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Thanks from those ministering to Joplin tornado victims

by Jeff Swart, Senior Pastor
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Dear Partner in Ministry
to the People of Joplin,

I would like to personally thank you for your very generous financial gift and for partnering with First Baptist Church of Galena, Kansas and Grace Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri, to minister to the citizens of Joplin during this time of crisis. As we stated in



a previous email, on day three after the killer tornado, we developed a long-term strategy to minister to the people affected by the storm. We identified the "Jerusalem" (Acts 1:8) of Grace Baptist Church, their area of ministry

and influence, which includes 450 families located in and around the church. We initially surveyed these houses and identified the specific needs of each family and then we met that need. We have canvassed the area multiple times and will continue to go back as long as there is a need that is unmet. Our goal is to develop a relationship of love with these families which would open the door for us to minister to their spiritual needs. On week three after the tornado, the people started calling us asking for counseling, Bibles, and to pray with them! Our strategy is working and we ask that you pray that we will be used of the Lord to share Christ's love for them.

This past Saturday, an official of the Joplin Disaster Management Team visited our relief station and said that we were probably the smallest church involved in the relief effort in Joplin, but that we undoubtedly have the most influence. She stated that we were the most organized relief station and that everybody in Joplin knows of Grace Baptist Church. She suggested several steps of action which we already were doing or were written down on our strategy statement. In short, what we were doing made a huge impression on her.

I said that to tell you that what this official said may or may not be true, but one thing I do know is that we are not that smart. If we are having the kind of impact that she said we are having, it is because the Lord answered your prayers on our behalf. So thank you for your prayers and please pray for us daily.

The shock of the tornado has now worn off and people are realizing that the tornado was real, the problems are huge, and that there is no quick fix. So please continue to pray for Joplin!

Thank you again for all you have done to touch the lives of the people of Joplin. May God bless you!

Making Everlasting Smiles

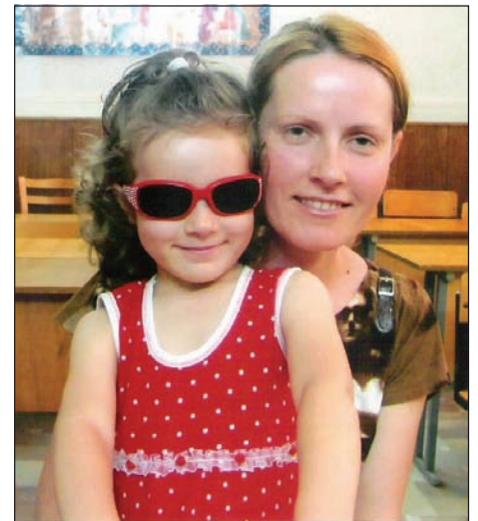
by Ralph Izard, M.D.
Director of BMMI

It certainly doesn't feel like Christmas with 100 degree temperatures outside, but when the shoeboxes arrive in the countries of Georgia and Nicaragua in December, it will be the right time and opportunity to present "the greatest story ever told".

When a child is presented a beautifully decorated shoebox with gifts inside, it not only gains the attention of the child, but also that of the parents. If possible, place a pair of sunglasses in each box; they produce an instant smile!

Recently, I heard from a young girl in Armenia. She could not believe that someone would spend time wrapping a Christmas gift and then send it to someone they do not know and probably will never meet this side of heaven. Because of the impression this made on them, Brother Asatur Nahapetyan was able to present Jesus Christ to her entire family.

For further information on how you can be a missionary to a family in



Nicaragua or Georgia, please call Jamie or Doris at 501 455 4977 (the BMAA Missions Office) or check with your church office. Each church was mailed a DVD of the shoebox distribution last year and a "Making Everlasting Smiles" poster and other information for this year.

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Committee seeks resumes for missions director

by Roy Caldwell, Search Committee Clerk
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During the June 3, 2011 meeting of the BMA of Mississippi Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Departments Joint Committee, the following was affirmed: The entire Joint Committee (Missions Committee and Revolving Loan Fund Trustees) will serve as the Search Committee seeking out a nominee for Director of BMA of Mississippi Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Departments.

Bro. Harold Floyd will serve as the contact with regard to receiving correspondence on behalf of the Search Committee and will accordingly distribute all relevant information to the Search Committee. Anyone interested in submitting a resume should contact Bro. Floyd. His address is 19 Pat Holifield Rd, Laurel, MS 39443.

