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BMA Coordinating Council Meets

by Dr. Philip Attebery

The BMAA Coordinating Council met January 18-19, 2010 at the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. Members present were Chairman David Watkins, Philip Attebery, Paul Bullock, Doug Brewer, Paul White and Richard Smith. The meeting was held in conjunction with the BMAA Missions

Symposium.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to interview BMAA department and agency representatives as a means of reviewing "the specific mission of each department or agency in light of the purpose and policy of the association, in order to assure comprehensiveness and avoid duplications in ministry" (Statement of Principles of Cooperation of the BMAA, Article VIII 3A).

Executive directors received customized self-evaluation forms in late November and provided responses for the council during the meeting. The self-evaluations and interviews focused upon two primary concerns. First, was each department's effectiveness in complimenting the overall purpose of the BMAA according to Article II of the Statement of Principles of Cooperation of the BMAA? Second, was in regard to each department's effectiveness in accomplishing the specific policy statements assigned to them in Articles IX-XIV.

Executive directors were present for the interviews along with several others associated with the ministries. George Reddin and Charles Attebery represented Lifeword Media Ministries. Grady Higgs represented the Department of Missions. Ron Chesser represented Ministers Resource Services. Dr. John Adams represented the Moral Action Committee. Dr. Kevin Clayton and Board Chairman Clinton Everett represented DiscipleGuide Church Resources. Dr. Charley Holmes and Dr. Philip Attebery represented BMA Seminary.

The council's 2010 report for the association will include the final results of the evaluations and interviews.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for a time in late May 2010. The council and directors will meet primarily to review strategic plans for departments and agencies to fulfill the purpose of the BMAA.

Individuals with questions or concerns regarding the council should contact Chairman David Watkins or a member of the council.

Ruling will have nationwide influence

Is The Fix In for Prop. 8?

OneNewsNow - Last weekend the San Francisco Chronicle "outed" Proposition 8 Judge Vaughn Walker as an active practitioner of the homosexual lifestyle: "The biggest open secret in the landmark trial over same-sex marriage being heard in San Francisco is that the federal judge who will decide the case, Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, is himself gay," revealed the Chronicle.

Judge Walker has presided over California's Prop. 8 case filed by homosexual extremists who seek to manufacture a constitutional "right" to so-called "same-sex marriage." The legal odd-couple of former Bush attorney Ted Olson and Gore lawyer David Boies have partnered to represent the activist plaintiffs.

The revelation that Judge Walker apparently chooses to engage in homosexual conduct, if true, would explain much of his bizarre behavior throughout this trial. At every turn he's displayed extreme bias in favor of his similarly situated homosexual activist plaintiffs.

These individuals have eschewed the democratic process and seek to employ like-minded judicial activists to radically redefine the millennia-old definition of natural marriage. When it comes to wildly unpopular social engineering schemes such as the imposition of "gay marriage" on the American people, arbitrary edict by way of judicial fiat is the left's tool of choice.

Enter Judge Walker. In unprecedented form, and to plaintiffs' delight, he has created a circus-like atmosphere throughout. He even violated federal rules by deciding to allow the trial to be broadcast worldwide, but was subsequently shot down and sharply rebuked by the U.S. Supreme Court for doing so.

Unfortunately, the damage was already done. Prop. 8 supporters lost around two-thirds of their expert witnesses who, naturally—based on homosexuals' violent reaction to passage of Prop. 8—feared for their own safety and for that of family members.

Judge Walker then ordered Prop. 8

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Important Dates

2010 Senior Adult Retreats

Big Creek Church, Soso
March 2, 2010
9:15 AM

East Fulton, Fulton
May 11, 2010
9:15 AM

State Galilean Camp

March 26-27 2010,
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, Mississippi

2010 BMA of America Annual Meeting

Fort Smith, Arkansas
April 19-23, 2010

2010 Sunbeam Retreat

May 14-15, 2010
Camp Garaywa
Clinton, Mississippi

BMA of Mississippi Midyear Meeting

May 17, 18, 2010

State Youth Camps State Junior Camp

June 16-18, 2010
Waukasay Springs
Vossburg, Mississippi

Tombigbee Camp

June 7-9, 2010
Tombigbee State Park

Harmony Camp

June 21-23, 2010
Tishomingo State Park

South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

March 2, 2010

Big Creek Baptist Church
Soso, Mississippi

Theme - Evangelism

Speaker - Bro. Kenneth Bobo

Special Music - The Harper Family

5 Ways for Guys to show support to Women

When my son was in high school, I had lunch with him one day in the cafeteria. He and his guy friends were sitting around the table, along with one female classmate. They kept teasing her about how ditzy she was. Later that night, I told him that he should cool it on teasing her. I said girls are not like guys. Y'all shouldn't tease her like you do each other. You are hurting her feelings. He said they weren't. I told him you should then ask her if it hurt her feelings. He came home the next day and said she told him that it did hurt her feelings for them to always tease her about being an airhead. Lesson learned.

Guys should realize that women are different. Praise God for this wonderful, marvelous, yet mysterious, creature known as woman. Most guys instantly think, "I know women are different. You are not telling me anything I don't already know." However, many men don't have a great grasp about the differences that exist beyond the obvious physical differences. Because women are different, they should be treated different from our

male relationships.

