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Publishing House News & Updates

Baptist Publishing House is excited to share some great news with you! We have had a very strong start and are already seeing orders for the fall quarterly come in via our new, easy-to-use



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website (baptistpublishinghouse.com). We have been encouraged to see some churches who have not ordered BMA material in several years return to us. We have also seen many churches increase their orders. This is very encouraging and we would like to thank our churches for their

overwhelming support.

We are looking forward to shipping out our new Bible study quarterly, the "Baptist Expositor," this fall. This curriculum is going to provide our churches a great deal of flexibility. In addition to the traditional lesson format, students and teachers alike will have Bible study helps within the books to help them prepare throughout the week leading up to class time. The "Baptist Expositor" is designed to be used for all age groups, from seventh grade to senior adult.

Another exciting thing to share is that printed children's materials are back! We are offering curriculum for ages two through sixth grade. Teacher books will help leaders prepare and teach the weekly lessons, while the student books will be full-color and include activities to help children learn God's Word.

If you would like to ensure that your church is using BMA curriculum, give us a call at 1-800-333-1442 or visit our website: baptistpublishinghouse.com.

Upcoming Sunday School Teacher Workshop
Midway First Baptist Church
Sumrall, Mississippi
August 24, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Endowed Scholarship To Be Established at BMA Seminary honoring Bro. Grover Laird

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine".

- 1 Timothy 5:17

Labour in Word and Doctrine

by Don Brown, editor

In writing to Timothy the Apostle Paul addressed a number of issues, but one that sticks out to me in I Timothy 5 is when Paul indicates that those that rule or do well are worthy of 'double honour'. He then adds the statement, "especially those who labour in the word and doctrine".

There are many men who would certainly fall into that second category. We all know faithful men who have ministered the word faithfully. I say to you that Bro. Grover Laird was one of those men.

I am not sure of exactly what Paul meant by 'double honour'. It could mean to 'hold in very high esteem', and according to some it could mean to 'pay them a little more'. (In the next verse Paul seems to address the issue of compensation). We will understand it in eternity, but surely it means that someone who has faithfully preached the Word and held to Biblical Doctrine as delivered to us through His Word should be acknowledged for their faithfulness.



Rev. Grover Laird

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Missions, Missionaries, & Misconceptions

by John Meriweather
Director of Operations
BMA America

One clear memory from growing up in church was Sunday evening slide shows from visiting missionaries. Pictures of the people, the culture and, of course, the church services from far-away places. Those memories shaped most of what I knew and thought about missionaries.

A few years ago I had an opportunity to go to work at the Baptist Missionary Association, where I now have a front row seat to the reality of global missions. My narrow view of missions and missionaries has been substantially changed as I've had a chance to walk hand in hand with missionaries from around the world.

As with most things in life, perspective is often shaped by

the degree to which we personalize something. In all honesty, missions was this distant activity performed BY distant people FOR distant people. It all just seemed "foreign" to me – foreign countries, foreign cultures, and foreign religions.

To see and hear missionaries tell their stories seemed almost mysterious. I really couldn't relate; therefore, I gave it very little thought.



Mission work in Romania

In the last few years my perspective has changed, mostly because I've been able experience mission work and missionaries on a more personal level.

I've enjoyed meals and fellowship with brothers and sister in Christ from different countries.

I've developed relationships, visited different countries, and shared in local ministries.

I've taught Bible classes with

an interpreter.

I've learned from missionary leaders that have served and now lead our efforts to extend our missionary footprint.

My perspective of missions and missionaries has changed from something foreign and distant to something close and personal. Along the way my con-

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August 2019 - Final Month

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“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” Isaiah 45:22

January 6, 1850, Charles Haddon Spurgeon ducked into a small chapel, in Colchester, England, to get out of the cold. With only 15 people present, the Preacher read from this text in Isaiah 45 and began to preach a simple message entitled, “Look and Live”. God used that simple message to bring the revelation of the gospel to the heart of a young man who would later be called the “Prince of Preachers.” In his lifetime, he would often preach to audiences of thousands. His writings and his sermons live on, influencing the unnumbered masses. His story inspires me to remember that our work has unlimited potential and the influence of the gospel is uninhibited.

We have a fine group of missionaries and they consistently preach the gospel and reach out to new people. Each week they receive new people into their services, never knowing if they may one day be preaching to the next Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

Our Recent Revolving Loan Trustee Meeting

On July 22, 2019, the Trustees of the Revolving Loan Fund met at the Missions Complex. They discussed and approved our proposed annual budget for the next fiscal year. After an inspiring devotional from Bro. Greg Medenwald, Pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, the Trustees moved directly into handling the business before them. They ratified the previous approval of two telephone loan requests and approved another. Afterwards, they were given a full missions briefing by myself and challenged with a number of initiatives that had previously been reported to the Association. Bro. Newman presented an update on loans that are pending, which

now total \$5,305,000.00, and \$2,420,000.00 in prospective loans which will likely materialize between now and the Spring of 2020. We emphasized our need for an additional \$1,750,000.00 in new deposits to meet the demands of these upcoming loans. So, we are in need of additional money/deposits to help meet the demand of these loans. Our current rate of return to our shareholder accounts is 2.25%. If your church has a cemetery fund or a building fund or savings account, not yet on deposit with us, please consider setting up an account with us. If you need more information, please contact our office at 601-428-8616.

