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DiscipleGuide Announces Lineup for Senior Adult Conference

by Jonathan Wilson

DiscipleGuide's 17th annual Senior Adult Conference will be held November 7-9 at the Hilton Convention Center in beautiful Branson, Missouri. Attendees at the conference can expect to have great worship, fellowship, and fun.

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Dr. Allen Tilley, pastor of First Baptist in Carthage, Texas, will share messages from God's Word on the topic of "Heroes Reborn". Leading in worshipful singing this year will be Larry Wood, worship pastor at Farley Street Baptist in Waxahachie, Texas. DiscipleGuide is excited to feature music guests Dallas Holm and The Harper Family. The registration fee also includes tickets to The Haygoods Christmas Show.

Hilton Convention Center Hotel room rate is \$132 per night if booked by October 14, 2016. For booking, call 1-800-445-8667 or 1-417-243-3467.

Early registration is \$150 per person by October 14, 2016. To participate in all of the worship, fellowship and fun, register for the Senior Adult Conference at discipleguide.org/nsa.

Tuesday Talks Equips Churches

by Jonathan Wilson

Make time this summer to watch Tuesday Talks by DiscipleGuide. Tuesday Talks is an internet simulcast airing

of thesecond Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The goal of Tuesday Talks is to provide local churches,



ministers and viewers the tools to help maximize their Great Commission potential. Tuesday Talks can be viewed on DiscipleGuide's Facebook page or at bmalife.com/tv. Once aired, Tuesday Talks episodes can be seen at discipleguide.org/tuesdaytalks.

Summer Tuesday Talks Schedule

June 14: *Preaching for Transformation*

Tired of preaching your heart

out week after week without seeing any lives changed? Perhaps you are preaching for information rather than transformation. In June's episode of

Tuesday Talks, Dr. Mark Livingston of Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin, Texas, will

share keys to transformational preaching from God's Word.

July 12: *Culture Shifts Every Church Must Prepare For*

The LGBT Movement, Same Sex Marriage, and Islamic Propaganda: How should the church respond? What should pastors do to prepare their people for the changes in culture? How can churches stand for truth in such unstable times? Pastor Brandon Cox of Grace Hills in northwest Arkansas will share in-

Sins Endangering Our Children

(Message preached by Ed Steele at the mid-year meeting of the BMA of Mississippi at East Amory Baptist Church in Amory on May 17, 2016)

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Part Two

The children of Jericho were in danger because the adults had sinned by not showing respect to the people of God who were over them. Why should the children not mock a man who they believed the adults did not respect? This particular sin may have been the result of another sin of the adults that is revealed by what else the children said to Elisha.

No Respect for the Message of God

In their mocking, the children also said, "Go up! Go up!" Elisha had returned to Jericho announcing that Elijah had been taken up and they were mocking his message calling on Elisha to also 'go up'. Obviously, many believed Elijah was going to be taken up, so why would the children think it was foolish? It was because of how the fifty sons of the prophets responded to Elisha's message.

In verses 16-18, the fifty sons of the prophets who really believed it was going to happen

never the less asked Elisha if they could go look for Elijah. Elisha immediately refused their request. But verse 17 said they

continued until he was ashamed and he finally said, "Send." After three days of searching they returned to announce that



Ed Steele

Elijah was really gone. Elisha's response to them was, "Did I not say unto you, Go not?" (verse 18). But the damage had been done! As Elisha waited in Jericho for those days, everyone knew the men were out searching. To many of the adults his message of the translation was foolish and their attitude was passed on to the children.

Every member of the church is in danger when proper respect is not given to the Word of God when it is presented by the men and women of God in your church. This is certainly true

sights into the culture shifts and how every church should prepare.

August 9: *The Pastor's Finances*

The ability of a pastor to steward his personal finances can impact the congregation's trust. Find out how to get a handle on your spending, create a budget, and plan for the future—all on a pastor's salary!

Dr. Steve Crawley, Executive Director of Lifeword, previously served as a corporate controller

for a publicly traded company. Drawing from his extensive background in finance and accounting, Dr. Crawley will provide practical, sound advice to help pastors become better stewards of their finances.

Ron Chesser serves as Executive Director of Ministers Resource Services, the retirement and benefits agency of the Baptist Missionary Association.

For more information on Tuesday Talks, visit discipleguide.org/tuesdaytalks.

for the children who are growing up in your church as they are developing attitudes towards the Bible.

Respect for the Bible needs to be obvious.

Every pastor needs to be reminded that our people will not be blessed by a pretty outline, a witty statement, or the use of psychology, but by the proclaiming of the Word of God as it is applied by the power of the Holy Spirit! We need to re-affirm our confidence in the Scriptures!

