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Compass To Begin "We Believe Series"

The identity of BMA Baptists rests in our distinctive beliefs. We are what we believe. For this reason, it is essential to study and review our foundational principles.



That's why, starting this fall, Compass is getting back to BMA basics with the "We Believe" series.

Each lesson is straight from the pen of DiscipleGuide's most prolific writer, Dr. E. Harold Henderson. Let Dr. Henderson guide your classes through a study of BMA beliefs. For many, it will be a valuable reminder of the doctrines we hold dear. For others, it will be an introduction to the core beliefs that define who we are as the BMA.

The series will begin this fall with a study of the BMA doctrinal statement entitled, "What We Believe." The next three quarters will focus on what we believe about God (Winter), Jesus (Spring), and the Church (Summer).

If you have adult Sunday school classes who are not currently using the Compass quarterly, ask them to consider trying the "We Believe" series this fall. This is the perfect time to make the

Tension in the Church

by Scott Attebery

DiscipleGuide Executive Director

What is your goal for unbelievers who visit your church? Do you have one? Hopefully your church has thought about this issue and communicated clear intentions regarding visiting unbelievers.

In I Corinthians 14, the apostle Paul addressed the need to think strategically about how your church ministers to believers vs. "unbelievers" and "outsiders" (I Cor. 14:16, 22).

If a church is to reflect the Gospel biblically to unbelievers (and I think we all agree it should), then we must provide a tension for the unbeliever to experience.

Before you jump to conclusions, remember that the concept of "tension" implies there are two forces at work.

The first force that unbelievers should experience in our churches is Christ-like love toward them. Remember the example of Christ, "that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The same love that Christ has shown to us must be displayed to unbelievers who visit our churches (John 13:34).

That means we must exhibit the same patience, kindness, humility, mercy, grace, and hospitality toward unbelievers as Christ has exhibited toward us in Salvation.

Just think about how Christ treated Zacchaeus the tax collector, or the Samaritan woman at the well. He treated them with dignity, respect, and compassion—even when the religious leaders of the day were quick to criticize him for associating with sinners.

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ing corrupt businessman or adulterous woman?

If we are to be true to the Gospel, all of these folks should be treated with the love of Christ. However, we wouldn't be completely loving (or true to the gospel) if we just left it there.

The second force of tension that unbelievers should sense in our churches is the conviction of sin. After all, without the conviction of the Holy Spirit, how will they understand their need of a Savior?

Remember, Jesus did not sweep Zacchaeus' corruption under the rug. And, he did not overlook the woman at the well's adultery.

The message of the church should never be watered down to make sinners comfortable in their sin (whether unbelievers or believers). The full counsel of Scripture must be communicated. God's standards of righteousness set forth in the law must be delineated so that it is clear that "there is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10) and that our best efforts to please God fall short (Romans 3:23).

Don't misunderstand. Churches should not seek to publicly embarrass or harass unbelievers regarding their sin condition. That would, after all, violate the love of Christ and display sinful motives of our own.

The goal, remember, is to see sinners reconciled to Christ—not to fuel their rebellion even more. Therefore, we must be honest and forthright about the gravity of their sin in a tone that is commensurate with our concern for their soul.

Of course that opens up a wonderful

opportunity for the Gospel. The tension between the love of God and the wrath of God should be so evident in our churches that unbelievers and believers alike should be overwhelmed and directed toward the Cross. At the cross, and only at the cross, we find the perfect resolution between these two forces of tension in the work of Christ!

When we are intentional about expressing and communicating both forces, we are in a wonderful position to point people to the cross and the wonderful message of the Gospel.

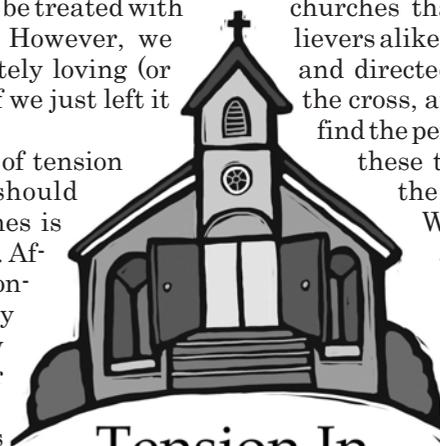
I think every church would agree that there is nothing more glorious than

to see a lost soul be freed from the burden of their sin and clothed in the righteousness of Christ. How sweet the joy when the same congregation who presents both the Gospel tension and the divine solution, are able to celebrate in the salvation of a sinner saved by grace!

