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## ChangeMaker in Bolivia

### BMA ChangeMakers are all "cut from the same cloth"

What they have in common is a dedication to and passion for church planting and discipleship that has changed countless lives. Their mission is pointing people to the cross of Jesus Christ and they can be found all over the world speaking hundreds of languages in forty percent of the world's 196 countries.

Just ask Bro. Buddy Johnson, long time BMA missionary to Mexico and DCPI (Dynamic Church Planting International) trainer. He has the same passion, and he knows and has literally walked alongside countless ChangeMakers through the years. Bro. Buddy has been profoundly affected by their ministries and loves to tell their stories. Like the story of Regino Acuña Cossio:

Bro. Acuña is a Bolivian ChangeMaker now ministering, along with his family, in Paraguay. For Bro. "Nino," as he is called, it all began in 1969 when

he was eleven years old. At a BMA youth camp local pastor Roger Aguirre preached a message that prompted his salvation. Bro. Jerry Kidd was a missionary in Bolivia at the time, and he began mentoring young

humble, hard-working preacher who has a passion for our Lord's kingdom work. His wife Celia and their three children are also quiet, humble believers."

In 2010, God began to stir Bro. Nino's heart toward the

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Regino. Later, Brothers Marvin Loyd, Larry Hendren and Jimmy Swindoll were his co-workers and further prepared him for mission work. What a powerhouse of men to learn from and be discipled by!

In the years that followed, Bro. Nino became the director of the Bolivia Bible Institute after the death of Swindoll. In addition, he coordinated pastors' conferences, marriage conferences, church planting training, and other meetings and events. Johnson describes him as "a

country of Paraguay. Bro. Nino shared this burden with Bro. Buddy Johnson and other Bolivian pastors, and in 2013, after much prayer, BMA mission work in Paraguay became a reality.

Bolivia no longer has American missionaries, but there are indigenous BMA personnel in the ChangeMakers who continue to plant churches there. And it all began through the calling of an indigenous pastor, Bro. Nino, to serve his people group in both Bolivia and Para-



Andres Tinoco, Regino Acuna Cossio, Huber Aliaga, and Richard Oscanoa

guay.

The "cloth" that he and other ChangeMakers have been cut from has become a beautiful tapestry since 1950 when the Baptist Missionary Association was born. Seventy years of steadfast global mission work has produced so many ChangeMakers that it is almost impossible to count.

World Missions Day is dedicated to these faithful servants

whose faces you will likely never see, but who are the lifeblood of BMA Global Missions. On February 23, will you celebrate with us - your BMA Missions team - and BMA churches throughout the country?

For more information and to sign up to participate in World Missions Day 2020 go to <https://bma-missions.org/worldmissionsday/> or email [eli@bmaam.org](mailto:eli@bmaam.org).

## One of the most important dates for BMAA Missions is coming

### World Mission Day - Sunday, February 23, 2020

*Stan & Donna Scroggins  
Serving in the Philippines*

There are several reasons this date is so important for missionaries. First, it is a day to emphasize and PRAY for missionaries all over the world. These three years on the field have taught us how important your prayers are to us. Second, it is a day of giving for missions.

The question often asked is, "why should our church give to our national missions department when we directly support missionaries now?" Here are a couple of reasons: We are an association of churches, working together to help spread the

Gospel in the U.S. and around the world. No one church can do this all encompassing work by herself. But together, working together, we can do incredible, marvelous things. And, no BMA missionary, anywhere in the world can do their work without the support and advocacy the BMA Missions Department provides. Church planting, field assessment and preparation, financial accountability, missionary care, health insurance administration, retirement planning, even security training, and many other services are not free.

These services make it possible for missionaries to be in

and stay in the field. All missionaries are grateful for their direct church supporters, but we all know how important the services provided by the mission department are too. Missionaries have three places to solicit support: friends, family and churches. The BMAA Mission Department has one, The Churches. Please, let's all come together and make this year's World Mission Day one to remember.



Stan & Donna Scroggins

## It's Time to Make Your Reservations

### Housing Information for 2020 BMA Annual Meeting

*from Committee on Arrangements  
Jerome Cooper, Bill Thornton, and Daniel Williams*

The 2020 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will meet April 27-29 at the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. The church and hotels are looking forward to our meeting there. Please make your reservations early. Call the local hotels directly to make your reservations. Local telephone numbers are included below. You must identify that you are with the Baptist Missionary Association of America. Also, when making your reservations, be sure to let them know you want rooms in the block for the BMAA that begins on April 26. Your stay does not have to include the night of the 26th, but that will make sure you get the BMA block rate.

The Fairfield Inn and Suites will serve as our headquarters hotel for the annual meeting in Waxahachie.

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*“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” John 20:21*

This simple statement given by Jesus to his disciples, just prior to his ascension, is comforting, compelling, and challenging. It is comforting because it reminds us that those, who are His disciples have made peace with God. Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...” It is comforting to rise up each day with the wonderful assurance that no matter what we face, one thing is for sure, we have peace

with God. It is compelling because this is Jesus who is telling us to go. Each day we rise up with the knowledge that Jesus has ordered our day, specified our mission, mapped out our journey, directed our path, supplied our needs, and has preceded us along the way. It is challenging because each day we are reminded of our solemn duty to carry the gospel (the good news) to a lost and dying world. Even as the Father sent Him, so we go, and it is the joy of our lives to do so.

**Meet Our Newest Missionary – Bro. Scott Brocius**

On Tuesday, January 7, 2020, the Missionary Committee voted unanimously to approve Bro. Scott Brocius to serve as a State Missionary.

