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National Missions Symposium

Committee approves two new missionaries

The first session of the 2009 Missions Symposium was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Horn Lake. Missions personnel from around the world were present for the two day conference. Messages were heard from Dr. John David Smith and Bro. Jerry Jolly. A presentation was given by the members of Calvary Church and Pastor Aders Lee stressing the need to "Search & Rescue" those is greatest need of salvation.

Two new missionary families were approved. Jamie & Rebekah Jones will be planting a church in Smithville, Missouri, near Kansas City. They are members of Lindsay Lane Church, Florissant, Missouri. Their pastor is Bro. Danny Kirk.

Ray & Lorraine Perry have been helping Missionary Merrit Youngdeer in New Mexico and he was elected to serve as an associate church planter.

The Missionary Committee reelected

the current officers for this next year. They are Moderator Danny Kirk, Vice-moderator James Hoffmann, Clerk Zane Clark, and Assistant Clerk Dale Fish.



Executive Director of Missions Grady Higgs

The budget adopted for the new year was \$5,785,952.50. Bro. Higgs commented that the current budget was \$1,000.00 lower than 2008, but that it could change due to possible raises given at the annual meeting in April.

Walk for the World Winners Announced

Churches Earn Overseas Trips

Two churches that had a little more spring in their steps in the 2008 Walk for the World will each send two members on an all-expense-paid trip overseas with a Lifeword production crew this year, according to an announcement by Diane Ward, national Walk coordinator, on January 6.

Springhill Baptist Church, Greenbrier, Arkansas, earned the award for raising the most money in the Walk. The church contributed \$36,186, setting a new record of income for the Walk from one church in one year. Ed Stephenson is pastor of Springhill Church. Church Coordinators Johnnie Hoffman and Michael West issued a huge challenge to Springhill, and the church responded by exceeding the challenge.

Spring Creek Baptist Church,

Springdale, Arkansas, earned the per capita award for raising the most money per person, based on the average Sunday morning worship attendance reported in the latest BMA Handbook and Directory. The church contributed \$22,200, which represents \$693.75 per person. David Evans is pastor of Spring Creek Church. Church Coordinator Connie Downum set the bar high, and the church followed her to victory.

"We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the Walk and to all the churches that have sent in offerings. We appreciate your support," Mrs. Ward said.

Lifeword determined the award-winning churches on the basis of offerings received by Lifeword by December 31. The winners will travel to Guatemala and Romania.

2008 Walk for the World Regional Winners

Region	Top Contributing Church	Church Contributions
North/Central Arkansas	Springhill, Greenbrier	\$36,186.00
Oklahoma	Southgate, Moore	\$16,728.79
Missouri	Grace, Joplin	\$ 6,480.00
South Mississippi	Evergreen, Seminary	\$ 5,717.00
Louisiana	Hall Summit, Hall Summit	\$ 5,451.00
South Arkansas	Spring Lake, Texarkana	\$ 5,000.00
Southeast Texas	Center of Life, Houston	\$ 5,000.00
Northeast Texas	Rosewood, Gilmer	\$ 5,000.00
At-Large	Cornerstone, Swartz Creek, MI	\$ 3,900.00
Central West Texas	Beacon Hill, Waco	\$ 3,201.50
Southeast United States	Helton Road, Theodore, AL	\$ 3,100.00
Metro-Plex Texas	South Park, Ft. Worth	\$ 2,340.00
North Mississippi	Skyway Hills, Pearl	\$ 1,648.00
West Coast	Memorial, Fremont, CA	\$ 1,366.00
Total		\$101,118.29

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January 2009 Special Emphasis - Christian Publications Department

Into the Hands of the Father

by **Cherry Sims**

Sims is a member of First Baptist Church, Mantachie, where her husband, Dr. J.E. Sims, serves as minister of music. She also is employed with the American Family Association in Tupelo.

Do we as parents realize that while we don't have all the expertise we need to parent our children, we DO have a whole lot of expectations of our children! I



Harmony Association report

The January Meeting of the Harmony Association was held at Bethel Baptist Church in Fulton on Friday, January 9th. Worship service was opened with a congregational song, followed by prayer and welcome by the pastor Dr. Martin Jameson. The reponse was given by Bro. Doug Wilson.

Special music was provided by Melinda Nall, followed by the evening message by Bro. Dale Wirick. The hand of appreciation was given by Bro. James Gillentine. After the message the association conducted its monthly business. There were 12 churches represented with 55 in attendance.

Minutes and the treasurer's report for the months of November and December were read and approved. Bro. Mike Smith of Shady Grove, was elected to be the speaker for the February meeting to be held at Big Oak. Missionary Elvis Garcia gave his report of his work in Ripley. He introduced Bro. Cain Garcia, who spoke of his new found faith and his desire to grow in his Christian faith. Bro. Tim Nall gave a report of his recent trip to the Mission Symposium in Horn Lake. A motion was made and approved to coordinate with the Tombigbee and Judson Association, in setting up a time for a speaker from the Seminary.

Bro. Tim Nall - Moderator
Tony Marolt - Reporter

was completely unaware when my sons were born that I subconsciously set up an agenda for each of them. This agenda included expectations of how they should behave, what kind of grades they would make, how they would act when they hit the teen years and what their future would be - spiritual giants doing great things for God.