So, for the church that has sanitized its teaching to reduce the gravity of sin—its time to return to the full counsel of God. There is nothing loving about hiding the severity of sin from someone in need of Christ.

And, for the church that takes pride in keeping "sinners" out, take a look in the mirror and stop deceiving yourself. Embrace humility, serve sinners, and love them as you have been loved. Cultivate a genuine desire to lead them to Christ.

Ultimately, to embrace the tension between the love of God toward sinners and the wrath of God toward sinners is to embrace Christ!



Tension In The Church

Southeastern Baptist College Special Emphasis
July - August 2014



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Season of Growth

I have really enjoyed being out among our churches, in our local association meetings and visiting our missionaries on the field this past month. You just have to love the summer season as VBS, Camps and Mission Trips abound. The reports of souls saved, and people awaiting baptism, together with reports of people surrendering to ministry, thrills the heart. Bro Elvis Garcia reported that he baptized 6 recently and Missionaries Bob Burch, Sidney Farmer and Bobby Elliott will all be baptizing those who are waiting, soon.

Another Mission Organizes as a New Testament Church

It was also a joy to join Brother Dennis Knight, Chairman of the Missionary Committee; Brother Ray Freeman, former Director of Missions for the BMA of Mississippi; Bro Ed DuVall, Pastor of Homestretch Baptist Church; Brother Allen Lunyou, Pastor of New Beginning Baptist Church; and others, to

help in the organization of All Nations Baptist Church in Indianola, Mississippi. Having received authority to organize from their mother church, Homestretch Baptist Church of Cleveland, Mississippi, All Nations moved forward to constitute themselves as a New Testament Church and called Brother Donnie Loggins to serve as Pastor of All Nations. Brother Loggins expressed his appreciation to the State Association, his mother church and all who had a role in supporting this mission over the years. All Nations voted to petition the Great Rivers Association (local) and the BMA of Mississippi (state).

Audit Approaching

July ends our fiscal year and we will see the audit team arrive in the first part of August. The team of 3 or 4 auditors usually spends an entire week pouring over our books, making sure that things are in order. I am confident that we will have another good year as both Missions and Revolving Loan Fund will again finish the year in the black.

We have already completed preparation of our new budgets and provided them to our committee members and trustees for review. At the end of this month, we close out our books for the year and will do a thorough review of our efficiency.

| Contributions to State Mission's Special Emphasis (These are in addition to the list we printed in the last issue.) | |
|--|------------|
| New Bethany, Seminary | \$24.75 |
| Lebanon, Laurel | \$500.00 |
| Lee's Chapel #2, Picayune | \$29.00 |
| Lee's Chapel #2, Picayune | \$45.00 |
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| Evergreen, Seminary | \$200.00 |
| Emmanuel, Tupelo | \$235.30 |
| Big Creek, Soso | \$627.88 |
| Berean, Soso | \$207.21 |
| Union, Bay Springs | \$1,118.42 |
| Thank you for your support. | |

Special Emphasis

We had a better Special Emphasis this year than last year, and we are deeply grateful to all who contributed. Last issue we printed the names of those who had contributed up to that time. Below is a list of those whose offerings we have received, in support of Special Emphasis since that time.

Grace Baptist Mission, Clinton Votes to Move Forward

I visited with the Grace Mission at Clinton recently to discuss the purchase of land and the proposal to build a first unit building. After our discussion the folks voted unanimously to move forward. We have located 5 acres in a very good location and we are hoping to purchase this property before the end of the summer and begin construction of the first unit building sometime in the fall.

Revolving Loan Fund (as of July 14, 2014 and since August 1st, 2013)

Gross assets are now at \$18,474,625.00, an increase of \$1,010,704.00 since August 1st. Net assets are now at \$3,087,544.00, an increase of \$138,304.00 since August 1st. We have 12 new loans totaling \$1,179,572.00 since August 1st. Our current loan rate is 4.25%. If your church is in need of a loan to expand or build new facilities, we encourage you to give us a call.

On A Personal Note

Our son, Daniel and his wife, Nikki shared the exciting news that God has blessed us with another grandchild. We are praising God for His blessings and we are excited about the baby's arrival next February.

