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New Church Organized



Members of the new South Forrest Baptist Church formed a circle at the front of the church. Missions Director Larry Geraldson encourages the group before leading in the organizational prayer.

A large crowd gathered at South Forrest Baptist Mission on Saturday, June 3, for a service to organize into a New Testament Church. Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston, was the sponsoring church. At the request of South Forrest Mission and Paramount Church, 23 ordained individuals gathered for the meeting and formed the presbytery council.

The council approved the requests of the mission regarding individuals involved in the proceedings. Paramount Church Pastor Dennis

Knight brought the challenge to the new church with other individuals participating in various aspects of the service. The new church adopted the doctrinal statement of the BMA of Mississippi and voted unanimously to call current Missionary Sidney Farmer as their pastor.

The church, which officially organized with over 50 charter members, hosted a fellowship after the service. More information on the organization can be seen in this issue's Missions Department report beginning on page 2.

Everlasting Smiles Christmas Shoebox Update

We are well on our way to starting the Everlasting Smiles Christmas Shoebox season. Thank you for all of the feedback we have received so far. On the packing list that you were sent, there have been a few updates:

1. We would like for you to wrap your shoeboxes; top and bottom separately, no Santa Claus paper, please.

2. All shoeboxes will be going to Spanish-speaking countries and will need to include Spanish Bibles.

These updates have been made

to the form online at bmamissions.org/christmas-shoeboxes.

If you have a day that you can serve in our warehouse wrapping boxes, tearing paper, or packing boxes, let us know! We would love to have you serve with us on this project. Our packing team from Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas, started the season off last week. These girls have a good time serving in this ministry. Come join the fun and help create an Everlasting Smile!



SOAR News & Information

Check-in for hotel and conference

We want to make your SOAR experience better and more enjoyable as a leader. With this in mind, our team has been working with the Gaylord Texan Resort to make your hotel check-in and conference check-in as easy for you as possible.

This year at SOAR, you will be able to check in with the hotel and receive your room keys in the same place you check in your group for the conference. For groups coming in on July 5, the Gaylord Texan and SOAR staff will be ready to help you check in as fast and easy as possible.

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SOAR Serves

SOAR is a time each year when students from junior high through high school come together and worship their God and also get inspired to love those around them like Christ. Stories are common of students who, post-SOAR, take the mission they learned and serve people in their communities.

This year, on top of attending the sessions and hanging out in

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SOAR Workshops Information

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SOAR offers time at Gaylord Water Park

During SOAR 2017, there will be times of learning and growth as well as times of serving the surrounding community. Between these opportunities will be downtime when SOAR Conference goers can hang out at the Gaylord Texan Resort's massive, ten-acre waterpark!

Free access to Paradise Springs is a perk of staying at the resort. It is a western-themed park with a pool, lagoon, and lazy river for guests to enjoy. In addition, there are three twisting waterslides and a zip line! If guests get hungry at the park, there are many nearby food options and a sunbathing deck to relax on afterwards. The resort also includes an indoor and outdoor pool in addition to the Paradise Springs park.

To enter the park, guests must have their wristband handed out at check in. Personal inflatables are allowed in the waterpark, and children younger than sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.



From The Mind of Chuck Lee

Bi-vocational?

One of the most common questions asked of pastors today is, "Are you bi-vocational?" I understand that in most cases this is just a mode of generating conversation. However, sometimes it comes across as meaning, "What do you do with all your spare time?" Stay at home moms get the same question. I thought about asking my heart doctor if all he does is work on hearts, or my mechanic if all he does is tinker with vehicles.

It is often implied that what a pastor does is not physical enough to qualify as a real occupation. If you sit in front of a computer all day "working", does that qualify as a real job, compared to someone who frames houses or works in the oilfield? It probably pays well. Many will say that is comparing apples to oranges, but we aren't talking fruit here.

As a pastor, I try not to get in the growing trend of having everyone think that what I do is the most important thing ever. If you are a nurse and have



Bro. Chuck Lee

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to deal with unruly patients, do it. If you are in customer service and have to deal with rudeness, do it. If you are in law enforcement and have to arrest someone, do it. Whatever job that God has called us to needs to be done without grumbling, with thanksgiving, and without thinking that we have to be

recognized and appreciated for what He has called us to do in life. I notice that pastors seem to fall into this "feel sorry for me because I am unappreciated" mind-set as well. Buck up, Buttercup!