How much respect does the average church member have for the Bible? A look at the typical Wednesday night Bible study reveals it is sorely lacking! What are the young people taught about respecting the Bible when the parents choose to stay home rather than taking them to church? Sadly, you can learn why the children may not properly respect the teaching of God's Word when you compare the diligence of the parents in attending an ice cream social compared to a Bible study.

Response to what we believe about the Bible should be shown.

I believe we are very strong in our Doctrinal Statements and our stand for "Thus saith the Lord." But how does what we say we believe affect how we live?

We believe that Jesus is the Head of each local church. Therefore, every decision that is made and all we do should be to

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Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary Conducts Evangelism Explosion Training at South Forrest Baptist Mission in Hattiesburg

South Forrest Baptist Mission hosted the first of what they hope will be an annual event to equip folks to witness and share the gospel. Missionary Sidney Farmer coordinated the instructional and hands on training in Evangelism Explosion through the Baptist Missionary Association of America Theological Seminary. Thirty people participated, 100 contacts were made during the training and 20 full presentations of the gospel were given. The training, led by



Bro. Dennis Knight, Pastor of Paramount in Perkinston, and BMATS Trustee attending, with others, the E.E

Dr. Phillip Attebery, Dean of BMATS, and Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the BMATS, was uniquely tailored to include adults and children. Among those who participated in the training are two men who serve on the board of trustees for the seminary; Dennis Knight, Pastor of Paramount Baptist

Church, and Ted Quinby, Member of Midway First Baptist in Sumrall.

This marks the third time that Dr. Holmes and Dr. Attebery have come to Mississippi to conduct Evangelism Explosion training. The first time was in Mantachie, then later in Clinton and



Bro. Ted Quinby, Member at Midway First Baptist in Sumrall and Trustee of the BMATS attending E.E

now at South Forrest. We are grateful to these men for the sacrifice of time made to invest in the lives of others.

Missionary Farmer and people from South Forrest Mission have been involved in the training each time it has been conducted. Evangelism training is an essential part of the overall Discipleship training that Missionary Farmer continues to emphasize as crucial to church planting.

In addition to hosting the annual Missions and Evangelism Conference back in May and this Evangelism Explosion Training in June, South Forrest will conduct Vacation Bible School July 11-15 and a special Girl's Missionary Auxiliary presentation on June 28, at 3:00 pm.



Some of the folks who attended Evangelism Explosion Training at South Forrest Baptist Mission south of Hattiesburg

Caledonia Baptist Mission Conducts First Vacation Bible School

An average of 35 children and 15



Dirt work begins on Phase II of Caledonia Mission building program



The new addition will add directly onto the back of the existing church building and provide education and fellowship space

adults attended VBS and fun and fellow-



First VBS at Caledonia Baptist Mission

ship was enjoyed by all. This was the first Vacation Bible School conducted by Caledonia Baptist since the Mission began in 2012. Pastor Bob Burch made himself available for the popular dunking tank which was one of a number of fun activities. Caledonia Baptist has also begun the construction of the second phase of their building which includes education and fellowship space. Construction will continue through the summer with completion sometime in September.



Pastor Bob Burch in the dunk tank at VBS



Pastor Burch takes the dunk for VBS

Summer Events at Your State Mission Projects

This summer would be a great time to visit one of your State Mission Projects. Here are some events that are scheduled:

Midway Baptist Mission at Batesville is planning to have a Gospel Singing on Sunday June 26th.

Grace Baptist Mission in Clinton is having a special Father's Day barbeque on Saturday, June 18th.

Freedom Baptist Mission is holding revival services June 27-29 with Bro. Dennis Knight preaching. The services will be at 7pm nightly. They will also be conducting Youth Camp July 4-8.

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please Him. We believe all glory in the church should be given to Him. "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21). But, how much of what we do is for me and mine?

We believe in the imminent and personal return of Jesus back to earth. We also believe all the dead in Christ will be resurrected and all the living saints will be changed and caught up to be with Him. The Apostle John gives us that assurance in 1 John 3:2, "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." However, in the very next verse, he wrote, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." He wrote that believing Jesus could come today will change how you act today! It should determine where you go and what you do if you believe Jesus could come at any time.

The Bible calls on us to live a separated life from this ungodly world. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18). But, our reply is, "Everybody else is doing it." Or, "Other churches are doing that and look how they are growing." There are many commandments given in the Bible other than the ten on the tables of stone found in Exodus 20. Another very important commandment is given in Exodus 23:2, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." It does not matter what others are doing. Respect for the Word requires us to be more concerned with pleasing Him than trying to be like others!

