period of maternity leave. She is such a valuable part of our team and her return will make a big difference in our day to day operation.

Missionary Resigns

Bro. Dale Broom resigned as a State Missionary and has accepted the call of Calvary in Purvis to serve as their pastor. In his text resignation he said, "Things at the Foundation are not picking up and we need to be a good steward of the funds people



Dale & Celia Broome

are sending on our behalf. With that being said, we are going to resign from the Foundation." We wish the Brooms our best and pray for their transition and future ministry at Calvary.

Praising the Lord

Makayla Burns, daughter of Missionary Phillip Burns, was involved in a very bad car wreck, recently. She totaled her car, but God spared her life. She received some stitches and a fractured collar bone, but was able to go home the same day. One look at the wrecked vehicle and you can see why we say, "Praise the Lord!" Makayla is a hard worker and is greatly involved in the mission work at Day Star in Sumrall.



Makayla Burns Car



Spotlight On Missions

Our feature mission work is the work that Bro. Ed DuVall is doing at HomeStretch Baptist in Cleveland as he both pastors and serves as our Coordinator for African American Missions.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope all is going well with you. Things at HomeStretch are well. We have been very busy since school has been out. I am working with Brother Derrick Hill in Huntsville, Alabama, in preparation for the starting of a new church plant. Please be praying for the work there. Bro Derrick is a good brother and is excited about reaching that community with the gospel message.

On June 20-22 we had a wonderful VBS. This year we collaborated with two local churches and had a great turnout. This took a lot of pressure off

me and my small staff. We had over 40 participants each night. There were 20 adults and 20 young people each night. There was a clear message of the gospel preached each night. They should have left here with a clear understanding about salvation and about Christ. They also got a good close-up look at what servant leadership is all about. However, there was no decision during VBS.

Following VBS we took a group of our teens to Cedine Bible Camp for a week. This camp is located near Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is situated above beautiful Watt's Barr Lake. Our kids enjoyed themselves canoeing, swimming, and horseback riding and feeding various animals in the stockade. There were many more sports and activities for the youth. There was both morning and evening chapel each day, as well as nightly devotions given by their cabin counselor. The camp is nine hours from Cleveland, but it was worth the time.

We also had a youth group from Cresco, Iowa, come and spend a Saturday night at our church and stay for worship on Sunday. This group of youth and adults came for the second year in

a row. We had a combined choir with their youth and our youth and we had a blessed time.

We hope to have another fishing rodeo and back to school evangelistic event before school starts back.

God has blessed us here at HomeStretch beyond measure and it is all because of the love that you and your church have shown toward us. Your prayers and financial support have been a blessing to us and we are eternally grateful to you and God.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to reach the lost by witnessing and planting new churches."

Activity Photos From HomeStretch Mission



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Back To School

Needless to say as most would acknowledge, it has been a busy summer break. Now, in just a few short days it will be time to get back into the routine of school and the many activities that are involved. Remember the Home in your prayers that the Lord will continue to give His protective care, provisions, mercy, grace, love and goodness as this school year begins and continues throughout the entire school year!

Revival Services

We had revival services the week of July 15-18 at our home church, the First Baptist Church of Shady Grove. Our evangelist for the week was Dr. Martin Jameson who is the father-in-law of our pastor Bro. Jason Goodwin. Dr. Jameson pastors a church in Arkansas and is also on the staff of Central Baptist College in Conway. Thank you Dr. Jameson for the timely, encouraging, inspiring, and challenging messages that you faithfully delivered from the Word of God.

VBS Offerings

There are a number of Vacation Bible Schools that chose the Children's Home to give their monies to this year. We would like to express our appreciation to each VBS for your interest in the Home.

Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the Home and its ministry in your daily prayers. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13,14.

