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Midyear Meeting Brings Changes

East Fulton Baptist Church was the host site for the 2013 midyear meeting of the BMA of Mississippi held May 20 & 21. Brotherhood and WMA meetings were held on Monday evening.

Association business got underway on Tuesday morning at 9:30. The Enrollment Committee reported that 50 churches were represented with 98 messengers registered.

Reports

Reports from the various departments and ministries began. After the WMA presented their report, Southeastern College Interim President Joseph Harris gave his report. He highlighted the following areas: He noted Special Emphasis had been down in the past few years, but 2012 showed an improvement. In 2011 31 churches gave a little over \$11,000 with 2012 showing 53 churches and individuals give over \$17,000.

Harris shared that finances were down due to lower enrollment figures. He said the basic gift income to the

school was about the same. He shared that the college was currently on budget. He also noted that a number of cuts in expenses had been made to keep the budget in the black.



Joseph Harris giving last report as Interim President

school's previous 'warning status' had been removed. This was a good sign for the college and showed improvement in some areas of concern.

After Harris' report, SBC Trustee Chairman read the minutes and recommendations of the trustees.

The Trustees presented a five point recommendation to the messenger

body. (Those recommendations are listed on page 2 of this issue). After much discussion the recommendations were passed. There was a good number of messengers voting in opposition.

In their recommendation the trustees asked for the Trustees of the Revolving Loan Fund to do an assessment of the college. They stated reasoning was due to the financial obligation that the college has with the Loan Fund. Their motion was a "request" to the RLF trustees and director. Director Larry Geraldson stated that no decision would be made until the RLF met



Dennis Knight, pastor of Paramount Church, Perkinston, brought the message at the 2013 mid-year meeting

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CONSIDER THIS

On the uniqueness of men and women...

A woman is infinitely superior to a man at being a woman, and a man is infinitely superior to a woman at being a man!

2013 Annual BMAA Message

Signs And Covenants

by Scott Attebery, Executive Director
DiscipleGuide Church Resources

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A little over four years ago, I lost my wife in a car accident. The years since then have been very difficult, and the most difficult thing of all is that my son, Bryce, who was only about three months old when she died, has no memory of his mom.

She was an incredible mother. For those three months, it was wonderful just to watch her hold him. She was a natural in the way she took care of him, and it hurts my heart that he has no memory of her whatsoever.

I have no problem telling you that I have struggled with depression. Trying to cope with the fact that I'm a single dad is difficult. I feel a responsibility to try to give my son things my wife would've given him that I honestly just don't know how to give. It really is tough and, to be honest with you, at times I find myself feeling lost. I find myself wondering who I really am. Am I even in the right place? Is this really what was supposed to happen in my life? Is this where I'm supposed to be? Am I even supposed to be in ministry

any more? As all those natural questions come to mind, and as I ponder them, there are times that I get deeply depressed.

At those times I find myself just naturally wanting to ask God to give me some sort of sign. I think you probably know what I mean. There's that feeling that you want God to do something just to give you



some affirmation and confirmation that you're in the right place and that everything is going to be fine.

I was in one of those really low spots a couple of years ago, and I was driving in town with my son in his car seat in the back. As we were driving along, I was desperate for God to give me some kind of sign. We were stopped at a stop light when, from the back seat, I heard,

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SBC President Search Continues

by The Editor

Bro. Joseph Harris has resigned as Interim President of Southeastern Baptist College. He is leaving the school after over 26 years of service. This leaves the college currently without senior administrative leadership. Let us be in prayer for Bro. Harris and for the ministry of Southeastern Baptist College. She has a rich heritage and no doubt has a prosperous future.

I have spoken with SBC Trustee Chairman Matt Hudson and the trustees share the following with our readers.

SBC Trustees are requesting resumes for the position of president. Anyone wishing to apply is asked to send their resume to Chairman Matt Hudson. You may use the following methods: Email to mlhudson85@yahoo.com or Matt Hudson, 1530 Loden Rd., Fulton, MS 38843. Hudson may also be reached at 662-260-0244.

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and considered the school's request. Interim President Joseph Harris stated that he was unaware of the recent trustee meeting (held on the morning of May 21 at East Fulton Church) and the trustees actions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the college report on page 5 of this issue, Harris states that he has submitted his resignation as Interim President effective June 12, 2013.

Other reports

Director Kelby Johnson reported on the State Youth Department and the recent training sessions held this past Spring. He stated that more such meetings and sessions were planned for the future.