At first blush I thought Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it" meant that I had to decide the direction for my children. Later on, I came to realize this verse takes into consideration the uniqueness of each individual guided by proper Biblical instruction and Godly direction.

When our oldest son was a little tyke, he reminded me of a sweet, wise little man. He was always happy and content. He loved everyone and made friends from all generations of people. From the time he was just a baby, music surrounded him and fed his love of music and movement. One of my favorite memories is that of seeing him in his red Superman cape and his cowboy boots dancing his own choreographed version of an Ella Fitzgerald tune as it spun on his record player.

Very early he developed a love for performance and as a preschooler participated in youth musicals his Minister of Music dad directed. He performed in plays and sang in auditioned groups and choirs throughout his school and church life. Now, tell me why we, his parents, were so surprised when he changed his major in college from Church Music to Musical Theater! See, there's that agenda thing again.

While we thought he was preparing for the ministry, he had other ideas and dreams. Dreams that often led him down the broad paths of the world. He, in his struggle to become his own man, distanced himself from us and we, in our perplexed and concerned state, probably did little to convince him that, even as he followed his interests and made his mistakes, we loved him unconditionally.

Many times I prayed and cried to the Lord to bring my son back home and back to his faith. During those years I was encouraged

by the trust my husband displayed in God's faithfulness. The faith of a strong prayer warrior and encourager, Lena Rogers Leach, brought me nearer to the place God wanted me to be. I knew her through Margaret Jensen's book, *Lena*. Her words to Margaret, who struggled with a wayward son, helped to seal my resolve to put my son completely into the hands of the Father.

"Be anxious for nothing, Sister Jensen, and don't be fretting about the day God answers. He done answered, but it take time to get the answer through...the begging and pleading be done in heaven. God get so tired of all that begging when He tells us over and over, 'It is finished!' Why we beg more than we believe?"

I found the verse in 2 Corinthians 1:4 to be so true. "(God) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be

able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God." I have had many opportunities to share what the Lord taught me during the time of my son's sojourn in the far country with other mothers and fathers who are experiencing the heartache of wayward children. Though the times were definitely times of suffering, they were also times of great spiritual growth. God taught me several important principles during the years of my son's journey.

- 1) Respect your child's God-given traits and be aware of your own agenda for his or her life.
- 2) Allow your child to leave the nest and fly into the world.
- 3) Pray even when words don't seem to come; recognize the Holy Spirit's intercession and translation of the very groans of your heart.
- 4) Love your child as God the Father

- loves you - unconditionally.
- 5) Allow God to work in His time.
 - 6) Realize that God has your child's ultimate salvation in mind and that in praying for his or her return you are praying in God's will. He promises to answer those prayers!
 - 7) Read the Word and faith-building books.
 - 8) Keep a prayer journal so you can note God's answers to your prayers.

God in His faithfulness brought our son back fully restored into our lives and to his spiritual roots. It took time. Time for him to grow, suffer, learn, and mature; time for us to grow, suffer, learn and mature! When we began to be more like the Father we found that we no longer looked at his journey in the same way.

We had faith that the Father who loves us, loved him more than we, so we simply loved him - no matter what. We left the porch light on, the welcome mat out, and the door to home wide open. And we began to lift our eyes to the road looking for his return.

Sixth Annual

R and R

Bible Conference

March 10-12

StoneRidge Baptist Camp • Smithville

Remember to bring your best sermon and leave your tie at home.

This Bible conference, founded in 2003, is fun, inspirational and affordable. Good food, good Bible preaching and good Christian fellowship, combined with a whole lot of fun is good medicine for the soul. Upon arrival and if you choose to participate, your name will be placed in a box and before each session, speaker's names are drawn out. While all will not get the opportunity to preach, all will need to be ready if they are selected.

This conference is held each March at StoneRidge Baptist Encampment located in Smithville, Arkansas 72466. StoneRidge is well equipped and very user friendly to all that attend.

A person may participate in all or none of the events. Your time is yours to do as you please. Make plans to attend. We will be looking for you.

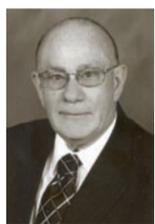
Cost is \$65, which covers six meals and two nights lodging. For more information, contact Paul White (870) 710-1906 cell, 257-2945 home, 856-4060 church; pww@centurytel.net

Activities include: Marksmanship, Horseshoes, Free Throw, Ping Pong, Checkers, Hammer Throw and Golf Chipping

This conference is financially unwritten by the families of Ken and Richard White

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Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Thanks for blessings

We thank the Lord for His blessings, protection, and health given to the families connected with Southeastern Baptist College during Christmas and New Years. We are praying for the families that we have heard about who have experienced tragedies, death, illness, etc. during the holidays. Our God is good and faithful to us in all our needs.

I want to say thanks for the faithful giving to the Southeastern Baptist College during the past year, especially in the last few weeks. Several sent Christmas offerings. We also received another large contribution to the College Foundation from a faithful supporter of several years.