Israel's Right To Exist In Her Land (Historically and Biblically)

by Joseph Harris

Introduction

Concerning the situation in the Middle East, my contention is that as a whole, those who are called Palestinians, have no historical or Biblical right to a separate Palestinian Arab nation, at the expense of a Jewish state, and especially on the historical land of the Jews. No Arab Palestinian nation has ever existed. Horrible and murderous attacks have been perpetrated against the Jewish people in this land and the Jewish people have retaliated many times. Has Israel always done right in every act? Probably not, because in acts of defense and war, extreme measures are often taken, but though Israel may not always be right, she is still God's covenant people and no amount of twisting any New Testament scripture and replacing Israel with the church will negate the everlasting, unconditional covenant God made with his people through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In other words, though I may be sympathetic with Israel, I do not try to justify every act of the Israeli nation, or any group among the Israelis, yet it is impossible to ignore the Abrahamic covenant God made and His promises to bring His people back into fellowship with Him and complete His plan begun millennia ago.

The fact is, the Jews are far more likely to be tolerant of non-Jews in their territory, allowing them to live and worship among them than Arabs, if the situation were reversed. There are those who call Israel the land stealers, but if you will do a thorough search, you will find it is the Jews who have been stolen from, slandered, robbed, beaten, persecuted, massacred and driven out consistently, by Arab countries and groups. Jewish dhimmi's are a historical fact in the east and have been for the past 1400 years.

The Palestinians' "ancient" claim to the land

Some claim these Palestinians are simply in their birth land and their ancestry in the land goes back for generations. At this point in history, many of them have been born in the land, at least in the last 80 years, but it is a fallacy to be-

lieve that the land has been heavily populated by Palestinian Arabs for hundreds of years. Most today erroneously believe that with the major dispersion of the Jews, after 70 A.D., neither hide nor hair of a Jew has been in the land, at least until the late 1800's. Though the majority were dispersed, some Jews have always lived in the land. Their history goes back further than any so called Palestinian's heritage in the land.

Think of all the Biblical history dating back thousands of years verifying the Jewish existence in the land. We keep hearing about the West Bank. From a Biblical perspective, this area stretches into old Judea and Samaria. This is part of the area, promised by God to Israel, and conquered by Joshua around 3500 years ago. It is also the place where David was crowned king in Hebron. There are numerous Bible events in Hebrew history that took place in what is now called the West bank.

Anyone serious about learning the truth on this subject must, for starters, read the 600 page book, "From Time Immemorial" by Joan Peters, otherwise, they will not have all the facts concerning the modern day "ancient" Palestinian people. If anyone relies on the modern media for information, they will receive a one sided, pro-Arab view. The following facts and statements, excluding my scriptural proofs, come primarily from this book.

The majority of Palestinians now in the land either came just prior to 1948 or their parents did. They are of Arab descent from many different countries. Notice the ethnic make up of the "Palestinians", according to Joan Peters whose information came from United Nations records:

"The chauvinist Arab version of history, then - so important to the current claim of "Palestinian" rights to "Arab Palestine," which Arab Pales-

tinians purportedly inhabited for "thousands of years" - omits several relevant, situation-altering facts. (Author's emphasis) History did not begin with the Arab conquest in the seventh century. The people whose nation was destroyed by the Romans were the Jews. There were no Arab Palestinians then - not until seven hundred years later would an Arab rule prevail, and then briefly. And not by people known as "Palestinians." The short Arab rule would be reigning over Christians and Jews, who had been there to languish under various other foreign conquerors - Roman, Byzantine, Persian, to name just three in the centuries between the Roman and Arab

conquests. The peoples who conquered under the banner of the invading Arabians from the desert were often hired mercenaries who remained on the land as soldiers - not Arabians, but others who were enticed by the promise of the booty of conquest.

From the time the Arabians, along with their non-Arabian recruits, entered Palestine and Syria, they found and themselves added to what was "ethnologically a chaos of all the possible human combinations to which, when Palestine became a land of pilgrimage, a new admixture was added." (Richard Hartmann, *Palestina unter den Arabern*). Among the peoples who have been counted as indigenous Palestinian Arabs" are Balkans, Greeks, Syrians, Latins, Egyptians, Turks, Armenians, Italians, Persians, Kurds, Germans, Afghans, Circassians, Bosnians, Sudanese, Algerians, Motawila, and Tartars." (Peters, pp 155,156).