When I first answered the call to preach, I was "encouraged" by being told that I would never be able to survive and raise a family on what preachers

receive. Four children later, and the most beautiful granddaughter, it seems God is able to provide. I've had to mechanic, roofhouses, remodel, be a surveyor of property, among a dozen other odd and end jobs

to make ends meet at times, but God always provides and has a purpose in all that He requires.

But am I bi-vocational? No. I am called of God to preach the gospel. This is a 24/7 calling, and not a Sunday and Wednesday night calling. There are no set hours and no time oriented breaks.

There are no vacations from this calling. There are no furloughs, time outs, or retirements. Only God sets those guidelines. We go and do according to God's timeline. Some may not see the importance of that, but it is what it is. The people where I pastor seem to go above and beyond taking care of me, for which I am grateful. It shows they realize the need for me to be able to not be cumbered down with trying to juggle life to make ends meet.

Instead of asking, "Are you bi-vocational?", try asking your pastor to pray with you, or study with you, or give true spiritual guidance. Do you really want someone who is charged with the care of the church and those you love to be burdened down with the cares of this life? When our hearts and minds are turned back to desire being spiritually healthy, I believe we will want someone who "specializes" in spiritual matters.

I believe I will now go to my mechanic to see if he is available to do my gallbladder surgery. That is, after he does my taxes and mows my lawn.

SOAR Workshops Information

For those wishing to fill their down time during SOAR 2017 with practical and profitable knowledge, we will have five workshop options available for both students and student ministers! There will be two time slots on July 6 at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. with all five workshops offered during both hours for participants to choose from. These workshops are optional but will be very beneficial!

There will be two workshop options for student ministers. One workshop, "Letting the Word Work," will be taught by Clif Johnson. "When Paul gives the description of spiritual armor in

Ephesians 6, he lists one offensive weapon that the Spirit uses—the Word of God. God's Word is sufficient to transform teenagers' lives because within God's Word we discover the gospel. This breakout session will give you tools to help you let the Word of God do its work in your teaching and preaching. We will be using Bro. Dustin's SOAR sermons as a blueprint for letting the Word work, as well as walking through a plan for preparation that keeps us grounded in the biblical text," said Johnson.

The second workshop for student ministers will be conducted by Adam Thomas. "In a world where teenagers

seem to have more and more complex issues, is the Bible still relevant to tackle everyday issues for teenagers? This breakout session will help you gain more confidence in the Scriptures as well as point you to resources that acknowledge complex issues without casting aside God's timeless words," explained Thomas.

For students, there will be three workshop options to choose from: one for students of all ages, one for students about to enter into military service, and one for students who are about to enter college.

Mark Livingston will be teaching the workshop for students of all ages. "This breakout session is for anyone wanting to learn how to navigate in a biblically hostile culture. Students are faced with worldviews that are antagonistic or apathetic toward biblical truth. Often these Christian students do not believe they are adequately prepared for such worldviews. This seminar wants to help them with resources and Scripture that will help them gain confidence and assurance that God's Word is accurate truth," said Livingston.

Brandon Lupkey will teach the workshop for students who will soon be entering the military, and he will speak about what it looks like to practically live out your faith in the military. "Whether the phase of military life is one of recruitment, training, deployment, or transitioning back to civilian life, there are some key ways in which Christian young people can share their values to fellow service members who may have never before encountered genuine faith. I would hope to spend some time unpacking each of these phases and what Christian service members can do to influence their comrades during these times of service," Lupkey said. He will also take time at the end of the

workshop to answer any questions from students or student ministers.

The final workshop will be taught by Chris Lucy, and he will be speaking to students about how to live out their faith in a secular context, specifically on a college campus. "I'll be highlighting the concept of labeling versus lifestyle. Do we wear the name Christian (label) or do we present our bodies a living sacrifice? If our faith is based only on a label, then our labels can easily change during the transition from high school to college. However, if our faith is based on living out our call to Christ (lifestyle), then any transition we make to college or professionally will be a consistent and true representation of our Christianity," concluded Lucy.

We encourage you to take advantage of these workshops during your down time at SOAR 2017!

SOAR Serves

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SOAR village, there will be three opportunities to serve Christ by going on mission in the Dallas area through SOAR Serves.

The first missions opportunity for SOAR Serves is with The Refuge Church on July 4, where students will help church planter Darren Lemons and his congregation serve residents during the Terrell Independence Day celebration. Teams will help run games, organize a corn hole tournament, pass out pop-ice and inform people about the church. This is a great opportunity for The Refuge Church as the city of Terrell has given them the privilege of participating in their annual city-wide celebration.