Thoughts from Book III of Psalms

(Psalms 73-89)
by Dr. Tony Cleaver

Psalms 73.2 *"But as for me, my feet almost slipped..."*

Good Reader, have your feet almost slipped? Have you come to the place where your confidence in God is not what it was just a few days ago? It is easy to look at the prosperous as role models. It is commonplace to have the lifestyles of the unregenerate thrown up as successful. All the while the righteous life is a difficult one. The neighbors, fellow office workers, even family members live lives of dissipation. They seem to be at ease and prosperous. No sickness or tragedy befalls them. They are not troubled.

All the while the righteous life is one struggle after another. It is setback after setback. In fact following the God of Heaven is no stress-free task. This causes the mind to doubt and the feet to slip. This makes for uncertainty and hesitancy and questions about your own life. Go back to His place of worship. Return to the secret place of prayer. Look up into His face to see the true meaning of life with all its ramifications from birth until death. Once again the right hand of God will be holding you in heavenly presence. God is the strength of your heart.

When the Holy Spirit engulfs you in holy presence, then you will understand the place you have with God is

not the same as those who are ungodly. Look up! Look up! Look up!

Psalms 86.11 *"Give me an undivided mind to fear your name."*

God's people are pulled one way then another by so many events. To say that life is fast paced in our land is an understatement. The very devices we communicate with are obsolete the day we buy them. Updates on this and that are normal. The news is no longer at the



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evening hour. It is a 24 hour newscast from multiple channels and sources. Increasing demands of work and home come quickly before the first task at hand is complete. We must move on to the next attention grabber. It is difficult to find a piece of time to have peace.

Dear Reader, the age old ritual - a solemn and deliberate act - which is tried and proven is to take the time, to make the time for the important each day. The important for each day is to have time with the Lord. The undivided mind is of God and personal solitude with Him. Exclusion of the unimportant as the important is placed like a cap on the head or a necklace around the neck or a ring on the finger. This is what must happen to experience an undivided mind.

Statewide Goal: \$ 30,000

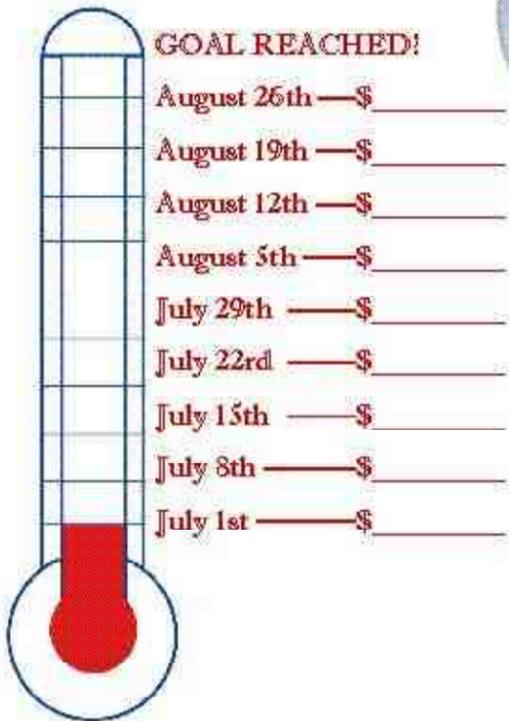


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Former Seminary trustee's wife dies

Sharon L. Dillaha of St. Charles, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday July 18, 2018, at the age of 77.



Beloved wife of Daniel C. Dillaha; cherished daughter of the late Marvin and Mary Harms; devoted mother of Carrie Schnick, Chris Basham, Cathy (Louis) Werckmann, Adair (Magdalena) Dillaha, Corey (Colleen) Dillaha, Darin (Angie) Dillaha, Craig Schnick and daughter-in-law Sandy Schnick; loving grandmother of 13; treasured great-grandmother of 3; dear sister of Pat Nagel, Janis Courtney, Fred Harms, Roz Kafoury, and Dulany Harms. Sharon is preceded in death by her son Charles Schnick "Snicky" and brother Clancy Harms.

Memorials may be made in Sharon's honor to Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas.

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L.G.B.T.Q.