Arab propaganda has now convinced the majority of the world that the Jews began crowding back into the land they had been absent from for 2000 years, through the European Zionist movement, displacing the Palestinian Arabs



Joseph Harris



TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Editor's Note: My friend Dr. Tony Cleaver is a prolific writer and is gracious in his sharing his thoughts with us. For the next four issues we are highlighting excerpts from a project he is working on. As you read these prayers, let them be an inspiration to you to strengthen your own prayer life.

Dear Lord of the Sabbath:

Your word tells me to "Remember the Sabbath; keep it holy." Put this in my heart, mind, and on the very front of my behavior. May it be my intent to honor You by keeping Your day holy.

My birthday is special to me. I make it a special day. My wedding anniversary is a special day-and I better remember it or I will get in big trouble. I like Independence Day. I get to eat hamburgers, hot dogs, and watermelon. I like Thanksgiving and Christmas too. They are special days for special reasons.

You have given me instructions to remember a special day: the Sabbath, or Your day. I get to celebrate You on that day. It is not a day like other days. I want to go with the crowds to worship. I want to escort my family to the house of God. I want to be with the worshipping people of God. I get to be at home with Your Holy Word to read and study it. I get to be with family for renewal of our relationships. Your day gives me opportunity to do good to my neighbor in a special way.

Lord, help me to set apart Christ in my heart this Sabbath. He is Lord of that day as you gave Him authority over all things. May I be about the very difficult but rewarding work of worshiping in spirit and truth on this Sabbath day.

I pray this in the name of the One who is raised from the dead on the first day of the week. Amen.



Tony Cleaver

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Tombegbee - Judson Camp Report

What a great time the Lord gave us at the Tombegbee/Judson camp. We met June 13-16 at Yellow Creek Baptist Campground in Hodges, Alabama. We had 5 churches represented, 60 campers with 14 giving their hearts to Christ and one to surrender to ministry. Praise the Lord!

The youth enjoyed a variety of activities such as giant slip and slide, water balloon fight and beach volleyball. Bro. Gary Gray, director of family ministry, from Belden Baptist Church near Tupelo, was our guest speaker. Our camp theme this year was "He must increase and I must decrease!" John 3:30. God did a great thing through Bro. Gray and spoke to the hearts of our youth. We

are already looking forward to camp next year.

If any church in Northeast Mississippi is interested in joining us next year for camp, please send me an e-mail and

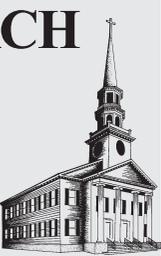
we will certainly help you with your youth. Praise the Lord for His greatness!

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Scenes
from
Tombegbee
JudsonCamp

CHURCH NEWS



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

Tombegbee Report

Tombegbee Association met at Mount Pleasant Baptist on June 9. We had a total of 60 members present. Special music was brought by Leah Armstrong and Josh Awtry. The message was brought by Bro. Matt Hudson from I Timothy 2:1-8 on "Poverty in Prayer".

There were reports brought by Bro. Joseph and Bro. Savell. A motion was made to give the college \$500.00.

Moderator Bro. Gary Smith
Reporter Debbie Franks

Church sees surge in mission efforts

The purpose of this letter of information is to share what God is doing at Vardaman Street Church, Wiggins. Over the past few years, the church has really started an effort to promote missions and in doing so we have seen a great response from all ages here at the church. It really began when several of our youth attended Soar three years ago and God began to work on their hearts. Since then, starting last

year we had several youths go on short and long term mission trips (Ukraine, Nicaragua, and China). This year we have a total of about twenty (both adults and youth) who are going to a total of five different countries. Out of these trips we have seen excitement rising in our church in the area of not only supporting our associational mission work but also those who feel lead to do mission work here in our church. We feel this will change how the church views what God wants His people to do.