Missionary Committee Meeting

On July 23, 2019, the Missionary Committeemen gathered at the Missions Complex to review ongoing Missions activity and to interview a new missionary candidate. A new missionary was approved to begin 1 September 2019. We will be providing you more information about this in upcoming issues. The Committee reviewed and approved the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. They approved an across the board raise in the current salary and benefits package for missionaries of 5%. They also approved the implementation of a three-tiered system, as it relates to the salaries and benefits package, to allow us to give consideration for experience and education when a missionary comes onboard. The committee approved an initiative which would allow the Missions Department, under the direction of the Director, to serve as a Guarantor to the Revolving Loan Department for missionaries applying for loans to purchase housing. The committee also approved a recommendation to join the Revolving Loan Fund in contributing, from pro-

ceeds received when property is sold, to the scholarship fund to assist Pastors, Preachers, and Missionaries with assistance in their pursuit of continued education. All of these initiatives where able to be addressed without taking one penny from the operational funds of Missions. We continue to improve our efficiency and in our meeting we shared our strategy for reaching a place where 100% of funds received for our missionaries would go out the door to our missionaries. God has blessed our Missions program and we are very grateful. I continue to have discussions with others who have shown an interest in church planting. Please keep us in your prayers as we meet.

Audit around the Corner

August is audit time for us. We will be preparing for the team of auditors to arrive the second week of August. They will be in our office for the entire week combing over our books. We are confident that we will have another good year with both Missions and the Revolving Loan Fund, finishing the budget year in the black. Praise the Lord!

Annual Local Association Meetings

From August to September, we will be attending annual meetings of our local associations, all across the State. Many meet at the same time and we have to split up to attend as many as we can. We hope to see you there and look forward to the opportunity to possibly share a brief report about how God is blessing our Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Department.

Former Revolving Loan Fund Trustee Passed Away

Bro. Robert Burkes of Lebanon Baptist Church at Soso, recently passed away. Bro. Robert served a number of terms as a Revolving Loan Fund Trustee

and was very supportive of our RLF and Missions Department. We are grateful for his service and he will be sorely missed.

Just for your Information

Our website is currently being migrated to a new host and is not working properly. We

will let you know when it is up and running properly. We are sorry for the inconvenience. If you are looking for information about our churches or men who are available to preach, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 601-428-8616.

Missions Help Missions

Bro. Sidney Farmer, Missionary Coach and Pastor of South Forrest Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and a group from South Forrest, traveled to Batesville to help Missionary Kenneth Pollock



South Forrest Baptist Church helps Midway Baptist Mission at Batesville, MS, with their first ever VBS.

and the folks at Midway Baptist Mission with Vacation Bible School. They had 14 children present each night and 50 people for the closing service. Many new contacts were made, and some have already attended Sunday services. Bro. Farmer and the folks from South Forrest are to be commended for this selfless act of service to help one of our missions.



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Charles Attebery
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Missions, Missionaries, & Misconceptions

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cept of missions has not only been clarified but it has also fundamentally reshaped the entire perspective of my own faith and my own purpose.

So what have I learned by witnessing missions up close and personal?

Missions begins as “faith in action” at home.

Missionaries are united in their love for Christ and their desire to make Jesus known to



people. This is the foundation of missions. The effectiveness of a missionary is tied to this foundation.

All the missionaries I know were effective ambassadors for Christ before they ever thought of going to a foreign field. Their missionary heart was developed by first displaying faith in action at home.

The “process” of missions is vital to the success and longev-

ity of the missionary.

The gap between deciding to become a missionary and having an effective in-country ministry is vast. There is so much more to the process than I ever

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imagined.

Missionaries go through extensive assessment, readiness evaluation, and training. There are site visits and ministry plans to be established, logistics to firm up, and support to be raised. There is an entire life to uproot, a new culture to assimilate into, a new language to learn, and new relationships to be formed.

The gap between deciding to become a missionary and working with your first disciple is likely years in the making – not weeks or months.

Missionaries are “normal” people

Your first inclination may be to classify missionaries as pastors or preachers or whatever concept you have of vocational ministers. This is often not the case.

The simple, common denomi-

nator of a missionary is a heart to connect people with Christ. Many use a vocational skill like teaching to assimilate into their country and build relationships. Some offer medical services.

Some start schools or perhaps an orphanage.

They use whatever avenues are available to build relationships with people that allow opportunities to share Christ.

Missions is about “giving away” ministry.

The question each missionary must ask is, “How will the gospel carry on when I’m gone?” Ministry avenues (schools, medical clinics, Bible colleges, churches) vary, but the goal of a missionary must be sustainability of local ministry led by local people to reach local people.

The balance of missionaries are not from the United States.

Say what? The traditional, missionary paradigm is someone from the U.S. going to a foreign country. United States missionaries are who and what we know.

For the most part, U.S. missionaries serve as catalysts for a much larger missionary movement led by people we may never



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Fostering Faith...in persistent prayer:

The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write many things. One of his shortest statements that packs a mighty punch is, “pray without ceasing.” I expressed thankfulness for the answers to prayer God had given in my last article. My thankfulness has not changed, but my prayers have changed. We are getting closer to the end of our summer projects and this brings our priority back into focus.

We are working hard to put our service in front of those who may need us. We are still meeting with individuals, churches, and social workers trying to find children & families in need. We ask that you join us in prayer for these families and children as we look to the perseverance found in the examples of God’s people. Abraham & Sarah, Jacob & Rachel, Elkanah & Hannah, and Zacharias & Elizabeth all had to wait on God’s timing for their children. We are actively waiting now for what God has coming our way.

I want to encourage you to encourage us in this time. It has been a joy this summer to see the house filled with children working on projects. It gives us a glimpse of hope into what the Home will one day look like. We can’t see your prayers, but when you pray specifically for the Home and our future children, let us know. Give us a call, send us a text message, write an email, reach out through Facebook. Knowing you are praying with us gives us great strength and patience.