L.G.B.T.Q. (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) possess U.S. Constitutional rights identical to those that everyone else in America enjoys. They are free to be gay. Gays mistakenly believe that basic human rights and our U.S. societal norms guarantee them the right to marry as in a traditional marriage of man and woman. Yet centuries of human rights' definitions have never included same-sex marriage.

There is no way to sugar-coat the reality of the core of immoral, selfish L.G.B.T.Q., especially the male sexual relations, it is as ugly as anything can get. God's relevant Word states in Romans 1:24 "God gave them up to un-

cleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves."

Many of this day attempt cover-ups such as "they are nice people", or "they have loyal commitments", but L.G.B.T.Q. are tearing apart the moral fabric of our American nation, and they are attempting to rid our society of allegiance to God's Word and His marriage precepts. Paul said in Romans 1:28..."they did not like to retain God in their knowledge..." So how do Christian moralists consider the "gay world" selfish?

1. L.G.B.T.Q. and Abortionists believe in a Zero Population position. Surprisingly, very few have spoken of or written of the selfish intent of these to never increase the population. In Genesis 1:28 God told Adam and Eve "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth..." L.G.B.T.Q., and avowed abortionists in living their way would never populate the world as God intended it to be. There would never be another child born! It is truly the highest form of selfishness.

2. This selfishness leads others astray as they assess those who oppose homosexuality. They want all to believe it is

just "old-timers" and fanatical Christians who hate their lifestyle. But the people of many states have voted against gay marriage. In spite of the U.S. Justice courts overruling these states and outlawing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) does not mean that the American people are in favor of perversion in marriage. Of the 325,700,000 Americans that populate our nation, only 7.0% are gay and only 4.0% are bisexual, according to Wikipedia and the 2017 census. In the first large-scale government survey measuring American's sexual orientation, the U.C.L.A. Williams Institute reported in 2016 that 65,000 American soldiers identify themselves as gay or lesbian.

3. Gays selfishness closes their eyes to the overall health of American society. Again in Paul's admonition of Romans 1:27..."men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust....working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." Historically, civilizations like Babylon, the Mayans, Greece, and Rome crumbled from within their own culture via sexual perversion. Many in our nation seemingly have no regard for what gay life will ultimately cost their soul or what corrosion it will inflict upon society around them. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, and queer are selling their health and their soul for short moments of deviant physical pleasure.

4. L.G.B.T.Q. selfishness continually and viciously disparages any references in the Bible that condemns their open

sin. L.B.G.T.Q. shamelessly discounts the concept that the Bible is the moral standard of living, or if they do accept the Bible verses, they misconstrue them to fit their lifestyle of sin. They prefer no moral standards which is so dangerous for any society. They argue that Jesus Christ is all about love and complete acceptance. Romans 1:22 says..."Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Jesus does love all people, including gays, but He notes the sin and offers forgiveness and healing if it is desired.

In conclusion, this deviant selfishness springs from an immoral mind and heart that leads to an erroneous conviction that the gay life is OK. Lesbianism produces a gross picture of a woman on woman and two gay males engaging in sex is a quantum leap from anything beautiful or moral in marriage.

L.G.B.T.Q. has been classified as deviate and criminal by the majority of the world's population for thousands of years, but now in the last 40-50 years, powerful people are attempting to reverse that standard with brainwashing techniques via our children, the media, and by liberal judges and liberal churches.

To love and be loved with the warmth and intimacy of a Godly marriage is a beautiful thing. But to accept this concept of marriage is a serious distortion of acceptable conduct. Romans 1:32 "who knowing the judgment of God..." as you read God's Word may it speak clearly: - Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Mark 10:6-9, I Corinthians 6:9-12, and Jude 7-8.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

The Preacher's Wife

You may think it quite an easy task
And just a pleasant life:
But really it takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife.
She's supposed to be a paragon
Without a fault in view.
A saint when in the parsonage
As well as in the pew.

Her home must be a small hotel
For folks that chance to roam,
And yet have peace and harmony-
The perfect preacher's home!
Whenever groups are called to meet,
Her presence must be there,
And yet the members all agree
She should live a life of prayer.