Also we have had a total of four young men who have surrendered to the ministry and are now pursuing their goal to become the best follower of Christ that they possibly can. Two of these young men are at CBC in Conway, Arkansas, one will attend Jacksonville Seminary in the fall of this year, after receiving his BA from USM in Hattiesburg, and the fourth will finish his teaching degree at USM in Hattiesburg in the Spring and plans to attend the Jacksonville Seminary in the fall of 2012. Each one of these men has been inspired because of being involved in some form of mission work in the BMAA. We celebrate with

those whom God is moving toward fulfilling their calling to complete the Great Commission to evangelize, fellowship and disciple.

I hope this letter will inspire other churches and pastors to continue praying that God will raise up men and women for His Kingdom work.

The Supreme Ruler

"In 1839 the Sultan of Turkey decreed that not a representative of the Christian religion should remain in the empire. Learning of this Dr. William Goodell, an American missionary to Turkey, came home to his friend and colleague, Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the first president of Robert College, Constantinople, with the sad news. "It is all over with us; we have to leave. The American consul and the British ambassador say it is no use to meet this violent and vindictive monarch with antagonism." To this Dr. Hamlin replied: "The Sultan of the universe can, in answer to prayer, change the decree of the Sultan of Turkey." They gave themselves to prayer. The next day the Sultan died, and the decree was never executed."

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Historical Bible

Pictured above is Bro. Theron Simmons presenting his father's Bible to Southeastern Baptist College on May 23, 2011. At his request, it will be placed in the History and Archives room in the library.

Bro. L. T. Simmons was the first dean of Southeastern Baptist College (1949), then the second president (1949-1950). Bro. Theron Simmons said his father was the first Bible teacher at Southeastern Baptist College and that this is the Bible that was first used in the classes.

Bro. Simmons was also involved in and largely the one who led in the beginning of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home and the Mississippi Baptist Paper.

Four-year Business Degree Program

On June 22, 2011, we received word that the ABHE Commission has approved our request to expand the two-year Business program to a four-year (Bachelor degree) program. The third year will begin in this fall semester. This is another answer to prayer and should be a great help to students and the college.

Special Emphasis - July and August

The funds received from this emphasis time are always a big help to the college, but they are needed more now than in recent years. We have a deficit that needs to be cleared up, and some repair work that must be done. The flat roof over the stage in the gymnasium/auditorium has a bad leak and must be repaired before it does more damage and leaks during a service being conducted there.

We could use some rallies and fund raisers for the college. Anyone who could help in organizing or recommending any effort to help would be appreciated.

Your prayers for the college are appreciated.

Memorial Gifts

Contributions have been sent to the college since our last report to purchase books for the library in memory of Mr. Henry Ruth, Mrs. Ethel Joyce Coker, Mrs. Jean Laughter Moore, Mr. Windell G. Blackwell, and Mr. Walter P. Mitchell. We appreciate these memorials and pray that God will bless the memory of each one.

Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP

Same-sex 'marriage': The problem is....

OneNewsNow - The Family Research Council has released a documentary that warns about the dangers homosexual "marriage" holds for the future, as a new national survey shows that 62 percent of Americans agree that "marriage should be defined only as the union between one man and one woman."

The national survey, commissioned by the Alliance Defense Fund and conducted by Public Opinion Strategies (POS) last month, shows that 62 percent of Americans sup-

port the sanctity of marriage. Fifty-three percent "strongly" agreed. Survey director Gene Ulm finds the numbers "not surprising."

"More than 63 million Americans in 31 state elections have voted on constitutional marriage amendments," he says in a press release. "Forty million Americans in all -- 63 percent of total voters -- have voted to affirm marriage as a union between a man and a woman." POS adds that the survey results "mirror American behavior when faced with the deci-

sion to either affirm marriage in their state constitutions or leave it open to legal challenges or other attacks."

Family Research Council (FRC) president Tony Perkins sees similar inferences in the survey's results.

"The American people are there. They know intuitively what marriage is. History shows it, the Bible shows it, [and] society has reflected it," Family Research Council (FRC) president Tony Perkins says of the findings. "The further we move away from that model of marriage, the more problems we'll face in society. This could very well be the death nail of marriage...of civilized society, and of this country."

FRC just released the documentary, *The Problem with Same-Sex Marriage: How It Will Affect You and Your Children*, which, according to Perkins, shows in great detail what happens when marriage is redefined.

"Growing evidence...shows how parental rights will be disrupted by this, how freedom of speech will be lost, and how the freedom of religion is at stake in the advancement of this whole notion that we can redefine marriage," the FRC president warns.



