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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Out With the Old, In With the New

2012 is rapidly coming to a close. Registration for the new semester will be January 7-9 and classes will begin January 14. Normally, the second semester has lower enrollment than the first semester of each academic year, but we are hopeful this new semester will be equal to, if not greater than, the previous semester. Much work has been done to increase the enrollment for now and especially next year.

Speaking of the new semester, for the first time we are offering a special scholarship for any student who has previously attended SBC and would like to return this semester. Of course this would not include returning students from the 2012 Fall Semester, but would be available to any returning

student who has ever attended SBC. The amount of this returning student scholarship would be a \$100.00 discount off each class in the upcoming semester. For any student taking up to 15 hours, the discount would be a total of \$500.00, plus any other financial aid for which they are eligible. The H. A. N. D. S. scholarship is available to anyone who is a member of a BMA church, veterans are eligible for VA benefits, and qualifying students are eligible for Federal aid through the Pell Grant program. In-house scholarships are also available for qualifying students.

We encourage those who



Joseph Harris
Interim
President

have previously attended to return and complete a degree. For those who may have received the A.A. in Business recently, or even years ago, the B.S. in Business is now available. The B.S. in Church Ministries is also available for pastors or anyone serving in their church. Listed below are three of the many courses offered beginning in January that may be of interest for returning or new students who are interested in Bible or Christian Education courses.

Manners and Customs of Bible Times is a study of the cultures of Bible lands and is important in the instruction and interpretation of the Bible. Over 300 specific verses are examined in the light of ancient and contemporary Middle Eastern Culture. This class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:45. I have been teaching this class every year for the past 23 years. Pastors, Christian workers, and Sunday School teachers can benefit from this course. This course is also offered online.

Homiletics is a study of the principles of the preparation and delivery of sermons, with exercises in sermon construction and emphasis on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the

ministry of the Word. Attention is given to Bible exposition and preparation of sermons on entire books. Exercises in preaching are given in series in the classroom. Dr. Aaron Parker, who also serves as the Academic Dean, teaches this course and has over 30 years of pastoral experience.

New Testament Survey is a course that presents a general survey of the entire New Testament. Attention is given to the political, social, and religious environment of early Christianity. Brother Greg Hillman teaches this course and along with the survey material, includes a practical application of the material for every day living. He is completing a second masters degree with an emphasis in history. This course is also offered online.

Answered Prayer for Finances

God delivers again. As you know from my previous article, finances have been tight due mainly to a lower enrollment this semester. We have cut expenses to the bare minimum. However, financial cuts rarely give immediate relief. The benefits of the cuts are cumulative and over time will be seen and

felt in the upcoming semester and especially will help as we near the end of our fiscal year in June 2013.

We have been relying of God to supply what is needed for payroll and expenses as we end 2012 and once again, he has proven to be Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides. After God provided the ram for Abraham to sacrifice in place of Isaac, Abraham named the place "Jehovahjireh" because of God's provision.

December has been Jehovah Jireh month because God has provided our needs through His people. A gift of \$1,000 has been given by an individual and matched by Exxon with another \$1,000. A pastor called me two weeks ago and said their church was sending a special gift of \$1,000 and then today (December 31), a check for \$10,000 came in from an individual for the general fund and another check for \$15,000 for the Southeastern Foundation. I am thankful for God's provision not only for the practical reason of being able to cover expenses, but for God's reminder that this is His ministry and He is ever aware of and more than capable of taking care of the needs. Thank you Lord.

Medical School in the Philippines

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could obtain this in the Philippines, but this again, would have no more benefit for the ministry than having a bachelor's degree in nursing. So, a couple of months ago the Lord began to burden my heart about going to medical school in the Philippines. After much time in prayer, I believe that this is the direction the Lord is leading in order to make the

medical ministry of the Philippines the best that it can be.

This will be beneficial for several reasons.

1. While going to medical school, we will be introduced to many medical professional and medical professionals to be. By making friends and building relationships, I believe the Lord will provide people who can be helpful in His ministry.

2. We will be able to avoid several obstacles that prevent us from being able to holistically treat and educate our students and pastors and workers.