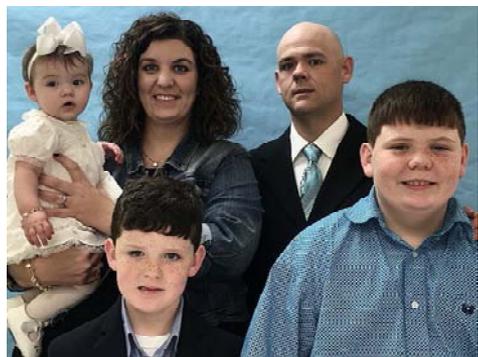
Scott has lived in Leakesville, Mississippi for the majority of his life. He was saved at 19 years old, in a Sunday School room at Pilgrim’s Rest Missionary Baptist Church. He surrendered to the call to preach June 2015 under Bro. Charlie

dously, and we are excited about serving. My main goal in the ministry is to follow God’s will. My family and I take serving the Lord very seriously, and we do not take the responsibilities He gives us lightly. Our goal is to reach out into the community with a burden to win the lost, disciple the saved, and hold fast to the doctrines and teachings of Christ to further the Kingdom of God, as well as, serve the surrounding community as needed. I enjoy serving the Lord and look forward to this new opportunity.”

Bro. Brocius has been endorsed and recommended by Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. He will be serving alongside Bro. Jason Howard and will eventually transition into a full-time role as Missionary Pastor. Please pray for this new Missionary family as they adjust to the challenges ahead.

**Canaan Baptist Mission, Waynesboro**

“Happy New Year! On behalf of the members of Canaan Baptist Mission, we would like to thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. We begin this year with a renewed sense of purpose and zeal to reach the lost with the gospel. We are looking forward to being able to move away from the afternoon service schedule and beginning a regular Sunday morning schedule. This change should begin the first Sunday in February. We are planning to have Sunday School at 10 am with singing and preaching at 11am. In addition to the Sunday morning service, we will continue to have discipleship twice a month at a time to be determined. Recently, my wife and I went again on visitation, handing out tracts, sharing the gospel and inviting people to our services. We enjoy meeting people and planting the seeds of



Scott Brocius and wife Susan, son Zane, son Jase, and daughter Everli

McNeil at Sweetwater Missionary Baptist Church. He had the honor to serve the Lord as pastor of Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church (BMA) in Rocky Creek, Mississippi, for two years. Since his resignation in 2019, he joined Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Bro. Jason Howard, Pastor. While a member at Canaan, he has been active with helping Bro Jason with Canaan Baptist Mission. He has also been supply preaching where needed throughout Mississippi. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for 13 years. Together, they have three children Zane (10), Jase (7), and Everli (6 months).

“The Lord has blessed us tremen-

the gospel. Many seeds have been planted in Waynesboro—through Radio, Sunday Services, mail-out tracts, personal witnessing, etc. This past year we spread the gospel by radio. Nearly 20 hours of radio sermons were prepared and preached. We mailed over 1,000 gospel tracts which included mission church information, conducted a week-long Bible Study/Revival meeting. Approximately 40 hours of sermons or Bible study was presented at the mission church. I was able to make new contacts, make hospital visits, as well as, door to door visitation. Many seeds have been planted! Please pray that God will give the increase and pray that we can with patience wait upon the Lord. Would you pray that as these are watered, God will give the increase?” – Missionary Jason Howard

**Refuge Baptist Mission, Kiln, Mississippi**

“Refuge Baptist Mission is off and running. We have completed our first month of services and we have seen a great response through December. Our desire has been and continues to be, at this beginning stage, to meet people in the community and introduce ourselves through outreach projects. One of the



Refuge Baptist Mission  
Kiln, MS

greatest blessings is a young lady making a profession of faith in Christ! That blesses and encourages us in this work, to know that it’s already worth it! We also have some asking about membership and how to join. So, we are currently working on new members’ material to teach and hopefully, by March we will be

welcoming in our first official members, besides myself and my family. We have also received great news of other potential ministry opportunities that we pray will open. Continue to pray for my family as we have definitely stepped into some unknown territory. My wife & children continue to bless me, as we all work together in this mission. Also, pray for us as we will hopefully, soon, finalize on a more settled place to live in. We hope to close soon on a home. We appreciate and are so thankful for all of the churches and associations that have supported us and for those that continue to do so, regularly. Associated work is Biblical & it works!!! Thanks churches of the BMA of Mississippi for your love, prayers, & giving. I have to definitely add that we are blessed and thankful for the love and support from our sending church and pastor, Midway First Baptist Church & Bro. Blake McCain! They have been a tremendous blessing.” - Bro. Josh Daniels, Refuge Baptist Mission (“He must increase, but I must decrease”)

**Redemption Baptist Mission Adds Two New Families**

“I hope that the beginning of 2020 has been good to you. We are excited about the new year and the work to be done. We continued to meet new people and have good attendance throughout the holiday season. We have added some new families to our work, and they are excited about being a part of the ministry here. We recently finished discipleship with our first group of people. We now have 14 people who will become leaders of ministries throughout the church and play a vital role in ministry here. Our attention has been placed on organization. It is our goal to get things in place to where we are able to organize into a Local New Testament church. There is a lot of work to be done but I am looking forward to the new challenges. Thank you for your investment in us and your prayers. May God bless each of you.” – Missionary Wesley Martin

**Hispanic Missions Report – by Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Hispanic Missions Manager**

December was a great month in the Hispanic missions sharing the gospel, reaching the lost with the gospel of our

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## Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



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Dwight Lindsey - Director

### From Abandoned to Assured - Part 1

Children in need of extra physical care from the Children's Home have more in common with everybody else than is often realized. Every child is unique and comes from a unique circumstance, yet they share common issues with every other created being. Over my next several articles I plan to give a glimpse of this from a specific passage of scripture.

In my opinion, Ezekiel 16 is one of the most graphic pictures

of the Gospel in scripture apart from the accounts of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. In the first five verses, we see a bleak circumstance. "Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite. 4 And as for thy na-

tivity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born." Sin against the true and living God leaves humanity in the midst of despair.

God was showing Jerusalem what had led them to this place

Many of the children of this generation through varying circumstances have found themselves abandoned.