Memorials

Since the last report, contributions have been made to purchase religious books to be placed in the A. R. Reddin Memorial Library in memory of Dr. Jentry Bond, Mrs. Annie Jackson, Mr. Max Laughter, and Mr. Wendell C. Rowell. May the Lord bless these families.

College Choir

The college choir would like to schedule some appointments to perform for churches, associations, or youth meetings during the Spring semester on a limited basis. If anyone is interested in having the choir, please contact Mr. Glenn Padgett at 601-649-4799, email, glennpadgett@comcast.net, or Mrs. Ginny Singleton at Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Highway 15 North, Laurel, MS 39440, 601-426-6346; email gsingleton@southeasternbaptist.edu.

Alumni Updates

We are continuing to collect addresses, etc. of former students to develop an alumni directory. If you would like to be included, please send us your information. You may also send

dues if you have not joined the Alumni Association.

More About the Early Years of Southeastern Baptist College

In the March, 1949, issue of the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST, Bro. L. T. Simmons, editor, gave the following report about the opening day of the College.

“Thought the opening day of our school was so good that it could hardly be surpassed. But the school was so pleasant, the fellowship was so spiritual, that we continued to go upward from the first day, and the last day made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Eld. G. C. Stockstill brought a wonderful message from the Word. Short talks came from hearts, overflowing with enthusiasm for the cause of the Master. Everyone rejoiced in the Lord and thanked Him for the blessings of His presence. Surely this is the work of the Lord. Plans have already been made for a full term next year. You will be hearing more about SOUTHEASTERN.”

L. T. Simmons

Also, in the April, 1949, issue, Bro. Simmons included the picture of the crowd who attended the opening day. This is the picture that still hangs in the hall at Southeastern. He had the following caption under the picture:

The above is the picture of the crowd who attended the opening day of school at SOUTHEASTERN, January 11, 1949. This was a great day - the great beginning of a small school. But, I trust it will prove to be the beginning of a great and useful school. God is GREAT and can do more for us than we are able to think. This session was only six weeks, but I think much and lasting good was accomplished. Many fine reports concerning the school have been received. Inquiries about our next session are already coming in from

different states. Many young Christians want to prepare themselves for serving the Master. This desire on their part is a challenge to Missionary Baptist Churches.

While others give their lives in service, will you give your dollars for their support? - L. T. Simmons

Then in the May, 1949, issue, there was an interesting article by Bro. D. R. Raper, encouraging support of the Judson Association to the “Bible School at Laurel, Mississippi.” This shows the interest and influence that the Judson Association had in the beginning of the college. We are thankful for the support of Bro. Raper and others in those early days. That Association still supports the College and we appreciate all their faithful, encouraging support. Since then all BMA associations in Mississippi and some from other states have joined in to assure the continued ministry of Southeastern Baptist College over these 60 years.

The article by Bro. Raper is reprinted here:

The Mississippi State Association of Baptist Churches are endeavoring to establish a Bible School at Laurel, Mississippi. One successful short session was recently closed. The plan is to open a nine month session beginning in September, and this should be freely supported by the churches of Missionary Baptists.

This Bible School is badly needed for the schooling and help to young ministers. We have waited so long about helping our young ministers until many of them have accepted help from other sources and have gone into other ways. If we continue to leave this work undone, other promising young ministers will go in the same way. Do we want to keep our young ministers in our association to work and pastor churches? We can keep them by aiding them in the ministerial work.

Every church in this Judson Association should be very enthusiastic about the move to train anyone who wishes to go to a Bible School, and especially our young ministers. Every church in the Judson Association should contribute liberally to this Bible School. We can do it and never miss the money, and it should be done for the advancement of the

Lord’s cause, and to the honor and glory of His name. We have thirty-seven churches represented in the Judson Association and each church, if it so desires, can raise from \$25.00 to \$100.00 to help in this great work. Then when we do this these well Bible Trained young men will return to our association to help carry on the Lord’s work here. . . .

May I solemnly and humbly say that now is the time for every church of the Judson Association

to show her colors in the Lord’s work. Brethren, we are going to show our colors one way or the other. Will we help in this great move to help especially the young minister to study the Bible and to become well established in the Bible doctrines? Our churches are able to help and I am persuaded that we are going to do it.

D. R. Raper

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

BMAA Equipping Center Locations and Schedules

Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi

January 24, 2009	Mission Possible: Winning Your Community For Christ
March 7, 2009	Sunday School Materials That Work!
June 20-21, 2009	It All Rises and Falls on Leadership