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| Reports for June 2014 | | | |
|--|---|------------|-----------------|
| | High Attendance | Membership | Total Offerings |
| Church Planters | | | |
| Bob Burch | 77 | 27 | \$2,585.00 |
| Bobby Elliott | 64 | 44 | \$2,373.00 |
| Danny Bartlett | 13 | 6 | \$1,691.00 |
| Kelby Johnson | 17 | 14 | \$730.00 |
| Ray Boone | New Heart Baptist Church organized as a New Testament Church in March. | | |
| Sidney Farmer | 55 | 31 | \$5,991.00 |
| Phillip Burns | 14 | 4 | \$520.00 |
| Hispanic Missions – South (Estuardo Marroquin – Coordinator) | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 22 | 6 | \$871.00 |
| Biloxi | 9 | 3 | n/a |
| Laurel | 131 | 98 | \$6,406.00 |
| Hispanic Missions – North (Elvis Garcia – Coordinator) | | | |
| Tupelo | 25 | 16 | \$223.00 |
| Oxford | 45 | 2 | \$538.00 |
| Ripley | 95 | 75 | \$5,639.00 |
| African American Missions – (Ed DuVall – Coordinator) | | | |
| Indianola | All Nations Baptist Church organized as a New Testament Church in June. | | |
| Olive Branch | 15 | 12 | \$1,640.00 |
| Cleveland | 24 | 50 | \$2,918.00 |
| Collectively, our missionaries reported 382 new contacts, shared the gospel 312 times, and had 67 professions of faith, 2 baptisms and had 2 join by letter. Bro. Bobby Elliot, Bob Burch, Sidney Farmer, Elvis Garcia and Estuardo Marroquin report that they have people awaiting baptism. | | | |

CHURCH NEWS

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

Skyway Hills Revival

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, will hold special services Sunday July 20 – Friday July 25. Dr. Travis Plumlee will be our guest evangelist and Brother Bryson Haden will be our guest worship leader. Sunday services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with lunch following morning service, and afternoon services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to worshipping with you!

Midway First Baptist Calls Pastor

Bro. Blake McCain has resigned as pastor of South Green Church, Tupelo and has accepted the call of Midway First Baptist, Sumrall, Mississippi.

New Address For Literature Distribution

The new mailing address for all literature being donated to the Missions Department is as follows:
611 Locust Ave, Conway, AR 72034.

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A Lasting World Wide Influence

The influence of Southeastern Baptist College on our work has been documented often during the past. Many of our pastors, missionaries, and teachers attended Southeastern. Even the Director of Missions for the BMA of America, Dr. John David Smith, is one of our graduates. This history should encourage everyone to support the ministry of the college.

What some of us have not recognized is the tremendous impact that Southeastern has had on the lives of people who are no longer connected to the school. One example is Dr. Gregory Williams. He graduated from SBC in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Ministries. After this, he went on to earn a Master's Degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 2003. He served on the staff with the church of Dr. Tony Evans. In 2009 he received his Ph.D from Mid-America Theological Seminary in Memphis. He is working to plant a church in the Washington D.C. Area. The name chosen is The Cross Baptist Church. Under Ministry Philosophy, he gives the following information:

"He believes a conservative understanding of the Bible is the biblical understanding of the Bible. Therefore, he rejects the more liberal understanding of the Bible on such issues as homosexuality, divorce, women pastors, and the inerrancy of the Bible to name a few. I am committed to Baptist doctrines and practice."

Even though Dr. Williams has attended some highly respected Theological institutions in re-

cent years, he expressed in an email to me that "out of all my biblical and theological training, my Bible college training has still proven to be the most important." The possibility of a similar impact in the future should motivate some of you to give liberally to the emphasis for Southeastern during July and August.

Physical Improvements

Work still continues on some improvements and repairs at SBC. Dennis Rankin and his wife travel from Alabama to the school regularly to spend several days a week. One dorm, the Faculty House, and the President's Home have had substantial work done on them. Anyone



Volunteers replacing the outside stairs at on of the dormitories

who would like to help or to give donations are encouraged to call Dennis Rankin at 251-666-5618 or dennis@rankincabinets.com.

Also Roger Jefcoat has led out in building and installing metal stairs for one of our dormitories. Those who helped Bro. Roger include Bobby Lowe, Denny Johnson, Moose Anderson, and Glen Holifield. A special thanks is extended to everyone.

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Kenneth Flynt
Director

Christian greetings and thanks to Bro. Jerry Overstreet for his last remarks in the paper. Shortly after returning from the North Conference, I discovered a small lump on the side of my neck which grew to baseball size proportion. A biopsy revealed lymphoma which was treatable. I am now going through chemotherapy and all

seems to be going well.