Sometimes they have been abandoned willfully and sometimes through unforeseen circumstances.

of sin against Him. From the beginning, there was nothing inherently worthy within them. The picture God paints is that of an unwanted or defective heir.

A child born with a birth defect or a female child that would weaken a family's assets would sometimes be left out to exposure as a way to dispose of the undesired child. When identified the family would not even spend resources to clean the child, cut the umbilical cord, or swaddle the child. The child would be abandoned to the uttermost. It was an absolute death sentence.

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great need for physical care and emotional stability. They need to be assured someone is there for them. The problem is they have a hard time fully trusting that anyone would stand in this gap for them with faithfulness.

Over my next several articles I plan to continue this journey through Ezekiel 16 to see what God has done, is doing, and will do. I hope it can encourage us to be more like Christ as we see what we have in Christ.

Thank you to all those who helped through our special emphasis in 2019. We are still seeing a few of those gifts trickle into the New Year. It is never too late to help and your gifts are much appreciated. Please contact us if you would like us to come to your church for a personal report on the Home ministries, to meet our newest placement, and/or preaching. We are thankful for the opportunities you have provided to us.

## Missions Report

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Lord Jesus.

El Camino Mission Hattiesburg reports sharing the gospel with over 30 people and 12 accepting Christ as a personal savior in November and December. On Sundays, they have had an average of 41 in Sunday School and worship service with 58 in high attendance in December. Bro. Leo Adan reports having Evangelism training and a large group of members in the Hattiesburg Hispanic mission attended this activity. Bro. Leo teaches Evangelism Principles on Saturday morning and after lunch they go 'knocking on doors' showing the way to present the plan of salvation to others. Please continue to pray for El Camino Hispanic mission and Bro. Leo Adan and his family.

Bro. Lucas Gomez from Canton Hispanic Mission reports an average of 12 people in Sunday school attendance. Bro. Lucas shared the gospel to 17 people and 2 were saved in the month of December and they had a great Christmas time with the members in this Hispanic Mission. El Camino Mission Biloxi reports nine in worship services on Sundays. Bro. Jorge Galicia resigned in December from Biloxi Hispanic mission but El Camino Church in Laurel (mother church) will send Bible Institute students every weekend and will continue with the mission work in this area. El Camino Hispanic Church at Laurel had a wonderful month of December, many Christmas activities were celebrated, a special Christmas drama and Christmas songs filled hearts in the Christmas' Eve service. On December 31st

they had a good crowd who attended the New Year's Eve Service, over 120 people praised God until midnight receiving the new year with gratitude and joy in the House of the Lord.

In the months of November and December, El Camino Church at Laurel reported an average of 115 people in worship service and 3 people accepted Christ as a personal Savior. As the Hispanic Missions Manager, I thank God for these men who give their lives, time and heart to do missions work in our Hispanic Ministry and I thank God for every local Church and Local Association in our State of Mississippi for the continued support and prayers.

### Restoration Ministry – Dr. Paul Spurlin

"As the BMA of Mississippi Missions Department Manager of Restoration Ministry, a ministry to churches and jailed people in Mississippi, I continue to enjoy a welcoming spirit from churches and local associations of the BMA of Mississippi. I was able to attend the Hobolochitto Association meeting in December where I not only was able to introduce Restoration Ministry to the attending churches, but I also enjoyed a wonderful worship service with singing and preaching. Later in the month, Pastor Joey Reus invited me to Movella Missionary Baptist Church to speak to the congregation about the new ministry. This church is blessed by God with an outstanding number of young children and I want to thank the members there for choosing to provide regular financial support to Restoration. Also, I had a productive meeting with Bro. Dwight Lindsey in December. We met to discuss ministering to imprisoned people. In addition to currently serving as the Children's Home director, Bro.

Dwight has experience in prison ministry, formerly serving with his father, Bro. Fulton Lindsey, in New Directions Prison Ministry. I appreciate Bro. Dwight sharing his insight into the development of Restoration. Finally, I want to wish all of you a blessed New Year. May we all look for more opportunity to serve our Savior in 2020. Please continue to pray for the development and outreach of Restoration.

### Midway Baptist Mission at Batesville, Mississippi

"Greetings from Midway Baptist Mission. We are beginning this new year with great excitement and expectation concerning God's work at Midway. December was the best month on record for attendance. An average of 13 per service was attained. The first Sunday of January was down, but we have new people expressing interest in attending our services. We believe that Midway will see a steady increase in attendance and membership this year. Our discipleship sessions were suspended during the holiday activities, but resumed the first full week in January. Our membership is eager to learn and to do the Lord's work. Spiritual growth is a beautiful thing to observe; it's happening here, and I believe that Midway is going to be a strong and active church among the many BMA churches in our state. Thanks to all who support our work with prayers and financial support. Please continue to keep praying for us as we most assuredly are praying for you. In His service, Dr. Kenneth Pollock, Missionary Pastor."

### Salt Light Baptist Mission at Waveland

"The Lord has truly been blessing the work going on at Salt Light Baptist. We had a couple of great Sundays with high attendance. The

Sunday before Thanksgiving we had 34 and the first week in December we had 32. Attendance fell during the Christmas break because we had several families out of town for the holidays, but the Lord is faithful. We still continue to have visitors pretty much every Sunday morning. Our Disciple training on Wednesday nights is beginning to grow, as well. We're looking forward to the opportunities to share the Word of God and give out info about the Mission during Madi Gras in February. Our Mother Church (Campground Baptist) will be helping us with this outreach. Please pray with us that we will be able to make many new prospects. Again, we couldn't do this without the help of the BMA of Mississippi. Thank you for your support and prayers. In His Love, Power and Grace, Bro Johnny Williams"

### Day Star Baptist Church, Sumrall

"Day Star Baptist is excited to witness God's impact in the lives of people. We have recently had a teenager to place her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and she is excited about being baptized soon. Her father came to know the Lord back around Easter and it has been so exciting to see God transform lives.