Magnolia Baptist, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

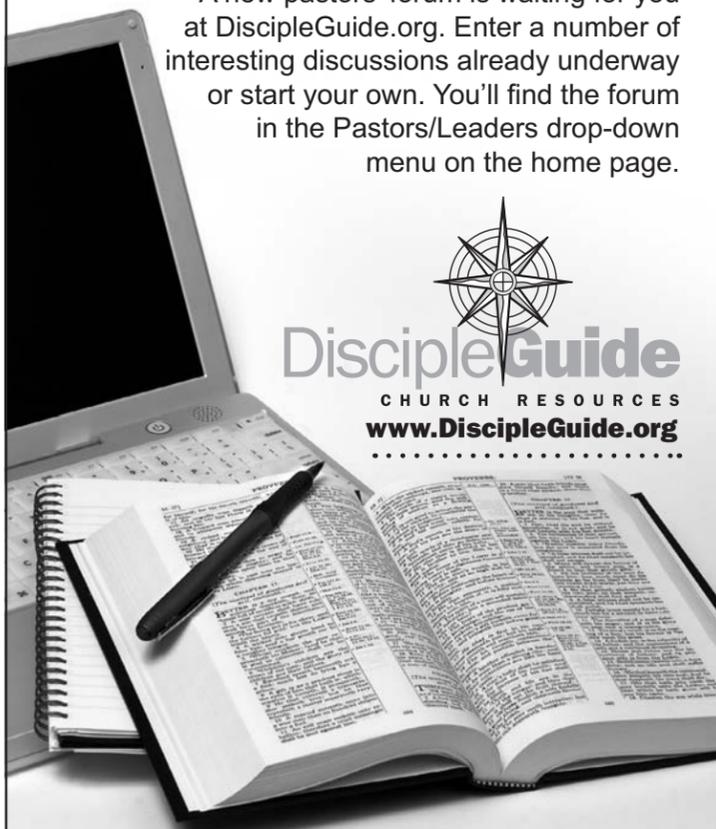
January 24, 2009	Building A Small Group Ministry/ Becoming An Effective Teacher
March 7, 2009	Mission Possible: Winning Your Community For Christ
June 21, 2009	Sunday School Materials That Work!

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You Ought To Be There!

What a delight and a spiritual blessing it was to attend the BMA of America Missions Symposium this past week in Horn Lake. Calvary Church and our National Missions Department did a great job and had a great conference. Hearing reports directly from the men and women in the field is most inspiring and should encourage us to do more.

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I appreciate the work that Bro. Higgs and our entire Missions Staff puts in to these programs each year. We need to feel that we are a vital part of our worldwide mission effort and these symposiums accomplish that by bringing us together physically and spiritually with those on the firing lines.

Pastors, Time Is Precious

Making time for *everything* on a pastor's schedule is quite taxing. We must pace ourselves and set priorities. We cannot be everywhere and do everything that is expected or that is available.

We do need to set priorities and the work of missions is certainly high on our list. Another area that is high on the list is our church. The program you see to your left on this page has been prayerfully planned for the encouragement and benefit of our pastors.

I encourage the laymen and deacons of our churches to send their pastor to this meeting. Insist that he take the time to go. He will enjoy the fellowship, the preaching, the down time and his attendance will not only be a blessing to him, but it also will pay dividends to your local church.

Bro. Kenneth Bobo and Bro. Martin Jameson are God's men for the moment and will come with words from our Lord to bless and inspire His servants. It will be good for us to be there.

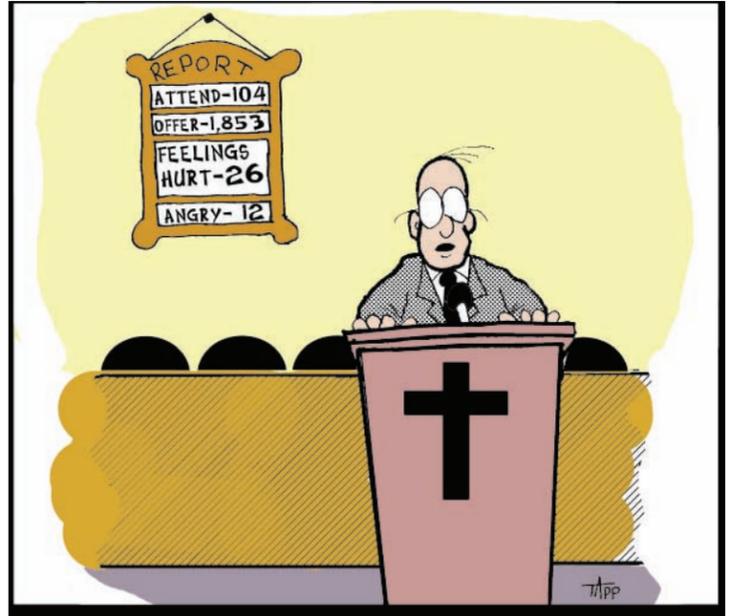
DiscipleGuide Programs

DiscipleGuide Church Resources has planned a series of workshops to inspire, encourage and boost the ministry of our local churches. These "Equipping Center" programs schedule is listed on page 3 of this issue. Your attendance at these will help you reach more people and help the ministry of your local church.



Don Brown
Editor

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



It's Been A Better Week Than Usual"

Headed to Branson

Hotel Information for 2009 Annual Meeting

The Committee on Arrangements is providing the following information concerning the housing arrangements for the annual BMAA annual meeting April 20-22, 2009 in Branson, Missouri. The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson Hotel Branson. The meeting will be held at the new Branson Convention Center in downtown Branson.

Accommodations for the meeting are:

Radisson Hotel	\$99.00
Ramada Resort & Conf. Center	\$76.00
Great Western Branson Towers	\$81.95 single/double \$86.95 triple \$91.95 Quad

The Hilton Hotel is completely booked.