Please contact us if you would like for us to come to your church in September, October or beyond. Contact the office (601-426-3928), our Facebook page, or my cell phone (662-605-0996). Stay on the lookout for updates, prayer needs, and service opportunities.

meet.

Did you know that within BMA Missions there are almost ten times more non-U.S. missionaries than US missionaries? This is the intent and goal of a mission movement – train local disciples to lead local ministries and plant local churches.

These “local” missionaries (commonly called national missionaries) are the output of our global missions movement. If the goal is to give away ministry, who are we giving it to? Local missionaries that commit their lives to spreading the gospel in their own countries.

Sending missionaries is not confined to the United States.

It’s natural for us to be U.S. centric in our way of thinking about missions. When we stop looking at missions through a microscope and start seeing it through a telescope the bigger goal and impact of missions comes into focus.

It is both refreshing and incredibly exciting when you come to learn how missionaries are being sent from country to country all around the world. Consider this small sample in our own work at BMA Missions:

We have a Mexican missionary to Columbia, a Nicaraguan missionary to Cuba, a Philippine missionary to Hong Kong, a Costa Rican missionary to Peru, and the list goes on.

Maybe, like me, your view of missions is limited because your exposure has been limited. Missionaries are incredible people. Their burden for people is greater than their fear and discomfort.

They will tell you they didn’t choose to go to a foreign country. They simply chose to follow Christ - the country was secondary. The choice to sacrifice the comforts of home exists because they have such great love for Christ.

And to a person, the best missionaries will tell you that the sacrifices they make pale in comparison to the joy they experience in knowing that others are coming to Christ. This is the great lesson of missions:

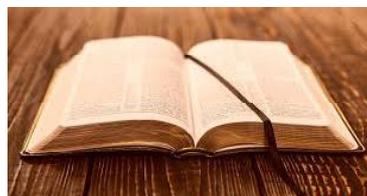
For missions to be real it must first become personal. To be around missionaries is to be convicted. What sacrifice am I willing to make, what loss am I willing to suffer, what risk am I willing to take for the cause of Christ?

Announcing
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Dr. Charley Holmes



Lecture Topics

August 19 - History of Associations
August 20 - The Doctrine of Scriptural Sufficiency & Associations
August 21 - Biblical Foundations for Associational Functions

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Don Brown
Editor

Grover Laird Endowed Scholarship

from Front Page

Grover Laird was certainly faithful to God and His Word and preached it faithfully for over 70 years. That being understood, with the endorsement of Mrs. Ester Laird and their four daughters and family, an endowed scholarship at the

BMA of America Theological Seminary in Bro. Grover Laird's name is being established. Dr. Charley Holmes, president of the Seminary, is in full agreement and endorses this effort.

An endowed scholarship is one that funds donated are never

spent and the interest is used to help a deserving BMA of America affiliated preacher with their education. The amount of the help will depend upon the total amount given. This effort has begun and has already received the first \$1,000.00. A goal of \$50,000 is not out of reach. Only the Lord knows how large it will be eventually.

Bro. Laird pastored a number of churches across the BMA of America, preached hundreds of revivals, had a prolific jail ministry, taught through a number of radio programs, and led many to faith in Christ. He was an example and inspiration to many, especially his fellow preachers of the Word. It is with this thought that we are asking

all of the churches of the BMA of America to consider donating to this worthy cause. Many of our churches could easily match the first \$1,000. Each preacher and minister in the BMA of Mississippi and America is encouraged to make a personal donation.

Those who were saved under Bro. Laird's ministry, or who were blessed by his preaching and teaching, are encouraged to make a personal donation. By helping a ministerial student with their education through this effort, this scholarship would be extending the ministry of Bro. Laird. This will be a blessing to a deserving student

and would honor Grover Laird and his lifetime of ministry. It will speak of him as Hebrews 11:4 speaks of Abel, "...and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

To make a donation, send a check to Don Brown, P.O. Box 8181, Laurel, MS 39441 and make it payable to "Grover Laird Scholarship". Each donor will be recognized and the funds will be invested and handled by the BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. Candidates will be recommended by Seminary personnel and approved by the Laird family.

Your support is vital. Your donation and help is deeply appreciated.

God Delights In Answering Our Prayers

by Bro. Grover Laird
"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

This encouragement to pray that was given by our Heavenly Father should excite all of us. It really does sound good when we remember that our Father "cannot lie," (Titus 1:2) and that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20) It also encourages us to know that He is all-wise and will answer in the best way, (II Corinthians 12:7-9) and in the best time. (Luke 1:13)

In this little message I want to encourage all of us to have a greater faith in prayer by mentioning some of the many prayers that our Heavenly Father has answered.

When Israel was hurting under the bondage of Egypt they cried to God for help. Though He waited until a multitude of prayers had gone up to Heaven, He answered their prayers. Surely all of those prayers affected what God did in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan. In His own way and time, God answered a lot of prayers for Israel.

When Joshua was fighting five of the kings of the Amorites

he needed some more time in that day. He therefore commanded the sun to stand still, and God caused it to stand still for about a day. (Joshua 10:12) Joshua needed help then and God answered then.

In the days of the Judges, God brought Israel under bondage to the Moabites for eighteen years because of their sins - "But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera..." (Judges 3:15) Sounds like they could have got help sooner had they prayed sooner.

Samuel was born in answer to the prayer of Hannah. (I Samuel 1) God waited in answering this prayer until Hannah promised to give him back to the Lord all the days of his life. God may wait in answering some of ours prayers until we make some needed commitments

Elijah prayed for fire to fall from Heaven and it fell. (I Kings 18:36-38) He prayed later that day for water from Heaven and it came. (I Kings 18:42-45) God will do great things when righteous men pray earnest prayers. (James 5:16-18) But surely God didn't answer those prayers to magnify Elijah. They were no doubt answered to meet Israel's

need of food and a revival. (I Kings 18:39)

Jabez prayed for several things and got them all. The Bible said, "And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, O that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." (1 Chronicles 4:10) Jabez might have got his desire for material blessings because of his strong desire for the Spiritual.