Plans are in progress for the 2015 Conferences and I will soon be back among our churches. It is always a blessing and so encouraging to visit those who support this ministry for our senior members.

We appreciate your prayers and financial support. I ask you to continue to send your

finances to the Mississippi State Missions Office, 4226 Hwy 15 N, 39440. Mrs. Kimberly Parker continues to handle all finances for the commission.

May God bless each of you. Let's look forward to the 2015 Conferences with great anticipation — meeting and fellowshiping in the Lord.

SOAR 2014 Considered By Many To Be "Best Ever"

SOAR 2014, the 24th edition of the annual student conference sponsored by DiscipleGuide Conference Ministries, will long be remembered as one of the best in conference history. The confer-



ence was held for the first time at the beautiful Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas and students from all across the BMA filled the ballroom to capacity. Dozens gave their lives to Christ, dozens more applied to go as summer missionaries through VSM and even more students made decisions to give their lives more fully to Christ.

The theme of SOAR 2014 was "The House" and the week focused on God's love for and our responsibility to His local church. Pastor's Andy Comer, from Davis Street Baptist in Sulpher Springs, Texas, and P.J. Noland, from Oasis Church in Maumelle, Arkansas, challenged students and adults from God's Word. The message of the conference came through loud and clear according to DiscipleGuide Conference Director Donny Parrish. "What we wanted to say to the students was that God's 'Plan A' for reaching the world is the local church. There is no 'Plan B.' And because Jesus is the Light of the World and the local church's responsibility is to be the conduit for the message of salvation, the local church is worth selling out to and giving your life to. Our speakers did a tremendous job in communicating that truth." Comer and Noland preached with power and God's blessing fell. Each service ended with many students making lifetime commitments to Christ.

In addition, SOAR 2014 featured concerts by artists Andy Mineo and the group, For King & Country. For many SOAR veterans, the For King & Country concert was deemed the best in the 24-year history of the conference. The group members, originally from Australia, not only were amazing musically and theatrically gifted, but also were quick to share their love for Jesus with the audience.

Also featured for the first time at SOAR was the Great Commission Room. Hundreds of students made their way through the "room." "You can't talk about the local church without talking about the Great Commission," said Parrish. "We wanted to give our kids the opportunity to understand that the Commission was given to the local church and that means them!" The Directors from BMA Missions and Lifeword, along with BMA Missionary Jenni Johnson, were also included in the Great Commission Room, giving students the chance to dialogue with each.

SOAR 2015 will be the 25th year for the conference. Plans are already in the works. The dates for the conference are July 1-3 and the site will again be the Omni in Dallas.



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Opinion Page

Local Associations Hold God & Country Rallies

The Big Creek Association and the churches of North Mississippi recently held patriotic "God & Country" Rallies. These types of services seem to be held less and less, but the need for such recognition and reflection seems to be needed more than ever.

God has truly blessed America since her founding and the birth of this unique nation. While not having an official 'state religion', the forefathers and overwhelming majority of her original citizens were Christian. The

tenets upon which our nation was founded are based upon those found in the Judeo - Christian Bible.

The future of our nation is dependent on holding to these tenets and returning to the values of our foundation. Our nation is fast abandoning the values that have made us a great nation. America is great because of her goodness and her goodness grew out of her Christian influence and the faith held by her citizens.

The War on Christianity is real and

it is imperative that God's people wake up and begin defending the rights and privileges that the Declaration of Independence. God bless those who continue to remember and recognize the source of our freedom and the blessings we have enjoyed. Those blessings will cease when we fail to defend them and remember and honor their source.

May we as a nation ever be mindful of the blessings of God and may we diligently defend them.

Big Creek Association holds Patriotic Rally

On Thursday, July 10th, the Big Creek Association held a patriotic rally using the theme "A Good Land From A Good God". Lebanon Baptist Church hosted the rally in place of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting.



Throughout the evening there were inspirational segments, beginning with a Presentation of the Colors, followed

by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem. Special patriotic music was presented throughout the evening. Special presentations were made concerning the nation's history and heritage. Bro. Estuardo Marraquin spoke as a new immigrant to the United States.

The evening message was brought by Bro. Bo Bankston. Bankston is a retired chaplain from the Mississippi National Guard. He spoke from Deuteronomy 8 and brought a timely message concerning our heritage and our future.