The Branson Convention Bureau is providing us with a Web site so that reservations can be made on-line. The Web site is www.MeetInBranson.net/BaptMissionaryHousing. It must be typed as given. The Web site will give you information about the hotels and their distance from the Convention Center. Maps are also available at the Web site.

For those who do not want to make their reservations on-line they can call Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 5 PM at 800-263-6056.

All reservations are to be made through these numbers and not at the hotels. For more information you may contact the Committee on Arrangements.

Leon Carmical, James Ray Raines, Charles Atteberry

PROGRAM Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi Pastor's Retreat 2009

Monday & Tuesday - January 26-27
Skyway Hills Baptist Church
Pearl, Mississippi

THEME:

The Pastor and His Church

GUEST SPEAKER Bro. Kenneth Bobo

PROGRAM

Monday

Registration 1:30 PM
Music 2:30 PM
First Part Bro. Kenneth Bobo

Break
Fellowship
Meal

Music 6:00 PM
Message Bro. Martin Jameson

Second Part Bro. Kenneth Bobo

Tuesday

Breakfast 7:30 AM
Music 8:00 AM
Third Part Bro. Kenneth Bobo

Message Speaker to be selected
Break
Business
Music

Fourth Part Bro. Kenneth Bobo

Noon Meal
Dismiss

Fee for the retreat is \$25.00 per person.
You are welcome to bring your sleeping bags or cots and stay in the church.
There are hotels also in the area.



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Presents
"The Silver
Concho"
by Sandy Jones

Frederick, Maryland -- PublishAmerica is proud to present The Silver Concho: Life Is a Rub-Board: The Button Box Series Book III by Jacksonville, Texas author Sandy Jones.

1850, Llano, Texas "Jake, my time has come...I've got words for you and Matt... Remember this all your days... Life is a rub-board. It's full of bumps and rough places. All of them can be for good or bad... If you're strong and last through those bumps and rough places, you'll come out clean and smellin' good. But if you're not...you'll tear up and fall to pieces and you'll be good for nothin'."

Squeezing the boy's hands for the last time, Big Mama said to the fourteen-year-old, "Be a man."

So Jake Galloway worked, sweated, did without and became a hard-as-nails rancher. He demanded work from his younger brother also; he had to. But Matt did not understand and Jake lost the most important thing in his life...his brother's love.

Sandy Jones works for and is a student at Jacksonville College in Texas. She enjoys speaking to Christian groups, women's conferences, literary clubs, librarians and other groups regarding her books. "This is a very exciting time in my life. Writing has opened new doors to share my faith in Christ," says Sandy.

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Don Brown
Editor

MS- Editor Don Brown urges all of the supporting churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi to make a special effort to help raise additional operating funds for the Department *Special Emphasis Drive* during **January 2009**.

Don Brown stated that the January Emphasis offering each year needs to raise about 10% of the annual operating income. "Our goal for this year is to raise at least \$10,000," Brown continued, "We are asking each church to give a generous offering to help us maintain our fiscal operation."

January 2009 - Special Emphasis Our Need - \$10,000

That I may publish ... and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Psalm 26:7

Church plans mission trip to Philippines

Mill Creek is sending a team to repair and refurbish the dorm at the BMA Bible College in Bacold on Negros Island where Bro. Doyle Moore ministers. Our laborers will pay their own way at around \$2,000 each. If your church would like to participate in funding the construction materials please contact Doug Lee, our Mission Coordinator, at 601-347-4195. If excess funds come in they will be used for other college projects or to assist in a school project in the Philippines. Thanks for your help in this much needed project. The college trains ministers and leaders for the whole Asia-Pacific Rim.

GMA Girls

GMA Promoter - Beth Caldwell
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601-947-6011

Sunbeam Promoter - Linda Dertinger
132 Howard Hill Road, Soso, MS 39480
601-729-2908

Miss GMA urges camp attendance

Hello my fellow GMA campers and Counselors. I am Megan Brewer, Miss GMA of America, Miss GMA of Mississippi and State First Vice President. I am so excited about our State GMA Camp, March 6th and 7th at Camp Garaway in Clinton, Mississippi. This year's theme is, "In His Image" Genesis 1:27.

We have planned several exciting activities for this year. Bro. Tracey McMillian will be our camp pastor. He will bless your heart. Also, there will be several State Missionaries who will be on program, Saturday, March 7th. There is still time to order your T-Shirts and Canvas Bags. T-Shirts Prices: Youth S M L XL - \$12.00. Adult S M L XL - \$12.00. Adult 2 XL - \$13.00. Adult 3 XL - \$14.00. Canvas Bags (14" x 16") - \$8.00 or you can get a Package Deal (includes t-shirt and canvas bag) - \$16.00.

We have extended all orders to be turned in by January 24th. Recently, I mailed out T-Shirt and Canvas Bag Order Forms. If you haven't received an order form, please contact me immediately at 228-234-9255 and I will make sure you receive it as soon as possible or take your order via phone. Registration Forms will be mailed out the first week in February. If you do not receive a registration form by the second week in February, please contact Sister Beth Caldwell at 601-947-6011.

If your church has a GMA program and you haven't met with us in the past or it has been a while, please consider coming this year. Also, if your church does not participate in a GMA program, but you have young girls who want to have some godly fun and learn about missions, please bring them to camp this year. We would love to have you join us, you will receive a blessing. We are looking forward to seeing you at Camp.