Asa and Jehoshaphat won victories over armies much larger than they had, in answer to prayer. (II Chronicles 14:11:20:12) Hezekiah had his life extended fifteen years, in answer to prayer. (Isaiah 38:1-5) Nehemiah was able to return to his homeland, rebuild a wall and move reproach from Israel, in answer to months of earnest praying. (Nehemiah 1) The Jerusalem church prayed and saw multitudes of souls saved, experienced God's power so strong until the building trembled, and caused an angel to free Peter from prison the night before he was to be executed.

If our churches were more Godly, prayed more earnestly, exercised more faith, and spent more time praying, we would see greater things from Heaven also. This I verily believe.

New Team Leader at National Missions Office



Semedo

this ministry. Eli and his wife, Ana have two girls, Liana (7) and Aliyah (3), and are members at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway."

Eli Brito Semedo, a former missionary, is the new team leader at the BMAA Missions Office. "We certainly are appreciative of all that Paige West did in this role for the past five years and we are going to miss her," said Dr. John David Smith, BMAA Missions executive director. "We are thankful for the addition of Eli in this position. His unique giftedness, along with the fact that he has served on the international mission field, make him a great fit for

Grover Laird Endowed Scholarship

To BMA Theological Seminary
Jacksonville, Texas

An endowed scholarship is being established to honor the memory and ministry of Bro. Grover Laird. Bro. Laird served the Lord for over 70 years as pastor, evangelist, prison ministry worker and a number of others areas. He published the Revivalist Newspaper and shared it at no charge for a number of years.



Rev. Grover Laird

Bro. Laird had a lasting impact on the lives of so many and was a faithful worker and preacher of the Gospel.

Donations are being requested and received to fund this scholarship. This is being done with the endorsement of the Laird Family and Dr. Charley Holmes, president of the BMA Theological Seminary.

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*Serving Christ
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President's Perspective

"Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification." Romans 15:2

As I make my way around the great state of Mississippi, preaching at our churches and visiting local association meetings, I am always encouraged by the number of people who are eager to tell me that they enjoy reading the Southeastern Baptist College reports in the Mississippi Baptist. "Y'all's" comments encourage me a great deal! Sometimes I wonder if writing this article every two weeks has any impact and you have confirmed that it does indeed!

One would think that, because we are between classes during these summer months we could take time to relax, take vacations, and enjoy a slower pace of life. That could not be farther from the truth! The staff and I may actually work our hardest in the summer months. We are busy tackling important administrative issues with long meetings followed by writing required docu-



Dr. Scott Carson
President

ments for accreditation and revision of policies and procedures. We are also addressing the myriad of prospective student inquiries, while the other staff members are on the road recruiting. In addition, we are moving forward with renovations and repairs. These activities make for long days with some of us working all day on Saturday as well!

Now, I'm not complaining! In fact, it's just the opposite. I am rejoicing in the work we have to accomplish because the Lord is providing and leading us toward a blessed future for SBC. Plans are coming together and renovations and repairs are progressing. There is activity in

every corner of the campus. And the best news is, the student population for the Fall Semester is looking very promising!

Please keep us in your prayers as we approach registration week. As I write this article Fall Registration is only 8 days away! Registration is August 5th through the 8th, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The night of August 8, we will have our Fall Faculty In-service Meeting where we discuss the changes in policy and procedures, and address any faculty concerns. If you are considering taking classes at SBC, now is the time to contact us. Classes begin August 12.

On August 9, we will be hav-

ing a parent student Orientation Day. We are very excited about this event and believe it will help our new students and their parents have a successful start to their Southeastern Baptist College educational experience. Our new Dean of Student Affairs, Anderle Foster, is organizing and leading this program. You can read her bio in the adjacent article which highlights our staff members.

I invite you to stop by the campus and see the upgrades and renovations we have accomplished this summer. It is only by your prayers and financial support that we are able to make these necessary repairs and improvements. We are building on a strong legacy of spiritual leadership for a bright and thriving future for Southeastern Baptist College!

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

Professor & Staff Highlights

Southeastern Baptist College welcomes to our leadership staff as Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs. Anderle Foster. Mrs. Foster is a native of Jones County, the wife of Tim Foster, and blessed to be the mother of three wonderful daughters. Temple Baptist Church of Laurel is her home church where, as a deacon's wife, she serves the Lord in many capacities. Mrs. Foster teaches a 'teen' Sunday school class, assists in the student music ministries program, and is an active pianist. Being actively involved in the work of the Lord is a high priority in her life.

Mrs. Foster has lived in the Sharon community most of her life. She is a West Jones High School graduate and holds advanced degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and William Cary University, has National Board Certification credentials in education, and served as the Supervising Principal of North Jones Elementary. Mrs. Foster retired this year from the Jones County School District, bringing with her thirty years of experience.

As Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs. Foster will be working with students, both on campus and online, focusing on building their spiritual knowledge and strengthening their walk with the Lord. As such, Dean Foster will be reaching out to many of the local churches for support, encouragement, and guidance for these young people. "The traditional foundation of Southeastern is designed to build and prepare students to become ministers and missionaries. That focus remains an integral part of our school mission, as we broaden the ministry dynamics that includes focused ministry in evangelism and discipleship directly to our student body who may be in pursuit of other career paths as the Lord leads them. What a wonderful opportunity God has laid before the BMA of Mississippi!" said Mrs. Foster. "With much prayer, collaboration, hard work, and support from the BMA of Mississippi, and other churches in the area, Southeastern will once again be the hub of Christian ministry preparation, as well as an outlet for God to touch many students who otherwise may have never known the Lord".