Mission Arlington will be on July 5, and teams will go to apartment complexes where Mission Arlington serves and work with the families and teach

Bible studies to kids. When groups first arrive, Mission Arlington will give an orientation and have directions and information for each of the church groups going out to serve. Groups will go out in the morning and knock on doors, inviting families to come to the Bible study time that afternoon.

Students will also have the opportunity to serve The Bridge Church on July 6 by helping church planter Matt Prather conduct neighborhood canvassing. Teams will share brochures about The Bridge Church in various neighborhoods and invite people to a worship service. In addition, students will have an opportunity to perform city beautification projects on behalf of the church in order to build goodwill between the congregation and the townspeople. Don't miss this opportunity to help!

To sign up for one of these SOAR Serves opportunities, visit gosoar.com/soarserves. For alerts on any SOAR updates and happenings, download the free SOAR Conference app!

Hotel Check-In

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But wait! We aren't going to stop there. We want to do something even better. For every group checking in between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on July 5, your conference t-shirts will be delivered to your room at no extra charge.

If your group is checking in to the hotel before 4:00 p.m. on July 5, don't worry. Just come by the conference check-in table between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to get your registration packets, and we will have your shirts delivered to your hotel room as well.

As always, if we can help make your SOAR experience any better, we would love to hear from you. Contact us any time at 501-358-3530 or conferences@discipleguide.org. See you at SOAR 2017!

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New Mission To Begin

Bro. Dale Broom and his wife, Celia are planning to begin mission activity in the South Hattiesburg area on July 1st. The name of the new mission project will be "The Foundation Baptist Mission". A number of churches and local associations, who have previously been supporting the Brooms as Missionaries to Ghana, Africa, have pledged their continued support through State Missions. We hope that others will follow this example. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dale & Celia Broom



Above - Ground breaking for Grace Mission. Below - Work has begun



know they covet your prayers.

Freedom Baptist Mission Scheduled To Organize

Freedom Baptist Mission, and Missionary Pastor Bobby Elliott, have scheduled their organization service for July 29th at 1:00pm in Burnsville, Mississippi. I want to encourage as many as can to attend this very special event.

Day Star Baptist Mission Holds Family Day Event

In May, Day Star held a special Family Day event as a connection event to meet new people and get to know those attending. The event was a success.



Caledonia Baptist Church Continues To Grow After Organization

Seven people were baptized recently at Caledonia Baptist Church and Pastor Bob Burch reported that they have six people awaiting baptism on June 18th. It is exciting to see this newly organized church continue to grow.



Caledonia Church baptizes seven

Grace Baptist Mission Construction Project Begins

As I write this article, we are just a few days away from the foundation being poured for the new church building at Clinton, Mississippi. We are praying that, weather permitting, we will be able to see the project completed by the end of September. The Lord continues to bless Grace Baptist Mission and I

South Forrest Baptist Mission Organizes

On Saturday, June 3rd, the South Forrest Baptist Mission, with the approval of their Mother Church, Paramount Baptist Church, organized as a New Testament church. The event was well attended and very well organized. Bro. Ed Steele did a great job as the moderator and Bro. Dennis Knight brought a wonderful message. Twenty-five ordained preachers and deacons attended the service.



They are pictured from Right to Left: A.W. Kirkland, Robert Burch, Sidney Farmer, Dennis Knight, Larry Geraldson, Larry Taylor, Burnell Lott; Second Row Right to Left: Jason Goodwin, Ed Steele, Marvin Leak, John Pricket, Charles Williams Jr., Rayburn Freeman, Glen Pace, Don Brown; Back Row Right to Left: Keith Kirkland, Phillip Burns, Sam Oglesby, Billy Jack Anderson, Scott Kirkland, Justin Rhodes, Vernon Newman and Billie Ferrell. Missionary Sidney Farmer was unanimously elected to serve as the new church pastor. South Forrest Baptist Church did a great job hosting a fellowship immediately after the service. In the weeks leading up to their organization day, Bro. Farmer baptized two.

They also have plans to participate in the Sumrall 4th of July event. Evergreen Baptist Church in Seminary, Pastor Chad Cummins, is planning to help the mission distribute Bibles on that day.

Report from Bro. Wesley Martin, Missionary Pastor of Redemption Baptist Mission

"I am excited to tell about what God is doing in Diamondhead. He has continued to bless over the last couple of months. We have seen new families visit with us and return week after week. There has been a spark of excitement in our people that I love to see. We just had our Family and Friend Day on June 4th and kicked off the summer with a great attendance. We were able to make some new contacts and spend time together as a church family. We are now shifting our focus to VBS which

will be the last week of July. Thank you for your support and prayers. I can't



Redemption Baptist Mission Friend and Family Day Event wait to see what God is going to do this summer."