May God Bless You
Megan Brewer

Parental Ignorance Is Not Bliss

I talk with youth ministers every week. The same story is repeated over and over. It doesn't matter what they teach, because too many Christian parents don't support what they are teaching in the church. They allow their children to basically do most anything they want and then hide their eyes from it. They plead ignorantly, "I didn't know".

Well, as a good parent; shouldn't you be actively and aggressively involved in what your teens and kids are doing? The majority of all teenagers in America now send pictures of themselves naked to boyfriends or girlfriends on their cell phones. A concerned parent should look at all the pictures sent on their kid's phone. You pay for the phone, and they are living under your roof, right? You say you must trust your teens. Yes. But you are also to be their surrogate brain to help them make right decisions.

Even good kids will make poor choices living in the society that we do. Society encourages this. Your child may not know how wrong this is. It is your job to look at their text messages and pictures and if there is anything inappropriate, you correct them. They may not think it is wrong or see the consequences. That is your job. You should look at (the website) Facebook. Most kids today communicate with friends on the internet using a thing called "Facebook". Do you know what pictures have been sent to your child's page? Do you know what things are being said by your child and to your child? You should. There are horrible pictures on Facebook that Christian young people have on their page. The teen says, "Well, they sent that to me. I didn't do it." Yes, but it reflects on who you are as a person. Your face book site represents your testimony to the world. Does it reflect Christ?

How do so many Christian boys get hooked on internet pornography? Should you not monitor the entire history of everything pulled up on your home computer? Should you not limit access to the internet by your kids and supervise the computer when they are on it? Who are they talking to, and what kind of language are they using when they are on the computer to friends? Do you have Christian filters on the computer? Do you have filters that clean up the language on your TV? The list is endless. What are you parents doing to monitor your kid's behav-

ior? That is your job. It is called parenting.

Some may say I don't want to snoop on my kids. You are not snooping. You are being a parent. The devil is too clever with his devices of today for you to act ignorant about what your kids are doing. The society has too many modern technologies for your kids to do impure things. They may not even realize how they are hurting their walk with the Lord by doing these things. Many young boys may not realize how they hurt their future marriage by looking at things on the internet. Girls may not realize how they hurt their testimony and even how they effect who they will attract as a boyfriend by the way they talk on the internet. Some young girls obviously do not realize how it hurts them to send naked pictures of themselves on the phone to a boyfriend - recent studies suggest that about 75% do so!

I see kids sit out in church and during the sermon they text their friends on the cell phone or play games on their cell phone. Parents claim ignorance about this, and act like they don't know it is happening. Shame on you. You know. If I acted up in church as a teen, I guarantee my parents would have disciplined me royally. Yet, many parents today would rather their kid be happy than take their cell phone away from them in church. But your kids need to listen to the preaching. Take that phone up and frown on them and pull them up in the chair and say "you better listen!". Take their cell phone away.

Parents act like they don't know. I think many do know, but refuse to act upon it because it is easier on them. No one said parenting was going to be easy. And if a parent truly is ignorant about all of this, then it is high time to get involved in what is going on in your kid's life.

I believe this has to do with the parent's self-esteem. There are many Christian parents who refuse to acknowledge that their children are in fact not doing the right thing. Instead of correcting this and helping their child learn and grow in the right way, they turn a blind eye towards the problem. They deny the problem. They become defensive when confronted with the problem. They bury their head in the sand so to speak. This is because they have low self-esteem and self worth. Their worth as a person is too wrapped up into how well their children are perceived. If there is any problem with their child's behavior, they see it as a direct reflection on them as to their failure as a parent. They can't handle this failure, so they allow the child to go on with his bad behavior. This results in a child who is not living for the Lord, and is in fact, harming their spiritual well-being. This is truly sad. Both for the parents and for the sake of the child.

Look what the Lord told Eli about his kids that he refused to do something about.

I Samuel 13:3 "For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knoweth: because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not."

Eli reprov'd his sons too gently and did not threaten them as he should. Therefore God judged his whole family. All of his family will be cut down in the prime of life and not one lived to an old age. All of those in the family not cut down early, will live with no joy and be broken and poor and miserable in their life. What a judgment from

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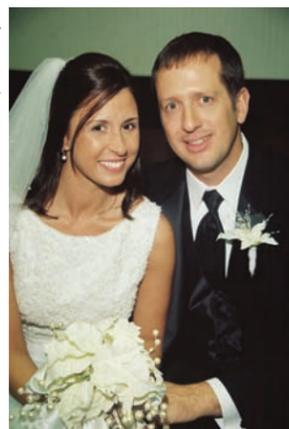
Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

Destination Zambia

Savannah Fryfogle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Smith of Wiggins, was married to Kevin Pestke, son of Mrs. Jane Pestke and the late Richard Pestke, Jr. of Hilton, New York, on December 27, 2008. Bro. Scotty Rayburn performed the double-ring ceremony at Red Creek Baptist Church in Wiggins, Mississippi.

Bro. Kevin is currently serving as a missionary to Zambia, Africa. The couple will return to Luanshya, Zambia on January 13, 2009. For updates on the work in Zambia visit <http://kevinpestke.blogspot.com>.