Youth Director Kelby Johnson

Johnson stated that State Senior Camp had been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Junior camp was still scheduled and churches were encouraged to participate.

Bro. Johnson noted that some local associations are now holding their own camps and that some local churches are doing the same.

Missions Report

Bro. Larry Geraldson brought an encouraging report on state missions. He shared the growth of missionaries on the field and shared that there was optimism of additional missionaries on the field in the near future.



Missions Director Larry Geraldson

Bro. Geraldson's personal report can be read in this issue.

RLF

Both Bro. Geraldson and RLF Manager Lavelle Lee gave good reports on the condition of the Loan Fund. Figures show that the Loan Fund is in good financial condition and continues to grow in both assets and ministry activ-



RLF Manager Lavelle Lee

ity.

Publications

The afternoon session began with the Mississippi Baptist report by Editor Don Brown. He shared that the Publications Department was operating in the black financially and stressed the reason. He shared that 28% of the department's income consisted of gift income. Year to date totals show \$11,000 in monthly donations and \$5,800 in Special Emphasis funds from January 2013.

He thanked those writers and regular contributors that help to enhance the pages of the paper and that minister to the various reader groups.

Children's Home

Director Sidney Davis shared the needs of the home and highlighted the accomplishments of the children in their academic and spiritual lives. Each of the residents are doing well in school and are faithful in their church life.



Home Director Sidney Davis

Bro. Davis shared the blessings that some in the local business community have been to the home and meeting the everyday needs.

Directors of Moral Action, History & Archives, Commission on Senior Adults and Baptist Music Fellowship were not present. Reports for Moral Action and Senior Adults were given by trustees.

Dr. John Adams was in Washington, D.C. attending the Family Research Council's "Watchmen" conference.

WMA & Brotherhood

The State WMA and State Brotherhood met on Monday Evening. They both had good



WMA President Jessica Haden programs and reports from them will appear in another issue.



Brotherhood President Mark Jones

Signs And Covenants

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"Dad, I had a dream last night that I went to Heaven." Well, of course that grabbed my attention, and I said, "Bryce, tell me about your dream. What was it like? What did you do?"

He said, "Well, I met Jesus. I sat in His lap, and He gave me candy. Dad, He's a really nice guy." I said, "I'll bet He is!"

Then he said, "Dad, He sang me a song."

Of course, there I was — at a low point and looking for a sign — so I couldn't help but ask, "Bryce, what did He sing to you?"

As I looked into his big eyes (his Mom's eyes) in the rear view mirror, he looked back at me and began singing, "She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes!"

That was not quite the sign I had been looking for!

He Gives Signs

But I'm sure you can relate. It's just natural to look for signs, right? I think God wired us to be the kind of people who look for them because, all through His Word, He gives signs. But He doesn't just give signs randomly. They are always accompanied by covenants. For example:

- Eden — Back in the Garden of Eden, there was a really basic covenant — "obey me or dying, you shall

surely die." And the sign was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was a visual to help them remember the covenant.

- Cain — After Cain sinned and killed his brother, Abel, God made a covenant with Cain because he was worried that somebody was going to try to inflict retribution on him. So God said, "Cain, I'm going to take care of you. I will curse anyone who tries to curse you." Then He gave him a sign for that covenant by putting a mark on Cain — there was a covenant and there was a sign.

- Noah — Noah was given a very obvious sign. In the Noahic Covenant, God promised Noah, "I'll never flood the earth like this again." Then He gave him a rainbow in the sky to remind him of the covenant. Even today, every time we see a rainbow, we remember that covenant.

The Abrahamic Covenant

In Genesis 15, Abraham had already been given a pretty lengthy covenant by God. Part of the covenant was the fact that God had promised Abraham that He would make him into a great nation, which entailed Abraham having children and that had, up to this point, seemed virtually impossible.

Abraham had already reaped a lot of the benefits promised in that covenant — he was wealthy and had some major military victories, including one when he saved his nephew, Lot, from crazy warlord kings.

Most people would think Abraham was a success, a hero, but he found himself in one of those deep, dark places where he was looking for a sign.

So, with that covenant in the background, Abraham came to God and asked, "What about this son I'm supposed to have? You've done all of these other things for me, but what about the son?" Abraham was trying to reason with God and to logically figure it out, which we all tend to do. "I know, God," he said, "the son you're talking about is my servant, Eliezer, right?"