Presenting of colors by Mississippi National Guard at Big Creek Rally

North Mississippi God and Country Rally

Churches in Itawamba and Lee counties met at South Green Baptist Church in Tupelo recently held a God and Country Rally. Special music was heard and Dr. John Adams, pastor of First Baptist, Mantachie, and Director of Moral Action, brought an inspiring message and encouraged us to pray for America.

Lee County Sheriff, Jim Johnson, Tupelo Police Chief, Bart Aguirre, Fire Chief



Dr. John Adams at North Mississippi Rally

Thomas Walker, along with some policemen and firemen were the honored guests at the Tupelo rally. Many men in the congregation were honored for their service to our country. Many were there in uniform and were applauded for their service. Bud Christian, a member at South Green Baptist Church, was in attendance with medals of Honor attached to his coat from his war time service.

Guests received a small flag as they entered the building for the service. The church was decorated in flags and banners commemorating "Independence Day." During the service, pastors gave special prayer for our nation, those in authority, those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

The congregation sang "God Bless America" acapella and waved their flags in freedom and liberty. It was amazing to see 181 people stand and sang while waving their flags.

The Hispanic church meeting in the South Green facility also attended the service. They were joining the rest of the people as the songs and music was played. At the close of the service, Dr. Adams encouraged people to come to the front, touch the flag and say a special prayer for America.



A large crowd at North Mississippi Rally

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE

To the churches of the BMA of Mississippi:

The time for the Special Emphasis of Southeastern Baptist College has arrived. SBC is assigned July and August as the months for you to focus your attention on the educational ministries of this department of the BMA of Mississippi. In addition to receiving offerings for your college, you are encouraged to educate everyone in your church about the history and future of the school. You can find more information on our website at www.southeasternbaptist.edu. If you have members of your congregation who attended Southeastern, you might allow them time during Sunday School or Worship to share how they were blessed through their experiences here. Look for occasions to stress prayer for the Faculty, Administration, Staff, and Students.



Danny Pitts

When the Special Emphasis was first established, it produced excitement and much extra income for the state ministries. As it became an annual occurrence for each department, the excitement waned. It did, however, become an essential part of the budget for most departments. Last year, the Special Emphasis raised \$15,081.78 for Southeastern. With the fiscal year ending in July, we know that the initial Profit and Loss shows us ending with a gain of \$35,000 for the year. We are committed to operating with a positive balance. We thank you heartily for your liberal giving to the Emphasis last year.

The main weakness that goes with our positive report is that the President's position was non compensated. I am asking you to give sacrificially to the college. We have made progress. We are looking at the potential of having our best years of ministry ahead. Our school has greatly impacted the lives of thousands of people since 1948 and is worthy of your support. We encourage each church to emphasize the college during the months of July and August.



Our **goal for the Special Emphasis of \$25,000** reflects the unique needs and opportunities which we have for the work of Christ. It also reveals our confidence in your heart for this ministry. Pastors, promote SBC at your church during these two months. Everyone is asked to give liberally.

Serving the Lord God Omnipotent,
Danny Pitts
Interim President

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Special Emphasis - July & August 2014

Things Dads Need To Give Their Daughters

Part Two

Dads impact their daughters for good or bad their entire life. We should never underestimate the tremendous influence that a dad has on his daughter's life. Even if he is not in her life, that makes an influence. For all of you dads that are involved in your daughter's life, just know that fatherhood is the most important job you will ever have. A girl who has a dad who is involved personally in her life has a much stronger foundation to go out into the world and build her life on. God will equip you dads. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to stay in constant contact with God to guide you. The Holy Spirit will also direct your paths.

The Bible says in James that if any of you guys lack wisdom, then just ask God for it. He will give you wisdom to know how to train up your daughter in the way she should go. In Part One of the article I listed these absolutely essential dad to daughter influences. Affection, Attention, Action, Unconditional love. These are critical for her growth as a woman. And any life without love is empty. We have to love our daughters as God so loved the world. I John 4:7-12. Now here are some additional needs daughters have from their dads.

Daughters need their dad to teach them about boys. Equip her. No one can explain to her better what goes on in the mind and body of a young man than a dad who used to be a young guy. Information is power. Equip her with knowledge so that she better understands relationships with boys. It will help prevent a great deal of heartache and possible abuse.