Throughout the month of December we've had a steady attendance with visitors almost each Sunday. I have two men that I am almost finishing up One-on-One Discipleship with. It has been encouraging to watch these men grow spiritually and becoming more active in the church. These guys

are excited about going out with me in another week or so and sharing the gospel with individuals in our community. God has truly blessed throughout this past year, and we are looking forward to great things ahead in 2020.

Thanks again to all the churches, associations, and individuals for your support and prayers for Day Star Baptist Church. God is good!" – Bro. Phillip Burns

Director's Note: January is the last official month of our support for Bro. Phillip as a State Missionary. I want to commend him and his wife Dawn and their girls, for the fine job they have done planting Day Star Baptist Church. I am confident that they will continue to have a tremendous ministry to the people of Sumrall in the days and years to come. Well Done!

### New Website

We are finalizing the new website and hope to have it launched in the next week or so. The new website will feature a user friendly approach to providing our churches with needed information about our association, our churches, our missionaries etc.



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Don Brown  
Editor

## Just A Reminder

We have already begun receiving Special Emphasis offerings. God bless those who have already given. The help of Every Church is needed to reach our goal of \$10,000.

We ask that you vote to send us a special offering or give your folks the opportunity to give a one time gift.

Thank you for supporting the ministry that supports and publicizes all other ministries of our great Association.

## BMA Annual Meeting Housing from page 1

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**, 2020 Civic Center Lane: (Single/Double, \$135 per night, Rate Code: BMCQ; King, \$135.00, Rate Code: BMCK; King Suite, \$155, Rate Code: BMCX). Telephone reservations: 972-937-8886. Reservation cutoff date is March 15, 2020.

In addition to the headquarters hotel, additional facilities are available in the area. Following is a list of properties that have blocked rooms for the BMA meeting.

- **Best Western Plus**, 1701 North Highway 77: (Single/Double, \$119.99; Queen/King, 129.99). Complimentary hot breakfast buffet daily. Telephone reservations: 972-938-1600. Reservation cutoff date is April 12, 2020.

- **Comfort Suites**, 131 RVG Plaza: (2 queen suite, \$109.00; King suite, \$109.00; for more than 2 people in the room, not including children, there will be an additional \$15.00/person charge). Hot breakfast buffet daily. Telephone reservations: 469-517-1600. Use Group Code: BMAA. Reservation cutoff date is April 12, 2020.

- **Hampton Inn**, 2010 Civic Center Lane: (Double Queen: \$139.00; King standard, \$129.00). Hot breakfast daily. Telephone reservations: 972-923-0666, EXT 0. Reservation cutoff date is April 1, 2020.

- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**, 984 North US 287 Bypass: (Single King, \$139.99; 2 Queen, \$139.99; King Suite, \$169.99). Use Group Code: BMAA 2020. Telephone reservations: 972-938-3300. Reservation cutoff date is March 1, 2020.

- **La Quinta Inns & Suites**, 311 Stadium Drive: (Standard room, \$104.00). Hot breakfast buffet daily. Telephone reservations: 972-937-5525. Reservation cutoff date is April 12, 2020.

All room rates quoted above are subject to all local taxes.

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Photos should be emailed in jpg format. Photos lose resolution when printed on newsprint, therefore the original quality is vital. Photos should be well lighted, in focus, clear and sharp. Photos should contain people if at all possible. There is no guarantee that all articles and/or photos will be published. Unsolicited items will be given consideration, but publication is not guaranteed. Date sensitive articles will take priority.

We publish on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month with the exception of December. Articles announcing events should be in the issue that is published at least 2 weeks prior.

## "Room, Attention! A Chaplain is in the Area!"

By David R. Norvell,  
Chaplain (LTC) US Army  
(Retired)

Chaplain Bobby Thornton passed away on December 15. Allow me to take a moment to remember and honor this great patriot and disciple of Christ.

My title is a variation of a line from the movie, "A Few Good Men," where a soldier of lower rank recognizes and shows respect to an officer of higher rank who was present in the room. Chaplain Thornton served his country and his Lord with honor, professionalism, pride and enthusiasm.

I had the honor of wearing a military uniform during some of the same years. After he retired and became the director of the BMA Chaplaincy, I was one of his chaplains for whom he cared. Then when he felt it was time for him to step away from that mission, I was honored to take his place for several years.

Those who have never served

in the military can't fully understand the culture, tradition and bond involved in that tightly structured and crazy organization. Nor do many grasp the skill, determination and sense of calling it takes to work as a chaplain in such an environment.



Col. Thornton

Chaplain Thornton was a strong leader, a talented preacher and excelled as an Air Force officer, attaining the rank of colonel. He had to have the ear, pen and heart of commanders he worked for to ever be promoted in such a competitive and political system during the days of the Cold War.

Chaplain Thornton had a passion for serving the Lord and his country. That passion was so strong that it came across as very intense at times, but he

made it clear where he stood and how seriously he took his job and his duty. At the time of his retirement, with his skills and experience, he could have easily crossed denominational lines and led a large congregation or faith-based organization. He served well. We were blessed to have him as a pastor, leader, chaplain and brother in Christ.

His compassion and zeal went out to the needy and helpless. Chaplain Bobby also served in the Army in his early years as an enlisted person. This made him sensitive to the lowest of ranks and for those who had no voice in the system. He spoke for those who couldn't speak, and that is much of the job of the chaplain and the disciple of Christ.

May the sacred work of Chaplain Bobby Thornton continue into eternity. Lord comfort and bless wife, Dovie, his lifelong partner in ministry and service.

I come to attention and salute a great chaplain!

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## Faculty Spotlight

Brandon Powell

What a joy it is to serve Southeastern Baptist College and its students! I've had the pleasure of teaching at SBC since the Fall semester of 2018

and love every minute of it. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to invest in the lives of our students and our churches for God's glory! In addition to my role here at SBC, I am blessed with a wonderful wife, Jennifer, and four amazing children. We also have the opportunity of serving the local church at First Baptist Church of Byram, Mississippi where I am the Senior Pastor.