Forced abortions America's secret epidemic

OneNewsNow - The Elliot Institute has released a report that exposes America's forced abortion epidemic. Elliot Institute spokesperson Amy Solby tells OneNewsNow that one study found 64 percent of women who had abortions reported they felt pressured to abort by others. "Something like 80 percent of them said that they didn't get the counseling they needed to make a good decision, that often they were not given counseling at all, or that the counseling they had



was inadequate," she explains.

Solby also mentions forced abortions, which are not widely discussed in the U.S. An article released from the Institute cites two cases in 2006 in which teenage girls were violently persuaded to have abortions. In Maine, a couple abducted their 19-year-old daughter, bound and gagged her, and drove her to New York for an abortion. However, she escaped from her parents in the parking lot of a store and called police from her cell phone.

That same year, a Georgia mother forced her pregnant 16-year-old daughter to drink turpentine in hopes of aborting her baby. She was later arrested for criminal abortion after her daughter told the school counselor about the incident. The Institute has studied other cases where women are commonly threatened, pressured, or subjected to violence for refusing to abort.

"There's not any necessarily real hard numbers on violent [coercion] but, if you consider that homicide is the leading killer of pregnant women according to several studies, and then the fact that a large number of them have to do with the fact that the woman was killed or assaulted...because she refused to have an abortion or in an attempt to force her to abort," Solby concludes.

The Elliot Institute is trying to convince states to pass laws forcing abortion facilities to screen women for coercion and not to do an abortion where coercion is involved. Solby believes women then could be helped with whatever situation they are facing.



Parental Ignorance

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God! Eli is not only judged for not restraining his children, but when he made an attempt to correct them he was too soft on them. In Hebrew it means he did not frown upon them. Some parents today are afraid to frown upon their child's behavior. They should. They only hurt their kids when they don't.

Ignorance about your child's misbehavior is not bliss. It is dangerous to your whole family! God does not bury his head in the sand on our sin.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Jimmy Duaghert

Jimmy Duaghert is available for service as associate pastor, youth director or in the area of music. He has served in Texas and Mississippi. He is currently a member of Hainseville Baptist Church, Mineola, Texas. He and his wife Suzie have been married 14 years and have four children ages 2 to 13. He may be reached at 903-975-0352.

Alan Smith

Alan Smith is available for service as the Lord leads. He is married and he and his wife are members of Fairview Church, Laurel. He may be reached at 601-422-8402.



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John Adams

Abortion- the Legacy of Roe vs Wade.

The American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) hailed the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 decision in Roe vs Wade as "an important step in the right direction." Everyone has an opinion about abortion. It is God's opinion that will be the final authority concerning this subject. In the writings of Job, chapter 31, verses 14 and 15 it states, "what then shall I do when God riseth up? And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? Did not he that made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?"

The following contrasting of hundred (100) years is visible in the change of the American Medical Association's (AMA) Policy Statements on Abortion. This was the general opinion of the AMA just before Roe vs Wade of 1973:

The American Medical Association on Abortion: An anatomy of Contrasting Policy Statements:

When Does Human Life Begin?

1871 - "No other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception"

The AMA abortion policy statements of 1967 and 1970 include no references to the scientific fact that human life begins at conception.

What is Abortion?

1859 - "The slaughter of countless children; such unwarrantable destruction of human life"
1871 - "The work of destruction; the wholesale destruction of unborn infants"
1967 - "The interruption of pregnancy; the induced termination of pregnancy."
1970 - "A medical procedure"

What Should the Ethics of Abortion Be?

1871 - "Thou shalt not kill. This commandment is given to all without exception...it matters not at what stage of development his victim may have arrived."
1967 - "This is a personal and moral consideration which in all cases must be faced according to the dictates of the conscience of the patient and her physician."

Who Should Perform Abortions?

1871 - "It will be unlawful and unprofessional for any physician to induce abortion."
1970 - "Abortion should be performed only by a duly licensed physician."

Who Are Physician Abortionists?

1871 - "men who cling to a noble profession only to dishonor it; false brethren; educated assassins; modern Herods; the executioners."
1967 - "Conscientious practioners; conscientious physicians"

What Should Be done to Physician Abortionists?

1871 - "These men should be marked as Cain was marked; they should be made the outcasts of society."
1970 - "They should be permitted to perform as long as they take place "in an accredited hospital."

Highlighted CAC Trustee of the Month

Rev. Harold Holifield has been in the ministry for fifty-nine (59) years. He is presently pastor of First Baptist, Calhoun at Laurel, Mississippi. He is married to Ann and they have two children, Charles and Pat. It is a joy to serve with this Godly man.

Highlighted Churches and Associations that Support the CAC

Harmony Association
Judson Association
Lebanon, Laurel
Lifepointe, Hernando
Little Creek, Perkinston

DisciplGuide Conference Ministry Presents

Building A Small Group Ministry "Becoming an Effetive Teacher"

Schedule

8:30 Registration
9:00 General Session - Henry Smiley
9:45 Break
10:00 Breakout Session #1
Small Groups - Terry Kimbrow
Teaching Adults - Stan Scroggins
Teaching Youth - Roger Dunlap
Teaching Children - Grace Smith
10:45 Break
11:00 Breakout Session #2
12:00 Wrap-up - Everyone Meets Together

Saturday, January 24, 2009

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Magnolia Baptist Church
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You are invited to the following events

ORGANIZATION

LIFEPOINTE MISSION of Hernando, Mississippi, under the leadership of Missionary Kevin Marr, will be organized in to a New Testament church on January 24. The Service will begin at 12:00 noon with lunch served by the Mission. The organization service will immediately follow.