Though hearing people's burdens,
Their grief both night and day,
She's supposed to spread but sunshine
To those along the way.
She must lend a sympathetic ear
To every tale of woe,
And then forget about it,
Lest it to others go.

Her children must be models rare
Of quietness and poise,
But still stay on the level
With other girls and boys.
You may think it quite an easy task
And just a pleasant life,
But really it takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife!

National Galilean Camp 2019 Date Change

by Kenneth Colvert

National Galilean Camp 2018 is now history, but we are still rejoicing over the wonderful camp. We are so thankful for the five young men who were saved and the young man who surrendered to the ministry. With a prayer on our hearts for God's blessings in 2019, we can hardly wait for next year's camp.

National Galilean Camp 2019 will be held one week earlier at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. The dates are June 21 -24, 2019, that is Friday afternoon through Monday morning. The Recognition Service and Visitor's Night will take place on Sunday night. Please place this date change on your family and church calendars and start making plans now to attend.

The 2019 National Galilean officers met at Ponca Bible Camp the weekend of June 27 - 29 in conjunction with the 2018 Arkansas Galilean Summer Camp to make plans for the 2019 National Galilean Camp. Dr. Jason Aultman, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas, has been invited to be the Camp Pastor and Speaker. Please be in much prayer for next year's camp.



2019 Officers -- Left to Right - Front -- Braeden Martin - President - **Row 2** -- Joshua Barnes, Historian; Maverick Hendricks, Music Director - **Row 3** -- Austen Krisell, 2nd Vice President; Cameron Burroughs, Secretary; Andrew Krisell, 1st Vice President



Mr. Galilean Senior Caleb Harris & Mr. Galilean Junior Riley Sellars



In photo to the right Mark Jones, National Brotheerhood President, presenting Jonah Hinton the Ambassador Plaque for completing the Ambassador Step.

Sermon

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the sin of Adam— "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)

When a person is therefore saved, he passes from this death unto life— "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24. See also I John 3:14; John 20:31)

The question we are therefore dealing with is, "Does a person pass from death to life instantly, or does this happen over a period of time?" I will list some of the reasons why I understand that getting saved is not drawn out over a period of time.

1. Salvation Comes by a Birth

In John chapter three, we read of a man named Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night. He surely was concerned about his spiritual condition. The Word of the Lord to him was, "... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Not understanding this, Nicodemus made reference to the natural birth. (Verse 4) After acknowledging that a person must have both, Jesus then said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:6,7)

John had earlier made reference to the spiritual birth as the means of becoming a child of God— "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12,13) When the Scripture speaks of a person becoming a child of God by birth, surely it is talking about a single experience that puts us into the family of God.

2. The Bible Speaks of People Having Only One Experience

The Apostle Paul was born again on the road to Damascus. The Saul who started toward Damascus "breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord," (Acts 9:1) was not the Paul who reached Damascus with a heavenly calling to open people's eyes, and "to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." (Acts 26:18) When Paul would tell of the experience when he passed from death unto life, he would always tell of the same experience.

The Bible tells us of the time that salvation came to the house of Zacchaeus. It only tells us of one time that he "passed from death unto life." (Luke 19) This was also true of the jailer at Philippi, (Acts 16) the eunuch

of Ethiopia, (Acts 8) and Cornelius. (Acts 10,11) Really, I know of no example in the Bible of a person "passing from death unto life" more than once.

3. This Life That Is Brought by a Birth Is Everlasting

When one passes from death unto life, one finds this new life in Christ to be everlasting— "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 John 5:11)

This everlasting life, that the Bible is speaking of, is not something that the faithful will be given in the day of judgment; it is something that the person who believes "in" Jesus "hath" now. Notice carefully: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47. See also John 5:24) There will be no need of another passing from death unto life.

4. Faithfulness Brings Blessings, Not a New Birth

Being faithful and true to the teachings of our Lord brings many wonderful things to us but not salvation. Consider some of those blessings.