You are encouraged to call or come by the school to see the new and exciting programs we are putting in place to make this vision a reality. "God has a plan for Southeastern Baptist College that is bigger than anything we could imagine. We are the Chargers and we are charging toward the goal that God has put before us. I would like to encourage the churches of the BMA to stand united with your college and give it your full support!" exclaimed Mrs. Foster.



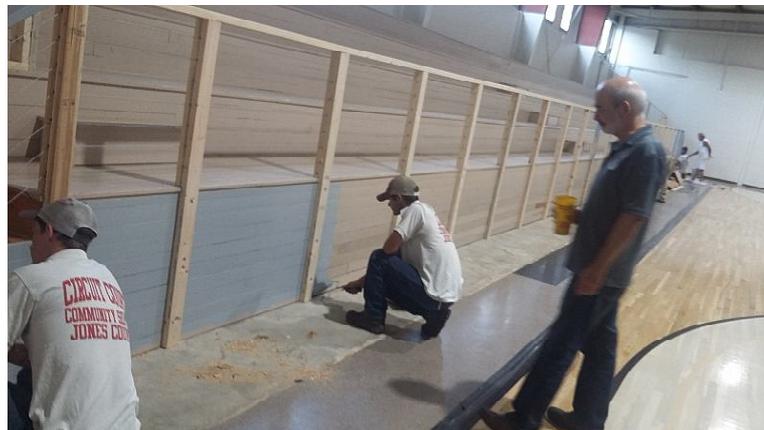
Anderle Foster

Fall Pre-registration

Preregistration is open NOW for the Fall Semester! Regular registration is August 5-8; Classes begin August 12. 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 inexpen-



David Bond is the Commander of Laurel's chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. David often volunteers to mow the SBC grounds



The Jones County Circuit Court Community Service crew paints the recently renovated gymnasium stands

sive accredited colleges in the nation! Contact Admissions Office at 601-426-6346.

Danny Pitts Lecture Series

Southeastern Baptist College will host the Danny Pitts Lecture Series with Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminar, as guest speaker to be held on the campus of the college. Mark your calendars for August 19-21. The program will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. See the adjacent flyer.

SBC Choir

We are blessed to have Krista McKenzie as the Director of our newly formed SBC Choir. Krista has recruited fifteen local students who will register for the Fall Semester. Does your church or ministry want to host the SBC Choir? Now is the time to reserve dates for their performance. Hurry, we anticipate their schedule to fill up quickly. Contact Krista at 601-426-6346. Please note the professor high-

light that features Krista and her vision for the Choir.

A Golden Opportunity!

SBC possesses the 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! SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.



Byrn Jones, of CitrusSolution Carpet Process, cleaning the floors in the men's dormitory

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SENIOR SOURCES

byBecky Ulmer- becky.ulmer@jghms.com

It's hot – Avoid the Clots !

Mississippi is known for its hot weather and humidity. Yes, you may have lived here all your life and worked out in it for twelve hours a day most of your life – but (this is where reality sets in) things change.

#1 – you were younger – flexibility and flow tend to be better then

#2 – you were more mobile – arthritis, deteriorated joints and back issues tend to feel better at rest or at least with some “down time”.

#3 – you tend to drink less water – the control of the water leaving one’s body can alter the desire to drink adequate amounts – especially if plans involve traveling.

#4 – you are taking diuretics (fluid pills) or laxatives. Couple this with a decreased intake of water – the “drying-out effect” can be serious.

#5 – you are taking pain or arthritis meds – both which can affect kidney filtering and suppress appetite / thirst.

There are many other factors related to the age and condition of a person that predispose him/her to a higher incidence of blood clots, smoking, hypertension (high blood pressure) edema (swelling of feet/legs), diabetes, heart and circulatory conditions.

The signs of a “blood clot” in

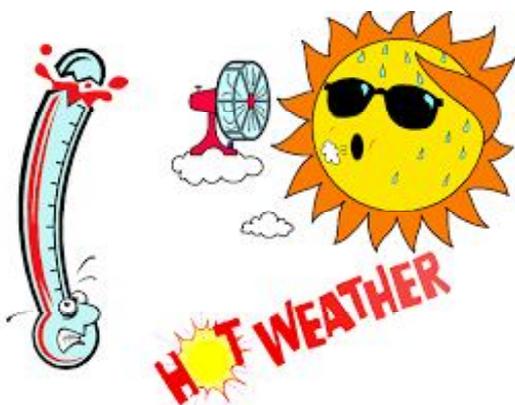


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chest pain – sudden onset. These symptoms usually present and condition deteriorates rapidly.

Signs of “cerebral embolus” (brain clot) may be a headache, dizziness, nausea, slurred speech, drooling, numbness/paralysis of arm/legs/face, double vision and loss of consciousness. These symptoms are always a medical emergency until cleared by a qualified medical provider.

If you are like me, Mississippi may be really hot and humid and we may have the big-



gest mosquitoes known to man, but it is my home.

In order to make the most of life and enjoy the good – there are simple things we can do to reduce the “self-inflicted” risk factors.

Drink adequate amount of water – Six – 8 oz. glasses a day is a minimum. Most providers recommend Eight - 8 oz glasses. Frequent breaks while travel-

ing are a must. Stand up, walk around and take some deep breaths. Elevate feet when able to during and after lengthy trips. Avoid restrictive (binding) clothing during prolonged sitting or sedentary

activity. Avoid massaging legs after periods of immobility. Seek medical attention for any signs of a “blood clot”.