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

President's Perspective

Do you remember the old children's song, "I'm in the Lord's Army?"

The words go like this: "I may never march in the infantry. Ride in the cavalry. Shoot the artillery. I may never fly o'er the enemy. But I'm in the Lord's army! Yes Sir! I'm in the Lord's army!"

David was a wise military leader. There is a story found in 1 Samuel where, while he and his soldiers were away from their homes, the Amalekites invade the land and capture their families and all their belongings. When David and his

soldiers find out, they first grieve and then, encouraged by the Word of the Lord, David leads his band of soldiers to recover their loved ones and

property. Along the way, 200 of his men become too exhausted to keep up with the pursuit, so they were left to guard the supplies that supported all the warriors. The Lord blessed David's efforts, and all they had previously lost was recovered including their loved ones plus much more plunder that the Amalekites lost in the battle. When the soldiers linked back up with those who remained with the supplies, they refused to share any of the spoils with the logisticians. David reprimanded his soldiers by saying, "You shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us in our hand. For who will hearken unto you in this matter? But as his part is who goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be who tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike." 1 Samuel 30:23-24

When I served in the Army there was a saying, "One force; one fight". I served in many different kinds of units: aviation, artillery, air defense, military intelligence, garrison, and even airborne infantry. But the final unit was the higher headquarters for all the Army's "stuff". We were often forgotten by the rest of the Army. Everyone knew the name of the organization who trained our warriors. And everyone knew the fighting organization to whom the warriors belonged. But few knew the orga-

nization that supplied our nation's warriors. And you know, without the "stuff," a warrior cannot be effective on the battlefield. It takes the entire force, from the warriors, to the trainers, to the logisticians for America's armed forces to be successful on the battlefield. How effective is an infantryman without his weapon? How effective is a tanker without his tank? How effective is.... Well, you get the point.

And so it is with the Lord's Army! We all have our part to play in order for His church to be an effective wit-

ness of God's grace and mercy, and to be successful fighting against our enemy the devil! Whether we be a person called to a relatively unknown ministry or to a high profile position, God's Word says, "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less



Dr. Scott Carson
President



Available to Preach

Thank you for the many churches providing Dr. Carson an opportunity to preach the Word of God to your congregations! Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to make a presentation about the great work and vision of Southeastern Baptist College. You can reach him at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked." 1 Corinthians 12:21-24

A wise Christian leader recognizes this and honors every soldier in the Lord's Army.

Special Emphasis

Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Months for focused donations from churches and individuals are July and August. This announcement is accompanied with a special appeal to raise \$20,000 before June 30. This will ensure that we end in the black for our fiscal year which ends on June 30. It is imperative that we are in the black while closing out our finances of FY 17 so that we will continue our forward momentum towards Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation. SACS accreditation is absolutely essential for the future of this institution.

You can help us meet this goal by sending in your greatly appreciated Southeastern Baptist College Special Emphasis donations before June 30. If this is not possible for you or your church, we understand and we encourage your participation in the regular scheduling of our special fund raising months. All BMA of Mississippi churches will soon receive materials to assist them in the college's fund raising campaign. If you require more posters, you may copy them or give us a call for additional items. Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity.

President Installation Observance

An Inauguration Program is being planned in the near future in recognition of Dr. Scott R. Carson taking the reins of leadership for Southeastern Baptist College. More information will be provided as we solidify our plans for this special event.

Television Commercial

The first television commercial for Southeastern Baptist College is producing fruit with several new applicants referencing it as the reason for their discovering our college and desiring to study God's word at SBC. Will you help us to continue the commercial through

May and into the summer? One month of television advertisement costs \$2,000.

Hail and Farewell

The faculty and staff recently enjoyed a fellowship where we formally farewelled and recognized the good work



of professors as they answer the Lord's call to other fields in His work, while also welcoming Joe Mauldin and Dusty Holifield as our newest faculty members. Note the photo of departing personnel.

Fall Pre-registration

Pre-registration is open now for the Fall Semester. Classes begin August 15. Among the many courses offered is Greek I. Learn to study God's Word in the original Greek language! Contact Ronnie Kitchens or Ms. Emma Bond at 601-426-6346.