When I do marriage retreats and teach on manners, listening and affection, it is an eye opening experience for men. Some of the wives complain that their husbands just don't care about them. While that is true of a minority of men, I think that most men really do care deep down about how their wives, mothers, sisters, etc. feel. They just don't know how to relate to them appropriately.

Who teaches guys how to relate to women? It should be the dads. But there are many men out there who are good Christian guys, raised by good Christian dads, but who just have never been taught how to truly relate to women. That is why it is so refreshing to watch the dramatic changes occur in the lives of men at a marriage retreat who desire to grow and learn. Here are some things that single and married men should know about how to respond to the females in their life.

Encouragement

Women need encouragement from you. Be a Barnabas. Look

for things to say that show encouragement to your wife or girlfriend. When she is negative about herself, interject something positive. An example is when a mom might say, "I can't believe I let that happen. I



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

should have done this differently." You say something like, "Honey, it will be okay. I think you are a good mom. You always do this.."

That encourages her. Proverbs 31:28 tells men to praise their wives. If you want to see an instant and dramatic change in a female, praise and encourage her. And lay off the back-handed compliments. Those are statements like, "Wow, I see you finally got up off the couch and cleaned the house. It looks good." "Hey, it smells good in here. I can't believe you are actually baking cookies." Try this instead. "The house looks so good. I thank God for you and how you take care of us." Give her a hug. She will be happy.

Support

She needs to know you support her in whatever task she is attempting. Show support if she is going to school. Show support by asking questions about her work. Always ask how her day went. This is called being thoughtful. It is like honey drip-

ping from your lips when you ask about her and her day. Watch the kids. Help out around the house. Help her study. Go get her some ice cream late at night. There are a thousand ways you can show some support and thoughtfulness. If she has to work late, or study late and you gripe about things not being done; then that defeats her.

Listen without fixing

Do you know guys, what makes you a real fine looking man in the eyes of your wife or girlfriend? Listening to her. She will find you attractive if you listen to her. I am not saying you have to agree with her. And yes, there is a limit to the time spent listening. But that is another article for women. It is called condensing the conversation. If you are married, your wife is turned towards you. She can have lots of people tell her they love her. She can have lots of people in her life who listen to her. But no one on earth can thrill her soul like you can when you pay attention to her and listen to her.

And we guys are problem solvers. When women start talking, in our heads; we are thinking of three things they can do to alleviate that problem. But here is where you can learn something about women. If they don't ask for you to help them solve the problem, then don't. You don't have to have an answer to the difficulty. They just want you to listen. Learn to listen and not fix. I know. You're thinking, then why bring it up if you don't want to fix it. But that is why we have to learn they are different from us. Women handle the stressors of life better just by verbalizing the events. Shut the TV off, or the computer / video games / cell phone off and look her in the eyes. Sit by her. Put an arm around her. Listen. And a note to young guys - you can't text your way to healthy communication with a woman. You actually have to sometimes be present in their company and look them in the eye. I've run out of room, but the last two are just as important as the first three.

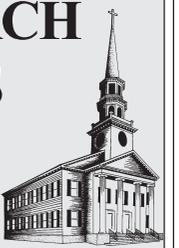
Affection/Compassion

Affection is not sex. Affection is hugging, saying I love you and paying attention to her. It is romance. It is taking an interest in her. Compassion is mercy. Show mercy. She isn't perfect. Neither are you. Don't constantly put her down just be-

cause she isn't living up to your expectations. Show as much mercy to her as God has shown you for Jesus' sake.

A man shows how much he loves Jesus by the way he loves his wife.

CHURCH NEWS



News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

Bethel, Fulton

Greetings from Bethel, Fulton. Several from Bethel attended GMA State Camp. Miranda Francis was named Alternate Miss GMA and Madison McMillen was named Junior Miss GMA. The officers are Carli Reeder, President; Miranda Francis, Corresponding Secretary; Melanie Greenhaw, Song Leader; and Shelby Umfress, Historian.

The church hosted a Valentine Dinner on Friday night, February 12. Mike Marcele was the speaker and the dinner was enjoyed by all. A group will be going to Ronald McDonald House in Memphis on February 27, to provide a meal & minister to the families that have children receiving treatment at Saint Jude Hospital. We have had 9 additions since our last report. You are always welcome at Bethel.

Pastor Dr. Martin Jameson
Reporter Martha Duncan

Buffalo Church sets revival

Buffalo Missionary Baptist Church, McLain, Mississippi, will be holding revival services February 28th - March 5th. The guest speaker will be Dr. Philip Attebery, dean of the BMA Theological Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. Services will begin Sunday the 28th at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. An afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Services will be nightly at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We cordially invite all to join us for a wonderful time of worship and to enjoy the spiritual blessings that God has for us. For more information please contact the pastor, Bro. Sidney Farmer at 601-525-3828.

Proposition 8 Fix

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proponents to disclose private communications, work product, emails and campaign strategies to plaintiffs while – in an example of jaw-dropping inequality – permitting plaintiffs to keep the same materials secret.

He also allowed plaintiffs a parade of "expert" witnesses who viciously maligned Christians and other observers of natural and historic sexual morality as "prejudiced," "bigoted" and "homophobic."

This is no different than having an avid gun dealer/collector preside over a Second Amendment case – or a frequent user of medical marijuana deciding the legality of medical marijuana.

Even his fellow judges on the notoriously liberal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals have been forced to step-in and overturn more than one of his inexplicable rulings on the case.

