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### The Blueberry Ladies - Unique Funding of Mission Work

**Editor's Note** - *I have known these dear ladies for a number of years. I can attest to the love they have for others and their dedication to the Lord's work and His church. May this article encourage you to find a unique and enjoyable way to support the work of missions.*



#### Each One Reach One

by Judy Eavenson & Virginia Poore

For years we have picked our blueberries and put up jam, juice, baked cakes and cobblers. This year as we were talking, we wondered how we could serve the Lord with blueberries. During our WMA meeting we ask our ladies if they would help gather orders to sell the blueberries. Our goal was to donate all the money made to our WMA projects. We asked the Lord to bless our blueberry bushes and He did.

As we gathered the berries, we had so much fun getting up at 6:30 a.m. and picking till 11:30 a.m. We laughed, fell of the ladder into the bushes, and were sore from top to bottom. Some berries were hard to reach and some were easy. It made us think of the souls of men. Some are easy to witness to and others are hard. But, if each one can reach one, we can all bring glory to our Lord.

We turned in \$200.00 at our last WMA meeting to be used for our National, and State projects. Thanks to all who purchased the blueberries for this worthy cause.

If you would like to purchase blueberry juice, it is \$2.00 a pint and \$4.00 a quart. You may contact Judy Eavenson or Virginia Poore at 601-428-1014 or 601-433-6567.

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### Why I Like To Preach

By George Reddin, pastor

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George Reddin

preach when he got saved and preached his first sermon one week later.

While the circumstances surrounding the calls of those preachers may have been different, there was one thing they had in common—they all enjoyed preaching, and so do I. After 31 years in a denomina-

tional job, I have returned to what I enjoy above all else — preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There's nothing like preaching a fresh sermon every Sunday. C.O. Strong, who was my pastor when I was growing up, used to say that sometimes he really had something to say when he preached; and other times, he just had to say something. I've had a few of those days.

I enjoy my work with Denver Street Baptist Church in Greenwood, where I have time to prepare new sermons every week. God has been good to us — our 26th addition joined a week ago Sunday on profession of faith. That night, another lady was saved in my

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### U.S. military insignia no longer allowed on Bibles

**NASHVILLE, TN** - The B&H Publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention says its Bibles can no longer be emblazoned with the official insignia of branches of the U.S. military.

LifeWay Christian Resources spokesman Marty King says the military branches have revoked their prior authorization to use the official service emblems on the Soldier's Bible, Sailor's Bible, Marine's Bible and Airman's Bible. King says permission to use the insignia was granted in 2003, but withdrawn last year.

Mikey Weinstein says his Military Religious Freedom Foundation had threatened to sue over what it regarded as an unconstitutional violation of the separation of church and state.

King says military versions of the Holman Christian Standard Bible now bear generic insignia instead of the official service emblems. He adds that the military Bibles "continue to sell well and provide spiritual guidance and comfort to those who serve."

# Why I Like To Preach

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office after church. We've outgrown our building and are in the process of getting a Master Plan drawn up to guide as we expand our building. We have at least 5 new families who have been visiting for about 2 months now, and I'm hoping some of them will follow the Lord's leadership and come and join us. Our people are doing the work. I'm just trying to keep them spiritually fed. I appreciate your prayers for us as my wife, Jerene, and I have stepped into some new roles since this time last year.

I don't like to preach because I'm good at it, because I'm not. It amazes me that God can take a timid, weak-voiced preacher with a monotone delivery, put His words in that preacher's heart and something supernatural happens as He directs those words to the very people who need to hear it. That's why I like to preach! But this message is not just about me. I'm talking to a lot of preachers here tonight, and I hope every

one of you can join me in saying, "I like to preach." Three reasons why are found in our text, written by Paul, another preacher who liked to preach:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:1-4)

## I. Preaching Is Practical

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel, which I preached unto you." That verse speaks of the practicality of preaching — preaching that produces some desirable and necessary results.

- Preaching is practical because it is educational. The word "declare" in this verse was

one chosen for a particular purpose. Although there are nine other root words Paul could have chosen, he picked the one that said exactly what he meant — "to make known." He was saying, "I want to make known unto you the gospel."

Chuck Chitty teaches the adult Sunday School class at our church, and he thrills my soul every Sunday. I get fed and learn something every time he teaches, and he teaches with enthusiasm. He studied Greek as a non-ministerial student at CBC, and he loves to dig into the Word. Someone has said three things ought to happen every time we go to church — we should learn something, feel something and leave to do something. When Bro. Chuck teaches, I have those responses and it makes me wish I could preach like Bro. Chuck can teach.

Preaching is practical because it's educational; it teaches us something.

- Preaching is practical because it is edifying. "Gospel" means good news, something

that is encouraging and edifying. How long has it been since you've heard some good news? We are fed a steady diet of bad news:

The economic news is bad. We're in a recession, even though some of our leaders have told us we're coming out of it.

The employment news is bad. The unemployment rate is still too high, and the only reason it isn't higher than it is right now is because they use funny math in figuring our unemployment.

The educational news is bad. Our schools are dumbing down their curriculum and feeding our students revisionary history; and our students are receiving little help from home because, in many cases, they come from home situations that are atrocious.

Our environmental news is bad. We're told that the "greening" of America is supposed to improve our health, but I think it's more hype than health.

The election news is bad. I can't find anybody who is happy with the candidates in either party.