"And then I said 'would it KILL you to be quiet in business meeting just once?'"

The Problem With The Above Article

Same Sex Marriage? Sounds like an oxymoron (a figure of speech that contradicts itself).

The general public (both religious and secular) have enough common sense to know that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. This is determined by God to be an eternal relationship - "till death do us part".

Only after extensive 'politically correct' pressure has our nation - and many so-called Christians - caved to that segment that has as its ultimate goal the total reshaping of our society. The reason for this is that of man's reasoning and the tendency to constantly seek the lower levels of life.

Paul addressed this in Romans chapter one. America truly is headed toward the destruction that was meted out on Sodom if we do not turn the tide of perversion. It is a shock that only 63 percent think marriage is limited to a man and a woman. How far we have fallen!

It is the duty of every Christian believer to be that salt and light that we are charged to be. We are to have the effect of leading the way to a life-style that honors and glorifies God.

Pray for a better society. Live your life in such a manner that your influence will do just that. Speak out against such sinfulness and foolishness and be a reflection of God's righteousness.



Don Brown
Editor

Positions Available

Church seeks music and youth director

Fairview Baptist Church in Blytheville AR, is seeking a full time music and youth director. If interested please call Pastor Collin Jones at 870-838-9035.

Church seeks pastor

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas is seeking a full-time BMA pastor. Please send resume to: popob@pgtc.com or phone 479-530-4992.

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AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Letters From Our Readers

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

Surrendered to ministry

Bro. Josh Awtrey made know his call to ministry a few months ago and has preached his first sermon. He is the son of Homer



and Joyce Awtrey of Fulton and serves as worship minister at Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton. Pray that God will bless and use him in His service. If you need someone to fill your pulpit, you may call him at 662-706-2188.

Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick is available for pulpit supply. He can be reached by calling 228-474-8886 or 228-249-3731.

Larry Pearce

Larry Pearce is available in view of call, pulpit supply, interim pastor, or wherever the Lord leads. He can be contacted at 601-347-3531.

KLC Scholarship Fund Drive

Attention All Jacksonville College Ex-Students

For those of you who attended Jacksonville College prior to 1966, we share the following announcement. All students attending and or graduating prior to 1966, please consider yourself a member of the KLC (Kellar-Laird-Carroll) chapter of the Alumni Association!

We are just over half-way toward our goal of providing two scholarships, valued at \$2,500.00 each year. The scholarship has been awarded to a deserving student this past school year. Send your donation to Jacksonville College, designated, "KLC Scholarship Fund for 2011-12." We look forward to seeing you at homecoming January 27-28, 2012.

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America The Beautiful - Still Is!

Let's get rid of our negative thinking and dwelling on the ugly, this July 4th. Let us put our thoughts on the good of our nation. "America the Beautiful" is one of my favorite songs to sing. And you know what. America still is beautiful! I go out to West Texas and still behold the spacious skies. I look out at the Grand Tetons in Wyoming and still see purple mountains majesty. A drive along I -70 in Kansas will still find amber waves of grain. A trip to East Arkansas will drive me past miles of rice and cotton fields, full of the fruit of our fields. America still looks beautiful to me.

And my oh my, has God shed His grace on thee. This July 4th, let us pause and give thanks to all the men and women who have fought in our military. Some have died fight-

ing for this country and the flag, which is the symbol. Many more have served and are still serving. Because of these brave souls, we are not part of England, but independent. Because of those who have served, we were not overtaken by Kaiser Wilhelm or Hitler. Our



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

military today fights the terrorist so that we can still enjoy so many freedoms.

Freedom. That is what we celebrate July 4th. You have the freedom to worship Christ. You can go to any church you

choose. You have never, not even once, feared for your life or were worried you would be arrested while sitting in the pew at church on Sunday morning because you were praising the Lord. That is an incredible freedom we must never take for granted. While you sit next Sunday, comfortable in that pew, think of all the countries where that could not happen. You have never feared the military knocking down the door of the church and marching the congregation in mass to a jail. The freedom of religion makes America the Beautiful.

There are still dedicated,



hard-working, intelligent people out there who serve our children as teachers, from kindergarten to college. And if our children still want to push themselves to excel in academia, they can. Your children and grandchildren can still get a great education if they want it in this country. Even poor people. And even women. That is not true in most of the world. America the Beautiful.