How the parents respond to the Word of God speaks very loudly to the children. When children see their parents living daily lives contrary to what they learned in church it causes them to lose respect for the Word. When they observe their parents being 'good Christians' at church but acting different on the way home, respect is destroyed. Children often respond to how they see the parents respond.

Rebellion is the problem, not ignorance.

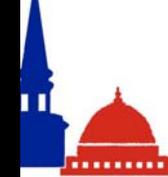
I do not believe the problem is what we don't know. It is what we don't do! James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving

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The Evil In Our World

The killings in Orlando, Florida, recently amplify that the world in which we live is filled with evil. Evil actions, evil beliefs and evil people.

While we find fault in the life-styles of some individuals, this does not negate the fact that an evil philosophy concerning religion and world domination is a cancer that continues to eat away at the fabric of our society and the heart of a peaceful nation.

The defense of our nation and the safety of its people is a priority that cannot be ignored or discounted. One of the first obligations of government is to provide safety for its citizens. Our prayer

is that our leaders realize the threat and react accordingly. Evil must be confronted and it must be stopped.

The ultimate answer for individuals living lives in rebellion against their creator is Jesus Christ. We must share the Gospel with all - that is our command - and we must do it in a loving and non-compromising manner.

The same answer is applicable to those who hold a belief system and philosophy that is contrary to God's Word and His Will. The answer again, is Jesus Christ.

Too many overlook this solution and pass it off as ineffective and frivolous.

If we each will think about our own lives, life-style, and life's philosophy **prior** to our salvation, then we can see that Jesus is definitely the answer to turmoil and the current state of affairs.

We are told to go to all the world and preach the Gospel of good news. The good news is that Jesus died for our sins, Jesus provides for redemption to all who come to Him in faith. God loves you, me, the homosexual, the adulterer, the thief, the murderer, the pagan - God so loves the whole world that He willingly gave His unique, one of a kind son as a ransom.

Let's share that news to all in need.

To Shave, or Not to Shave - (that is the question)

It's a hairy subject, I know, but it has to be addressed. It has caused division in churches, broken up marriages, and caused face burn. What is it you ask? It's the question of whether to shave or not to shave.

I personally hate to shave. Having shaved many thousands of times, I am over the thrill most teenage boys get when they first get to slather their faces with a cool, minty cream and get to shave the three hairs that have somehow miraculously appeared on their chin. My wife and I have discussed many times the advantages and money that could be saved if I just quit shaving altogether, but I have yet to convince her to let me stop this never ending chore of dehairing my face.

I also have to deal with the countless comments people make to me whenever

I go a few days without using a razor. "Lose your razor, preacher"? "Trying out your homeless look, preacher"? "You can't hide ugly, preacher"! Sometimes I wish my wife wouldn't be so harsh.

I grew up in the day when a preacher was considered suspect for having facial hair, and I guess it has been subconsciously engrained in my psyche that it is one of the qualifications of a minister. It makes me glad I was born in an age where there have been major advances in the development in razor blades. If it is a qualification for being a preacher, I'm glad I didn't live in the days of Abraham, or Noah, or Jesus. Come to think of it, I'm not sure I have ever seen an artist's rendition of any of these without facial hair.

I do believe that if a minister is so dogmatic to insist that all preachers

must shave, then they are not allowed to reference any of their heroes that wore beards in their messages. Don't tell me I have to shave to be used of God, and then proclaim how much God used Charles Spurgeon. You are not allowed to reference any man that has worn a beard, which when I think of it, takes out a great portion of scripture. Aaron must have had a time shaving with all that oil running down his beard.

One of these days, I may break free of the chains of public opinion and grow a full-fledged beard. Until then, I'll just ponder the question of all great philosophers. To shave, or not to shave.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

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by Barbara White

It's All About "Chew"

I was driving down the road the other day with the radio tuned to AFR when I hear something that surprised me. It was a tobacco commercial. I guess.

The group was singing "It's all about "chew", Lord, It's all about "chew".

I couldn't imagine a group singing about chewing tobacco on AFR - but that's what I heard!

This may be what the writer in Actc 28:26 had in mind when he wrote, ".....Go, unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand;....."

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The Lord Provides

For many years the Lord has been great at providing the needs at Southeastern. Several special offerings have been received during the past few weeks that were very timely. The article below was written by Board Member Carolyn Hagler about her friend. It will tell about a memorial offering.