While you may want her mom to talk specifics about her

own body and sexuality, it is critical for you to tell her how to protect her body and possess it with honor and purity. You must tell her that not all boys are bad. But in today's times, most young men use girls for their selfish pleasures. Help her see that. Tell her that some guys will say anything to flatter her so that he can take advantage of her. It isn't to scare her, but again to equip her. More than half of all teen girls will be raped on a date. That stat alone should tell you why you need to talk with her about boys. Teach her how not to put herself in the wrong place at the wrong time (bedrooms, backseats etc.)

Daughters need their dad to teach them about unconditional forgiveness. You daughter will mess up. She is human. She is just like you - imperfect. While you have to discipline her, set boundaries, and let her experience the pain of wrong choices. You must always be like the dad in Luke 15. No matter how much they mess up, make you mad, or break your heart, you must - you must ALWAYS be ready to offer unconditional forgiveness. They don't have to ask for it. They don't have to do something to receive it. You give it freely as an act of grace. She needs this more than anything else when she messes up.

A dad who offers forgiveness is the best example of Christ to her life that she will ever see from another human. Christ is all about forgiveness. She should experience it from her



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

earthly father as an example for all of life. No strings attached.

Daughters need from their dad to learn about their self-esteem and self-respect. A girl with low self-esteem will suffer her whole life with poor choices.

You need to teach her how valuable she is to Christ and His kingdom. You need to do a Bible study on her being royalty. Ask your pastor or buy a book at the Christian bookstore if you are unaware of these verses. Build her up from the inside out. A girl who knows who she is on the inside will have self respect.

A girl who has low self-esteem will fall prey to the ravenous wolves out there. She won't respect herself and as a result will let others disrespect her emotionally and physically. It's not just praising her. Building her self-esteem is teaching her about who she is on the inside. That has to come from the Bible. It's much deeper than "you're so cute, you're so smart, and you're so pretty." It is taking time over the years to ingrain in her brain that she has potential, promise, a plan for her life, gifts, talents and everything she needs to be successful in life from God. Her only value is not her body or her looks. It is her heart. Girls really need to



hear this dad.

Daughters need their dads to teach them about anger. While kids learn from watching both mom and dad and how they respond to anger, the man is the single greatest teacher on how kids respond in life to their anger. It is a normal human emotion. It is not a sin, but you must teach her how to respond with control. She can get mad, but she cannot explode or hold it all in. Both are unhealthy responses. Be aware of your own vulnerability here. It

might even be good if you tell her how you struggle with anger, but both of you can work on it together. If you don't teach her about her anger, the Bible says her husband would be better to be out in the wilderness than in the house with an angry contentious woman.

Finally, hold her hand as long as you can, but always hold her heart. God entrusted her to you. Be a good steward of this gift from God - your little girl.

Housing Project Making Progress

Dear BMA of Mississippi Churches

Some time ago we told you of a need in the Larry Smith family. Through much prayer and love of others we are ready to move forward on this project. But, we still need some help. We plan to bulldoze the house and get the slab laid in the next 30 days. The building of the new home will begin August 4, 2014. We need the following to help us move forward.

The following are the needs we still have: Prayers, Money, Lead contractor, Lead Plumber

Churches to volunteer to feed (60 + people) one or more days for the following dates August 04, 2014 through August 16, 2014. Volunteers during the above time frame (free lodging available, but you must call to register) Churches to adopt a room or half a room to help furnish

We would love for Mississippi to come together and be a part of helping one of their own. If you are interested in being the Hands and Feet of Jesus, by reaching out and helping please contact us at 662-228-1240 or 662-228-1233. Mississippi this is our chance to serve will you help?

If you want more details about the project please feel free to contact us. If you can't help please, pray.

Thank You
Suzie Daugherty



The old Smith house was removed by the local fire department on recently to allow building to begin in August. We would like to thank the fire department and its members for their hard work and help. Dirt work and pouring the slab will be going on in the next two weeks. We still need more funding so please pray as we continue to do fund-raising and benefits. Thank you all for your help. This effort isn't just a LYNCO project, it's a group of God's people supporting each other in their time of need.

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Children Enjoying Summer Break

The children at the Home are enjoying the Summer break. They have already been involved in Vacation Bible School, youth outings, and everyday activities at the Home. Yes, it's been a busy schedule and the summer will be gone

before one realizes what is taking place. We are thankful for God's protective care during these summer days.

Remember In Prayer and Focus Verses

Continue to remember the girls and boys and the ministry of the Home in your prayers.