Take advantage of the natural resources we have, water and fresh air. Be keen of the needs of our bodies to preserve its proper functioning.

A quote from Benjamin Franklin goes along with this topic. He said, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”.

How true!



the legs may be present as pain in the calf/thigh muscles with walking. This is a different pain other than normal aches/pains. The leg appears to be larger than opposite leg. You feel pain in the leg when the foot is flexed up or down. There is increased warmth in the leg when compared to the other side. You may see redness to the skin in the affected area.

Signs of a “pulmonary embolus” (clot in the lung) may include shortness of breath or

Lifeword Welcomes Lauren Crawley

by Holly Meriweather

It was January 4, 2014, my first day at Lifeword and the beginning of a new area of ministry for me. My role was to fill the shoes of Diane Ward, who had been the national walk coordinator for many years. Five and a half years later, my role is changing but my love for BMA ministries is not.

The months and years have flown by, and although I have very few skills to offer, God has shown me that he can make a lump of clay become a beautiful vessel for his kingdom.

Your Lifeword team serves humbly, selflessly and enthusiastically as vessels to be used by the Lord. Each team member has talents and skills that they lay before God’s throne every day. I am blessed to be a part of a media ministry that does that for one purpose: Spreading the gospel to the world.

Since I began serving at Lifeword, those team members have changed. Steve Crawley was executive director when I started, and Donny Parrish has been since 2017. Carol Gipson and Rick Russell have retired. Jon Dodson has joined the team in the last year and another change has taken place recently.

My title has been Director of Church Connections, but

Lauren Crawley now has that role, and I will begin to support all ministries at the Global Ministry Center as lead writer.

It is with joy that I hand over the reigns to a young lady who loves the Lord and loves people. In the next few months Lauren will be planning her first Lifeword Sunday (10/20) and the Central Arkansas Area Walk (10/9).

She is coming on board at an exciting time for Lifeword: Media content at lifeword.org (currently in twenty languages, but quickly growing) allows millions more people to hear and understand the gospel message of hope through Jesus.

Lifeword contributions during this giving season allow that to happen.

Lifeword Sunday

October 20 is 2019 Lifeword Sunday, but it really doesn’t matter what date you choose. Since the first Walk for the World in 1980, churches have sponsored walks and other fund raising events during this season of giving.

But whatever event you decide on, we just want church members to know about, pray for and give to this unique ministry that has used the latest technology for God’s kingdom



Lauren Crawley

work since 1965.

So, for the last time, here is your to-do list from me:

Register for Lifeword Sunday at lifeword.org/lifewordsunday.

* Once you’ve registered and sent in contributions before December 9, pastors will be entered to win his and her Apple watches on the December 11 drawing.

* Order T-shirts at lifeword.org/lifewordsunday

* Contact lauren@lifeword.org for more information.

Please join us as we pray for a God-honoring Lifeword Sunday and our global partners as they upload content to lifeword.org.

Thank you all for your partnership with Lifeword and our efforts as “We Tell the Story” to a lost world.

Big Creek WMA & Brotherhood to Meet

The Big Creek District Brotherhood and WMA will meet on August 5, 2019, at Salem Baptist Church in Bay Springs at 7:00 p.m. This will be our annual meeting - officers will be elected and locations for next year’s meeting will be determined. Please may plans to be there -we will be looking for you.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Matt Hudson

Matt Hudson is available for preaching appointments, fill-ins, revivals, and sings. He resigned as pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, 8 months ago and is a member of First Baptist Church in Mantachie, Mississippi. You may contact him by calling 662-260-0244 or by email at mlhudson85@yahoo.com.

Church Positions

Church seeking Full-time Association & Youth Pastor

First Baptist Church of Bay Springs, Mississippi, is looking and praying for an individual to be a dynamic youth and children’s pastor while also serving as associate pastor. Duties will include teaching youth on Wednesday nights, organizing youth and children’s events throughout the year, as well as taking the kids to camps for each age group in the summer & VBS oversight and involvement.

The position also will include involvement in the kid’s lives by attending extracurricular school activities and functions & extra-church activities in which the youth are involved. Associate Pastoral duties will include virtually any duty performed by the pastor as needed (i.e. hospital visits, giving sermon in pulpit, etc.).

Please contact Gabe McNeil at 601-670-6374 via phone call or text message, or email at Gabe@mcneilcabinets.com.

West Point Church seeks pastor

Lone Oak Baptist Church in West Point, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone feeling led should send their resume’ to Joe Arick, P.O. Box 1097, West Point, MS 39773, or email joe@ahoelectricalhvac.com. He may also be contacted at 662-574-5391.

Kansas Church Seeks Pastor

First Baptist Church in Galena, Kansas, is seeking a Senior Pastor. Resumes should be sent to the email address listed here: Attn: Cliff McQuillen at fbcgalena@gmail.com.

Fulton Church Seeks pastor

Hopewell Baptist Church of Fulton, Mississippi, is looking for pastor. Send resumes to Johnny Mann, 750 Chester Shumpert Road, Fulton, MS 38843 or email jrmann1951@yahoo.com.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

Rise and Shine

I'm not one of those cheery, on your feet running, types of morning people. I tend to ooze out of bed rather than jump out of bed. This is not because I wouldn't like to be a vibrant, sunshiny, smile on my face, greet the new day with energy and new hope type of person. In fact, I have tried on numerous occasions to meet the sun as it gradually peeks over the eastern horizon. This normally occurs during the beginning of hunting season, but quickly wanes away as the chill of a winter morning penetrates the lining in my boots and turns my

toes to nubby imitations of popsicles.