Sharon Lucy

November 5, 1959 - February 12, 2015

by Dr. Carolyn Hagler

Westover Baptist Church lost a special member when Sharon Fore Hudson Lucy died on February 12, 2015, as a result of an accident. In remembering Sharon, the Church recently made a \$10,000 donation to Southeastern Baptist College.

How would Sharon want to be remembered? As a person who loved the Lord, loved her church, and loved her friends. You could tell she loved the Lord by looking at the books she read, the notes she took during sermons, and the way she talked about her personal relationship with Him. Her love for the church was expressed by her serving as pianist, in the choir, on committees, as WMA treasurer; and by her going into the community to witness. She did whatever needed to be done whether



Sharon Lucy

cooking, cleaning, visiting, or decorating. She certainly believed that "God Wants to Hear You Sing," even during

the trials of life. She always quoted Proverbs 3:5-6 as her favorite Bible verse: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and learn not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Her love for her friends stood the test of time. Her friends would all agree that "a godly friend is one of the greatest assets you have." She brought joy, understanding, loyalty, encouragement, and laughter to those who knew her.

I met Sharon in 1980 when she visited Westover for the first time. The years brought a lot of shared experiences: We shared a love of southern gospel music, books, Bible study, teaching, plants, travel, animals, and the list goes on. We shared laughter and tears, work, and relaxation. We also shared joining home churches as a young person, but actually being saved later at Westover with Bro. Ed Steele.

The Lord blessed her friends and church family by allowing us to care for her during the 34 days after her accident. She never spoke to us, but she communicated with looks, tears, and movement. We surrounded her with love, music, and prayers. Oh, the prayers that went up at her bedside! You could tell what kind of person she was by those who visited, talked with her, and prayed over her: her Westover family; her pastor, Sam Oglesby; her work family, Brandi's Hope and South Mississippi Home Health; her veterinarian, Dr. John Mayfield; her Stinson and Fore cousins; her neighbors; her oldest friends, Jean and Billy Huffmaster and June and Charles Reddin; and her special group of friends; Nan and Gary

Bourque, Bobbie Williams, and Carolyn Hagler.

Sharon's gifts of music, gentleness, compassion, organization, and tenacity were all used in serving the Lord. She was drawn primarily to hurting people. We witnessed together many times, but the one I remember was at a prison in the Jackson area. When we walked over to a group of men and started talking, Sharon was quiet. As I talked to several of the men, I noticed a young man who seemed troubled catch her eye. Soon I heard her soft voice telling him of suffering people in the Bible and encouraging him in her gentle way. That was Sharon, never flamboyant, but always empathetic and caring. But I thought we would never get her to hush while giving her report to the church. She was excited about the experience!

I can also remember hurting church family who always wanted a word with Sharon. She was able to comfort them whether in the loss of family, serious health problems, or other problems.

Perfect? No, but she loved and she was loved. Her church and friends are blessed because "memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy." Her heart was revealed by her gift of giving. She gave to organizations that meant something special to her: Church, missions, education, Christian organizations, and societies all benefitted from her generosity.

What better way to remember Sharon than through a contribution to Southeastern Baptist College! She would be delighted to show through this donation her love for education in general and her confidence in the College and its future.

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your own selves" (1:22). He also wrote, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (4:17). To know to do good and then not do it is rebellion against God!

If you pastors carried a doll with pins to the pulpit on Sunday morning and started practicing witchcraft, your people would either walk out or vote you out! If you made an idol and placed it on the communion table and invited them to come bow before it, the same thing would happen. But Samuel told Saul that what many of your members do each Sunday is just as bad! "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23). To rebel against the known Word of God

is as bad as witchcraft and to be stubborn in obeying the Word is as bad as practicing idolatry. That is not my opinion! It is what the Bible says!

Maybe some of you pastors are blessed to have members coming out of church each Sunday patting you on the back and telling you what a wonderful message you preached. They may go out into the community knocking on doors and inviting others to come hear you preach the Word of God. Some may believe that hearing you preach is like hearing someone with a beautiful voice sing a lovely song. Surely members who do that have a proper respect for the Word! Not always so! God told Ezekiel that is the same way his message was being received. "Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their

heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not" (Ezekiel 33:30-32). What Ezekiel wanted (and what every godly preacher wants) was not for people to enjoy his message but to be obedient to God's Word.

The children of Jericho were well aware of the attitude of their parents and the other adult leaders of their community to the man of God and to the message he brought to them. I do not believe this was a one-time event. I believe it had been an ongoing practice for a long time and what happened to Elisha was the 'straw that broke the camel's back' bringing the fierce judgment of God.