Dr. and Mrs. Brandon Powell and family

I believe part of the joy of teaching at SBC for me is my educational background. I received all my formal education from relatively small Baptist institutions. I received my undergraduate degree in biblical studies from a small Baptist college, as well as, my master's degree and doctorate from Baptist seminaries. This gives me a great appreciation for quality education from a conservative Christian perspective. As a result, I thoroughly enjoy helping provide the increasingly rigorous education available here at SBC. I believe great things are happening here at Southeastern Baptist College and look forward to continuing to seeing how God continues to bless this great institution!

biblical world view points and to inspire spiritual growth among their pupils. Our coaches are doing the same by encouraging each athlete to put Christ first in every aspect of his or her life.

I ask for your prayers for our students so they may fully surrender their lives to the Lord. I also ask for your prayer support for our professors, staff and

coaches as they continue to be diligent in their ministry to our students.

If you wish to become involved as a church or as an individual, contact me and we'll find a way for you to support what the Lord is doing on the campus of your college!

Equipping the Saints!  
Dr. Carson

### President's Perspective

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."*  
Proverbs 29:18

### "Building Others Through Christian Principles"

This is the vision the Lord has laid on the hearts of our staff for the year 2020. It is based upon our mission. It is basic, but biblically profound!

Southeastern Baptist College is a ministry of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi. As a ministry, we not only educate students in secular and biblical facts, we also challenge them to surrender their lives to God's will. Since having brought students back into our dormitories, we have worked diligently to ensure the college fulfills its mission to glorify God by providing quality post-secondary education from a biblical world view in a Christian atmosphere. Having now scores of students living on campus, we have enhanced well established spiritual growth opportunities and have also created new ones. The weekly chapel program has always been a source of spiritual growth, as we continue the tradition of inviting many guest

speakers in to bring a biblical message. Chapel attendance is mandatory for both in-classroom and online students. Students must complete spiritual assignments based upon the weekly message and turn in their work for a passing grade. Students who fail chapel, fail the semes-

ter. We have had excellent positive feedback from our students on the effects of the chapel program. In addition, we requested and were granted an ambassador from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Neil Lyon was appointed to support the Chargers sports teams through spiritual counsel. Coach Lyon has extensive experience in coaching and connects well with our teams. Neil continues to seek ways to impact each student athlete with the message of Christ. Coach Lyon leads in organizing our Tuesday Night Talks (TNT) where local churches, pastors, youth leaders and other Christian leaders

*I ask for your prayers for our students so they may fully surrender their lives to the Lord*



Coach Neil's salary is provided by the FCA at no cost to SBC. If you want more information on how to support TNT, please refer to the provided information below in the SBC announcements.

This semester we will establish weekly Bible studies in the dorms. Coach Overby, the Chargers' weight coach and Krista McKenzie, the Cornerstone Singers Director, will lead these studies in God's Word every week in both the men's and the women's dorms respectively.

We challenge our professors, whether they be Bible teachers or professors of secular courses, to find ways to communicate

ter. We have had excellent positive feedback from our students on the effects of the chapel program.

In addition, we requested and were granted an ambassador from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Neil Lyon was appointed to support the Chargers sports teams through spiritual counsel. Coach Lyon has extensive experience in coaching and connects well with our teams. Neil continues to seek ways to impact each student athlete with the message of Christ. Coach Lyon leads in organizing our Tuesday Night Talks (TNT) where local churches, pastors, youth leaders and other Christian leaders

### Not Too Late!

Delay no longer! Register now for the Spring Semester! We will accept students through January 16, 2020. Call today! 601-426-6346

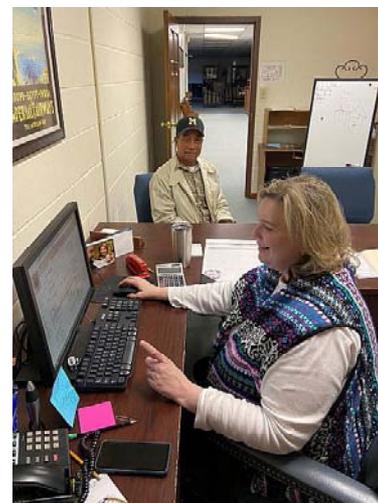
### Veterans Benefits

SBC possesses the Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served

in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

### TNT

SBC is gearing up for the TNT Spring Semester schedule. Each Tuesday evening the student body gathers together for a meal and a spiritual lesson. We invite churches and ministries to sponsor a Tuesday Night Talk (TNT) by providing a nutritious home cooked meal (church pot luck style) with a spiritual 15-minute lesson. This program is a huge success with an average of 50 attending each week. Contact Fellowship of Christian Athletes Ambassador, Coach Lyon at 601-506-2880, to schedule your night of ministry.



Financial Aid Officer, Ginny Singleton assists in registering. Brother Willy Jones, Pastor of Pilgrim's Rest, Morton MS, for the Spring Semester

### Lighthouse Café

Praise the Lord! The Lighthouse Café is open to students and faculty for lunch. We plan to open the café to the public on Jan 24 for lunch only. Come join us for our grand opening! Thank you to all who contributed in money, materials, and in labor toward this year and a half project.



Dean Foster engaged with students during the Spring Semester registration week

### Bible Donation

We are grateful to Rock Creek Church, Union, Mississippi, for sending SBC a donation for the purchase of Bibles for our students!

### Pew

Thank you to Springhill Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, that donated an additional pew to the college! We are so blessed with the many churches who continually respond to our needs.

### SBC Choir

Now is the time to reserve dates for a performance at your church or other venue during the Spring Semester. Hurry, their schedule is filling up quickly. Contact Krista McKenzie at 601-426-6346.

### Bobby Thornton Memorials

Brother Bobby Thornton, former BMAA Chaplaincy Dept. Director and retired Air Force Chaplain (Colonel), passed away recently. His lovely wife, Dovey, has designated SBC to receive memorial gifts in his honor. Memorials gifts can be sent to Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Highway 15 North, Laurel MS 39440. Please annotate the gift in memory of Brother Thornton.