3. We will have a full time doctor as a part of our medical ministry team and know that a doctor will be available at each of our medical outreaches.

I am unworthy to serve in such a position, but my heart is at peace and I truly love the ministry that the Lord is allowing me to be a part of. I pray that God will continue to raise up His servants who can join us in this mission

to share the Gospel through medical missions. I pray for the growth of this ministry as there is so much room for growth and development.

My heart's desire has moved from building a medical clinic in a foreign country, which the Lord has already developed into a reality, to someday building a small doctor's clinic/hospital that can be dedicated to the Lord and used for His honor and glory in ministering to win souls for Christ. We have many ideas and are excited about what God is going to do in His time.

Some important and helpful information

Medical school will take 4 years. Alisha will be attending LaSalle University in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines, and the cost for one year will be between \$3500 and \$4000



One of the pastor's sons will be her classmate and has also shown interest in wanting to continue his ministry by being a vital part of the medical ministry. He is Bon Etabag, the son of Pastor Pete Etabag which is the director of Lifeword Philippines.

If anyone would like to support this ministry, you may send designated offerings to the missions office for Alicia Ramshur and her medical training or other areas of ministry. Example: students medical needs, BMMP (which is Baptist Medical Missions Philippines – all of our medical missions are done under this organization), etc.



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**A New Year - New Challenges -
The Same Solutions**

2013 is here and we are faced with new challenges; some old, continuing challenges; and things that we are not aware of as yet. Life continues and the charge to be faithful to our calling and to the job to which God has called us remains the same. "Go ye therefore..." encompasses all of God's plan for the lives of His people.



Don Brown
Editor

Our nation has many issues to deal with. As of this writing I am not sure if we have gone over the 'fiscal cliff' or not. Regardless of what our leaders in Washington do in regards to taxes and the economy, we have gone over the 'moral cliff'. I cringe when I read the daily news, when I review the activities of the world and

the direction man is headed. It seems that common sense and moral values have literally gone out of the proverbial window.

When life's challenges confront us, it is most evident that the majority of society lacks the foundation of a relationship with God and that is the great challenge of the Church and God's people.

It is a new year, but the answers to life's needs are still found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we be more involved in 2013 and may we reach out and touch more lives that people may see the love of God and the need for that personal relationship.

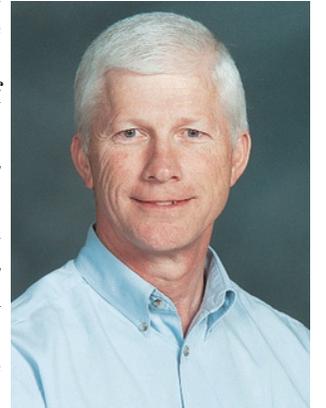
May God bless us with victories in this new year.

Special Emphasis

Our needs are real. Your gifts are needed. Give liberally to Publications in January 2013.

**Arkansas pastor
and grandchild
die in car wreck**

The following information comes to us from Diane Spriggs, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Trumpet. She is a member at Oak Park Church, Little Rock.



David Harris

Please pray for the Harris family and our Oak Park Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, family. Oak Park senior pastor, Bro. David Harris, his wife Christy, his son Paul, his daughter Beth, and his grandchildren Maci & Caleb were involved in a serious car accident on the evening of January 1st.

It is with a very heavy heart that we inform you that Bro. David and Maci did not survive. Paul, Christy, and Caleb are still in the hospital. Beth has been treated and released. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



**Sofilthy's
Attic**

by Barbara White

**My House by the
Side of the Road**

I came across this little poem a few days ago. I remember memorizing this when I was in school and I've been thinking how appropriate it is for this season of the year. After you read it see if you, too, don't think it appropriate.

"Let me live in my house by the
side of the road
Where the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad,
They are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish, - so am I.
Then why should I sit in
the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the
side of the road,
And be a friend to man.
- Sam Walter Foss

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Lucedale Church to Host Conference

Pineview Baptist Church in Lucedale will host a Conference with Bro. Travis Plumlee on January 16-20.

Travis Plumlee

Teen Conference "Standing Tall in the Hall"
Wed., Jan 16, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Preacher & Spouse Only Marriage Conference "
Tending to the 1st Flock"

Thurs., Jan 17, 2013, 6 p.m.