That proclamation brings us to Gen. 15:4, where God said: "...This man (Eliezer) shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'

The covenant: you will have a son. The sign: look at the stars of the sky. You're not just going to have a son, you're going to have a huge family that is innumerable, like the stars in the sky.

Then God promised even more to Abraham. "And he said to him, 'I am

SBC TRUSTEE Recommendations

1. Because the Revolving Loan Fund has significant financial vested interest in the college,

2. Since historically churches and/or departments rely on Revolving Loan Fund as a repository of property when closure is imminent,

3. Since no foreseeable resolution to the absence of leadership warrants a real concern that further financial decline might result in irreversible consequences, and closure might be imminent,

4. The trustees of Southeastern Baptist College make a request to the Revolving Loan Fund trustees to conduct (under the leadership of the director) a full operational and financial assessment of the school with emphasis on her capabilities to remain open and functional,

5. That the director of Revolving Loan Fund, at the conclusion of the assessment, provide recommendation to the Southeastern Baptist College trustees as to the future operation, administration and function of school.

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Larry Geraldson
Director

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Mid-Year Report Missions and RLF Department

Let me begin by acknowledging that all our blessings flow from God, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” Eph 1:3

I would like to begin by sharing with you some of the results of our collective missions efforts, through the ongoing work of 12 different missions projects all across the State of Mississippi. Our missionaries have collectively reported 3805 new contacts made with 2658 opportunities to share the gos-

pel and 343 professions of faith. Each mission congregation has shown increased attendance and the enlarging of their ministry efforts and missions activity. Two of our missions projects, Caledonia and South Forrest, have completed building projects, and another, Freedom, in Burnsville is scheduled to begin sometime this summer. Three of our missionaries, Bro. Justin Rhodes, Bro. Kelby Johnson and Bro. James Cook, have relocated their meetings from their homes to a temporary meeting facility. All of our missionaries exercise the

spiritual discipline of evangelism. Most of our mission projects are engaged in some form of discipleship training and most have started giving to State Missions. A number of them have begun setting aside for future salary support of their pastor. Each church planter and coordinator underwent a mid-year review by the missionary committee on May 13th and the overall assessment was positive.

Our coordinators are working to develop three new projects and we have one application out which I anticipate

getting back very soon and if all goes well, we could see the addition of a new missionary sometime this summer.

Next, I would like to share with you some information concerning your Missions Department support efforts and efficiency. As with last year, we scheduled and conducted professional development training, sponsored by us and conducted by our BMAA Theological Seminary, for the primary benefit of our missionaries. Those who participated last year, completed Evangelism Explosion Training and those who participated this year received seminary level Expository Preaching Preparation training. We will continue to offer professional development for our missionaries and encourage them to participate.

Our overall efficiency of support has improved since October 2011 with an overall reduction of 50% in overhead support costs. In other words, during the period of 2003-2010, fifty five cents on the dollar was overhead cost. During the period from October 2011-present, the average cost of overhead is twenty three cents on the dollar. Our goal is to improve this to ten cents on the dollar.

Giving remains sound and we continue to operate within our means. Total contributions from August 2012 (the beginning of our budget year) through April 2013 equals: \$308,365.00, while total ex-

penses equaled: \$306,767.00 a difference of \$1,598.00. Our reserve at the end of April 2013 was \$73,548.56.

The overall church contributions to State Missions this year is up by 6% as compared to the previous five years. However, the average giving of the previous five years as compared to the average giving of the previous ten years is only a 2% increase.

Support of missions by the Revolving Loan Fund Trustee has been outstanding. This was evidenced in the approval of matching funds to help in the debt reduction campaign of both Caledonia and South Forrest. Approximately \$80,000.00 was raised by both missions, resulting in the decrease of indebtedness from \$245,807.37 to \$170,312.75 for Caledonia and from \$85,612.00 to zero indebtedness for South Forrest.

Bro. Lee, our Revolving Loan Fund Manager, will give a more detailed and technical report of the Revolving Loan Fund. However, I would like to share a few comments now because I think they are pertinent to the overall operation of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund. Since October 2011, we have reduced our variable rate of interest from 5.4% to 4.25% (beginning June 1st). The total savings to the churches is approximately \$386,202.00. Our percentage paid to our shareholders remains at 2.67% and we have paid out to our shareholders \$545,904.00 since October of 2011 and \$3,010,328.00 since August of 2008. We have improved the efficiency of the Revolving Loan Fund operation, as well, and the spread between what we were previously charging for loans and what we paid to our shareholders versus what we now charge for loans and pay our shareholders is down from 3.05% to 1.58%. Our goal is to continue to improve our efficiency and pass the savings to our churches.