Directions - Going north on I-55 take Goodman Rd. (which is highway 302) to the right or East and watch for Getwell Road. Turn right on Getwell, after 7 miles and several stops you will come to a 4-way stop which will be Byhalia and Getwell. LifePointe will be across from the 4-way stop on the left. For those coming from the Tupelo area take Getwell or Highway 302 and at Getwell turn left. From there the directions will be the same. It is not a must, but it will be helpful to the mission in preparing lunch if you who plan to attend call ahead to inform them. Remember everyone is invited and we are looking forward to having a wonderful time in the Lord. The phone number is 901-830-6351, 662-895-9511 or email Kevin Marr at lifepointepastor@comcast.net.

In Christ,

The Missions Department
 Missionary Kevin Marr and
 LifePointe Mission.

ORGANIZATION

DIVINE GRACE MISSION of Long Beach, Mississippi, under the leadership of Missionary Wallace Williams, will be organized into a New Testament church on March 14. The service will begin at 10:00 A.M. with lunch served afterwards.

Directions - Going west on I-10 from Gulfport exit to the right at the Long Beach exit, then turn left or south on County Farm Road. After 1 mile you will cross a railroad track, then turn immediately to the right on Red Creek Road. The mission is located at 2.7 miles on the left.

In order to help the mission make adequate preparations it will be helpful for those who will be attending to inform the mission. Remember everyone is invited and we are looking forward to having a wonderful time in the Lord. The phone number is 228-669-8969 or email Wallace Williams at wdwlaw4849@cableone.net
 In Christ,
 The Missions Department
 Missionary Wallace Williams and
 Divine Grace Mission.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi Missions Department will be conducting a Missions Conference hosted by the Shady Grove Baptist Church of Tishomingo, Mississippi. on February 7, 2009. The program time will be from 9:15 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. This is an event hosted annually by Shady Grove Church. Originally it was scheduled for the first Sunday in February, but has been change to Saturday to enable the attendance of sister churches. The Shady Grove Baptist Church and Missions Department take this opportunity to encourage your attendance. Lunch will be served by Shady Grove. See you there.

51ST ANNUAL MISSIONS AND EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

The 51st Annual Missions and Evangelistic Conference of The Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi Missions Department will be hosted by The PARKWAY (formerly East Petal location) Missionary Baptist Church of Petal and Pastor John Miller. The schedule on March 18 is from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. and on March 19 from 9:15 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

A detailed program with speakers will be published in a future issue of the Mississippi Baptist. This notice is being printed to remind and encourage everyone's attendance at this annual event, so mark your calendar. NOTE: All speakers are requested to use the KJV Bible.

Freedom reigns in Louisiana

OneNewsNow - A pro-family advocate is pleased that the Louisiana Department of Education has voted in favor of academic freedom.

In June 2008, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal signed the Louisiana Science Education Act. That bill allowed objective discussion in public school classrooms on subjects such as evolution, global warming, and human cloning. But the state Department of Education tried to stop such discussion by introducing rules that deemed criticism of such topics as being religiously motivated - "an unacceptable objective," the DOE stated.

Gene Mills, the executive director of the Louisiana Family Forum, further explains the situation. "Those guidelines had certain concerns or stipulations that we found troubling, and we petitioned the board to remove those concerns," he notes.

A vote was held yesterday, and the rules were dropped. "The BESE board [Board of Education and Secondary Education] is to be commended, and Louisiana is open for business," Mills adds. "And academic freedom and inquiry are welcomed here in the state of Louisiana."

The Louisiana Science Education Act passed almost unanimously in both state houses before being sent on to Gov. Jindal.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

DO RIGHT

I woke up the other morning with a song going through my head that I learned years ago. It goes:
 "From the very start
 Have purpose in your heart
 To do what's right and never question why.
 Never count the cost, though everything seems lost.
 The price for doing right is sometimes high."

Maybe the writer of the song had heard about Daniel. The Bible says "he purposed in his heart."

That'd sure make life more simple if each one would purpose in his heart to do what's right!

Think about it.

Where Will You Spend Your Next Vacation?

Overseas Bible School is great opportunity for you, your family or church group to invest time in the lives of children and adults in another country. This is no ordinary vacation! This is your chance to spread the gospel of Christ through creative ministries.

The OBS program is set up very similar to the Vacation Bible Schools we all attended as children in the States. We provide the curriculum, the materials and the place to serve. You provide the desire to carry the Gospel to those in need of Christ's message of hope.

If you are interested in this evangelism opportunity, click on the 'Take a Mission Trip' tab on EIM's home page at www.eimworldwide.org and fill out the application. In order to ensure proper preparations for each of the trips we ask that the application be filled out no later than March 1, 2009.



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