Poverty is relative. What Americans call poverty, many people would call wealthy. No

one has to starve in this country except by their own choosing. There are enough charitable and religious organizations, along with the government, that have assured Americans they can get food if they want it. None of us have ever held our children in our arms while we watch them starve literally to death because we can find no food for them to eat. Thousands of parents will experience that on a world wide basis. We are blessed. America the Beautiful.

According to the 2010 census data, 95% of all American homes have at least one TV in it. Even the poor folks. The majority of people on food stamps have video games, X-Box and Play Stations. They have stereos and TV - most with cable. (Let's stay positive

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from the land they had possessed from time "immemorial." When rumblings began for the establishment of a national homeland for the Jews from around the world, guess where the most likely place was? The land of the Jews, known as Palestine, named by the Romans after Palestina, a derivative of Philistia. In renaming the land in 120 AD, the Romans were trying to erase every vestige and remains of connection of the Jews with their rightful land. Arabs, and others from Arab countries began flooding into the land, displacing what few Jews there were in the land and outnumbering the Jews through illegal immigration. The plan of the Arab nations was to stop the establishing of a Jewish state. Winston Churchill said in 1939:

".....So far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country and multiplied till their population has increased more than even all world Jewry could lift up the Jewish population." (Page 230)

When the plan failed and the Israeli state was born in 1948, these "refugees", as they became known, were not allowed back into their own (Arab)countries and became a tool of the Arab leaders. To quote Ralph Galloway, former director of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency, he said as early as 1958:

"The Arab states do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations, and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders do not give a d--- whether Arab refugees live or die." (Page 23)

Sunbeam Treasurer's Report 2010-2011

The following funds were given this past year to the MS State Sunbeam project:

25% General Fund	\$197.94
25% Sarah Hebert, Philippines	197.94
50% GMA Mission Fund at the BMA of MS RLF	\$395.88
Total received and paid out	\$791.76

Thank you to each church and individual who supported this very worthy project this past year. The Sunbeam project for the year 2011-2012 is 1/3 General Fund; 1/3 Alicia and Margaret; and 1/3 Nicki Prickett.

Send your offerings for this project to Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443. God bless you as serve in Sunbeams this year.

Shirlene Smith,
GMA/Sunbeam Treasurer

Even the Arab leader, King Hussein, said in 1960:

Since 1948 Arab leaders have approached the Palestine problem in an irresponsible manner. . . . They have used the Palestine people for selfish political purposes. This is ridiculous and, I could even say, criminal." (Page 23)

The Balfour Declaration and The League of Nations' Palestine Mandate

The problem with the Jews being hoodwinked out of what was rightfully theirs precedes the illegal migration of Arabs in the 1930's and 1940's. This migration swell resulted from the result of the Balfour Declaration in 1917 which established a "Jewish National Home."

The League of Nations along with the British, designated the land called Palestine as this national homeland. Their description was:

".....east and west of the Jordan River from the Mediterranean to Arabia and Iraq, and north and south from Egypt to Lebanon and Syria." (Page 235)

It is a well established fact that in the times of the Old Testament and the New Testament, the land of the Jews extended well on to both sides of the Jordan River. In approximately 1920-21, Britain, through political pressure, withdrew everything on the east side of the Jordan of the land that was supposed to be a national homeland for the Jews, and established the area of Trans-Jordan, known today as Jordan, establishing a king on the throne. This area was three fourths of the land, leaving only one quarter of the original mandate, but including everything west of the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea, which definitely included what is known now as the West Bank. The original mandated land area (including Trans-Jordan) was small in comparison to all the land of the Arab countries surrounding it, including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. The British felt that surely the Arabs who truly hated the Jews with a passion, and still do, would be satisfied, but they were wrong. So the British cut out Trans-Jordan leaving a small strip of Jewish land and the "Palestinians" immediately began crowding in to claim it and displace the Jews, thereby reducing it even more. There has been bloodshed and I'm sure, rights and wrongs on both sides. It still remains, however, that the Jewish people hold more rights to the land historically and scripturally, than any other one group of people.

Every Descendant of Abraham?