It saves us from much suffering. God punishes those who are born into His family when they sin against Him— omission or commission. Those who are faithful to His Word will miss much of this, and that is a blessing— "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Hebrews 12:6) If a person can sin against God and not suffer chastening, he is not one of God's children. (Hebrews 12:8) Consider also, if the Lord punishes one of His children for some wrong, He surely will not disown him or her too.

Also, faithfulness will bring good things our way. Though all suffer in this life, the people who have the most peace and happiness are dedicated Christians— "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." (Ephesians 6:8)

Another thing, we will be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ— "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matthew 16:27) This includes many different rewards. The truth is, the Lord blesses us now for our faithfulness and then does it all over again when we see Him.

5. Because One Can Waste His Life and Still Be Saved

A person can be saved and fail to grow, or be faithful in the Lord, and still go to Heaven This being true, his born-again experience must not have involved a period of time. Here are the Scriptures that teach this— "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and

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Mississippi GMA President

Hey guys!! This is Amy Mitchell, the state GMA President, and I wanted to welcome everyone to come to camp this year! The theme is "Revival" with the theme verse being II Chronicles 7:14. We just finished our first planning meeting and I'm sure camp will be a blast! Please continue to pray for the camp and all of the people putting work into it that it will be used for God's Glory! I can't wait for camp and I can't wait to meet everyone! See you March 15 & 16, 2019.

the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (1 Corinthians 3:11-15)

The person under consideration in this Scripture had Jesus as the foundation of his life. Being born-again puts one on the foundation of Jesus. Yet his life was spent with things that had no value. When the judgment of fire tested his life at the end, he had nothing that would merit a reward. His life was wasted. Yet because he had accepted Jesus as his Savior, the Bible says he was still saved.

6. Because Salvation Does Not Come by Work of Righteousness

If salvation comes over a period of time, it would surely be because works of righteousness were necessary. If it does not come by works of righteousness, then we can understand how people get saved going down the road like Paul (Acts 26:13-17) and the eunuch of Ethiopia, (Acts 8:26-39) or the thief on the cross, (Luke 23:39-43) or Lydia by the riverside, (Acts 16:14,15) or the jailer in the jail, (Acts 16:27-34) or Cornelius in his home, (Acts 10:34-47) or the Publican in the Temple, (Luke 18:13,14) or the Areopagite on Mars Hill. (Acts 17:34)

For some reason the Bible repeatedly points out the fact that salvation does not come by works of righteousness. It must be because it just seems right to many that we must do something to merit salvation. This is especially true of those who have no connection to the Lord's work, and I can understand this. Follow me as I point out some of the many verses that tell us that salvation does not come by the good things we do.

Grace is God's unmerited favor. For this reason salvation cannot be by grace and works— "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." (Romans 11:6)

Salvation is not of ourselves; it is not of works— "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians

2:8,9)

After a lengthy study on this subject, Paul said, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Romans 3:28)

It is true that a person must have righteousness if he goes to Heaven. But since it is impossible for us to have the kind that would be necessary, Jesus gives us credit for His righteousness if we will exercise the faith that brings salvation— "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works," (Romans 4:5,6)

It is not the good that God sees in us, but the tender mercy God has toward us that bring about our salvation— "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;" (Titus 3:5)

Did you notice the expressions, "no more of works, not of works, without the deeds of the law, worketh not, and not by works" in the verses we have given? The Scripture was surely addressing a weakness that is common among men. Many other Scriptures stress this same point.

The doctrine of salvation by grace and not of works excludes boasting, (Romans 3:27) and keeps men from boasting. (Ephesians 2:9) It also helps us to see that salvation can come at any time and at any place. It also helps those who are saved to go on and "rejoice in hope of the glory of God," or in expectation of the bright future that awaits us. We do have this "full assurance" and are taught to go ahead and rejoice in it— "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end;" (Hebrews 6:11)

This study will surely make sense when we see that vast multitude in Heaven giving all of the credit to the blood of Christ for their eternal home— "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" (Revelation 5:9)