Available Scholarships

No joke! \$1,000 scholarships! The Arnold Knight Memorial RLF Scholarship is available every semester to Baptist Missionary Association ministers who take classes at Southeastern Baptist College. These funds are administered by the BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund. Our recruiter, Ronnie Kitchens, has all the information you need to sign up for classes and financial aid. Contact Brother Ronnie at 601-426-6346 or rkitchens@southeasternbaptist.edu

VA Benefits

SBC possesses the 2017 Silver Award as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. There is a time limit to your VA benefits, so I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evalua-

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Lifeworld Visionary Leaders around the World

Part Two

As Lifeworld begins year number 38 of fund-raising through walks, other events or Lifeworld Sunday offerings, the ministry looks forward to exciting new innovations made possible through advancements in technology. Development of the Lifeworld Cloud or Lifeworld Network is in the brainstorming and discussion stage and will allow listeners, affiliates and producers to access a repository of programs and multi-language discipleship materials at lifeworld.org.

Even as this endeavor is in the works, low power, low wattage (Lifeworld Community Radio or LCR) stations are enabling highly populated but difficult-to-access areas of the world to hear the gospel, sometimes for the first time. These local stations run by indigenous leaders, pastors and church planters are growing in number thanks to the relentless work of visionary leaders around the world.

Lifeworld calls these men who are dedicated to searching (often in very rough terrain) for unreached people groups "visionary leaders," and we would like to highlight their efforts in three areas of the world: Central/South America, Europe/Africa and the Philippines.

The following men are visionary leaders in Central and South America, and they tirelessly travel to remote places searching for unreached people groups in their respective areas. (In fact, the following LCR number counts are likely incorrect, because they are installing them so quickly!):

Name: David Flores Perez

Country: Bolivia

Bio: David is the visionary leader who ministers along the Mamoré River. He envisioned LCR helping BMA Bolivia reach a dozen more villages on both the Bolivian and Brazilian borders.

Name: Denis Eduardo Lopez Aguilar

Country/Region: Central America

Bio: Denis is BMA Missions coordinator and Lifeworld's visionary leader. He helps oversee Lifeworld's work in Central and South America and has facilitated dozens of multimedia training, and LCR training and installations.

Name: Javier Muñoz Ruiz

Country: Nicaragua

Bio: Javier is associate pastor of a BMA church in Nicaragua and is the visionary leader for Lifeworld. He has facilitated the training of a dozen young people in the use of media and led in the installation of three LCRs so far.

Name: Paul Esteban Tinoco Lopez

Country: Perú

Bio: Paul came to the BMA and Lifeworld via Lifeworld's Spanish broadcast. Paul pastors, runs a radio ministry, and has led Lifeworld Peru in installing thirteen LCR stations and training the personnel to run them.

Name: Ricardo Herrera Ramirez

Country: Honduras / Garifuna

Bio: Ricardo is of Garifuna origin and is a key leader for Lifeworld in leading broadcast efforts and LCR initiatives among the Garifuna people. They run six LCR stations.

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Please pray for and give financially to help Moral Action expose the anti-Christian agenda of such groups as A.C.L.U., American Atheists, Freedom From Religion Foundation and the Gay Rights Movement.

-Dr. John M. Adams

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tion of your benefits. You earned them. Use them before it's too late! And remember, the Post 9-11 GI Bill is fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

An Idea

I encourage every reader of the Mississippi Baptist to seri-

ously consider contributing toward the BMA of Mississippi's premier school of Biblical knowledge. We were awarded the distinguished Best Online Bible College in the nation for 2016 for a reason! SBC is the best of the best when it comes to educating people in theology and the scriptures! Will you consider setting up a scholarship in your church to help educate and advance leaders in the BMA of Mississippi ministries? Pastors, youth workers, ministers of music,

potential missionaries, deacons, Sunday school teachers and more will all benefit greatly in their personal walk with the Lord and be more effective in their callings. I believe every church in our work should have someone on their church staff taking classes online or in our classrooms. I encourage you to seriously consider what an education in the Bible or in Christian leadership can do to advance the Gospel in your "neck of the woods."

This is not a fire drill - it is the real thing (emergency)

Funding Needs Critical For Philippine Bible College

by Dr. E. Doug Lee, BMABC President

As most of you know, Bro. Doyle Moore, Missionary to the Philippines, has returned home to the states. After 40 years of ministry in the Philippines he has done a tremendous job in establishing a Bible college along with church planting and many other ministries. His work has even taken him to all parts of the Asia Realm. This has created an opening for a new Director and President of the College. I have been appointed to that position in which I realize there are many challenges ahead.