Our global news is bad. We have enemies all around the

world, even though we have given them millions of dollars to make them love us. It seems the more we give them, the more they hate us. It's just crazy.

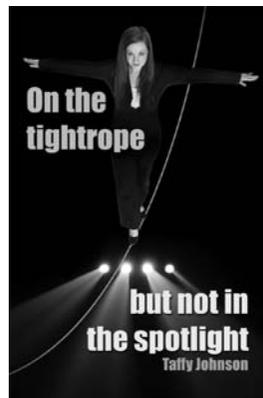
Things were just as bad when Jesus was born. He came into a world that was drowning in bad news; but He brought good news. The prophets foretold it, the angels announced it, the faithful anticipated it, the apostles witnessed it, the epistles explained it, evangelists preach it, Christians share it, sinners receive it, believers reflect it and our text defines it!

The good news is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Gospel, as it is used here, is "euangelos" (good message) in the Greek. The word appears many times in the New Testament — 52 times before I Cor. 15:1 and 52 times after it. And in this central position of that word, we have the clearest definition of the gospel in the Bible — the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Some people have a strange idea about preaching. They

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## Women: Wanting a Closer Walk with God



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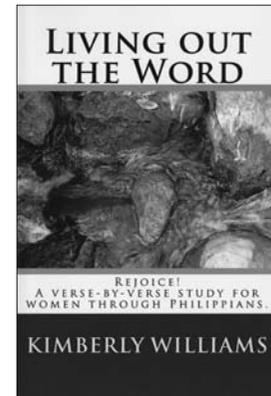
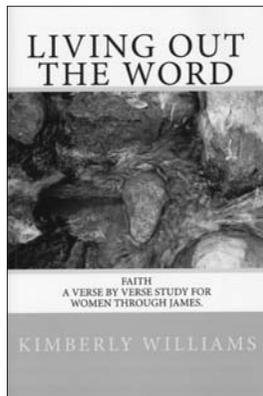
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## Summertime - Innocence Lost

The good ole summertime. It is a wonderful season. Our kids usually have more free time during the summer. There is for many kids, a vacation from school. This is a good thing. However, without active parental supervision, it can be the one time each year when we are most vulnerable as parents to lose our kids to the enemy. Many a young child will start hanging out with the wrong crowd in the summer and start to develop the seeds of future rebellion. Many a teen will start their downward path towards destruction by having too much free time, too little supervision and too many unwise friends.

Parents can stop this. It is called knowing where your kid is at all times. I know you will say it is impossible to know where they are at all times. I believe that a parent can know where their kids are - and should. As long as your child can be trusted, you can have them go to places without you. I don't mean that you have to stick to them like gum on the bottom of a shoe. Your child does need to experience life with others, and not always have you hovering over them. Don't be overprotective.

However, the bigger problem in our country today is parents who don't know, and often times don't care, where their kids are. There are many Christian parents who let their kids go over to friends houses, go to movies or entertainment venues without even checking

on the who, what, when and where. I think some parents don't want to know. As long as their kids are out of their hair on Saturday, and as long as they aren't getting into any legal trouble - it's fine with them. They can now do what they want to do on their day off. How selfish! If this is you, you

### Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee



need to change your wicked ways as a parent.

Be involved in their total life everyday. You should know who all their friends are.

You should know who they text, who they 'facebook' and who they hang out with. Whose home are they going to? Do you know the parents?

Just because there are adults in the home does not mean that there will be adult supervision in the home! When your little child goes over to the neighbor's home, what are the older siblings doing? Are the mom and dad fighting all the time while your kids is over there? That does affect your child.

Is their cussing going on? Are there vulgar movies playing in the den while your kid is in another room? What words or scenes might they unintentionally be exposed to?

You better know the home where they roam. And even if this family goes to your church, it does not mean they are living right. I would have new friends come over to my house so that

I could observe the behavior. If I had questions, I might go over and pay a friendly visit. It doesn't have to be intrusive, but it better be inclusive. How can you put your child's well-being on the line? There are too many sick, dysfunctional people out there for you to not pay attention in this area.

We lose so many teens to immorality during the summer. Parents, please pay attention to what is going on around you. If you can't trust them because they lie to you or have a rebellious spirit, then they don't get the privilege of going out and hanging out with friends. Going swimming, or to a friend's house to spend time is a privilege reserved for those who are demonstrating Godly behavior in the

home. Your teen is respectful, honoring, completing chores and task you have assigned, attending church, etc.. Failure to do so means that you don't get to do the fun things. If you let a teen with a smart mouth run out the door and stay gone all day with their friends - learning the ways of the world - then don't be too shocked when they raise the enemy's flag in your home. Your lack of supervision helped fuel that fire.

How is your daughter dressed going out tonight? Does her appearance reflect Godliness? I Timothy 2:9. You can dress in style, and still not look like a woman with no morals. It doesn't matter how the rest of the girls are dressing. We have a different standard and different walk as Christians. What are your teens doing at the lake? Who is over at the house where they are swimming in the backyard? The list goes on and on.

You need to pay attention if you love your kids. If you just let them go because you want them to be happy, you will end up being very sad. All teens and kids want to go places and hang out with friends and do fun things in the summer. But wise parents know that they must be the loving authority in their child's life. Some things are inappropriate for the Christian. Some things need to be more closely monitored. Some-

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## Southeastern Baptist College

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*Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere*

Most already know that Southeastern is in a period of transition. Dr. Savell has resigned and I am serving as interim president after serving as executive vice president for seven years. I ask for your prayers as we complete this academic year and begin a new one in August, which will also be the beginning of my 26th year with the college.