Seating may be limited.

Dinner will be provided.

Hotel accommodations provided for pastors that travel over 50 miles.

Nursery will be provided.

Adult & Marriage Conference "Making a Good Marriage Better"

Fri., Jan 18, 2013, 7 p.m. & Sat., Jan. 19, 2013, 10 a.m.

Seating may be limited. Dinner will be provided.

Love offering taken each day.

Nursery will be provided.

Preaching Sun., Jan. 20, 2013, 11 a.m.

All teaching will be Biblical based and King James Version. Church groups welcomed.

Pineview Baptist Church, 110 Ward Pineview Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452
Bro. John Mills, pastor 1-601-408-0537



Travis Plumlee

Former Mississippi Pastor's wife dies

Edna Janada Rice went to her heavenly home from the Conway Regional Hospital, December 26, 2012. at the age of 77 years. She was born October 28, 1935 to the late Owen T. Wiles and Eva Wiles in IZARD County, Arkansas.

She was a committed Christian and was active in the churches where her husband was Pastor. She was married to Rev. David Rice for 56 yrs., and 4 children were born to them. Rev. Wayne Rice and wife Carole, of Picayune, Mississippi, Mrs. Jana Hefner and husband Jay Hefner, Phillip Rice and his wife Angela, and Jeff Rice all of Conway, Arkansas. She is survived by her husband and the 4 children, with 7 Grandchildren, and 2 Great-Grand Children. She is also survived by a Sister, Mrs. Marie Byrarn and a brother Ancil Wiles & his wife Betty, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was an accomplished musician having taught piano, voice, and music in the Brockwell Stamps Baxter Music School in IZARD County, Arkansas, and

was a church pianist and organist in several churches where her husband was Pastor. Her greatest joy was, after she retired here in Conway, to play the piano and sing at home. She worked in the schools in Mississippi, and was active in church work all of her life.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 29, at the Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas with Bro. Jason Altaian & Bro. Donny Parrish officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to Lifeword Media Ministries, P. O. Box 6, Conway, AR 72033-0006, or Central Baptist College, 1501 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034-6470



Edna Janada Rice

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That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Psalm 26:7

They Have A Good Home Life

Part Four - Trust and Honesty

This is a series of articles written to help us focus our passions and priorities on what makes a good home life. I hear people talking in church about other people's kids or their marriages and they all agree that these people have a "good home life". What characteristics make up a good home life? What are the common threads in the family fabric of Christian homes that are healthy, holy and work well? Hopefully through this series of articles, it will help you learn, focus, and increase your efforts on these traits that are found consistently in homes that are a nice place to grow up in, or grow old in.

TRUST AND HONESTY

If love is the foundation of a good home, forgiveness is the roof, and encouragement is the framework, then trust and honesty becomes the floors we stand on. A healthy, holy Christian home stands for truth. A red flag of a messed up dysfunctional home is when there is lying, deceit and mistrust by all or part of the family members.

It is important to note first that sometimes there actually is nothing for someone to mistrust another about. There can

be a parent who doesn't trust a child or a spouse who doesn't trust their partner and it is unfounded. In these cases, the



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

problem is not lack of trust and honesty. This is a problem with the person who does not have the capacity to trust their loved one. There is no real reason for you to not trust. You simply live under a continual cloud of mistrust, fearing the worst and blaming and accusing falsely at every opportunity. This person needs to go to biblical counseling to learn and grow beyond why they have these feelings in their heart.

Love is trust. One of the main ingredients of a loving marriage is trust. Two people cannot be intimate in a relationship with each other if there is a lack of trust. If trust has been broken, then it must be re-established. This is done through dialogue and boundary setting. It may take a little while for trust to be reestablished. You

broke trust. Now we must rebuild it, but it will take some time. Establish agreed upon boundaries. When you practice these boundaries for a few months, then we can start trusting you again.

You can't hold it over someone forever and never trust again or forgive them. You have to allow people to make mistakes. Then, we have to practice forgiveness and set a new course. Allow God to change people. A repeated history of failure in trust, however, may require outside help and counseling. After you burn the bridge too many times it will be a long road to trust again and again. Find out why the perpetrator keeps taking the wrong action. Then, as they get healthier and holier, start regaining trust.