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

National Brotherhood Update

by Pat Spriggs
National Brotherhood Project Promoter

This year's National Brotherhood Project is Bolivian River of Blessings (65%), National Galileans (25%) and General Fund (10%). Another ongoing project is the Arthur Smith Scholarship Fund for Senior Mr. Galilean.

The following update has been received from Brotherhood Secretary/Treasurer Robert M. Bynum, who noted that "funds come in slow until after the first of the year":

- Scholarship Fund (which is with the Mississippi BMA Revolving Loan Fund) — \$1,536.88
- Bolivian River of Blessings — \$520
- BMAA National Galileans — \$200.
- General Fund — \$614.53.



The Arrington - Rivers of Blessing Ministry

Brotherhood Presidents, would you please help us publicize these worthy projects? Your support will make all the difference.

An easily downloadable video, The Arrington — Rivers of Blessing Bolivian Riverboat Ministry, is available at <http://vimeo.com/74457593>. Why not show it at your next meeting and help the project come alive to our men?

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Big Creek District WMA Annual Meeting

The Big Creek District WMA will hold its annual meeting on August 4th at Lebanon Baptist Church. At this meeting we will elect new officers for the 2014-2015 year. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

Our Nominating Committee (Ruby Bynum,

Jean Jefcoat, Martha McLemore, and Bonnie Brown) will meet July 26th at First Shady Grove, Laurel in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. We will be making recommendations to fill the offices of our Big Creek District WMA. Please pray for this committee as we seek God's will.

Mississippi & National Brotherhood Project Information

The Brotherhood of the Mississippi BMA (State Brotherhood) project for 2013-2014 (to October 2014) is "BMA of Mississippi Missions Department-Elvis Garcia Work Fund" (75%) and State Galileans (25%). Designations may also be sent for the Disaster Relief Fund which continues to be maintained.

Send project money to the Secretary/Treasurer: Roy Caldwell, 166 Twin Creek Rd., Lucedale, MS 39452

The Brotherhood of the BMAA (National Brotherhood) project 2014-2015 (to April 2015) is "The Arrington - Rivers of Blessing, of Bolivia" (65%), National Galileans (25%), and General Fund (10%). Designations may also be sent for the Arthur Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund - for the National Mr. Galilean to attend a BMA sponsored school.

Send project money to the Secretary/Treasurer: Robert M. Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, MS 39443.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Lavon Haden

Bro Lavon Haden is available for pulpit supply or pastoral ministry as the Lord leads. He may be reached at 601-522-6055.

Church Seeks Youth Pastor

First Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana, is seeking a Youth Minister/Leader. Please send inquiries or resumes to: Search Committee Chairman Dave Thomas, 225 Thomas Rd, Springhill, LA 71075, or call at (318) 422-0593.

Sandra R. Burns

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August 1-2, 2014

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Portland Looks To Block Christian Children's Ministry

"Psychologically Harmful To Children"

A Christian nonprofit, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), is facing opposition in Portland Oregon as it seeks to bring youth to Christ.

The group's "Good News Club" is being called "psychologically harmful to children" by a newly formed coalition - Protect Portland Children.

The Good News Club is a youth ministry in which children are taught about sin, Jesus, and holiness through engaging songs, games, and Bible stories.

On its website, CEF states that "the purpose of Good News Club is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living."

Critics of CEF and the Good News Club say the program teaches fundamentalist beliefs to children, and encourages fear, judgment, and divisiveness in youth.

Attorney and blogger Eric Ceynar wrote on his "Intrinsic Dignity" blog that the Club uses

shame and fear indoctrination, thought control, attacks on science education, authoritarian conditioning, and deceptive marketing to negatively influence students.

A Seattle parent, John Lederer, said that the Good News Club is not appropriate for young children.

"When I read their mission statement and values and principles it was clear that this was a very theologically conservative, right wing and evangelical form of Christian faith," he told AwayPoint.com.

"My initial concern wasn't that they existed, but that they had targeted my child's school and my child is only 6 years old. They are targeting very, very, young children."

The Club is voluntary and requires parents' permission, but Lederer said that children want to participate because of the treats, toys, and games that are available.

"Cake, cookies, balloons are very attractive to [children]," he said. "[CEF] use enticements like these to get children to say

to their parents, 'Can I go?' Children can't tell the difference between good news club and school sponsored activities like chess club."