Unfortunately, based on his demonstrated misbehavior, there's no reason to believe any of that will change. At worst, Judge Walker's continued involvement with this case presents a textbook conflict of interest. At best, it objectively illus-

trates the unseemly appearance of a conflict.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution – who referred to homosexuality as "the sin that dare not speak its name" – could not have even conceptualized the ridiculous and oxymoronic notion of "gay marriage," much less considered it a constitutional right. Still, if Judge Walker miraculously divines from thin air that Patrick Henry had a fundamental "right" to marry Henry Patrick, then who among us will be surprised?

Yes, he could stun the world and place constitutionalism – which he's sworn to observe – above personal ideology; but, based on his actions throughout this trial, I'm betting the fix is in.

This much is for sure: Any decision favoring plaintiffs in this case will be permanently marred and universally viewed as stemming from Judge Walker's personal biases and alleged lifestyle choices.

For these reasons, and in the interest of justice, he should now do the honorable thing and recuse himself.

Brotherhood Fund Raiser Set

The Big Creek District Brotherhood will be having a Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale on March 12, 2010, in the Kroger parking lot in Laurel. The meal will include a sandwich, chips, and soft drink for \$6.00. We are pre-selling tickets and would like to have as many as possible sold by March 1 so we can order supplies. We plan to deliver large orders and will need 3 or 4 men from each church to help cook, assemble and deliver the meals. I have tickets for individuals and forms for groups. Please contact me if your church can help at 601-319-3187.

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President

Ouija board a controversial toy for tots

OneNewsNow - Toys R Us is selling Ouija boards, promoting them as acceptable for children as young as eight years old.

The pink edition of the Ouija board is listed for girls eight-years-old and up while the regular version is designated for all children eight and up. Stephen Phelan, communications manager of Human Life International, checked the website and reports that the findings are disturbing.

"It is just troubling that these things are treated as casually as any other game, like Monopoly or anything else on this Toys R Us site - and I think it's something Christians should be aware of and really not support," he states.

He further believes that Christians have an obligation to fight against it. "If you go to the comments section on the Toys R Us [web]site, you'll read comments from people who talk about being obsessed with it, talk about missing school for it, talk about the spirits they spoke to on the other side and how creepy it was," Phelan describes.

The communications manager adds that the primary groups that deny the evils of the Ouija board are the ones who deny the spirit world entirely. He goes on to say Christians have a biblical mandate.

"We're supposed to deal with the truth only," he notes. "We're supposed to have nothing to do with dark spirits. We're not supposed to dabble in anything that would compromise our souls, and that's exactly what this does."

The manufacturer of the product is Hasbro.

today. I am not saying today's Grandmothers have to fit the exact visual stereotype of my Grandmother. There are some Grandmothers who are younger in their "grandmaternity" than my Grandmother, and some dress and act their age, others do not. A Grandmother can still be stylish, yet dress appropriately and in modesty. Many of today's Grandmothers are more concerned about looking young and "relating" to their grandchildren. Grandchildren do not need a big sister, they need a Grandmother. Grandmothers should be Godly, dress modestly,

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BMAA Used Literature Ministry

The State Brotherhood is still receiving and sorting used literature to be shipped to Africa. Remember that March begins a new quarter, so if your church participates in this ministry, please get the literature to the warehouse at the Mississippi Missions Complex in Laurel as soon as possible. We thank these churches for their help and encourage all other Mississippi BMA churches to join in serving our Savior in this ministry.

This material is being sent to all the English speaking countries of West Africa. There is a great need for more literature. The BMAA sends 2 or 3 forty foot containers each year. Because of the small amount, only the teachers and leaders receive the material.

Thanks to the brotherhood members from the Laurel area (Lebanon, Parkview and Shady Grove) for installing lights in the literature room recently.

Roger Jefcoat

Lights - Lights - Lights

Recently the Mississippi Classic Builder's and the Big Creek District Brotherhood installed lights and receptacles in the literature room and the Youth Department storage room at the Mississippi Missions Complex. After years of low, or no light, we can now see to work. We praise the Lord for the men coming from Gautier, Mobile, and Laurel to help with project. Along with completing a needed task, we had some great fellowship. Thanks men for giving your time and talents to help in our Master's work.



In the above picture is Jack Mitchell (North Gautier, Gautier) and Miles Horton (Hilton Road, Theodore, AL) working on light fixtures for the Youth Department storage room and the Used Literature storage room at the BMA of Mississippi Missions Complex. Below is a picture of Tommy Everett (Lebanon, Laurel) working on the wiring.



Memorials

Another contribution have been received since our last report to purchase library books in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Joyce Ray.

Another contribution has been given to the Southeastern Baptist College Foundation in memory of Mrs. Laura M. Thompson.

May the Lord's blessings be with the families of these great ladies. We appreciate those who remember loved ones by sending contributions to the college where it will be a blessing to many people in the future. God is faithful to bless those who have a part in His work on earth.

Possibility of Offering a Masters Degree Program

Often we are asked if we are going to offer graduate courses at Southeastern. This seems to be the time to begin doing that. We are now doing a survey to find those who are interested in taking courses here.

Elsewhere in this issue of the paper is a form that may be returned to us if you are interested in the program. This form will need to be returned immediately to help us determine the need.

The Desecration of Granny

I am old fashioned. I'm a fuddy duddy. I am square and proud of it. I have expectations about certain things. I expect people to be kind, decent, compassionate, and friendly. Men should be masculine, decisive and brave. Women should be feminine, sweet and supportive. I expect children to be obedient and respectful. And Grandmothers should be, well.... Grandmotherly.