In a good home every member of the home is allowed to speak honestly. Even children are allowed to honestly express how they feel. The children must always still respect and honor their parents when expressing their honest emotions. Ephesians 6:2. They can't scream, be sarcastic, disrespectful, etc. But they should be allowed to honestly say how they feel. Conversely, the par-

ents also may express honestly how they feel towards the child such as disappointed, hurt, etc. The parents must remember with all honesty to correct a child, but not crush their spirit. The scriptural prerequisite for this however is Ephesians 4:15.



We must speak the truth in love.

You can't say something to a child, parent, spouse, grandparent, sibling and then excuse your ugliness by saying, "I can't help it, I'm just an honest person and I'm just being honest." You can help it with God. You can be honest without be-

ing brutal. In love is how we should express ourselves. Even when we are mad, sad or upset. The Bible says a soft answer turns away wrath. Be honest. Express your feelings openly. But don't think for a minute that as a Christian, you can wreak havoc and hurt with your words and then get by with it by saying your just being honest.

Don't hide things. A family is only as sick as the secrets they keep. We should not practice deceit. While it may cost us to be honest with full disclosure or it may cause some pain, we still must be totally honest and open. We cannot deal with real problems unless we are real honest. We cannot make wise decisions for the family if we don't have all the information.

It is sinful to practice deceit. What is deceit? Deceit is failure to tell the whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help you God. Deceit is sometimes a half-truth which makes it in reality - a whole lie.

Matthew 5:37, "But let your conversation be Yea, Yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." In other words, be open, be honest and be forthright. If we can't be honest within our home, we will have serious issues. If I can't trust my family, then we need to seek help because love withers without trust and honesty.

Michigan church seeks pastor

New Home Missionary Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan, is seeking a full time pastor. Any minister who may be interested is asked to send a resume to the church at 3133 Pleasant Grove Rd., Lansing, MI 48910 or email mankeygary@aol.com.

Gary Mankey

New Home Baptist Church

Washington Association

The Washington Baptist Association met Friday, December 14, at Leakesville Baptist Church. Nine of our churches were represented at the meeting. The program was presented by Bro. and Mrs. Sidney Davis and the children from the Children's Home. What a blessing they were!

The next meeting will be at Oak Grove Baptist Church on January 18, 2013. In the coming year, we hope to see more of our churches become active in the Association.

B.J. Hudson

Dead Sea Scroll Digital Library Opens

A new digital library stored on Google servers and containing fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls was launched December 18, 2012 by the Israel Antiquities Authority and Google Israel. The current library contains 4,000 high resolution scans of infrared photographs that were taken after being discovered in the 1950s. An additional 1,000 new scans were specially constructed by the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The actual Dead Sea Scrolls are on display inside the Shrine of the Book exhibit at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The scrolls were discovered in the 1950s in caves situated in the Judean Desert at the site of Qumran. To learn more about the new Dead Sea Scroll library, visit www.deadseascrolls.org.il on the internet.

2013 BMA of Mississippi Pastor's Retreat

**January 28-29, 2013
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, Mississippi**

**Registration 1:00 PM
Monday, January 28
Cost \$60.00 (bunkhouse)
\$40.00 if staying in motel**

Theme - Psalm 51:10
*"Create in me a clean heart,
O God; and renew a right
spirit within me.*

**For more information contact
Justin Rhodes
601-218-3364**



Kelby Johnson
Director

SHARPEN

I hope and pray that you are all doing well. I am writing to inform you about an event that will be sponsored by the State Youth Department. We believe the Youth Department can be a valuable way to help train and encourage for church leaders. For this reason, we are offering a one-day conference this Spring called "Sharpen." We ask every church to consider sending at least one person to "Sharpen." If you have a youth pastor, send him. If you have someone who leads your youth or children, send them. We also invite any other church leaders to "Sharpen."

The event will be open to men, ladies, pastors, or laymen. If you are someone who would like to spend a few hours hearing God's Word and being chal-

lenged to impact those people around you, come to Sharpen. We don't have all the answers but we believe we can help strengthen the church by encouraging and training leaders.