### SBC Foundation

The Southeastern Baptist College Foundation is a fantastic way to support your college well into the future. Interest



Sharon Howard, Art Professor, leads the Mugs and Masterpieces fellowship between the Fall and Spring Semesters. This event raised \$400 for the Art Department.

# MORAL ACTION

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“Choose you this day” is the cry from these pages. “Choose whom you will serve” is the demanding statement of Joshua 24:15. The people of that era answered and said “God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods”...verse 16. Moral choices then is the cry confronting 2020 Christian believers and church congregations.

### The So-Called Celebration of Modern Music and Media

Coming out of the 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s a small group of dissidents spread vulgarity (curse words) and sexual slang and that began to spread this type of vulgarity in music and media until 2020 it has become the norm.

Just like flood waters and devastating fires will change the physical environment, this heavy storm of immoral words and sexual immoral slang has and is sweeping the American landscape. It is rapidly changing college, school, church, and home life. The ugly, vile, and

lack of tactful words confronts our Christian children; so may we parents, grandparents, teachers, and preachers employ wholesome words. We can help stop this escalating breakdown. We all know of these words, without calling them in this forum.

American political commentator Joe Klein gave an analysis of the decline of moral values in America:

“It is impossible, of course, to pinpoint the precise moment when moral relativism became acceptable public policy—but in the sixties, the structures of moral authority were systematically removed from the poorest neighborhoods. A series of legal judgments made it harder for teachers to discipline their students and for housing projects to screen their tenants; the cop on the beat was seen as



Dr. Adams

an occupying force and removed. The moral consequences of programs like welfare were never considered. Instead of nurturing virtue, popular culture celebrated intemperance—and intemperance, pointed out 200 years ago, may addle the rich, but it devastates the poor.

The enormous costs brought

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about by this conflict have brought great hardship and compounded the problem for those involved in intervention and rescue.”

### The Analysis of Those Who Support this Moral Downfall

Jeremiah 2:9 “Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord, and with your children’s children will I plead”...2:11 “Hath a nation (America-my emphasis) changed their God’s, which are yet no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit”.

Simply recognizing the source of moral downfall that motivates the other side will not give Christian churches and its people victory in the culture wars, but it is

an essential first step in preparing for the battle. The first task in any conflict is to “know your enemy,” and as we come to understand the forces that are arrayed against us and as we recognize the trail of disaster in their wake, we will be better prepared to make our voices heard and to make a real and

Adrian Rogers. One such group that we identify with the downfall of morals is the A.C.L.U. (American Civil Liberties Union). They are working to tear down the Godly and moral foundation of America. They are just one of many such organizations.

Here are some official A.C.L.U. policy positions. They support:

1. legalized child pornography,
2. partial birth abortions,
3. legalized prostitution,
4. adoption by lesbians/homosexuals,
5. publicly funded profane art,
6. legalized polygamy,
7. they oppose legalized school prayer,
8. they have opposition to police drug searches, and the
9. A.C.L.U. opposes Christian home schooling and on and on in the moral and spiritual downfall.

May we born-again believers in Christ approach heaven with prayers for the churches and members who desire a godly life. The A.C.L.U.’s major goal is a tolerant secularized U.S.A. where religious speech is not only silenced but punished.

(Several quotes are with permission from the ACLU vs. America published by Alliance Defense Fund).

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from the Foundation helps sustain the financial needs of the college. We currently have \$750,000 in the Foundation. Our goal is to grow this amount to one million dollars. If you are interested in transferring as-

sets or including the SBC Foundation in your will planning, contact Dr. Carson for more information on how to invest in the present and future sustainability of SBC.

### Love to Preach the Word!

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

## Charger Basketball Schedule

### Men’s Schedule

Jan 25	Trinity College of Florida	3:00 PM
Feb. 13	@ Pensacola Christian	7:00 PM
Feb 18	@ LSU Shreveport	7:00 PM
Feb 21-22	@ Oakland City Univ	TBA

### Lady Chargers

Jan 9	Pensacola Christian -	5:00 PM - Home
Jan 11	@ LSU Eunice - T	BA - Eunice, LA
Jan 18	@ Coastal Alabama South Bay Minette, AL	2:00 PM
Jan 24	Johnson University of Florida	5:00 PM - Home
Jan 25	Trinity College of Florida	1:00 PM - Home
Jan 28	Judson College	1:00 PM Home
Jan 28	Judson College	6:00 PM Home
Jan 31	Costal Alabama North Monroeville, AL	4:00 PM
Feb 13	@ Coastal Alabama South	6:00 PM - Home
Feb 18	@ LSU Shreveport Shreveport, LA	5:00 PM
Feb 21-22	@ Oakland City University Oakland City, IN	TBA



The Cheer Team from Glade Elementary School entertains our basketball patrons during halftime

## A Testimony of God’s Mercy and Being Used by Him

Twenty years ago today I visited John Paul Penry on death row in Texas. He raped a woman. While out on parole, he raped and murdered another. He beat her so badly he burst both her kidneys. He then shoved a pair of scissors through her heart. His IQ was once measured at 53. His case went to the US Supreme Court twice.

At the end of my three hour visit with him he quoted John 3:16 to me. I went home and bought a Bible and read it cover to cover in nine months. When I was done I joined a church. The rest of the story is fairly well documented.

I am sure that many people who are reading this post have concluded that their past sins are so great that they can no longer be used by God. I strongly urge them to reconsider that conclusion.

To state the rather obvious point of the post, if a mentally retarded murderer and rapist can be used by God then so can you. Don’t wallow in self pity. Get over yourself. And get to work. You’re still valuable. And you’re still needed.

by Mike Adams, Criminology Professor at University of North Carolina at Wilmington



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## COMMISSION ON Senior Adults

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Director

We need an old-fashioned revival, Revelations 3:14-16, 19, Chastening! That belongs to the child of God. He is talking to the churches that we be revived and serve and do what God says. The church of Laodicea is a picture of this day, flourishing but lukewarm. Neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm.