### God's Blessings

Central Baptist, Richton, has voted to begin monthly support. Thank you to Brother Stinson for their confidence in and support of Southeastern. Also, several other churches are now planning to give a special offering before June 30 from special appeals made to them.

A local sign company, The Headrick Company, has donated the use of three and possibly four billboards. This is a wonderful blessing and could give us a boost in enrollment for the coming semester, plus we know it will make the college known to more people. Thanks to Richard and Gina Headrick for their generosity.

Since we are nearing the end of our fiscal year on June 30, it is crucial that we end in the black. By ending in the black, it will mean we are only two years away from applying for SACS accreditation. Please help us in any way you can.

We have received into the office \$4,000.00 from special appeals from the following different churches and associations:

Big Creek Association -	\$1,000
Tombigbee Association -	\$500
Ten Mile Association -	\$500
Mid Central Asso. -	\$1,000
Mt. Olive Baptist -	\$500.00
Anonymous -	\$500

Some other associations and churches have voted on helping and will be sending before June 30.

### Plans

I have already spoken in three churches and have two

more appointments for the last two Sunday nights in June. I have attended 4 local associations in June and plan on attending one more.

I am asking pastors to consider inviting me for a Sunday service from July on into the next few months. I would like to set up a display, hand out materials, and give a presentation on SBC, and answer any questions that may be asked. If asked to preach, I would be glad to oblige. I have a limited number of Sunday morning slots available, but am available any Sunday night.

I have sent out invitations for pastors in associations within driving distance to meet for special prayer for the college on the following Mondays at 9:00 A.M.: June, 11, 18, and 25. We had six guests this past Monday and a good time of prayer. I know pastors are busy people, but please come and pray with us if at all possible.

Invitations have been sent to churches inviting all to attend a Gospel sing with the Southmen Quartet and Calvary's Harmony on June 22 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. There will be no charge for children under 12.

### Special Emphasis

Our time of special offerings will begin in July and extend through August. These offerings really help us to make it through the summer time when the only tuition income is from June. I am asking churches that plan on giving to strongly consider giving early, before June 30. This would greatly help us to end in the black and may be what makes the difference.

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* I Cor. 15:58



Joseph Harris  
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# Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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## My First Sports Coat

When I was in about the 7th or 8th grade, I was about to attend an after school function. I really wanted to dress nice and I convinced my mother to run to town at the last minute and buy me a sports coat. I thought for sure that the event I was going to was a "coat and tie" affair. (It turned out to be mostly a "tie only" event for most of the guys there.)



Don Brown  
Editor

In order to dress me in the manner I had desired we rushed into J.C. Penney's in Clarksdale, Mississippi, just a few minutes before closing. They had just what I wanted, the salesman actually had to do nothing. My mind was made up and out the door we went with my

new coat.

I still buy some of my dress shirts and ties at J.C. Penney. - that is until now. We regularly receive the Penney sales catalog in the mail. My wife pointed out to me in the latest issue the "two dad family" on one of the pages. Yes, there they were, two 'dads' (homosexual partners) with a young boy and girl.

I guess you could say this was unexpected, but not surprising. It is certainly a sign of the times in which we live. Companies go the extra mile to not only appeal to all segments of society to sell their products, but they continue to get bolder and more 'in-your-face' with their promotion of the homosexual agenda.

All segments of society are surely welcomed to shop wherever they wish, but I personally have decided to shop elsewhere in the future. I know that the small

amount of money I spend at J.C. Penney's will not hurt their bottom line, but maybe if enough individuals who value Christian and traditional moral values will speak up and then shop elsewhere, we can get the message across that we do not want sinful life-styles and political messages used in this manner.

The bottom line is this - if we are constantly bombarded with such messages, our children (and many of us as well) will become accepting of those things that are detrimental to the human mind and spirit and to society in general. And that is something that we must do our best to not let happen.

I often tell my church that if we tell people, especially our children, about Christ, that they will listen and they will believe. This holds true for most information. Let us therefore beware.

## Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"Can you rememberway back when sin was a BAD thing?"

### Letters From Our Readers

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

(Since 1973, 210,633 Bibles; 58,099 New Testaments; Total bibles & materials: 622,801.)

I have traveled 6,724 miles, I have personally seen 5 confession of Faith in Jesus Christ in 2012 (347 since 1/12000), & 7 Rededications; visited 5 churches, 16 associations meeting & 50 prisons visits, taught 42 bible study classes, taught 1 volunteer worker's class. Preached 10 sermons in prisons. Sent at total of 55 CD/DVD sermons into prisons.

The new jail in Hancock County, Mississippi in now open and we put the very first Bibles and study books into the jail. Also, I am now serving as a Volunteer Chaplain there one day a week. When Worship Services start there we are looking take our evangelistic team in for services.

Once again our thanks for your prayerful support of this Bible Ministry!! Isaiah 55:11 inside prisons!

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### Bible Crusade Reports

Dear Brother Brown,  
Greeting in Jesus' Holy Name! Please share our report with your readers. Our thanks for your help and support of this Bible ministry to prisoners across our land.

Prisoners Bible Crusade report YTD 5/31/2012:

2,242 English Bibles; 140 Spanish Bibles; Bibles totals, 2,382; 0 New Testaments; All Study Books 500; 320 Study helps, totals for all Bibles and materials to date in 2012 is 3,202. These were sent into 19 prisons. Chaplains report 131 people saved (20,420 since 1/1/2000). 2 new Chaplains requesting Bibles for the 1st time in 2012. PBC's Evangelistic Team has conducted 10 Worship services in prisons in 2012.