I realize that some may believe my interpretation of what the children meant by crying out, "Go up, thou bald head, Go up, thou bald head" is inaccurate. I not only believe it is accurate but I believe the sins of failing to show respect to the people of God and to the Word of God has been the cause of God's fiercest judgment upon His people. It

not only endangers the children but all other believers as well.

One of the most devastating judgments of God against His people is what happened to Judah, Jerusalem, and the Temple when Nebuchadnezzar came against them. The Scriptures declare that God brought the Babylonians, but why? Some say because of idolatry. Some say it was the ungodly priests and wicked princes. Some blame the defiling of the Temple. All these reasons are valid but they are only symptoms of the real problem. The judgment against Judah and the seventy year captivity was because of two sins the people committed. God gave His reason for the captivity in 2 Chronicles 36:15-17.

He reminded the people of what He had done for them in verse 15, "And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place." He loved His people and the Temple so much He sent messengers to them many times.

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A Letter From Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes

Dear Friends of BMATS:

I am writing today to share with you a report on 2016 graduation and plans for the summer.

On May 14, I officiated at the seminary's graduation for the 17th time. This time was as enjoyable as all the rest. The faculty and I were able to reflect on the efforts of students, the support of our churches that make classes possible, and the decades of future ministry represented in the graduates. Commencement saw twenty graduates walk the stage and receive their degrees. These students represented five states.

From the administrative side, this year was unique. Delivering the message was BMA Seminary's Library Director, Dr. James Blaylock. Dr. Blaylock was an especially appropriate speaker since this was his 50th anniversary of becoming part of the seminary's staff. He was able to give the perspectives of

being a graduate himself, a 50-year staff member, and a local pastor for 45 years. He had no shortage of material to draw from!

Adding to the uniqueness of the service was the retirement of Jim & Carol Shine.



Dr. Charley Holmes

Dr. Shine completed 30 years of teaching. Dr. Shine was one the first professors I encountered when beginning classes at BMATS. His teaching clung to me as he gave me a desire to understand the New Testament in its original language. His teaching worked to the point that I was able to teach the same classes myself several years later. Mrs. Shine

also completed 30 years of service to our BMATS family and was awarded a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree. Over her tenure she served in several capacities on campus. Most importantly, she was my trusted and highly valued assistant for the past 15 years. She and Dr. Shine are loved by students and staff alike and will be sorely missed.

End of year finances have improved over last year. Last year we had a significant deficit for the first time in a number of years. Thankfully, through the generosity of our churches and friends, this year we ended with a modest surplus. Even though we are perhaps the lowest priced accredited school in the country, budget pressures always lead to increases in tuition. The only way to control the cost to the students is to have a growing, consistent, and generous donor base. Please review your church's giving to see if the giving to outside causes has increased with the rate of inflation. This is especially important if your church gives a specified amount rather than a percentage of income.

This summer looks to be as special as commencement. For the first time we will be conducting a Biblical counseling seminar at Temple Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Special thanks to Temple Baptist Church for allowing us to use her facilities. The seminar is open to the public as well as being available for credit toward a degree. The course will feature Dr. Stuart Scott, renowned Biblical counseling professor, and will be held July 12-15, 2016. The cost to audit the course is only \$35. Please contact the dean's office to register.

On the Jacksonville campus, our professors will be teaching DiscipleWay (a proven strategy of helping Christians grow in a one to one setting). The class will be held the week of June 13. Dr. Johnson will be providing basic DiscipleWay training at a reduced cost of \$75.00 for anyone interested. Drs. Attebery and Hellwig will be teaching the second and third levels of DiscipleWay. Although registration is closed for the advanced DiscipleWay courses, we are still encouraging individuals to enroll in Dr. Johnson's training sessions. Please contact the dean's office if you are interested.

As usual some of the faculty will be helping train church leaders off campus. I recently returned from teaching a weekend seminar on stewardship at Memorial Baptist Church in Fremont, California. I will also be speaking at the inauguration of a Spanish Bible Institute in Houston being led by two of our graduates, Michael Hight and Dean Renfro. Dr. Philip Attebery and I will be teaching an EE seminar at South Forrest Baptist Mission near Hattiesburg, Mis-

issippi.

In July, I will join three of our grads in teaching a week-long pastoral seminar in Tanzania. In August, I will travel with two of our senior students to Peru to conduct a seminar on expository preaching being hosted by BMAA missionary to Peru John Michael Poulin and Dr. Ricky Williams. Dr. Williams is a BMATS graduate, a BMAA missionary and an adjunct seminary professor. We are pleased that the Lord can use our faculty throughout the year and not just during the fall & spring semesters.