In my early years of college, I stayed in the dorm room. As was my habit, I would set the alarm clock an hour early to compensate for the many times that I would have to whack the snooze button in order to be in class on time. Sometimes I made it. I think some of my college professors wagered on how late I would be to their classes. It was fine with me until they started trying to "fix" the game by giving me extra



Bro. Chuck Lee

homework so I would have to stay up late and study. Ha! When I caught on to their little scheme, I just quit studying. Let me tell you, the extra five minutes I saved by not studying for some silly test was a life saver.

Actually, my life was in rather extreme danger from my neighboring dorm mates for waking them up an extra hour early every morning. They were certainly not cheerful, early risers. One weekend, after a visit to the Dean's office about my grades and some other minor indiscretions that will go unmentioned, (I think it really had to do with him losing a bet with some of my professors), I finally found the last nerve of the RA who was

over our section of rooms. I had determined that I was going to get up and going in the mornings, so I set four or five different alarm clocks around the room with the hope of making myself have to get up. My little plan would have worked too if I had remembered to shut them off before I went out of town for the weekend.

I returned to find a disheveled RA waiting on me with a crow bar in his hands. He looked like he hadn't slept all weekend, which as it turned out was pretty much true. On the bright side, I didn't need a key to open my door anymore.

A lifetime later, the semester ended, and not a minute too soon. It's actually not as easy as

it sounds to sleep with one eye open, especially if you are worried your neighbors will take advantage of a new open door policy in the middle of the night instituted after my RA left me without a door. Sensing school was not going to work out for me, (everyone on my floor agreed), I ventured off into the world of real life and got a job. And another job. And another job. And another job. And another... well, you get the picture. Seems most employers expect you to be on time for work.

Well, I better get to bed. I saw my wife sneaking a frying pan into the bedroom. I may be close to finding her last nerve as well. Lee serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at leecharles47@yahoo.com



Former Missionary's Wife

Karen Moore Succumbs to Cancer

Karen Sue Moore passed away on Friday, July 26, 2019 in Slidell, Louisiana, at the age of 68. She was born in Marshall, Texas, and lived in Slidell for the past 9 years, after residing in California for 22 years. From a very early age she learned to play piano and sing. She had a degree in music. She spent much of her life leading worship in churches in America and the Philippines. She and her husband served as missionaries in the Philippines.

She is survived by her husband Travis Moore, and 4 children: Travis (Tara) Moore, II; Nathan (Kelly) Moore; Sharlyn Joy Moore and Fallon Moore. She is the daughter of the late James and Frances Burch. She is the sister of Jerene (George) Reddin, and Lynette (David) Stanley. Karen has 9 grandchildren: Christa, Catlin, Emily, Judah, Eli, Selah, Toby, Boaz, and Esther Moore. She also has a new grandbaby on the way next month, her name will be Brielle.

Funeral Services were held at Peace Grove Baptist Church, Lacombe, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

Family requests donations be made to Peace Grove Baptist Church for the Philippines Radio Missionary Fund.



Karen Moore

Highlights of National Galilean Officer's Planning Meeting

by Kenneth Colvert
National Galilean Director

The National Galilean Officers met on Saturday morning, July 19, to make plans for National Galilean Camp 2020. The meeting was held in a cabin high in the beautiful Ozark Mountain Wilderness near Compton, Arkansas.

National Galilean Camp 2020 will be held June 19 – 22 at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. Father's Day falls on Sunday so this will be a Father/Son Camp. We encourage all father's or substitute fathers to attend camp with their sons. Brother Tony Crocker will serve as our Camp Pastor.

The theme for 2020 is "Obsessed", with Deuteronomy 6:5 serving as the theme scripture. Emphasis will be given to teach

each believer to act out his faith. Action words chosen for our sub-themes are: Surrender, Pray, Go, Do, Fight, and Persevere. Our prayer is that every camper will leave camp "obsessed with the Lord, living for the Lord, working for the Lord and leading others to the Lord". Emphasis will also be placed on the word "all" in Deuteronomy 6:5. We want to give our all to the Lord.

I hope you will make plans now for the boys and men of your church to attend National Galilean Camp 2020. For further information about camp or the Galilean Ministry e-mail Kenneth Colvert at krcolvert@cox.net or you may text or call me at 479-629-3258.



Going clockwise, starting at 12:00, Kenneth Colvert, National Galilean Director; Cameron Burroughs, President; Dan Williams, Assistant Director; Will Sellers, Music Director; Lawson Townsend, Historian; Andrew Krissel, Mr. Galilean Senior; Neil Aga, Secretary, Hayden Leonard, 2nd Vice President, Maddox Hendricks, 1st Vice President, and Charlie Martin, Mr. Galilean Jr.

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Mississippi GMA President

Hi! I'm Anna Myers, your 2020 State GMA President! I want to invite all girls, even those who don't participate in GMA's, to join us at camp this year. The date is March 20-21, 2020. The theme for camp is Hawaiian and the title is "Lei Down Your Burdens." We will learn how we can trust God with our troubles and "lei" them all upon Him! The theme verse for camp is Matthew 11:28. I really hope all of you can come and I look forward to meeting you. We will have a lot of fun and you won't regret coming!