Then there is the issue of the land belonging to the descendants of Abraham, and some are quick to point out that Palestinians and Arabs are descended from him. The Bible identi-

2011-12 NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD PROJECT

by Bro. Arthur Smith, Editor/Promoter

At the National Brotherhood meeting in Wichita Falls, Texas, in March, the men selected as their new project for 2011-2012 the following: 25% Galileans; 10% General Fund, and 65% ISHELP and Director Tony Crocker.

The Brotherhood provides expense money for the Galilean Directors and also helps with the printing of Galilean study materials for the boys in grades four through twelve. The Galilean program is a discipleship training program specifically designed for boys in the BMA of America.

ISHHELP (International Self-Help English Learning Program) is a new platform established to assist groups associated with the BMA of America make the most of their global opportunities through the effective use of En-

gies who these descendants are, specifically. They are the children of promise, or the descendants through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. According to Paul in Romans 9 and Galatians 4, Ishmael was a child of the flesh and Isaac the child of faith, or the promise.

Notice in Hebrews 11:17, Isaac is called the only begotten son of Abraham. No mention is made of Ishmael. Then notice in Genesis 22:2, God told Abraham:

"And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah:...."

Yet, at this point, Ishmael was alive and older than Isaac, being technically his older half brother. As far as God was concerned, Abraham had only one son through whom He would bless Abraham and fulfill the promises he had previously made. The difference was, Ishmael, the son of the flesh, was born to ABRAM, the man of flesh who tried to fulfill God's promises to him by using Hagar to bear a son, whereas, Isaac was the son of faith, born to ABRAHAM, the man of faith who trusted God to work out his divine plan in His own divine way.

The Promised Seed of Abraham

Remember the promises God gave to Abram who, as he grew into the father of the faithful, had these promises confirmed and reconfirmed, culminating in his status as God's covenant man of faith, reflected in his name changed to Abraham, incorporating part of the name of God, JEHOVAH into his own name, ABRAM.

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" Genesis 12:2.

"And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward,

and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever." Genesis 13:14,15.

"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites." Genesis 15:18-2.

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Genesis 17:8.

"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation." Genesis 17:19, 20.

Yet, the blessing on Ishmael was not the same as the promise through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

"...For they are not all Israel which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, (Ishmael) these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise (Isaac) are counted for the seed." Romans 9:6b-8.

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Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas seeks Vice President for Finance

Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas seeks an innovative and experienced financial administrator and leader with a proven track record in the management of financial systems to serve as Vice President for Finance.

Reporting directly to the President, the Vice President for Finance serves as chief financial officer of the college. The Vice President for Finance will provide strategic leadership and oversight of the College's finance and accounting functions, business services and auxiliary enterprises, human resources, and facilities and physical plant operations. As a member of the President's executive management team, the Vice President will support

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The successful candidate will have an MBA or Master's degree in business management, accounting or related field and a minimum of five years accounting/finance related experience in a supervisory or managerial role.

The Vice President for Finance is a twelve-month, full-time position with remuneration and benefits commensurate with experience.

The position will be available August 1, 2011. The search

committee will begin reviewing applications immediately. The search will continue until the position is filled.

Send letter of application, resume, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: Vice President for Finance Search Committee c/o Terry Kimbrow, President, Central Baptist College, Conway, AR 72034 or e-mail tkimbrow@cbc.edu. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Candidates must support the Christian identity of the College and demonstrate mature faith, Christian lifestyle, and a strong belief in Baptist Doctrine. CBC will conduct a criminal background investigation as part of the hiring process

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here. Don't get mad.) Let us be thankful. While I am not minimizing the hardship of poverty in this country, we actually are a wealthy nation. Our poor are wealthy by worldly standards. I would dare say that everyone reading this article has a roof over their head. They have food not only for today, but stored in cabinets in their kitchen. Enough food for days. And if you want to, you can drive to any city or small town in this country and find all the food you could ever dream to want in grocery stores.

The variety of foods available in stores in this country is overwhelming and truly amazing. It is there just for our struggle to drive down and put it in a buggy. We have money. Yes, there are many people who struggle to make ends meet. There are many people who work hard for meager wages. But as you sit down to eat at that table in your home with that roof over your head, and your mouth is full, as well as

your stomach; you might want to thank God that you live in America. He has blessed us with riches most of the world has never known. America the Beautiful.