Official registration for online and on-campus classes for the fall is the week of August 15. However, students are encouraged to pre-enroll at anytime and the sooner the better. The dean's office is indicating that they have a near record number of new student inquiries. With restricted class sizes it is wise to get your schedule early to avoid disappointment.

Many will also be interested in another of our popular free online classes. This fall Dr. Cleaver will be teaching Comparative Religions. Enroll early so you can have the materials in hand and be ready to start with the whole class.

Many will also want to mark their calendars for the Paschal Lectures this fall. The topic will be Roots of Landmarkism & the Founding of the BMAA as well as the ABA. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Tom Nettles, regarded by many as the leading conservative Baptist historian and author of our time. Two public sessions will be held on September 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Dorman Memorial Chapel on the Jacksonville campus.

Master's Builders Work at Winnsboro, Texas

by Nelda Malone

Our crew was much smaller than we usually have for this size job, so several of the ladies volunteered to on the job training and to work in any way that



was needed. We surprised ourselves and "some" of the men at what we were able to accomplish!! We may have worked ourselves into a "regular job"! I think all of the ladies would say that we enjoyed the work and fellowship with our men. We certainly have a greater appreciation for all that our men do!

If you have any questions about TMB ministry or if your church has building needs, contact: Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-205-5155 or his cell 318-607-4100 or Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675.

2016 Ladies Retreat Set

by Beth Caldwell, Retreat Chairman - 601-947-6011

The WMA officers have been busy planning this year's Ladies Retreat. The Retreat will be on August 26 and 27, 2016 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. Sabrina Clayton will be the speaker for our retreat. The theme is "One Day at a Time."

I would like for you to mark your calendar now so you will not forget these dates. You may send your registration in beginning June 1, 2016. When you mark your choice of bed remember that it is on a first come basis. Registration will begin at 2:00 o'clock. Remember to bring items for the silent auction. This is always so much fun to see if you can get that item you really want.

Ladies, we all need this special time together so it is my prayer that you will begin planning today to be at Camp Garaywa on August 26, 2016. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me and I will be glad to try to answer your question.

I am looking forward to receiving your registration on June 1, 2016.

Mississippi Ladies Retreat T-Shirt Order Form

Deadline to order shirts is August 1st

Please mail order form and money to

Jessica Haden at 795 Hwy. 532, Mt. Olive, MS 39119

Each shirt is \$15.00 (3x-5x has addition fee)

All proceeds from T-shirts will go to

State WMA project, Water For Christ

_____ Small	_____ 3X Large (add \$2.00)
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_____ Large	_____ 5X Large (add \$2.00)
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He revealed how the people responded to His love in verse 16, "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy." They committed the same two sins as the children of Jericho. They mocked the messengers of God and despised their words. This caused them to misuse His prophets.

How did God respond to those two sins? Verse 17 reveals it, "Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand." Their young men and young maidens were slaughtered along with the old people who were even stooped over for age.

As at Jericho, this was not the first time the Jews had committed these two sins. You will notice verse 16 states, "Until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy." The wrath of God rose higher and higher until finally there was no answer but judgment!

Trying to picture this I have visualized a beautiful little green valley with a small stream flowing down it. On the bank is a lovely white house with a white picket fence. The yard is filled with gorgeous flower beds and there is a swing in the back yard near the little bubbling stream. It is a wonderful site God has blessed them with!

One day they noticed water was no longer flowing in the stream. A lot of debris had dammed the little creek upstream. They decided that some day they would have to check it out and see what the problem was. But the water was rising higher and higher as they delayed. One day the dam broke and the rampaging water came roaring down the valley washing away the house with its fence. What had been a beautiful lawn became a muddy mess. It was all because a little stream was not allowed to flow!

The grace of God needs to be flowing through your church, your family and your life. His grace will use His people and empower His Word when it is allowed to flow unimpeded. Often times, though, we allow a lot of debris to build up in our lives preventing the free flow of grace where the love of God can be readily received. When His love is not being received, His wrath can start building up to bring His chastening

hand. Rather than laying treasures in Heaven we can become guilty of treasuring up wrath. "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Romans 2:5).

It was a devastating day when two she bears took forty two little children from the city of Jericho. A bear may not be after your children but a roaring lion is! The devil has many tools and temptations that he will use to destroy the lives of our children. The greatest needs of our youth that will help them withstand the onslaughts of Satan is to make sure they have godly parents and leaders in the church to look up to and to have the Word hid in their hearts lest they sin against God!