Protect Portland Children seeks to "spread the word that the Good News Club's extreme teachings can be psychologically harmful to children," member Kaye Schmitt told Alternet.

However, the CEF states that the Good News Club shares biblical principles in ways that engage children, and also encourages moral enrichment.

"Each club includes a clear presentation of the Gospel and an opportunity for children to trust the Lord Jesus as Savior," their website states. "Every club also includes strong discipleship training to build character and strengthen moral and spiritual growth."

The Club meets once a week during the school year at community centers, churches, schools, and other locations across the country.

Fate of Christianity in UK not too far from U.S., warns evangelist

OneNewsNow.com - An organization that promotes open air preaching and evangelism says the United Kingdom has become very hostile to the Gospel.

Nate Steuer of Jeremiah Cry Ministries told American Family Radio's "Today's Issues" program that England has turned away from Christianity. Build-

ings that once served as churches are now museums, stores and even nightclubs, and there is strong belief in evolution and a strong homosexual-rights movement.

"They don't want to hear the Gospel. The Gospel is pressed down," Steuer, an evangelist, said of the culture in that country.

He further explained that the homosexual-rights movement is so rooted in England that Christians are afraid to go "into the streets and preach," fearing what the LGBT community will do.

The Christian Post reported in January that an American street preacher was arrested in Scotland for his "homopho-

bic" language - calling homosexuality a sin as he preached from the Bible.

The preacher, Tony Miano, had been arrested for a similar offense in England in 2013, the story recalled.

Miano and others are subject to arrest in Great Britain under Public Order Act Section 5.

Why does that matter here in the United States? Because the homosexual activists have made similar gains in the United States, he says.

"And if Christians do not wake up, and they do not go from the seats into the streets, make their voices be heard, it's going to be just like the UK," warns the evangelist.

ADF fights off atheists' lawsuit

OneNewsNow.com - Two churches in Hawaii have prevailed, again, against threatened lawsuits from atheists.

A renewed lawsuit against two Oahu churches falsely claimed the churches had defrauded the government by paying an agreed upon amount for the rental of public schools.

Most of the lawsuit has again been thrown out of court, says Erik Stanley of Alliance Defending Freedom.

"There are portions of it there are still alive," Stanley tells OneNewsNow. "But we are confident that once the court addresses those portions, we'll have the whole case dismissed or be done away."

ADF is representing two

ministries, One Love Ministries and Calvary Chapel, against atheists' accusation of "substandard" rent to the public school in which the congregations meet.

The ADF attorney calls it unfortunate that the atheists can mount their legal attacks against churches that have to "front" the costs of a legal defense.

"That's why we were happy to come in," says Stanley. "We represent churches free of charge."

Not only would the churches have suffered financial loss if the lawsuit had been successful, says Stanley, but the public schools would have lost out on the additional income.

Expert: Israel should forge on ahead

OneNewsNow.com - Middle East expert David Rubin says the United States and other Western nations need to stop calling for Israel to use "restraint" when dealing with the latest barrage of rockets being hurled into the Jewish state.

Israel map 620x300 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it clear last week he won't cave in to international pressure to stop a mili-

tary offensive in the Gaza Strip. Netanyahu told a news conference that Israel will continue its offensive until rocket fire out of Gaza is halted.

And while the Israeli leader reported he has had "good conversations" with a number of world leaders in recent days, including President Barack Obama and European leaders, he emphasized: "No international pressure will prevent us

from acting with all power."

David Rubin, a U.S.-born author and the former mayor of the Israeli city of Shiloh, argues the Jewish nation should continue on its current track.

"I don't think that Israel, which is being attacked daily by these Islamic terrorist organizations, needs to show restraint," Rubin tells OneNewsNow. "I think that what we need to do is go in and do the job and eliminate the enemy just like the Allies did during World War II when they were bombing German cities - and that's what we need to be doing."

Netanyahu said Israel has attacked more than 1,000 targets in Gaza during the operation and is using twice the force it used during a similar offensive in 2012. More than 100 Palestinians have been killed.

Rubin is author of the book Peace for Peace: Israel in the New Middle East.

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No More Excuses!

Pastors, do you sometimes get REALLY TIRED of hearing various excuses from members not being in church? Well, the following might be a solution.

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday".

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that the benches are too hard.

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof will cave in if I ever came to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who say they can't go because they'll be having family over.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter Lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

Hope to see you there!

Hebrews 10:25 "Forsaking not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

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