I was flying back from a speaking engagement in Nebraska a few years ago and saw this sweet old Grandmother on board the plane. She was with her son or grandson and he had the typical thug look. Tattoos were all over his head and arms, with multiple piercings on the face and who knows where else. Grandma had silver hair, a crocheted shawl with tassels, a blue flower print dress, white socks and tennis shoes. Oh, and one other thing; a colorful tattoo right above one of her ankles. I was shocked, and I don't shock easily. The tattoo was inconsistent with Grandma's overall appearance. It was as out of place as a piano at a Church of Christ convention.

Whatever happened to the cookie-baking-garden-making Grandmothers (to quote my wife)? My Grandmother, who was born in 1899, was from the

old school. Liquor, tobacco and cursing were never associated with her lips. She always dressed modestly, and never wore "men's britches" as she called them.



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She was a Godly example for her children and grandchildren. When staying with her in the summer time, my sisters and I always attended every service of revival meeting at Vardaman Street Baptist Church. They had a strange habit of meeting early for morning services. Each morning service began around 6:00 am, so people would have time to go to church before going to work. Grandma always pulled me out of bed for these services. We did not miss a one.

The typical Grandmother of today is a far cry from yesterday. Today's Grandma is usually more concerned about her appearance and itinerary, instead of nurturing a relationship with her grandchildren. Now you modern Grandmothers hold on before you get your feathers in a huff. There are still Godly Grandmothers around

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Forwarding emails

by Randy Alcorn - Guest Columnist - OneNewsNow

Question: Well-meaning Christians sometimes forward me emails that I find out later are not true. And I've done this unknowingly myself. What are your thoughts on this?

First, we need to make a distinction regarding emails we receive from reputable, reliable Christian sources alerting us to things going on related to moral/ethical issues which we need to consider. What we are talking about are emails that are forwarded by others without a substantial verification. Even if someone says, "An attorney says this is true," or "I checked it out and this is true," we should not trust an unsubstantiated report.

God holds us accountable for every word we say, including the careless ones. Jesus said, "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless

word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:36). This means we should think carefully before we pass on emails that may be false.

Unfortunately, gossip and misinformation flow unceasingly in the Christian community. One day, in Heaven, they will be burned to ashes by the consuming holiness of God. Despite the fact that we complain about media bias, Christians tend to believe whatever we hear — in newspapers, websites, blogs and emails, and in personal conversation.

Here is one of the many erroneous emails floating around: *"Petition, Number 2493, would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, on the airwaves of America. If this attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast on the radio or by television*



Alcorn

will be stopped."

This is actually a remake of a previous story that had been circulating since 1975 related to Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Over 20 years later, the FCC was still being contacted by Christians who were hearing for the first time the lie that atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair was petitioning the FCC to ban religious broadcasting from America's airwaves. This woman actually died in 1995 and was never involved in such a thing even while alive!

Before you forward any questionable email, you can check out its authenticity by going to Snopes.com or Truthorfiction.com. If you have forwarded an email that you later find out was false, you can help educate others by graciously letting them know it was false and directing them to the two websites mentioned above.

Letters From Our Readers

Letters reflect the opinion of the writer and not necessarily this publication or the BMA of Mississippi

Pastor's Retreat Invitation

Dear Editor,
I am Paul White and I pastor the Prospect Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas. I started this retreat because I felt our men, especially our preachers, needed a time they could get together and it not cost too much. That is why we use the attendees as speakers. This keeps the price down and God has blessed these times together.

I would like to put a word in your paper about this year's R and R Men's Bible Conference. This will be the 7th year for R & R. The dates are March 9-11 and will be at StoneRidge Baptist Encampment located in Smithville, Arkansas. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Preachers are encouraged to attend and laymen are welcome also.

For more information please contact Paul White at 870-243-7847 or prw@indco.net , pastor@prospectbaptist.org

In His Service,
Paul White

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"So as I was boarding the plane to go on my mission trip I saw a friend in the crowd and yelled "Hi Jack!" and here I am."

Haiti 'lawyer' suspect in trafficking case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--A legal adviser to some of the 10 American missions volunteers detained in Haiti may be a suspect in an El Salvador child prostitution ring, but the Haitian judge overseeing the volunteers' case said the development may have no bearing on their fate.

Jorge Puello, who apparently volunteered his services to the jailed Baptists, was identified by his mother Feb. 13 as a fugitive sought by Salvadoran police, the Miami Herald reported. Puello's common-law wife, Ana Orellana, was convicted in the case in 2009 but her husband managed to flee the country before trial.

Puello's legal problems, however, are separate from the Americans' case, said Bernard Saint-Vil, the presiding judge, on Feb. 13.

"At this point, the two cases have nothing to do with each other," Bernard Saint-Vil, the investigating magistrate, said in a telephone interview with The Wall Street Journal. "I have no indication that Mr. Puello knew the missionaries before their arrests. Unless we find something suggesting the opposite, we would have no reason to merge the two cases."

The magistrate also said he would consider a defense lawyer's petition for the Americans' release once the government prosecutor on the case has replied to

the motion.