America is being destroyed by those who feel entitled to be taken care of and not being responsible for themselves. A feeling of entitlement creates selfishness. I am greatly concerned about the future of our children having to grow up under the influences of such a corrupt nation. I believe in the sovereignty of God as much as anyone, but I also believe God allows man the freedom to choose their own leaders. I have heard some state they do not like our President but they guess he is the one God wanted us to have. I do not believe that for a second! We have our President and we will have our next one because that is what the majority of our voters want. God did not go in the voting booth! Hosea described the condition in Israel that I believe perfectly describes what is going on in America. "Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him. They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not" (Hosea 8:2-4). I will paraphrase these verses to describe how I believe they describe America.

"America cries out, My God we know thee. We write 'In God we trust' on our coins and include 'One nation under God' in our pledge of allegiance." But God responds, "America has cast off the things that are good so the Devil is after her."

What good things has America cast off? The Lord's Day has been cast off as a day of worship and made a day of business and pleasure. The Bible has been cast out of our schools as something dangerous the children need to be protected from. Prayer has been cast off so people will trust in the government rather than on divine power. The sanctity of life has been cast off as mothers have been given approval to have their innocent babies murdered in their wombs. The honor of marriage has been cast off as many have chosen just to live together outside the covenant of marriage and so-called same sex marriage has been legalized by five judges on our Supreme Court. A manger scene and a cross are both being cast aside as dis-

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God Bless America!

"And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us." Deuteronomy 1:25.

Among the things God has so bountifully blessed America with is its abundant resources, an extraordinary climate, and amazing sites of natural beauty that makes this land a great place to live in. Added to the natural blessings are the freedoms and privileges available to the citizens of this great country. These blessings would have us echo the thoughts of the Israelites who first saw the promised land, "It is a good land which God doth give us."

While many challenges face our nation, it is still a great land. Pray for God's will to be done and for His provision to meet our needs. Stand for godliness in our land, that God may continue to bless us!

God Bless America !!!

Another Good Academic Year for Students

We are indeed thankful for the academic year that our students had this year in their school studies. Awards that were achieved by our elementary



students include Honor Roll for our first grade boy, Honor Roll for our second grade boy, Honor Roll for our third grade girl, and Principal's List for our fifth grade girl. We praise the Lord for their progress in their studies at school.

Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the Home in your prayers throughout the summer months. We are thankful that the Lord continues to shower His blessing on the ministry of the Home. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." Psalm 33:12.

plays dangerous to society. Schools that once supported the homes and churches are now undermining their efforts to raise the children in a godly manner as they teach them the fear of the Lord. Don't tell me that all these things that have been cast aside are not being used by Satan to endanger our children!

Aparaphrase of Hosea 8:4 for America states, "They have set up Presidents, but not by me. The have chosen other political leaders and I knew it not." Don't blame God for the leaders we have!

How has America sunk so low? So many good things have been cast off because of two sins. First, Americans have lost respect for Christians who are standing for the Lord and, secondly, for the Word of God they seek to proclaim! Oh, how I wish our children could have the America I grew up in! They are entitled to it, but I am not sure there is hope for America turning around.

I am greatly concerned that our churches are following the example of

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State Youth Camp 2016

Our 2016 State Youth Camp was our best camp in many years! On June 6, more than 100 campers gathered at Waukaway Springs Christian Retreat Center in Vossburg for 3 days of camp. It was the first time we have had more than 100 campers in a long time!

The theme for this year's camp was "The Gospel." The camp speaker was Bro. Blake McCain, Pastor of Midway First Baptist Church. He did an outstanding job of teaching from God's Word. In session 1, he used Genesis 3 to talk about sin and the need for the gospel. Session 2 was centered around the biblical response to the gospel message: repentance, belief, and confession. The third session answered the question, "Now what?" Bro. Blake used Colossians 3 to instruct the campers on how to live once they are saved. The final session

came from Acts 8 and was a convicting exhortation to share the great gospel message with others. We also had good times of prayer and singing in our sessions as well.

Our campers enjoyed the usual tasty food, fun swimming, and helpful counselors while at W a u k a w a y .

These things make Waukaway a great destination for camp each year!

One new addition to this year's camp was an adult



Sofilthy McNasty entertained



Laurel, was instrumental in leading the adults during this time.

devotion and prayer time before the night sessions. Bro. Cliff Jenkins, Pastor of Temple Baptist Church in

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America rather than the Bible. Far too many young people drop out of church altogether. Many grow up to marry and may continue in church erratically but show little commitment in assuming the responsibilities of being a productive member who can be a blessing to others. With all the best intentions, our churches can be guilty of creating a feeling of entitlement in our youth and young couples. It is not what you give them that will bless their lives, but how you teach them to follow the example of faithful church leaders as they live their lives in accordance with the Word of God.