Enjoy this July 4th. Thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us as a nation. We are a shining star in this world. We are an exceptional nation. And it is only by the grace of God. We are free. We are rich. We are able to pursue leisure activities with our family and friends. We have it good here in America. Thank you God for it all.

Psalm 33: 8,12,22 "Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee."

America the Beautiful. Still is! Praise the one who is Most Beautiful! Our Lord.

He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.



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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

In this passage of scripture, Jesus first establishes His authority and ability of dominion in the realm of heaven and earth. He uses the word "all" to establish the fact that He is sovereign in every realm. He is truly Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and at His feet all will bow the knee and profess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. It is within His scope that He issues the command to us, "Go ye". Surely, we should hear His voice and obey His command to go to a lost and dying world with His Gospel message for we are His ambassadors and we plead to the lost, "be ye reconciled to God".

Bro. Ray Boone and New Heart Baptist Mission at Hattiesburg, are making good progress with their build-

ing program. At this time, they are pouring sidewalks and installing tile. They are pressing forward with plans to have their first service in their new building on July 16, 2011, at 5:00 P.M. You are invited to attend and be a part of this service. On June 19, they had 43 in service and 49 on June 26.

Bro. Estuardo and El Camino continue to do well with present attendance at about 100. They baptized 17 on May 29 and presently have several awaiting baptism which is planned for July 17.

Bro. Elvis Garcia has been out of the country preaching in Guatemala, and he is expected to return presently so we don't have an update on their progress.

As you probably know by now, the Missionary Committee and Revolving Loan Fund Trustees met jointly on June 3 and the entire 18 men are jointly serving as the Missions Director Search Committee. We know that you are praying about this.

All praise, honor, and glory goes to God for His great blessings on all of us.

First Service Set For Saturday, July 16

New Heart Mission Progress

by Ray Boone, Missionary Pastor

Our first service in the new building is set for Saturday July 16 at 5:00 p.m. We would like to invite everyone to come and share in this special day with us. Our ladies will be preparing food for afterwards. On Sunday, June 26, we had 49 in our morning service and we thank our Lord for that.

We at New Heart want to thank

everyone that has helped us with the physical work. We also want to thank those of you that helped by prayer. It is your support that has helped and enabled us to be as far along with our building as we are. We give our heavenly Father all the praise and all the glory for all the good things he has done.



Above - The New Heart Baptist Mission Building. Work continues on the inside in preparation for the first service to be held in the new building on Saturday, July 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Below - The first picture is of our mothers that were honored on Mothers Day. The second is of the fathers recognized on Fathers Day.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

A Parent's Prayer

I came across this in one of my "infamous piles" the other day and I says to myself: "If I've kept this thing this long it must need to be shared." And so I'm sharing.

I pray that I may let my child live his own life and not the one I wish I had lived. Therefore, guard me against burdening him with what I failed to do...

Help me to see his missteps today in perspective against the long road he must go, and grant me the grace of patience with his slow pace.

Give me the wisdom of knowing when to smile at the small mischiefs of his age and when to give him the haven of firmness against the impulses which he fears and cannot master...

Help me to hear the anguish in his heart through the din of angry words or across the gulf of brooding silence, and having heard, give me the grace to bridge the gap between us with understanding warmth.

I pray that I may raise my voice more in joy at what he is, than vexation at what he has done, so that each day he may grow in sureness of himself.

Help me to hold him with a warmth that will give him friendliness toward others, then give me the fortitude to free him to go strongly on his way...

*(If I knew to whom to give credit for this,
I would gladly do it but I have no idea!)*

The Place Is Occupied

"There is a story of a saintly teacher, who in the midst of his young students, lived a life of such purity and serenity, that his younger comrades marveled. The wonder grew upon them so greatly that at length they resolved to approach the master and ask to be told the secret of his purity, this peace. They came one day, and said, "Teacher, we are harassed with many temptations which appeal to us so often and so strongly that they give us no rest. You seem to be untroubled by these things, and we would learn the secret. Do not the temptations that harass our souls appeal to you? Do they never come knocking at your door?"

The old man listened, and smiled, and said, "My children, I do know something of the things of which you speak. The temptations that trouble you do come, making their appeal to me. But, when these temptations knock at the door of my heart, I answer, 'the place is occupied,'"