## Southeastern College To Host Gospel Sing

The Southmen Quartet from Georgia, along with Calvary's Harmony from Hattiesburg, will be in concert Friday, June 22 at 7:00 PM at Southeastern Baptist College. Tickets are

\$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. We encourage church groups to come and enjoy an evening of old time Gospel singing, quartet style. This benefit is to help SBC end in the black this fiscal year at the end of June.



### AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

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### Morals Under A Microscope

I Peter 2:9-19

Included in the verses of I Peter 2:9 are the words, "but ye are." This places every Christian under close scrutiny, or another appropriate word would be a "microscope." Pulpit commentary stated that "every Christian is bound both by witness for God with a life made fair by communion with Him, and by speech, when speech may be used." Intelligible Christians will many times have to avow the morals which guide him or her.

Issues become urgent when they affect you, your family, friends, neighbors or your Christian community. Putting faces to issues makes the issue become very personal and important. People tend to be apathetic to injustices that affect society at large. However, when they affect us personally, or our children, grandchildren or others we know, we become concerned and engaged to become activists.

### Marriage Is Under the Microscope

The Word of God affirms the sanctity of the marriage vows. Included in

the vows are love, personal commitment, mutual support and fidelity between ONE man and ONE woman. By obeying these Biblical concepts, we teach our children what is morally sound.

The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was enacted in September, 1996 and is a United States Federal Law. It defines marriage as "a legal union of one man and one woman." The law was passed by both houses of the United States Congress with a large majority. It was signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996.

The DOMA law, in summary, states that no state or any other political subdivision of the United States may recognize "same-sex" relationships. God's law also states in Genesis 2:21-25, in the marriage of Adam and Eve, "a man and a woman." He declared "Adam and Eve" not "Adam and Steve."

Microscopically, we examine the law of the United States and God's Laws. The President and Vice President of the United States, recently, declared their allegiance to "same-sex Marriage." This is contrary to Federal

Law and God's law. Therefore, we as Christians, must teach our children I Peter 2:9 so that they will know who they are in Christ.

### Media and Values

#### Are Under the Microscope

"But ye are" of I Peter 2:9, puts every Christian under a microscope, and "has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light." Mass Media, whether intentionally or not, is undermining the truths of Christianity.

The media continually promotes non-Christian values including graphic sexual content, profanity, violence and non-functional family lifestyles. They could choose to promote, motivate and inspire but this is seldom the scenario. Family values are attacked through television, computer and the entertainment industry. Their affects are dehumanizing and with excessive sensationalism. They are, of course, in violation of Biblical teachings. For the sake of our Christian families, we must work together to halt the erosion of moral and ethical values.

### Gambling is Under the Microscope

States are desperate again for economic dollars, particularly for the funding of education, and once again gambling is being considered the most likely source of income. Gambling is a menace to our society and further erosion to moral values. This so-called form of pleasure is destructive to "good" government and "good" stewardship.

Those who have faith in God's Word,

truth with a view to persuasion."

Paul said: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (II Cor. 5:11) If we have any idea what the future holds for sinful men, it should drive us to proclaim the gospel in a persuasive way.

In II Thess. 2:13-14, Paul said "...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, whereunto he called you by our gospel..." He used the same word for gospel in this passage (euangelos, the good news), and he told them God had called them through the gospel.

When you preach the gospel in its simplicity, it will bring someone to Christ if they take the message to heart because preaching is practical.

### II. Preaching Is Powerful

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received and wherein ye stand, by which also ye are saved."

• Preaching the gospel makes people surrender. The power of our preaching lies not in the volume of the voice of the preacher, nor in the persuasiveness of his delivery; it is the taught Word, carried by the Holy Spirit into

should abstain from this practice and pray for those who are victims of this deed. They should seek counseling and possibly be directed into positive and constructive habits. Pastors, church leaders and congregations should preach and teach against commercial gambling, public lotteries, casinos, bingo, and other 'games of chance' as either a source of income, recreation or escape.

### Christians are under the Microscope

I Peter 2:9 states, "but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" The apostle Peter reminds us of the privileges we have as believers in Christ.

### Recommended References

Personal Faith Public Policy, Harry Jackson, Front Line, \$21.99

Speaking My Mind, Tony Compolo, W Publishing, \$13.99

I Never Thought I'd See The Day, David Jeremiah, Faith Words, \$24.99



## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

## Saddened & Gladdened

The heart of practically every member of any BMA Church in Mississippi has been saddened during recent weeks because Bro. Arthur Smith and Bro. Marion Wilson went on ahead of us. They were both loved and deeply respected.

When I think of Bro. Arthur Smith, the scripture from I Cor. 15:58 comes to mind. "...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the lord." He was a member of a vanishing breed of preachers who visit shut-ins as well as the sick regularly and often.

Who can think of Bro. Marion Wilson without smiling? He was from a family of witty people. As with Job, our God allowed Satan to put a lot of things in Bro. Marion's life that would have doomed a man of lesser stature, but he kept his sense of humor through all of those things. He always had a witty saying for different occasions. One that was recently passed on to me was: He once said that he "was so nervous and jittery that he could thread a sewing machine and it running."

Can you think of either of these men without a deep appreciation and a smile?