First, the funding from the BMA Missions Department has been cut completely. We do understand that a business, school, church or even personal finances cannot operator in the red. But, to maintain the college and its present enrollment, we must do something to create income so there will be NO gap in the studies of our present students.

Second, I have cut the budget to only cover the necessary essentials. We need help from the churches and individuals, since there are not enough donations at present to cover the expenditures. Our monthly budget is very close to \$7,000 per month and we are receiving about one-half of that. We need another \$4,000 a month to meet our obligations.

Third, we are asking 40 churches or individuals to accept the challenge and contribute \$100 a month for the next 24 months. We have 4 individuals, churches, and/or associations accepting this challenge. That only leaves 36 more. If we are to open the doors of the school in June, we must have the funds to so.

The Bible College is a training center for the work

in the Philippines and southeast Asia. With no training center, the work in this part of the world will suffer. Please help us reach our goal by June 1.

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to BMA, Conway, AR, or Doug and Diane Lee, BMABC Funds, 28 R. T. Lee Road, Carriere, MS 39426, or Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11 Old Kiln Road, Picayune, MS 39466 Make sure you specify on the check Doug and Diane Lee, BMABC Fund.

Master's Builders Work at Jacksonville College

On May the 5th, as the students moved out.

We always looked forward to going to Jacksonville, as we get to visit with all our friends there. Dr. Mike and all the staff treat us so well and they kinda spoil us. A big thank you to our cafeteria friends. We had 4 students who worked along side our men everyday. Most of these boys are from outside the U.S. Thank you



to each of them!

Pray for our men as they work and pray for more workers, as our group is getting smaller and smaller. Neh. 4:6 If you are interested in serving the Lord in this ministry or if your church has building needs, contact our Office Coordinator, Bro John Mangum, at 318-202-5155 or cell 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes, at 903-7256549 or cell 479-462-1675.

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by Barbara White



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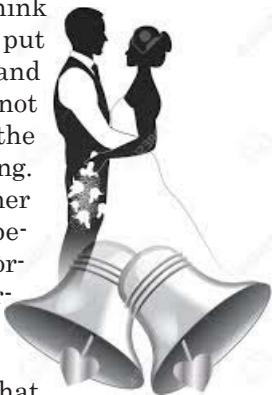
Well, here it is June AGAIN and we always think of June as the month most convenient for a wedding.

Sometimes I think much effort is put into planning and executing a wedding with not much thought going toward the marriage that follows a wedding.

I read a little saying the other day. It said, "In marriage, being the right person is as important as finding the right person."

My observations down through the years has been that too many brides and grooms go into marriage thinking it's all about "me". Well, honey, get over it! After you say "I do" then it's all about "we". Lots of give and take.

The Lord gave pretty explicit instructions in Mark 12:30,31. Go look it up and read it.



Laurel Church Staff Openings

Parkview Baptist Church is currently accepting resumes for the position of part-time music director. Please send resumes to pastor@pbclaurel.com or contact Bro. Shane Singleton at 601-319-0344.

Parkview Baptist Church is currently accepting resumes for the position of part-time church secretary. Must have bookkeeping experience and be familiar with Quicken. Please send resumes to pastor@pbclaurel.com or contact Bro. Shane Singleton at 601-319-0344.

SENIOR SOURCES

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"Bug Off !"

It is summertime in Mississippi. That means fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and plenty of outdoor activities. Along with these activities come the South's "three



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musketees" or should I say "vampires"; mosquitoes, ticks and chiggers (red bugs). These guys no longer leave you with a little temporary discomfort or itching. They may be packing a debilitating or deadly punch with one simple sting or bite.

The days are gone of applying a dab of bleach on the bite or issuing a dose of sulfur and cream of tartar tablets and feeling confident the discomfort will be short term. The local reaction on the skin can be more severe or leave unsightly scarring.

Ticks may carry different types of illnesses. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever being a common one in our

area. The symptoms can be self limiting with mild flu-like symptoms to a full blown illness requiring extended hospital stay, intensive care and even death in some cases.

Mosquitoes have received more attention in recent years due to their ability to carry serious to fatal illnesses such as West Nile Virus, Encephalopathy (brain swelling) and the Zika Virus which can cause severe birth-defects and death to unborn/newborn babies.

Like most diseases, prevention is the best measure.