Revival Fires is the theme we are using for the 2020 Conferences. We will be meeting March 10th at Big Creek Baptist Church in Soso and on May 12th at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Fulton. Although these dates are subject to change, we look forward to seeing you there.

### 2 Chr 7:14 "If my people will....."

We need an old-fashioned revival. Many of our seniors have experienced some good revivals in the local church in the past. I confess that I'm old fashioned. I make no apologies. I believe in the American flag, I like to see it flying, I believe in prayer at football games, basketball games, pray anywhere. I believe in all that. I like old fashioned things. I like old fashioned stores and clerks and offices and typewriters.

Remember the old days, walk into a store and the clerk would meet you and say, "What can I

do for you", they don't do that now. You go in, look and search around. Then if you find something you want to buy you have to find the clerk, go to the check-out counter and face an unhappy clerk.

I like old-fashioned gas stations. Drive your car in, a young fella comes running out the front door with a rag in his hand, they wipe off the wind shields, front

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and back, open the hood and check the water, the oil and then check the tires. Then put gas in, you pay him and he says "Thank you sir, come back again". They don't do that anymore, you drive in, put in your own gas, half going into the tank and half on your hands.

I like old fashioned preaching, where everybody goes to church, even the children in the big church. I like old-fashioned songs about the cross, the blood, about heaven. I like first century preaching; I like the book of Acts. Let me list a few more things I like. First century obedience, Baptist and worship, tithing and faithfulness to the Lord. I like first century consecration, first century joy, they rejoiced in the Lord and praised God. They sung in jail even, Paul and Silas, the earthquake came and they were released. Empowering of the Holy Spirit, the average person seems to know nothing of the power of the work of the Holy Spirit. Today we have big buildings, but they are empty. You don't build churches with gimmicks, etc., but with the power of powerful preaching.

Here is our need today, we desperately need to get back to the plain Bible principles of the

Word of God. This is what God is saying to us, but here's the trouble, we are nice but we are lukewarm. We're neither hot nor cold and that's not good.

During our upcoming conferences we hope we can stir the fires of revival in our church. Most of our seniors know what I'm talking about. We want to use the old-time hymn books, Heavenly Highway or books like that. Old timey singing will fill the air, let's wait and see what God can do among us.

### We need revival in our churches.

Revival fires can burn again and the Word of God assures us that if we will just let him do what He wants to do, we can see and know the power and work of the Spirit of God.

Pray for these conferences, plan to attend, expecting God to meet with us for a glorious time together. Pray that as plans are put together God's blessings will be manifested and revival spirit might touch our hearts.

Let's look forward to gathering once again and rejoicing together in the Lord, we need revival today.

## Discovering Your Spirit for Missions

Southeastern Baptist College will host a "Discover Your Spirit for Missions Conference" on February 20, 2020. This day

is designed to enlighten others concerning mission opportunities. Students, pastors and youth ministers are invited to attend and learn more about becoming involved in supporting or participating in missions across the globe.

Dr. John David Smith, Director of BMAA Missions, Mrs. Angel Rice, Director of Volunteer Student Missions, and Mrs. Alicia Samson, foreign missionary, among others will be guest speakers. Mark your calendar and contact SBC today to reserve your seat!



## GIRLS'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

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### GMA Historian Urges Camp Attendance

My name is Hollie Mitchell and I am your GMA State Historian. I would like to invite all girls to our Mississippi Girls Retreat on March 20-21 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Mississippi. The theme verse for this year is "Lay your burdens down," found in Matthew 11:28-30.

Our camp pastor will be Donny Parish and our theme song will be "Come As You Are" by Crowder. There will be food, games, crafts, and worship. Don't forget money for the snack shop, grab bags, and silent auction.

Also, remember to sign up for the Lip Sync Battle we will be having at our house party. I'm so excited for camp this year, and I can't wait to see you there!

Love, Hollie Mitchell

## Announcements

### Church Seeking Pastor

Lone Oak Baptist Church in West Point, Mississippi, is in need of a full time pastor. Those who may be interested may contact Joe Arick at 662-574-5391 or by email at joe@ahellectricalhvac.com.

### Big Creek District Brotherhood & WMA Meeting

The Big Creek District Brotherhood and WMA will meet on February 3, 2020 at The First Baptist Church of Shady Grove in Laurel. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We encourage all men and women to attend these meetings and enjoy the Christian fellowship. The Brotherhood will be meeting in Fellowship Hall while the women will meet in the Auditorium. Mark your calendar and join us at this meeting.

His sight. This is one truth of this story. The other great truth of this story is: When one confesses to God his or her unworthiness, then God qualifies that person to be justified in His sight. Hear and understand and acquire in your behavior the conclusion of this parable: "...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

## Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

Luke 18:7 "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"

This Luke verse is taken from the parable regarding the persistent widow. The answer to the question of this verse is: "Yes, He will help His elect who cry out to Him without delay!" There is an often discounted passage about Jesus and His praying to His Father in Hebrews 5: "During his earthly life, he offered prayers and appeals with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from

death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered." The prayers of the Son of God were tireless. The prayers of the widow were determined. In my prayer life sometimes I pray for something or someone once, maybe twice; then I forget about it. That is not like the prayers of Jesus or this widow. When Jesus prayed in the



Tony Cleaver

garden, He prayed with such energy, it seemed His sweat was like great drops of blood falling from Him (Luke 22.44).

Dear Reader, how long has it been since you "worked up a sweat" while praying? How long has it been since you persistently went to the throne of God until it might seem you "wore God out" with your requests? Yes, and with no doubt, He will hear from heaven regarding the persistent prayers of His people.