We will have times of specific teaching and a time for discussion. We are offering this conference in northern Mississippi at Bethel Baptist Church in Fulton on March 23rd and in the South at Big Creek Baptist Church in Laurel on March 30th. Each will last from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. There is no cost. We are offering this event at multiple locations and for no cost so we hope you will give serious consideration to spending one Saturday this Spring with some fellow leaders as we try to help encourage each other.

SHARPEN 2013

Theme: The Importance of the Word of God
March 23rd, 2013 @Big Creek Baptist Church (Laurel)

9:00 am Registration (Worship led by Justin Bynum)
10:00 am Session 1 "Know The Word"
(the importance of Bible study) Brad Stephens

11:10 am Session 2 "Share the Word"
(the importance of Bible teaching) Larry Geraldson

12:10 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Group Discussion

2:45 pm Session 3 "Live The Word"
(the importance of Bible living) Kelby Johnson

3:30 Final Thoughts
(All worship led by Justin Bynum)

March 30th, 2013 @Bethel Baptist Church (Fulton)

9:00 am Registration
10:00 am Session 1 "Know The Word"
(the importance of Bible study) Gary O'Neal

11:10 am Session 2 "Share the Word"
(the importance of Bible teaching) Kevin Clayton

12:10 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Group Discussion

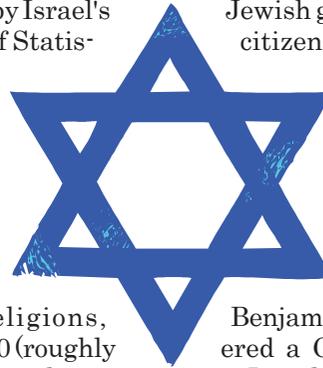
2:45 pm Session 3 "Live The Word"
(the importance of Bible living) Tracy McMillen

3:30 Final Thoughts
(All worship led by Dwight Lindsey)

*Choose the time and location that fits your schedule!

Report declares thriving Israeli Christian population

OneNewsNow.com - Almost 65 years after Jews who were dispersed around the world returned to their homeland - following a departure that lasted nearly two millennia - a report released by Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) confirms that the Christian population in the Jewish nation is alive and well, despite the nation's more dominant Jewish and Muslim religions, growing to 158,000 (roughly two percent of the total population).



While thousands of Christians celebrated Christmas among various observances taking place across the Promised Land, a CBS statistical breakdown divulged that 80 percent of the Christians living in Israel are Arab. The remaining 20 percent are re-

ported to be mostly comprised of immigrants from the former Soviet Union (USSR) who moved to the nation under the Law of Return - a program granting individuals with a Jewish grandparent Israeli citizenship. And despite the firmly rooted Christian origins of the holiday celebrating Christ's birth, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a Christmas greeting to Israel's eight-million inhabitants that touted a message of religious pluralism.

Also highlighted in the demographics unleashed this Christmas is the fact that the Christian sector of Israeli society represents the highest high school graduation rate (64 percent), with Israeli Jews comprising 59 percent and Muslim

Israelis registering a lower 48 percent.

Correspondingly, it is noted in the report that 10.2 percent of Christian Arabs are studying for degrees in the field of medicine, whereas only 4.6 percent of students in the general population are seeking such degrees, indicating that a higher percentage of Arab Christians are pursuing degrees in the field of medicine than the rest of the population in Israel.

Ironically, the recently released statistical update indicates that Nazareth - the hometown (not birthplace) of Jesus Christ - is the city with Israel's largest Christian population (22,400), as most Christian Arabs are reported to live in northern part of the nation. Haifa (14,400 inhabitants), Jerusalem (11,700 residents) and Shfaram (with 9,400 Israeli citizens) are next in line.

Grasshoppers amongst giants

Although the Christian population in Israel is growing, it is doing so at a slower rate than any other sector of society. With the largest religious sector of Israel increas-

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Southeastern Baptist College President Search

The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, Mississippi, is seeking candidates for the position of President. All those interested in applying for the position should send their resumes to the Board of Trustees Chairman, Richard Welborn, 811 CR 31, Heidelberg, MS 39439 by January 30, 2013.