The volunteers were arrested Jan. 29 at the Haiti border as they tried to take 33 Haitian children into the Dominican Republic, allegedly without adequate paperwork from the Haitian government. Soon after, several group members apparently hired Puello, who told them he was a lawyer from the Dominican Republic. He has been working as a spokesman for the group, hiring and firing Haitian attorneys and getting food delivered to the volunteers.

The Dominican Republic College of Attorneys, however, does not list Puello as a registered lawyer, news services report, and authorities in several countries are investigating his connection to the child-prostitution ring in El Salvador. Court records in the United States show an outstanding warrant for Puello on 1999 charges of carrying a false identification. His mother told the Miami newspaper her son had served prison time in the United States.

Attorneys for five of the jailed volunteers told reporters Puello himself never represented their clients. Puello has disappeared and one attorney he hired to represent nine of the volunteers told the Associated Press he had received only a small part of the fee he was promised. Aviol Fleurant, however, refused to directly accuse Puello of stealing the rest.

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and exemplify Christ in all they do.

In the Bible, Timothy was a great preacher who was strongly influenced by his Mother, Eunice and his Grandmother Lois. The unfeigned faith Paul spoke of, which dwelt in Timothy, was found "first in Lois....", his Grandmother. It was then passed on to grandson Timothy through his mother, but Grand-

mother Lois is given the credit. Lois is an example of a Godly Grandmother who left a heritage that inspired for generations.

I know I am an old fashioned fuddy duddy, out of step with the times, but hey, I got it honestly. It's part of the heritage left to me by my Grandmother and I wouldn't trade it for the world. God bless Godly Grandmothers.

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Speak the truth, defend your rights

OneNewsNow - A pro-family advocate in Michigan says he's honored to be on the front lines in fighting for First Amendment rights to speak out against homosexuality.

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan, is concerned that the "Hate Crimes Act" signed into law last year will be used to prosecute those who speak in favor of traditional biblical morality. He cites a personal example.

"Several years ago Cardinal Adam Maida of Detroit and I were personally accused by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force in a news release of being responsible for inciting the alleged beating death of a 72-year-old homosexual man in Detroit, merely because we had actively supported Michigan's Marriage Protection Amendment reaffirming marriage as only between a man and a woman," he remarks.

Glenn says aside from the fact that officials found that there was no assault and the man died of natural causes, it illustrates the point that preachers of biblical truth are being targeted. He encourages boldness.

"Don't be intimidated," he counsels. "Continue to speak biblical truth; continue to tell people that marriage is and always has been between one man and one woman - that's what's best for society, best for children. And stand up against these continuing restrictions on the exercise of free speech."

Glenn and three Michigan pastors recently challenged the constitutionality of the Hate Crimes Act by filing a lawsuit against U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. Their attorney argues the law violates his clients' rights to freedom of speech, expressive association, and free exercise of religion as protected under the First Amendment.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Walter Hickman

Bro. Walter Hickman is available for service. He lives in Wiggins, Mississippi, and may be reached by calling 225-329-9663. The Hickmans are members of Plainview Baptist Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

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Youth Department Special Emphasis - March 2010

Give!

*Give, and it shall be given unto you;
good measure, pressed down, and shaken
together, and running over, shall men
give into your bosom. For with the same
measure that ye mete withal it
shall be measured to you again.*

Luke 6:38

GIVE OF YOUR

...Energy
...Talent
...Time
...Funds



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WMA Enlistment Time

February is Enlistment Month for the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. My prayer is that each local WMA group will catch the vision (Proverbs 29:18) of ladies reaching out in service, through benevolence, in witnessing, in teaching, and in missions. Once your WMA has caught the vision, you need to share the vision (Acts 26:19) by seeking to enlist other ladies in WMA.

During the month of February, the following ideas can be used to focus attention on the WMA:

1. Have WMA ladies sit together for a worship service.
2. Ask the pastor to let a WMA lady speak briefly on "What WMA Means to Me" and share this year's district, state, and national WMA projects.
3. Ask the pastor for space in the bulletin to announce WMA activities.
4. Sponsor a breakfast, brunch, luncheon, tea, or dinner to promote WMA awareness.

Once you have decided what type of event to sponsor, the following ideas might be helpful:

1. Select a decorating theme for the event (decorate the tables with teapots and teacups, fresh flowers, a specific type of silk flower, cut glass containers, Valentines, candles, or just use your imagination).
2. The event can be potluck or prepared by current WMA members. GMA girls might be enlisted to serve as waitresses.
3. Prepare a short program to present on what your WMA does (your Bible study, missions study, benevolence activities, youth auxiliaries, and any other special events or activities).
4. Appoint a telephone committee to invite prospective ladies.
5. Send special invitations by mail or e-mail.
6. Make posters advertising the event to be placed in prominent positions in the church plant.

Once you have your enlistment activities planned, above all be enthusiastic about sharing the vision of WMA.

Brenda Hornaday
National WMA First Vice President

Personal Service Work

The WMA personal service report form is no longer in use. However, the importance of personal service has not diminished. In these trying economic times, WMA ladies need to remain faithful in service to the Lord. Ministering to others is a major part of WMA work. There are many opportunities to meet the needs of people in the church, in the community, and "unto the uttermost" through our BMA missions program.

Personal service involves many areas starting with personal prayer and Bible study. It also includes personal soul talks with others, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, letters, or food to the sick or bereaved, and invitations to church. Benevolence, in the form of money, food, or physical help, is one of the main areas of personal service.