## Why I Like To Preach

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think it's the preacher's job to step on toes and if he doesn't do that, they don't think they've been preached to. But stepping on toes is not our business; that's the Holy Spirit's business. We're supposed to just preach the gospel and let it edify people.

Dr. E. Harold Henderson used to say, "Preaching is like feeding sheep; and sheep are to be fed daily and sheared annually, but skinned only when dead." So save your skinning until folks in your church are completely dead, spiritually.

Preaching should be edifying and lift your people up.

• Preaching is practical because it is emotional. Paul had preached the gospel to them before, and in our text he was about to preach it to them again. Why did he want to tell them what they had already heard? Because what they had heard was soul stirring, thrilling and had triggered their deliverance from death unto life and from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. Preaching should touch our emotions.

In II Peter 1:12-13, the apostle Pe-

ter knew his death was at hand, so he said: "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance." In today's terms, he said: "I think it appropriate and fitting, as long as I'm in this body, to stir you up by reminding you of something important."

As the old song says: "I love to hear the story; for those who know it best, seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song; 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long."

Preaching is emotional! It touches our hearts.

• Preaching is practical because it is evangelistic, proclaiming good news. T.H. Pattison, in his book *The Making of a Sermon*, gave a good definition for preaching (and all of us who went through C.O. Strong's homiletics classes had to memorize it)—"Preaching is the communication of divine

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## Meet Our Newest BMAA Missionaries

Dale & Celia Broom in Ghana, West Africa  
by Mrs. Shirlene Smith, Editor  
National WMA

Ghana is known as the “land of gold.” It is located near the equator and surrounded by Burkina Faso, Togo, Ivory Coast, and the Atlantic Ocean. The motto of Ghana is “Freedom and Justice.” “God Bless Our Homeland Ghana” is their anthem. The capital city is Accra; the official language is English; the population is 24,233,431. Christianity is practiced by 69% of the population according to the 2000 census. Major denominations are Catholicism, Methodism, Presbyterianism, Lutheranism, Pentecostalism, and Baptists. Ghana is one of the largest producers of cocoa in the world. It is home to Lake Volta, the largest artificial lake in the world by surface area.

Bro. Dale and Celia Broom were both born in Columbia, Mississippi. When Bro. Dale was a small child, his family moved to Gautier, Mississippi, where they attended a BMA of Mississippi mission church, Parkview Baptist Church. Bro. Arthur Smith was their pastor; it was there that Bro. Dale came to know the Lord as Savior.

Later, the Broom Family moved back to Columbia and became a part of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Mt. Gilead was the home church of Celia and her family. They met, fell in love, and were married on April 15, 1981. Four years later they had their first Daughter, Kristin. About six months later, Celia began to doubt her salvation and called Bro. Arthur Shaw, their pastor, for counseling. She was saved in her home on December 25, 1985.

On December 16, 1992, Theresa, their second daughter, was born. Celia used the time between the birth of their daughters to complete her degree in education and became a teacher.

Bro. Dale experienced a period of time when he was dis-



Dale & Celia Broom

couraged with church—he began to stay home on Sunday or claim that he was sick. His attitude changed and he became bitter. This was hard to understand since he had always been active in church. This went on for awhile until he did become sick. He was always having to see a doctor. He finally had gall bladder surgery. Celia thought things would be fine then, but things only got worse. One doctor told Bro. Dale that he needed to see a psychiatrist.

One evening he came home from work and announced that he was discontinuing all his medications. He soon started attending church again. He came home from work one day a few months later and asked Celia what she would say if he told her that God had called him to preach. Celia was speechless! She never dreamed God was dealing with him to preach the Gospel. Bro. Dale made known his call to the ministry in November, 1998.

After pastoring several churches, Bro. Dale became burdened for missions. After visiting Ghana in 2010, they felt this was the place God wanted them to serve. They made application to the BMAA for missionary status. After continued training, they were approved as self-support missionaries in April 2011. They began their deputation and met so many wonderful people and God blessed them with supporters along the way. They left for Ghana on May 5, 2012.

They will be helping teach in the Bible Institute and encour-

### Ten Mile WMA Report

2011-2012 Theme - Committed to God, Psalm 37:5 - “Commit thy way unto the Lord trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.”

District Project 2011-12 - 75% Ed Duvall/Homestretch, 25% General Fund: State Project 2011-12, 75% Joseph Oyeeye, 25% General Fund: National Project 2011-12, 40% Haiti Relief Fund (Mike Poirier), 40% ISHELP (Tony Crocker), 15% Youth Fund, 5% General Fund.

The Ten Mile WMA met April 9, 2012, at Temple Baptist Church, in Biloxi. We enjoyed a Devotion and Special Program by Temple Baptist Church ladies. WMA ladies presented the skit story of the woman of Samaria went to the well every day, but avoided the other women on purpose. For what reason, shame, guilt, shyness, however on this day, she met Jesus. She accepted Jesus and went back to town to tell everyone. We come to church, we say we are Christians, yet how many follow God’s commandment from Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus did not let fear or ridicule stop him on his mission to tell many as he could God and neither should we. Today in our lives we get into the habit of stay within our comfort zones. We have to be open to talking to those we come in contact with about our Savior. How many lives could we change if we were to talk to everyone we come in contact with today about Lord and Savior.

President Myrtis Mallett read a letter from Missionary Nicky Prickett. Nicky thanked the WMA ladies for their donation. Sister Geraldine Necaie gave a report on The Book of “Labors Together With God” She gave us a history of our Missionary Ministry.