Carolyn Hagler, Recording Secretary
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Israeli Christian population

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ing by 1.8 percent (nearly six-million, or 75 percent, of Israel's eight-million population ascribe to the Jewish faith) and 1.6-million Muslim adherents (21 percent of all Israelis) increasing by a rate of 2.5 percent, the growth of Christians (158,000 or 2 percent) trails the pack at the lowest rate of 1.3 percent.

And to what can the lowest growth rate be attributed? Even though one sole factor cannot determine this figure, women's childbearing rates can shine some light on this phe-

nomenon.

While Christian women, on average, have 2.2 children, Jewish women average 3. Muslim women produce the highest number of offspring, averaging 3.5.

Among the three religious groups, Christians are also the oldest in Israel, with only 30.1 percent of them being in the age group of 19 or under, as opposed to 33.5 percent of Jews in this category. The youngest group -- Muslim Israelis -- register with 48.7 percent of their population being 19 years of age and under.

With only two percent of the Israeli population representing the Christian faith, Christianity is not the most popular when it comes to mainstream culture and belief systems. As a result, the Christian sector

finds employment harder to come by in the predominantly Jewish nation.

Israeli Christians have an employment rate of 54 percent, with men at 63.8 percent and women at 45.3 percent, while the national average is much higher (75 percent for men and 66 percent for women). Christian Arabs, in particular, have an even harder time finding work, as their employment rate is under the 50 percent level at 48 percent (59.5 percent for men and 37.7 percent for women).

Despite the relatively humble number of Christians inhabiting the Holy Land, Israel's number-one industry -- tourism -- is firmly rooted in

OUR GREAT GOD

"Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things! O God, who is like unto thee!" (Psalm 71:19)

God's mercy is GREAT--"For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell." (Psalm 86:13)

God's name is GREAT--"Let them praise thy great and terrible name: for it is holy." (Psalm 99:3)

God Does GREAT wonders--"To him

its Christian historical sites, which point to a Messiah (Jesus) whom both of Israel's most dominant religions (Judaism and Islam) reject.

who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 136:4)

God's works are GREAT--"The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein." (Psalm 111:2)

God's glory is GREAT--"Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord." (Psalm 138:5)

God's power is GREAT--"Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." (Psalm 147:5)

O how right it is to say, "GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; AND HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE." (Psalm 145:3) from Bro. Grover Laird