WMA ladies can provide help in many ways such as collecting canned goods, cooking, personal shopping, child care, yard work, house cleaning, and transportation. Look for opportunities to engage in personal

Mississippi State Sunbeam Retreat News

The Mississippi State Sunbeam Retreat will be held at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Mississippi, on May 14 and 15, 2010. Mark your calendars!

Now the real purpose of this article is to ask help in getting items to sell at the Craft Sale. During this cold weather when you can't get out to do much of anything else, why not go through your "stuff" and see if you have any items that might interest a child (boy or girl) under 4th grade.

If you have anything that might be "sellable," get it to the Retreat. The proceeds from the sale will go to the State Project which is for "Elizabeth" who is currently in China and doing a great work at last report.

You might also start now if you would like to make items that would sell to children. Your help will be appreciated and blessed by our Heavenly Father.

By Barbara White / Linda Faye Dertinger

State Sunbeam Camp Report

The Mississippi Sunbeam Retreat was held at Camp Garaway, May 15, 2009. The officers for 2009-2010 are as follows: Barbara Jean Williams, Paramount, Perkinston; First Vice-president, Zachary Simmons, Paramount, Perkinston; Second Vice-president, Matthew Cochran, Paramount, Perkinston; Secretary, Leslie Lawrence, Paramount, Perkinston; Adult Secretary, Shelli Lawrence, Paramount, Perkinston; Treasurer, Shirlene Smith, Hopewell, Laurel; Assistant Treasurer, Sonya James, Big Creek, Soso; Corre-

service to the following in your church or community:

1. Widows and widowers.
2. Retired people on fixed incomes.
3. Single parents.
4. Those who have lost their jobs.
5. The bereaved.
6. College students.
7. The handicapped.
8. The homeless.

The ladies of our local WMA groups can make a difference in these trying times.

Brenda Hornaday
National WMA First Vice President

Big Creek District WMA

Our January meeting was held at Lebanon Baptist Church in Laurel. The District Brotherhood met with the WMA for the first part of the meeting. A program of music was provided by Bro. Tommy Everett who sang "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," "Savior, Faithful, My Friend," and "The Lighthouse." After this presentation the meeting was called to order.

After prayer and a song, Kristy Matthews of Mt. Moriah brought a devotion taken from Phillipians 3:4-14, "Press toward the mark and keep our eyes on Jesus." There were 9 churches represented with a total of 32 present. Shirlene Smith gave update on State WMA project. Virginia Poore reported that the

sponding Secretary, Amy Mitchell, Mt. Carmel, Carriere; Adult Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Mitchell, Mt. Carmel, Carriere; Adult Song Leader, Shelly Simmons, Paramount, Perkinston; Historian Maya Moses, Wilderness, Vicksburg; Adult Historian, Beth Rosamond.

The Little Mr. Sunbeam was Jesse Williams from Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston. Mr. Sunbeam was Matthew Cochran from Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston. The Little Miss Sunbeam was Haley Gunter from Ten Mile Baptist Church, Perkinston.

Bro. Chris Flynn gave the message with great participation from the Sunbeams. Crafts and recreation were enjoyed by all.

The project for this year is 50% general fund and 50% for Elizabeth, a creative access nation missionary. A planning meeting was held January 23 in Laurel. Mark your calendar for May 14-15, for the State Sunbeam Retreat at Camp Garaway in Clinton, Mississippi. Watch your paper for more details.

Amy Mitchell



2008 Sunbeam Award Winners - left to right - Little Miss Sunbeam, Amy Mitchell; Little Mr. Sunbeam, Zachary Simmons; Miss Sunbeam, Makayla Gunter.



2009 Retreat - Bro. Chris Flynn and Sunbeams



2009 Sunbeam Award Winners - left to right - Little Miss Sunbeam, Hayley Gunter; Little Mr. Sunbeam, Jesse Williams; Miss Sunbeam, Lesli Lawrence; Mr. Sunbeam, Matthew Cochran.

One Smooth Stone...

A shepherd boy stood before the challenge of the giant. The boy had one shot to make a difference. He selected one smooth stone and with great precision defeated Goliath. Like that one smooth stone, a timeless truth communicated in a timely fashion can slay giants.

The Awesome Opportunity of an Open Door

(Article No. 8)

By Kirk Shelton

The analogy of an "open door" is commonly understood in our culture today. It speaks of opportunity, a future, and a condition preferable to the present. We look constantly for these open doors – opportunities for career advancement, a way out of some difficult situation, the path to a better life for ourselves and our families. Open doors are a blessed reality of life. We look for them, anticipate them, attempt to create them, and when given the chance to do so, step through them. It's a common experience.

It is interesting that the analogy of an open door was commonly understood 2,000 years ago. Paul, when concluding his first letter to the Corinthian believers, wrote these words: "But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me..." (1 Corinthians 16:8-9)

Paul used the analogy just like we use it today. He was

speaking of an opportunity, a future, a condition preferable to the present. This open door, he believed, was a God-given opportunity worthy of stepping through. As a result his itinerary changed, many Ephesians became believers, and he was roundly criticized by the Macedonian believers for his change of plans. Open doors are like that—they change the best laid plans of man. Following God's agenda is like that—there are always people who do not understand and, as a result, criticize.

For reasons known only to a Sovereign God, such a door has been opened for weak, sinful, earthbound people like you and me! There is an anointing for servants of God and for churches that is not the result of our wisdom, abilities, or ingenuity. It is an anointing—an empowering, equipping, and energizing—that is supernatural and the ends thereof are known only to God.