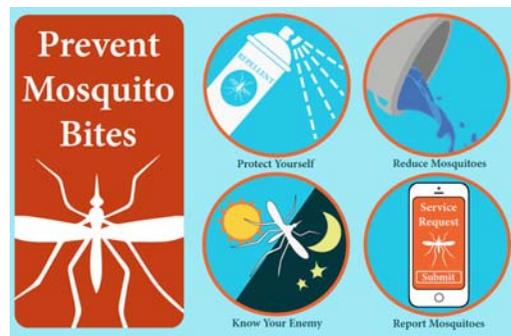
Avoid being outdoors especially late afternoon and evening without the use of an insect repellent containing Deet. Areas with stagnant/standing water should be avoided. Items that collect water in "stale" or "stagnant" means should be eliminated such as empty buckets, barrels and tires. The young, elderly and people with impaired immunity have a greater risk, however, precautions should be taken by everyone.

Educate the ones you love about protection from the pests and insects that may carry diseases. Use repellent when outdoors. Remove sources of breeding for these creatures.

Contact your local agricultural agent or horticulturist about plants that repel insects. Be aware of the symptoms of

the diseases and seek treatment early.

Enjoy the South. Have a safe and happy summer!



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Ten Mile WMA

The Ten Mile WMA met April 10 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, in Saucier, Mississippi. Our District Project is BEAMS Bible Ministry, our State Project is 75% Water for Christ 25% General Fund, and our National Project is Computers for BMA Schools in Gulbarga, India.

Joy Anderson from Pleasant Hill brought our devotional.

We enjoyed refreshments and a great fellowship with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Our next meeting will be on July 10, 2017 at Temple Hill Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Maria Ochoa, Reporter

What We Lost When We Lost Our Hymnals

From Tim Challis Blog Online

I don't think we should go back to using hymnals. But I do think there's value in considering what we lost when, over the course of a relatively short period of time, we gave up hymnals for PowerPoint projection. Not all of us, mind you, but most of us. It's worth considering because it helpfully shows what we stand to lose when we switch from one media to another, and especially when we do so quickly and without due consideration.

If we were to go back in time twenty or thirty years, we would find that most churches had hymnals. They had hymnals because it was the best way of providing each member of the congregation with a copy of the songs. You'd hear it in every church: "Take out your

hymnal and turn to hymn 154..." And then hymnals went the way of the dodo and we began to look instead to words projected on a screen. Here is some of what we lost along the way.

We lost an established body of songs. Hymnals communicated that a church had an established collection of songs. This, in turn, communicated that its songs were vetted carefully and added to its repertoire only after careful consideration. After all, great songs are not written every

day and their worth is proven only over time. Therefore, new hymns would be chosen carefully and added to new editions of the hymnal only occasionally. Churches would update their hymnals, and, therefore, their established body of songs, only once every ten or fifteen years.

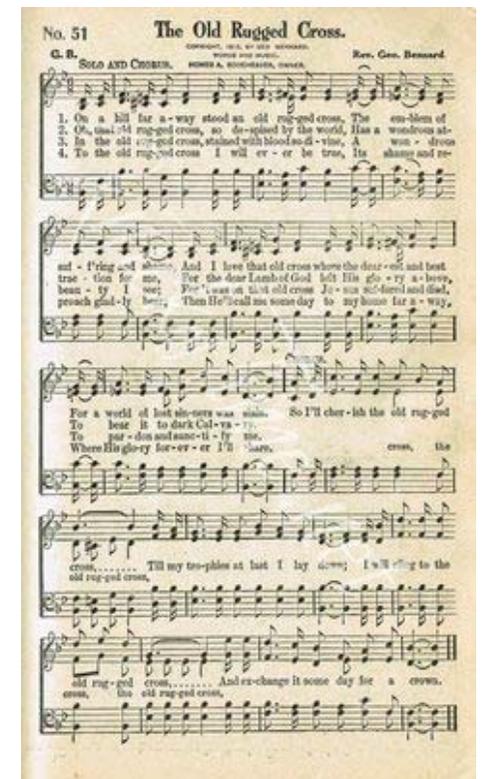


We lost a deep knowledge of our songs. When we removed the hymnal, we gained the ability to add new songs to our repertoire whenever we encounter one we deem worthy. And we do—we add new songs all the time. As we add new songs with greater regularity, we sing old songs with less frequency. This reduces our familiarity with our songs so that today we have far fewer of them fixed in our minds and hearts. Few congregations could sing even the greatest hymns without that PowerPoint screen.

We lost the ability to do harmonies. Hymnody grew up at a time when instrumentation took a back seat to the voice. Hymns were most often written so they could be sung a cappella or with minimal instrumentation. For that reason, hymnals almost invariably included the music for both melody and harmonies and congregations learned to sing the parts. The loss of the hymnal and the associated rise of the worship band has reduced our ability to harmonize and, in that way, to sing to the fullest of our abilities.