Donny Parrish's Mother

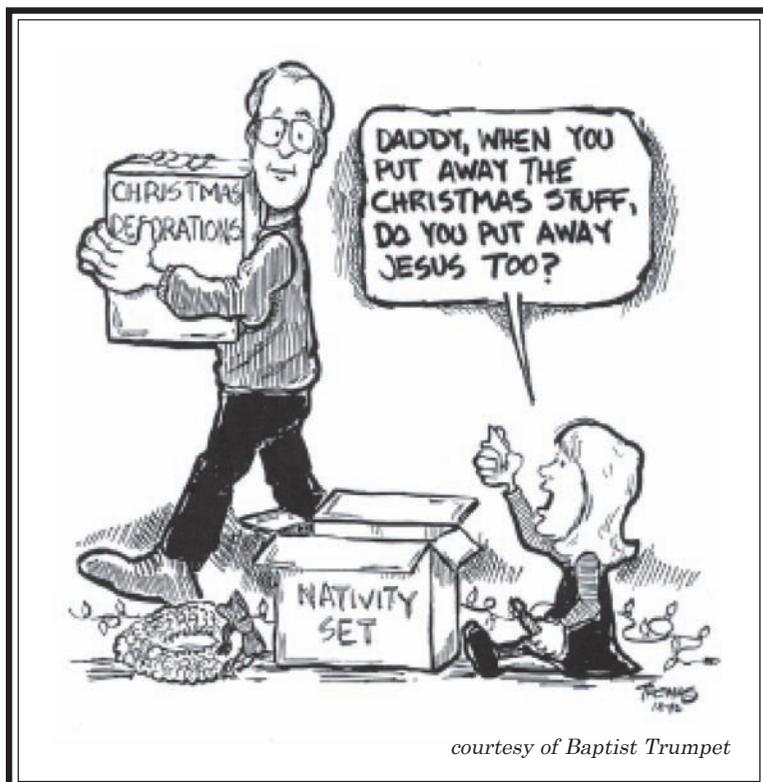
Evelyn Parrish Dies

Evelyn Parrish, 80 of Baker, LA, died Dec. 22. Her greatest joy was teaching children's Sunday School at Harding Street Baptist Church where she served for 40 years. In her later years, she was a faithful member of the Pathfinders Sunday School at Zoar Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Jimmy Ray Parrish; two sons, Mike Parrish and BMA Minister Donny Parrish, who serves as DiscipleGuide's Conference Ministry director, BMA Missions' director of student ministries and production director at Lifeword Media Ministries; a sister, Gladys Parker; a brother, Jarvis Parrish; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24 at Seale Funeral Home in Central, LA, with Donny Parrish officiating. Interment was at Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery in Central.

Memorial gifts may be made to Central Baptist College, Vision 2020 Campaign, 1501 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034.



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Program

Monday Morning, April 22

- 8:30 Display/Exhibit Set-up
- 2:30 Registration Set-up (Enrollment & Finance Committee)

Monday Evening, April 22

- 7:00 **First General Session**
- Patriotic introduction to session
- Welcome/Introductions
- Introduction of President for the presidential message
- Special Music
- President's Message and Introduction of Theme "We Must"
- Introduction of Missionaries
- Prayer
- Meet your missionaries reception/exhibit hall

Tuesday Morning, April 23

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 WMA Brotherhood
- 10:00 Pastors' and Laymen's Conference

Tuesday Afternoon, April 23 (Called Meetings)

- 1:30 Committee Meetings
- Missions Department
- Baptist Music Fellowship
- Lifeword Media Ministries
- DiscipleGuide Church Resources
- BMA Seminary
- Nominating Committee
- Ministers Resource Services
- Moral Action

Tuesday Afternoon, April 23

- 3:00 **Second General Session**
- Video, Music, Missionary Speaks and Prayer
- 3:20 Enrollment Committee (Initial Report)
- Petitioning Churches & Seating Their Messengers
- 3:30 Proposed Changes to the Constitution
- 3:45 Nominees for Nominating Committee
- 3:50 Clerk's Report
- 4:00 DiscipleGuide Church Resources
- 4:30 Special Music
- 4:40 Miscellaneous Business
- 5:00 Prayer/Adjourn
- 5:30 Seminary Dinner

Tuesday Evening, April 23

- 7:00 **Third General Session**
- Video, Opening music and Prayer
- Special music requested by annual speaker
- Introduction of Annual Speaker Scott Attebery
- Ken Riley, Alternate
- Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, April 24

- 8:30 **Fourth General Session**
- Video, Music and Missionary Speaks
- 8:50 Nominating Committee
- 9:05 Brotherhood Report
- 9:20 WMA Report
- 9:40 Moral Action
- 10:10 Coordinating Council
- Special Music
- 10:30 Baptist Music Fellowship
- 10:45 Master's Builders
- 11:00 Vote on Constitutional Changes
- Miscellaneous Business
- Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Afternoon, April 24

- 2:00 **Fifth General Session**
- Video, Music and Prayer
- 2:10 Final Nominating Committee Report
- 2:20 Minute and Clerk Hire
- 2:30 Election of Officers/Annual Speaker
- 2:40 Lifeword Media Ministries
- 3:10 Committee On Arrangements
- 3:20 Ministers Resource Services
- 3:50 BMA Seminary
- 4:20 Revolving Loan Fund
- 4:30 Election of Missions Advisory Committee Members
- 4:40 Final Enrollment Committee Report
- 4:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 5:00 Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Evening, April 24

- 7:00 **Sixth General Session**
- Video, Music and Prayer
- 7:20 Missions Department
- Closing of the 64th Annual Association Meeting via the sounding of the gavel and prayer
- Missions Commissioning Service
- 9:00 Closing Prayer

Nursery provided

Enrollment Committee Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2:00-4:00 p.m.	8:30-9:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m.	8:00-8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session	6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session	