We enjoyed refreshments and a great fellowship with Temple Baptist Church. Our next meeting will be on July 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Ten Mile. We will be electing officers for the next year.

Reporter Maria Ochoa

aging the work of the BMA of Africa. They are in the process of learning all they can about the work there. Pray for them each day. Their desire as servants of God is to help the people of Ghana spread the Gospel throughout the continent of Africa.



Todd West  
Speaker



Aaron Williams  
Worship



Lincoln Brewster  
Guest Artist



Joe Castillo  
SandStory Artist



Panic Squad  
Comedy Improv

### SOAR 2012

National Youth Conference

July 4 - 6, 2012 - Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas

#### HOTEL

The Awe-inspiring Gaylord Texan Hotel in Grapevine, Texas SOAR group room rate is \$109 with up to four in a room. Make your reservations by June 1 at 1-866-782-7897.

#### REGISTRATION

\$75 per person by June 1 (No refunds after this date.)  
\$85 after June 1 (No t-shirt) & \$95 if you stay off-site.  
Register online at [www.DiscipleGuide.org/soar](http://www.DiscipleGuide.org/soar) or print a form from the web site and mail to the DCM office. Contact the DCM office with any questions at 501-513-3726 or [triciak@conwaycorp.net](mailto:triciak@conwaycorp.net).



Get Ready to SOAR!

## A Report from Dale and Celia Broom BMAA Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa

Greetings from Ghana,

We would like to take this time to share with you some things that we are doing or planning to do in Ghana. We have been busy unpacking and adjusting to our new environment. We enjoyed the two weeks that Bro. John Lindsey was here with us. He was a great help to us as we arrived and began to start adjusting. We will be looking forward to his return.

We have been discussing some future plans with those at the Bible Institute concerning new growth and curriculum. We are also planning and working toward accreditation for degrees. We are in the process of getting the information from the government regarding the requirements for this. We will then begin to work on achieving those requirements to receive the needed accreditation. This will enable them to build strong leaders for the future of the BMA of Africa.

In the last two weeks we have been working with one of the nationals concerning church planting and evangelism. We have discussed and have in place a plan to encourage and strengthen previously established churches. We will be working with the pastors of these churches to help them evangelize in the villages and to strengthen their church. We want to train them to be self-supporting and that they are to participate in church planting as well. These are the names of the villages that we will be visiting in June: Nkenkansu, Nkawie, Nerebehi, and Agona. Please be in prayer for these villages as we prepare and go, that God will strengthen and multiply.

As you know, some of the difficulties in fulfilling these plans will be the expense of traveling to these places. As self-supporting missionaries, our resources are limited. At this time we are working toward getting a vehicle and we do have a project fund that we have started to help provide for our transportation. If you, your church, or association would be interested in helping provide for this need, you can send funds to the Missions Office with “Broom Transportation Project” in the memo of your check. The address of the Missions Office is P.O. Box 30910, Little Rock, AR 72260.

We appreciate your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for Ghana. Life here is difficult for the nationals and they need your prayers. God is moving, but Satan is also busy. Pray that we will continue the work of God’s Kingdom for His glorification.

Thank You,  
Dale and Celia Broom  
BMAA Missionaries to Ghana, West Africa

## Ministry seeks support The God of Hope

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Roman 15:13*

In Romans 12:1-2, Paul says, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, by not conforming to

## Summertime Fun from page 3

times, the answer is just flat "no". And your child should be expected to not pitch a fit, but to respect your decision and not give you grief over it. If they turn it into WWIII, then follow up with appropriate discipline. Expect your children to honor you (Ephesians 6:1, 2) even if they don't understand or like your rules. Please stop throwing these little lambs to the wolves.

Keep letting your good lamb hang out with a pack of wolves this summer, and there is going to be a mess to clean up in the Fall.

this world, but by transforming our minds to the mind of Christ that we may demonstrate what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God is the God of Hope. When I was saved in 1966 by trusting Jesus, the God of Hope became my God and my hope. If you want to see God as the God of Hope, read Isaiah 11 and 12. You will be able to see why I say God is the hope of all my yesterdays, He is the hope of today, and He is the hope of all my tomorrows. Now the God of Hope fill you, yes you, with all joy. When God came to live in me, God the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sins, convinced me I needed Jesus as my savior. Jesus' blood washed away my sins and made me a son of God, my Hope.

Do you know Him as the God of Hope? The God of Hope will fill you with all joy and peace. Listen to Jesus in John 14:27. Peace I leave with you. (This is to everyone who knows Jesus as Savior.) My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...fill you with joy and peace. In believing, you may abound (go forward) (or grow) in Hope by the power of God the Holy Ghost. It is amazing to experience the God of Hope and to watch the God of Hope work in

your life.

New Directions Prison Ministries has watched 1615 imprisoned souls profess their faith and hope in Jesus as their savior.

### Opportunities and Needs

#### Your prayers

N.D.P.M. needs to be in your church budget. Any amount would help.

**Revivals:** I have held two revivals this year and have six more booked. The expensive for these meetings will average around \$500.00 each. This means that I will have to raise about \$4,500 per year for revivals. I am not up to budget this year. Pray and give if you can. **Bibles:** our needs run about 6,000 to 8,000 Bibles a year. Last year we cut the budget to bare bone and squeezed by. It seems to be about as tight this year.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, please designate on your check and mail it to N.D.P.M., P. O. Box 4010, Laurel, MS 39441.