It often seems like all we want from the congregation is their enthusiasm.

We lost the ability to sing skillfully. As congregations have lost their knowl-



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2017 Youth Camp The Best In Years



Jesus is Lord!

This was the theme of our 2017 camp. On Monday, June 7, the Youth Department sponsored the State Youth Camp at Waukaway Springs Retreat Center in Vossburg. 10 churches were represented as about 110 people gathered for this camp.

As always, Waukaway provided a beautiful backdrop in the middle of the woods for a time of spiritual renewal.

Bro. Donny Parrish, Executive Director of Lifeword, was the speaker. He did an outstanding job relating the Word of God to the students using familiar Bible stories as told in his own creative way. All were challenged by the mes-

sages. The music was led by Bro. Mark Williams, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church in New Boston, Texas. Mark was straightforward in his music, leading the camp to worship God in a simple, sincere, and powerful manner.

All the students had a blast swimming in the freezing cold Waukaway Spring and meeting new friends along the way. The adults had a good time too. The reason the camp has been so successful and enjoyable over the last few years is because of the adults who bring their students. Those adults deserve all



Kelby Johnson
Director

the credit for the effort they put forward to help their young people know the Lord better.

In all, we have heard of 6 professions of faith as a result of camp. That means 6 lives that said for the first time "Jesus is Lord!" Also, some prayed over other decisions, some were counseled about past tragedy, and some were counseled over current troubles. God certainly did a work in each life that attended. In my 5 years of putting this camp on, I don't believe we've had a better one than we did in 2017.

Continue to pray for this ministry and consider making the 2018 State Youth Camp an option for your students.

edge of their songs, they have lost the ability to sing them well. We tend to compensate for our poorly-sung songs by cranking up the volume of the musical accompaniment. The loss of the voice has given rise to the gain of the amplifier. This leads to our music being dominated by a few instrumentalists and perhaps a pair of miced-up vocalists while the larger congregation plays only a meager role. In fact, it often seems like all we want from the congregation is their enthusiasm.

We lost the ability to have the songs in our homes. Hymnals usually lived at the church, resting from Monday to Saturday in the little pockets on the back of the pews. But people also bought their own and took them home so the family could have that established body of songs there as well. Families would often sing together as part of their family worship. It is easy to imagine a family singing "It Is Well With My Soul" after eating dinner together, but almost impossible to imagine them singing, "Oceans."

It is probably too late to go back to the hymnal. I am not at all convinced we ought to. But it is still worth considering what we lost along the way and how congregational singing has been utterly transformed by what may appear to have been a simple and practical switch in the media. That little change from book to screen changed nearly everything.

I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

Psalm 7:17

Your Father's Hands

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A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked, "Have you received a scholarship for school?"

The boy replied, "No".

'It was your father who paid for your studies?' " Yes.' He replied.

'Where does your father work?' 'My father is a Blacksmith'

The Director asked the young man to show him his hands.

The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect.

'Have you ever helped your parents at their job?'

'Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me.

The director said: 'I have got a request: When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning.'

The young man felt his chance to get the job was high.

When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands.

His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his

hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them.

This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that his father payed for his education, his school activities and his future.

After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.

The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director.

The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when He asked him,

'Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?'

The boy replied: 'I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop.'

'Now I know what it is to

appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping my family.

parent are we really showing love or are we helping to destroy our children?

You can give your child their own room in a big house, good food, a computer, tablet, cell phone, and a big screen TV, but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, children need to experience that too.

After eating, have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters, let them fold laundry or cook with you, pull weeds or mow the lawn. You are not doing this because you are poor and can't afford help. You are doing this because you love them and want them to understand certain things about life.

Children need to learn to appreciate the amount of effort it takes to do a job right.

They need to experience the difficulties in life that people must overcome to be successful and they must learn about failure to be able to succeed.

Children must also learn how to work and play with others and that they will not always win, but they can always work harder to reach their goals. If they've done their best, then they can take pride in all the effort they put forth.

Life is about giving and serving and these qualities are taught in our homes. Share this if it meant something to you.

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Missions

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Thank you for your Special Emphasis offering

Our Special Emphasis for Missions goal was \$25,000.00 and while we did not reach our goal, we are grateful to all those who gave and promise to apply these funds appropriately and work hard to maximize the funds in our missions operation. The following is a list of those who gave:

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South Forrest Pastor Sidney Farmer baptized two recently at the newly organized church



FROM THY FATHER'S HANDS

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

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