Our next meeting will be held on April 5th at Parkview Church, Laurel, so please make plans to attend and bring a car load of folks with you!

Sherry Shows, Reporter

Hobolochitto WMA Report

It was a cold, breezy day outside on January 5, but inside Mt. Carmel Church a warm, friendly group of ladies were ready to serve the Lord. After an opening devotional and prayer, reports were given. Our project will be helping drill a well in Hatti. Other points of help were discussed. Bro. Paul Lee brought our message, "How Women served in Bible Times."

We were blessed with five ministers present, Brethren Lumpkin, Rice, Watts, Tebo and Lee. Sunbeams and GA's were present and many ladies who work were able to attend on Saturday. Come and enjoy our fellowship at Jack's Fish House Thursday, March 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m. We all enjoyed the noon meal we all provide by the ladies of Mt. Carmel.

Jean Overton, Reporter

We could attempt to understand and describe the reasons for such an anointing, but our knowledge is incomplete. We could also attempt to list the risks and rewards of faithfully stepping through God's open doors, but both are too many in number. Instead we should focus solely on our God-given responsibility to His open door—a responsibility to obey and follow! Are there risks involved? Certainly. Will there be a cost? Without a doubt. Can we expect God's reward and blessing? Absolutely!

What is this open door God has set before us? It is an open door for ministry impact, for increased effectiveness, for a powerful presence in our ministry areas beyond anything we ever dreamed of. God has literally brought the world to our doorstep. Let's seize the day, take hold of every opportunity to reach our communities for Christ, and step through the open doors set before us!

Commission on Senior Adults

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This article is being written on February 15, 2010. Valentine's Day went by without very much notice at our house. We enjoyed a beautiful snow. The Bible has something to say about snow. The creation is a beautiful work of God. No wonder the writer gave us that great song, "How Great Thou Art." He is the great Lord and Saviour of all who believe His gospel.

Church Visits

We have enjoyed our visits with Bethel Baptist Church, Seminary. We had a great visit with the Senior Adults at Rocky Branch, Sumrall. We were encouraged at the good number in attendance. The ladies provided

a fine meal. I was honored to bring a message. Brother Dale Broom is doing a good work as pastor at Rocky Branch. We were invited to attend the Senior Adult meeting at Berean, Soso. A large number attended the meeting. I had the privilege of bringing a message. Brother Harold Floyd is doing a good work at Berean. On Sunday, February 14, I visited Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Laurel. It was their Homecoming. The church was fifty years old on that Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance. A great spirit was evident and good singing was enjoyed.

Brother Howard Rogers brought the message. Pine Ridge is a loyal supporter of the Commission. We were reminded that Brother Arb Knight was a Missionary of the Big Creek Association and led in the organization. Springhill Church extended the arm for the organization. Brother Bob Burch is doing a good work as the pastor of Pine Ridge.

Association Visits

I enjoyed a visit with the Ten Mile Association. The meeting was held with the Unity Baptist Church, McHenry. Brother Carlos Smith is the good pastor. We visited the Hobolochitto Association which was held at Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Kiln. Brother Jewel Lee Prince is the pastor. The Hobolochitto Association is a loyal supporter of the Commission.

The 2010 Conferences

The time is near for the South Conference. March 2 is upon us. The Big Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Don Brown are getting ready for a full house. This good church and pastor do an outstanding job hosting the Conference. Pastors are urged to plan to attend and bring many of their people. We are highlighting the work of EVANGELISM in the Conferences. Pray with us for a revival in soul winning among our BMA people.

The North Conference is May 11 at East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton. We will say more about this meeting later. Let us take advantage of these great spiritual services.

Interested In A Master's Degree?

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If you are interested, please return this form to Southeastern Baptist College or email the college at aparker@southeasternbaptist.edu.

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Group cans its boycott of Pepsi

OneNewsNow - The American Family Association (AFA) has suspended its boycott of PepsiCo.

Several months ago, the Mississippi-based pro-family group called for the boycott because of PepsiCo's support of homosexual activist groups. But now the company has withdrawn its major financial contributions to that faction.

"Basically our message has always been the same, no matter which American company we're dealing with," explains Randy Sharp, special projects director with AFA. "That is, remain neutral in the culture

war. Don't pick one side or the other. Just make a good, quality product at a good, quality price and market it to the people."

According to an Action Alert released by AFA PepsiCo's \$500,000 donations in 2008 to two pro-homosexual activist groups -- Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) -- do not appear in records for 2009. AFA president Tim Wildmon attributes that turnaround to the willingness of individuals to stand with his organization.

More than half a million people signed the boycott pledge.

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yearbook is progressing and encouraged churches to send in pictures of their WMA.

Faye Freeman of Hopewell presented the following resolution: Be it resolved that we be in prayer for our WMA, GMA and Sunbeams, and their counselors and sponsors; that we pledge our prayerful and financial support for our mission projects on the local, state, and national levels. That we participate in the "Fifty Days of Prayer and Giving" special emphasis for North American and Foreign Missions in January and February; that we dedicate a part of each day to Bible study and prayer; that we pray daily for our churches, pastors, and missionaries; that we pray for revival in our country, for Godly wisdom for our President, and protection and salvation for our military; and that we give a rising vote of thanks to Lebanon Baptist Church for their Christian fellowship and hospitality."