Announcing 2019 Danny Pitts Lecture Series August 19, 20, 21, 2019

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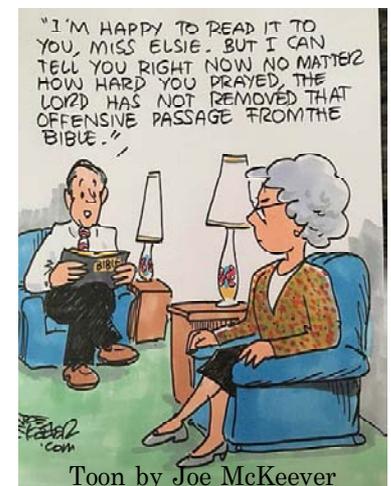
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Toon by Joe McKeever

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Share The Vision

by Brenda Hornaday
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Last year, I asked you to “Catch the Vision” and I hope each of you caught the vision and reached out to those around you. Our theme for the coming year will be “SHARE THE VISION”. Once we have caught the vision, we don’t need to keep it to ourselves. We need to “SHARE THE VISION” as Paul did in Acts 26:19-20.

What is the vision? It is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to all people and nations. Jesus loves the little children—red and yellow, black and white. He loves not only the little children, but also the adults, even those we may consider unloveable because of their actions and positions in society. Jesus loves them and we need to share the gospel with them.

Max Lucado says that what

God desires most is that we walk with Him humbly, quietly and obediently. In thinking about Peter’s vision last year, we see that he immediately acted on that vision and shared the gospel with Cornelius’ household. He was obedient. In Acts 26:19-20, we see Paul explaining how he was obedient to the vision God gave to him.

I believe that Jesus gives a vision to each of us who accept Him as Lord and Savior—a vision of sharing what Christ has done for us. Let us “SHARE THE VISION” with the world!

At our Women’s Ministry Conference at the National BMA meeting in April of 2020, our breakout sessions will be looking at “SHARE THE VISION” in several different ways.

Share the Vision through Women’s Ministries

Share the Vision through Gospel Music

Share the Vision through the Written Word

Share the Vision through Community Outreach

I challenge each of you to “SHARE THE VISION” where ever God leads you. Let’s all try to be obedient to the vision God has given us of sharing what Christ has done for us. Sabrina Clayton has agreed to be our keynote speaker for the 2020 Women’s Ministry Conference and I look forward to seeing many of you in Waxahachie, Texas, on April 27th and 28th of 2020. If you have never been to one of our conferences, I urge you to attend this one. We have had approximately 200 women at each of the last two conferences and the blessings have been tremendous.

Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

James 1.4 “...let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

When the physician prescribes a medication for me, the best thing I can do is to take the dosage on the plan the doc laid out for me. If the effect of the medication doesn’t “kick in” after the first dose, should I quit taking the pills? If I plant a small tree in my yard, and it doesn’t grow to shade tree height overnight, should I cut it down? This verse can be translated: “...let perseverance finish its work...” It can also read: “...let steadfastness have its full effect...” Resting in the Lord to wait patiently for Him (Psalm 37.7) is easily and readily recommended for others as they experience many trials.

Can I prescribe this regimen for myself as I face troubles of countless kinds? Can I wait patiently for endurance to lead me to maturity and completeness in the middle of a nightmare of problems? As anyone would wishfully say in the bull’s eye of turmoil, “Lord let my problems

be over now!” This is like praying to God for patience and ending the prayer for patience with this exclamation: “And Lord, give me patience now!”

Endurance is staying power. That power is not in or of self. It is the Lord who helps us endure. James wants to remind us of this fact in the Christian walk. Look up, brother. Sister, look beyond right now. Look to Him who loves you and gave Himself for you. James gives all who are under the load of trials this benediction (verse 12): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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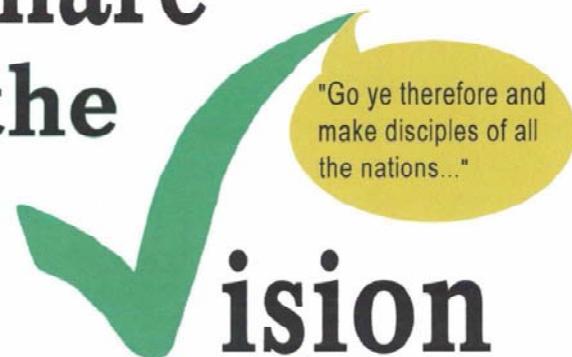
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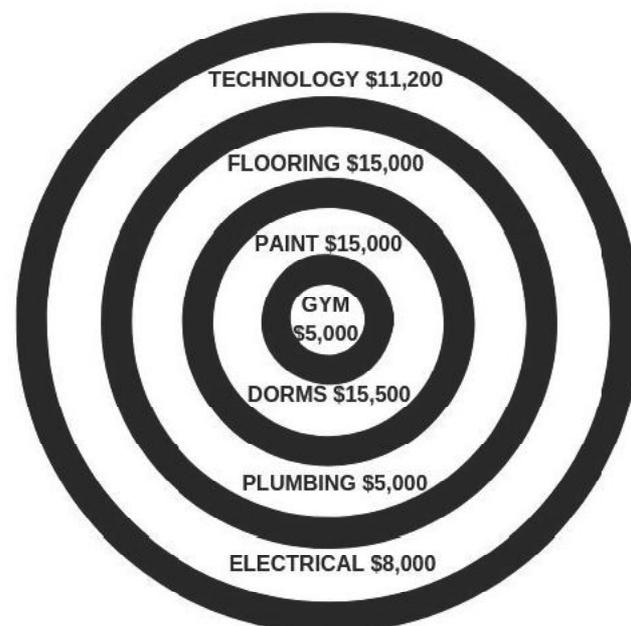


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"Therefore...I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance."

Acts 26:19-20

CLEAR THE WALL In July & August



Southeastern Baptist College Special Emphasis Months are July and August. Each BMA of Mississippi church will soon receive a “CLEAR THE WALL TARGET” banner and a ‘Bullseye for Blessings’ visual to guide all to share \$\$\$ blessings toward specific projects for much needed SBC progress.