The prison population is growing and the potential is growing for N.D.P.M. to reach more lost for Jesus. I committed to God and the BMA to reach out to every creature with the Gospel. Mark 16:15.

Fulton Lindsey  
Chaplain/Executive Director  
New Directions Prison Ministries

# CHILDREN'S HOME

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### Pray for America

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

Throughout history nations have pointed to many areas to the reason for their greatness. Some have credited their mighty military force for bringing them their greatness. Other nations have given credit to such things as gifted leaders, tremendous national resources, or some other national achievement.

But God looks upon greatness from a different point of view. He declares in His Word that it is righteousness which makes a great nation. If our nation is to be a great nation, it must seek God. Pray that our country will do just that.

### Expressions of Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to the families of Bro. Arthur Smith and Bro. A. M. Wilson. Each of these men of

God were known and cherished by many. The ministry of their lives will continue to have an influence on those with whom the Lord allowed them to minister to. Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with the Smith and Wilson families during their time of loss and sorrow.



SIDNEY DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

### Students Recognized For Achievements During School Year

Recently at the end of the year recognition Awards Day our boys and girls were recognized for academic and citizenship awards. We are thankful for their hard work at school and God's continued blessings on their lives.

Continue to remember the Home in your prayers.

## Why I Like To Preach

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receptive hearts. Paul reminds us that preaching the gospel ("which also ye have received") makes people surrender. That is a reference to the response that is required when the Word is preached.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?... Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day, there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:37-41)

The gospel makes people surrender. That's the power of preaching.

• Preaching the gospel makes people stand and gives us sure footing. "Which ye also have received, and wherein ye stand." One of my favorite doctrines is the security of the believer. Even those who deny it wish they had it; and it's theirs for the asking. If they've trusted Jesus, they have it and don't know it. I love the security of the believer because it gives us standing.

My first sermon text was Rom. 5:1, where Paul says

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Then he goes on to say in the next verse: "By whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and we rejoice in the hope and the glory of God."

We have standing in Jesus Christ.

• Preaching the gospel makes people saved. "Which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand, by which also ye are saved."

Paul said, in Rom. 1:16: "...I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

In John 5:24, Jesus said: "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, (here's where preaching comes in) and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

### III. Preaching Is Pointed

I like to preach because preaching is practical: it meets some needs in our lives. I like to preach because preaching is

powerful: it makes people surrender, it makes people stand, it makes people saved and it turns our lives around. And I also like to preach because preaching is pointed — it's to the point.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures."

The word gospel can be used as a generic term and, in a broad sense, be used to refer to the whole Christian message in general. But our text defines the gospel in a more technical sense as the good news about three things Jesus did for us.

• Christ died for us. Jesus poured out His blood and died for us. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Peter 2:24)

As that old song says: "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus."

• Christ was buried. Jesus

died for our sins and He was buried. I have never really thought much about the burial of Jesus. I thought, "Well, that's just an incidental fact; when somebody dies, you have to bury them." But as I've been studying in I Corinthians 15 recently at our church, I became impressed that there's more to the burial than I realized.

Perhaps the burial is where He carried our sins away. I think the burial signals the end of sin's reign and brings to closure the sacrifice of Christ. We used to sing a little chorus when I was growing up: "Gone, gone, gone, gone; yes, my sins are gone. Now my soul is free, and in my heart's a song. Buried in the deepest sea; yes, that's good enough for me. I shall live eternally. Praise God, my sins are gone."

• Christ rose again on the third day. Paul said that He was "raised again for our justification."

• He's coming again. In the last 36 verses of I Corinthians 15, Paul talks about the events connected with the second coming of Jesus Christ. There he gives a panorama from the second coming of Christ all the way to the end, when He turns the kingdom back to the Father; and he talks about the resurrection of those who are dead in Christ and buried in

the cemeteries. Then I Cor. 15:50-57 talks about those who are alive when Jesus comes and how they are going to be changed. I'm looking for Jesus to come. Are you ready?

### Conclusion

I Corinthians 15 is a three-act drama about the gospel: The Gospel, Act 1 is the death and burial of Jesus; The Gospel, Act 2 is the resurrection of Jesus; and The Gospel, Act 3 is the second coming of Jesus.

J. Wilbur Chapman wrote a song we sing in a lot of our churches that sums up the gospel beautifully. The chorus of the song says: "Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever. One day, He's coming. O glorious day!"

When we preach any sermon, we need to stay tied to these points of the gospel. We need to drive down these stakes, tie a rope to those feet. We may roam far away in preaching a sermon on various subjects that we want talk about. But we'd better get hold of those ropes and pull ourselves back to these stakes before we close the message — Christ died for our sins, He was buried to carry our sins away, He rose again to

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# MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

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I am reminded of the supremacy and centrality of Christ in all things. "... It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom. 8:34; "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." Col. 1:19-20; "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." Heb. 10:12-13; Therefore, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."



Larry Geraldson  
Director

In the words of Thomas Ken, who penned these lyrics in 1674:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

God continues to bless our efforts to share the gospel and plant churches across the state of Mississippi. Thank you, for your prayers, support and for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

### Special Emphasis

We have received \$9,694.13 in Special Emphasis offerings as of the first week of June. History suggests that we will continue to receive Special Emphasis offerings through June. Many churches gave a special offering in advance, in response to my plea at the annual meeting. Those offerings, which were above normal giving, totaled \$19,208.04. So, I think it would be fair to report that we have received \$28,902.17 in Special Emphasis offerings this year so far. This more than exceeds our goal of \$25,000.00 and for this I am deeply grateful and thankful. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...