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52nd STATE MISSIONS &
 EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE
 (NORTH SESSION)

Theme: Highway to Renewal
 Text: Matt. 5:1-16
 Thought: Road Signs for Direction

**Ballardville Baptist Church, Tupelo
 March 15 & 16, 2010**

Monday Evening Session

6:15 Patriotism of God and Country Music
 National Anthem - Bro. Milton Wright
 Pledge of Allegiance to Flags
 Song God Bless America
 Prayer
 6:45 Message Missionary Ray Boone
 7:10 Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 7:20 Message Bro. Don Hilbun
 Subject: Mt 5:6 - *Blessed are the poor in spirit*
 7:50 Altar Call and Benediction

March 16, 2010 – Tuesday Morning Session

9:15 Congregational Singing & Prayer
 9:25 Message Bro. D. Lavell Lee
 Subject: Mt 5:7 - *Blessed Are They that Mourn*
 9:55 - Break
 10:15 - Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 10:25 Message Bro. Felix (Phil) Knott
 Subject: *National and International Missions*

10:55 Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 11:10 Message Bro. Ken Riley
 Subject: Open Subject
 11:40 Altar Call and Benediction
 12:00 Noon meal provided by host church

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:15 Congregational Singing Bro. Matt Hudson
 1:25 Message Bro. Bryan Wilson
 Subject: Mt 5:8 - *Blessed Are They that hunger and thirst*
 1:55 Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 2:15 Message Bro. John Burge
 Subject: Mt 5:9 - *Blessed Are The merciful*
 2:45 Break
 3:05 Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 3:20 Message Bro. A.J. (Jack) Leslie
 Subject: Mt 5:10 - *Blessed Are The Pure in heart*
 3:50 Special Music Bro. Matt Hudson
 4:05 Message Bro. Grover Laird
 Subject: Mt 5:9-16 *Blessed are the peacemakers*
 4:25 Altar Call and Benediction

52nd STATE MISSIONS &
 EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE
 (SOUTH SESSION)

Theme: Highway to Renewal
 Text: Matt. 5:1-16
 Thought: Road Signs for Direction

**El Camino Baptist Mission, Laurel
 March 25, 2010 - Thursday Afternoon Session**

1:55 Special Music
 2:15 Message Bro. Ray Freeman
 Subject: *Missions Overview And Challenge*
 2:45 Break
 3:05 Special Music
 3:20 Message Bro. Chris Freeman
 Subject: Mt 5:3 - *Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit*
 3:50 Special Music.

4:05 Message Bro. Danny Creswell
 Subject: Mt. 5:4 - *Blessed Are They That Mourn*

Thursday Evening Session

6:15 Patriotism to God and Country-----Music
 Flag Ceremony & National Anthem
 Pledge Allegiance to the Flags
 Song God Bless America
 Prayer
 6:30 Congregational Singing
 6:40 Message Dr. Jerry Rice
 Subject Mt 5:5 - *Blessed Are The Meek*
 7:10 Special Music
 7:20 Message Bro. James Sprayberry
 Subject: Mt. 5:6 - *Blessed Are They That Hunger And Thirst*
 7:50 Altar Call and Benediction

**New Heart Baptist Mission, Hattiesburg
 March 26, 2010 - Friday Morning Session**

9:15 Congregational Singing & Prayer
 9:25 Message Bro. Terry Hall
 Subject: *Personal Testimony*
 9:55 Break
 10:15 Special Music
 10:25 Message Bro. Dennis Knight
 Subject: Mt 5:7 - *Blessed Are The Merciful*
 10:55 Special Music
 11:10 Message Bro. James Wilson
 Subject: *Open Subject*
 11:40 Altar Call and Benediction
 12:00 Lunch - Dutch Treat

Friday Afternoon Session

1:15 Congregational Singing
 1:25 Message Bro. Frank Panzrino
 Subject: Mt 5:8 - *Blessed Are The Pure In Heart*
 1:55 Special Music.
 2:15 Message Bro. Jeff Bass
 Subject: Mt 5:9 - *Blessed Are The Peacemakers*
 2:45 Break
 3:05 Special Music
 3:20 Message Bro. Harold Floyd
 Subject: Mt 5:10 - *Blessed Are The Peseouted*
 3:50 Special Music.
 4:05 Message Bro. Vern D. Holifield
 Subject: Matt 5:9-16 *We Are The Salt And Light*
 4:25 Altar Call and Benediction



Missionaries Bro. & Mrs. Edmund Neil recently visited a number of churches in Mississippi. They shared their work in the nation of Cambodia.



A meeting in Natchez, Mississippi concerning Hispanic work in that area.



New Heart Mission, Hattiesburg, during a recent worship service.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Grandma's Washday "Receet"

I sometimes hear younger women complaining about having so much washing to do and I think to myself, "We've come a long way since Grandma wrote this "receet" for a successful washday." I for one hope we never go back to those old days. The spelling is Grandma's original.

1. Bild fire in backyard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke won't bloe in eyes if wind is pert.

3. Shave one whole cake lie soap in bilin water.
4. Sort things. Make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullard, 1 pile work britches and rags.
5. Stir flour in cold water til smooth then thin down with bilin water. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullard, don't bile, just rench in starch.
6. Spread tea towels on grass.
7. Hang old rags on fence.
8. Pore rench water in flour bed.
9. Scrub porch with hot soapy water.
10. Turn tubs upside down.
11. Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with side combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count yore blessins.