Our young people ARE entitled to something. They are entitled to have godly parents as well as godly leaders and teachers in the church they can look up to and try to emulate. They are entitled to never doubt that the Bible studies and the instruction they receive from the church are the greatest gifts the church can give them. Other times of fun and activity can be enjoyed but those benefits are temporary. What they learn from the Bible is permanent and should have a lasting effect on their lives. It is offensive for any young person to fail to have this. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6).

A failure to respect the men and women of God and not having a proper respect for the teaching of God's Word will endanger any life. It did to the little children in Jericho! So we must do all we can to help each member of our church and family to respect and appreciate all the other members and create a great respect and appreciation for every opportunity to hear and respond to all the lessons and messages being taught from God's Word.

Retired Minister Dies

Bro. Robert Rhodes, 88, of Bay Springs, died June 5, 2016. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church in Bay Springs, a Baptist Preacher, also a mason with a 32nd degree, member of the masonic lodge in Vestry, Mississippi and an ironworker. He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia (Betty) Rhodes; nine siblings, one grandson, one great-grandson and a daughter and son-in-law, Cheria and Horace Dixon.

He is survived by his three sons, Haskel Rhodes and his wife Retha of Bay Springs, Steve Rhodes and his wife Rebecca of Perkinston and Wayne Rhodes and his wife Becky of Bay Springs; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter. (Big Creek Baptist Church Pastor Justin Rhodes was a grandson)

Services were held June 7, 2016 at Little Creek Baptist Church, Perkinston, with burial in the church cemetery.

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South Forrest Baptist Mission will conduct Vacation Bible School July 11-15 and will conduct a special Girl's Missionary Auxiliary presentation on June 28, at 3:00pm.

Homestretch in Cleveland is planning an outreach event on July 23 and VBS July 25-29, and a Family and Friend Day on July 30th. All of our missions have Facebook pages that you can like and keep up with their activity.

Thank You!

I want to personally thank all of you who gave Special Emphasis Offerings for State Missions. The following is a list of those who gave:

- Berean, Soso
- Big Creek, Soso
- Broadmoor, Meridian
- Community, Poplarville
- Cypress Creek, Brooklyn
- Dykes Chapel, Richton
- East Fulton, Fulton
- First Bay Springs, Bay Springs
- First Calhoun, Laurel
- Grace Baptist Mission, Clinton
- Helton Road, Theodore, AL
- Homestretch, Cleveland
- Lebanon, Laurel
- Little Creek, Perkinston
- Movella, Lucedale
- Mt. Calvary, Picayune
- New Bethany, Ellisville
- Old Antioch, Soso
- Paramount, Perkinston
- Parkview, Laurel (Crusaders Class)
- Riverside, Ellisville
- Springhill, Ocean Springs
- Washington, Neely

Revolving Loan Fund

(as of June 10, 2016 and since August 1st, 2015)

Gross assets are now at \$20,927,277.00, an increase of \$1,306,335.00 since August 1st. We have made 10 new loans totaling \$2,662,775.00 since August 1st. We have added 13 new investment accounts since August 1st. Our current loan rate is 4.25%. If your church is in need of a loan to expand or build new facilities, we encourage you to give us a call. Our reserve remains 18% of the total balance of investment accounts.

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Reports for May 2016				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Bob Burch (Caledonia)	104	58	\$4,561.00	East Fulton
Bobby Elliott (Burnsville)	52	43	\$2,112.00	Forked Oak
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest County)	58	46	\$9,406.00	Paramount
Danny Bartlett (Clinton)	21	11	\$3,800.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	26	9	\$2,217.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	30	27	\$3,093.00	Campground
Anders Lee (Southaven)	167	97	\$18,635.00	Charity
Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	9	5	\$1,525.00	First Baptist Mantachie
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin - Manager) <small>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	126	121	\$6,810.00	
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	35	14	\$1,343.00	El Camino
Rodolfo Galicia (Biloxi)	20	3	\$8.00	El Camino
(Elvis Garcia - Coordinator) <small>(Elvis Garcia is also the Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Way, Truth & Life Byron Morales (Ripley)	88	87	\$4,850.00	
Church Planters				
Humberto Regalado (Tupelo)	28	10	\$1,250.00	Way, Truth & Life
Luis Huchin (Oxford)	23	5	\$797.00	Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall - Coordinator) <small>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	32	50	\$3,909.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook (Olive Branch)	12	13	\$1,600.00	Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 406 new contacts, 195 opportunities to share the gospel, and witnessed 14 professions of faiths, and 3 baptisms and 3 joined by letter in May.				