### New Missions/Church Planting Activity

I am processing new missionary applications with the hopes of adding additional missionaries in July and August. Bro. Elvis Garcia has begun a new work in Oxford. Westview, in Oxford, has opened their doors to allow this new group to hold services. Bro. Estuardo Marroquin has successfully relocated the group formerly

known as the Petal mission, to Hattiesburg. Bro. Sam Oglesby and the fine folks of Westover have opened their facility to allow this group to meet closer to where their people live. Bro. Justin Rhodes conducted his first public meeting recently with 13 people in attendance. Bro. Justin, together with Bro. Bob Burch and Bro. Sidney Farmer, have all begun public preaching ministries. Their official church launch service will come later after they have gathered more people, organized ministry, and settled into a more permanent meeting location.

We secured land for Bro. Bobby Elliott in Burnsville and the mission has already raised \$5,000.00 to apply to the loan. Bro. Ray Boone and the folks at New Heart raised \$12,216.00 recently to pay on their loan. We are in the process of securing property for Bro. Farmer and Bro. Burch. Bro. Ed DuVall is our new coordinator of African American missions work. His church has already assimilated the membership of Bro. Donnie Logan's mission into Homestretch, and Homestretch will be the mother church. There is much more to speak of, but space is limited. Please visit our website at [www.bmams.org](http://www.bmams.org) to read more about our missions' activities.

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### 5 Year/5 Step Plan

Step 1: Choose a location (see a list of locations at <http://bmams.org/target-locations-for-church-planting/>), then choose two people who can travel to the location, once a quarter, to gather information about the location. Return that information to the church and collectively/corporately pray for that location. The key to success is simplicity. "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward." 2 Corinthians 1:12 "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:3 "The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me." Psalms 116:6. Missions activity is extremely important, mandated by scripture, but it does not have to be complicated. Visit our website at <http://bmams.org/church-planting-churches/> to see a list of the churches that have already signed up to take this first step. If your church would like to sign up, please

call me at 601-428-8616. In my next article, I will share Step 2.

### Missionary Reports for April El Camino (The Way)

Bro. Estuardo reported 3 professions of faith at El Camino. Their average attendance was 102 with average offerings of \$810.00 weekly. El Camino's mission project in Petal has moved to Hattiesburg and is meeting at Westover Baptist Church. The Hattiesburg mission had 20 people at the first meeting at Westover with offerings averaging \$101.00.



Estuardo Marroquin

### First Hispanic

Bro. Elvis reports 1 profession of faith and 1 baptism at First Hispanic in Ripley. Their average attendance is 101. His offerings averaged \$810.00 weekly. First Hispanic's mission project in Tupelo which meets in the fellowship hall of South Green Baptist Church averaged 18 in attendance and average offerings of \$166.00. First Hispanic began a new mission project in Oxford and reported 4 professions of faith and a home was opened to conduct Bible studies on Saturdays.



Elvis Garcia

### New Heart Mission

Bro. Ray Boone reports 61 homes visited, 30 soul talks, and 1 profession of faith. Their average attendance is 38 in AM attendance and 30 in the PM Service. New Heart's offerings averaged \$356.00 weekly. New Heart paid \$12,216.00 on their loan in May.



Ray Boone

### Caledonia Mission

Bro. Bob Burch reports 22 homes visited and 12 soul talks. Their average attendance was 5 with average offerings of \$37.50. He held an initial meeting on May 20th at the Chamber of Commerce building in Caledonia with 9 people attending.



Bob Burch

### Clinton Mission

Bro. Justin Rhodes reports 23 homes visited and 46 soul talks and 1 profession of faith. He held an initial meeting recently, with 13 people in attendance. Their aver-



Justin Rhodes

age offerings were \$51.00 weekly.

### South Forrest

Bro. Sidney Farmer reports 10 homes visited 12 soul talks, and an average attendance of 17. His offerings averaged \$755.00.



Sidney Farmer

### Freedom Baptist

Bro. Bobby Elliott reports 50 homes visited, 28 soul talks, and an average attendance of 26. His offerings averaged \$300.00, and they raised \$5,000.00 for their land.



Bobby Elliott

### Revolving Loan Fund (as of June 13th and since August 1, 2011)

Gross assets are now at \$15,593,542.79, an increase of \$1,311,405.68. Net assets are now at \$2,710,594.73, an increase of \$196,194.04. We have opened 28 new investment accounts totaling \$763,593.41. We have 14 new loans totaling \$1,414,497.89.

### Visit Our Websites

The Missions and RLF website is [www.bmams.org](http://www.bmams.org). You can find links to most all of our departments and to our missionaries at this site. You can also find us on Facebook at this site. Please take a moment to visit our site and put it in your favorites. Also, visit our Facebook page and click on "Like."

## Religious Book Sale at Southeastern Baptist College Library

After extensive "weeding" of the SBC Library book collection, there is a huge selection of religious books available for purchase. These books would be an excellent addition to any church library or to any minister's personal library, as subjects available include:

- Church History
- Christian Life
- Old Testament & New Testament Studies
- Sermon Outlines
- Bible Commentaries
- Biblical/Christian Doctrine
- Baptist History
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- Church Administration/Government.

All books are only \$1.00! Funds raised from this book sale will be used to purchase business books to support SBC's new Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

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