Luke 18.9 "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:"

Jesus told the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Publican) to the specific audience of those who "knew they were good" and looked down on all others who were "not as good as they were." The 1611 translation uses the words "despised others" as the point of view from those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous." Jesus uses strong words. To despise someone is to loathe and hate them. Trusting self to be righteous means to believe yourself to be blameless. Jesus' story gets to the truth of the matter.

Good Reader, all I might brag about myself to God is inadequate and insufficient in

## BMA of Mississippi Youth Department

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Kelby Johnson  
Director

### How To Help In Your Church in 2020

#### Give a little more TIME.

As a member of a local church, it should be a given that you will be in attendance as much as possible. But you can always find ways to invest a little more time. Arrive a few minutes early to pray for the service or stay a few minutes after to speak to

people. Find a couple of people to join you in a Bible reading group and find a few minutes to discuss your reading together. Disciple a younger believer. Volunteer in the nursery or help in Sunday School. Ask your pastor or another staff member if there are ministries where you can assist. Even with 168 hours in each week, most only spend anywhere from one to five hours per week with their church fam-

ily. For the majority of Christians, the average time spent with the church is 1%-2% of their week.

#### If you are a member of a local church, you have made an agreement to join with them in serving the Lord

Why not use more of the time God has given you to help serve in His church? You can give a little more time to the ministry of your local church in 2020.

#### Give a little more MONEY.

Your church uses money to support the local ministry and most likely to support other ministries and missions. If you give a little more, the church will be able to do a little more. If everyone gives a little more, the church will be able to do a lot

more. Most people could increase their giving by making a small sacrifice in other areas. How we give says a lot about our priori-

ties. Is God's work through His church a priority for you? This is a non-negotiable for children of God. If He has your heart, your giving will follow.

#### Give a little more LOVE.

We are called to love God and others. Find ways to obey this command. Show love by how you talk to people. Show love by how you listen to people. Show love by recognizing needs and being willing to help meet a need. Show love by encouraging

others on a regular basis. Show love by forgiving people. Show love by being present. Show love by not being a hindrance or a stumbling block to your church leadership. Not only CAN we give a little more love, we MUST.

In 2020, give a little more time, money, and love. If you are a member of a local church, you have made an agreement to join with them in serving the Lord. Many people do not take this agreement seriously. In most churches, 10% of the people end up doing 90% of the work. This ought not be. Are you doing your part? There is no telling what your church could do for the Kingdom of God if you give a little more in 2020.

## COMMISSION ON History & Archives

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Jason Howard  
Director

#### Plundering through Old Papers!

Last year, while researching some historical information related to the church I serve as pastor, I was in the History and Archives department of Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi. As luck, or rather providence would have it, while I was

there the college was having a used book sale. I was fortunate to find several books that are no longer published. One is titled THE CHURCHES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT published in 1921 by George W. McDaniel, and another was titled THE PEOPLE CALLED BAPTISTS published in 1925 by the same author. Both

books were published by the Sunday School Board of the SBC.

After I had picked the above-mentioned books and was heading out the door, I noticed on the top of a shelf a stack of books that I discovered were extra bond copies of THE BAPTIST RECORD. The years ranged from 1931 – 1964. If I remember correctly, I purchased all of these for the sum of twenty dollars.

In scanning and reading these books and old Baptist Record papers, I was reminded of the fact that during that time period, (especially around 1925) at least based on the content of these books and other material I have found, there was not then as much doctrinal difference between Mission-

ary Baptist churches and those composing the SBC as there are now. In fact, the sub-title of one chapter dealing with the ordinances in THE PEOPLE CALLED BAPTIST states, "There is no such thing in the Bible as free and open communion." In this book, McDaniel defines the Church and her ordinances as we do.

Concerning the Lord's supper, an article in the January 12, 1950 issue of The Baptist Record under the heading "Sunday School Lesson" states, "I do not believe people commit a positive wrong when they observe the Lord's supper at mid-day; but I want you to remember that the Lord's supper was and is supper, that it was instituted at supper time, and that these early Christians observed it as a supper, served at supper time. Who attended the supper at first? There was the Lord and his chosen band, none others. (There is a question as to whether Judas was even present at the institution.) Who was present at the observances in this first church in Jerusalem? Only the members of the church. If our churches [SBC] now observed it at supper time and at a special service called for this purpose, four-fifths of the trouble and embarrassment we are now having on account of the practice of open communion would disappear." Therefore, there was a shift in practice from around 1925 to 1950 from Close; closed; or, sometimes referred to as restricted communion to open communion.

As I was looking through this particular issue (1950) of The Baptist Record, it dawned on me that this was the same year that the split took place in the ABA resulting in the BMA. In the June 15th issue, the following article appeared under the heading, "Independent Baptists form a New

Group:" "Little Rock, Arkansas – The North American Baptist Association was formed here by representatives of 600 churches in 15 states formerly affiliated with the American Baptist Association. The latter association comprises a group of Independent missionary Baptist churches, mainly in the south, southwest, and southeast. In forming the new group, leaders said they withdrew from the American Baptist Association principally over the issue of representation. 'We contend that only members are qualified to represent our churches at national meetings,' the Rev. W. J. Burgess of Little Rock, Arkansas, said. 'Officials of the other body contend that churches could be represented by members of other churches,' he added. Mr. Burgess said that another point of difference between the two groups was in the appointment of missionaries. 'WE believe all missionaries should be elected by a cooperative body, supported by all the churches and receive the endorsement of the local church,' he said, adding: 'Individual churches in the American Baptist Association follow the policy of electing the missionaries and calling upon other churches to support them.' Commenting further on the policy of the new group, he said, 'We hold as heretical the practice of open communion, alien baptism, pulpit affiliation with ministers of other denominations, union with churches of other denominations, and the preaching of liberal doctrine, known as modernism.'"

It appears that while our SBC brothers were struggling over the error of open communion, those men and churches forming what we now know as the BMA were wise in including this biblical issue in our own Doctrinal Statement.

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## JANUARY 2020

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