Our potential for growth both in Missions and Revolving Loan Fund remains very high. Many locations have been identified as needing a church. Churches have begun the process of becoming church planting churches. Giving has increased but must increase commensurate with our ambition and we must continue to, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matt 9:38

Signs And Covenants

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the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’” (v. 7)

God said, “Look, Abraham, I’m still not finished. Not only am I going to give you a son and many descendants like the stars in the sky. I’m also going to give you this huge, vast land that I have been promising.”

Abraham was wrestling with his faith at that point. He wanted to believe, but he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” (v. 8) We could translate that into “God, can you just give me a sign that it’s really going to happen?”

So God said, “Here’s the sign.” “He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a

female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ And he brought him all these, cut them in half and laid each half over against the other: But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.” (v. 9)

The covenant: I am going to give you a son and I’m going to give you the land.

The sign: this time, it is blood. God said, “Bring all of these animals, cut them in half and lay the sides apart so we can have a way of sealing this covenant with the sign of blood.”

Abraham probably wouldn’t have thought much about this, because that was a common way people would do business. It was called “cutting a covenant.” The idea of the word

“covenant” in the original language is “cut.” They would cut the animals in two, and both parties would walk between the animal halves, symbolically saying, “If I don’t keep my end of this bargain (covenant, agreement) then, just as it has been for these animals, so shall it be for me.” In other words, they’re saying, “If I don’t keep my end of the agreement, then let me die.” They’re sealing it and signing it with their blood.

While that may seem ancient and barbaric to us, I’m sure everyone in this room has done the very same thing, and you’ve even let your kids make this type of covenant. Does this sound familiar? — “Cross my heart, hope to die.” Where do you think that comes from? It’s the idea that we mean business, that we are sealing it with our very life. We’re guaranteeing it with our blood.

Tension In The Covenant

After delivering the good news, God gave him the bad news: “Abraham, by the way, this covenant of blood, the one you have literally committed your life to — you will not be faithful to me in it.”

“As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, ‘Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And

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Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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Behold, how good and how pleasant

it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. - Psalm 133

Our recent meeting in Fulton and the discussion concerning Southeastern Baptist College and the position of president led to some pointed statements and comments. Going back to our October 2012 annual meeting and the vote for president of SBC, we are reminded that the messenger body voted to elect the candidate that was presented by a unanimous vote of the College Trustees. The vote was extremely close - 62 to 61. Due to the close vote and obvious division among the messengers, the winning candidate withdrew from consideration.

This left both those who voted for the trustees nominee and those who opposed their recommendation unsatisfied. The college trustees are still in the process of seeking leadership for the college. The discussion of the college report at our recent midyear meeting seemingly still reflected division among some and the danger of personalities becoming involved.

As David reflected in Psalm 133, it is a very pleasant thing for brothers in Christ to be unified. The need for unity is a biblical principle that is vitally important for the blessings of God to be received. Even though there are differing opinions concerning the leadership of Southeastern, there should be a unified spirit of support for the institution itself.

Trustees are elected for each department to manage and oversee their progress and work. Trustees are fallible people seeking the will and leadership of an infallible God. They deserve our prayers and support.

Pray for Southeastern College. Her heritage is rich and her future is limitless with God's blessings and the support of the churches of the BMA of Mississippi.



Don Brown
Editor

**BMA of America
Coordinating
Council Update**

The BMAA Coordinating Council met May 20-22, 2013, at the Keystone Camp near Waldo, Arkansas. Council members present included Chairman Paul Bullock, BMA President Ed Stephenson, BMA Second Vice-President Paul White, Philip Attebery, and Danny Kirk. Departmental directors present included: Scott Attebery (DCR), Steve Crawley (Lifeword), Charley Holmes (Seminary), and John David Smith (Missions).

Article VIII Section 2 of the BMA's Statement of Principles of Cooperation directs the purpose of the council "to cast a unified vision and promote



cooperation between the departments and/or agencies of the Baptist Missionary Association of America." The council has used an annual retreat to provide departmental and agency directors with the opportunity to discuss a unified vision and means of cooperation that will assist them in accomplishing the association's stated purpose (Article II of the Statement of Principles of Cooperation).

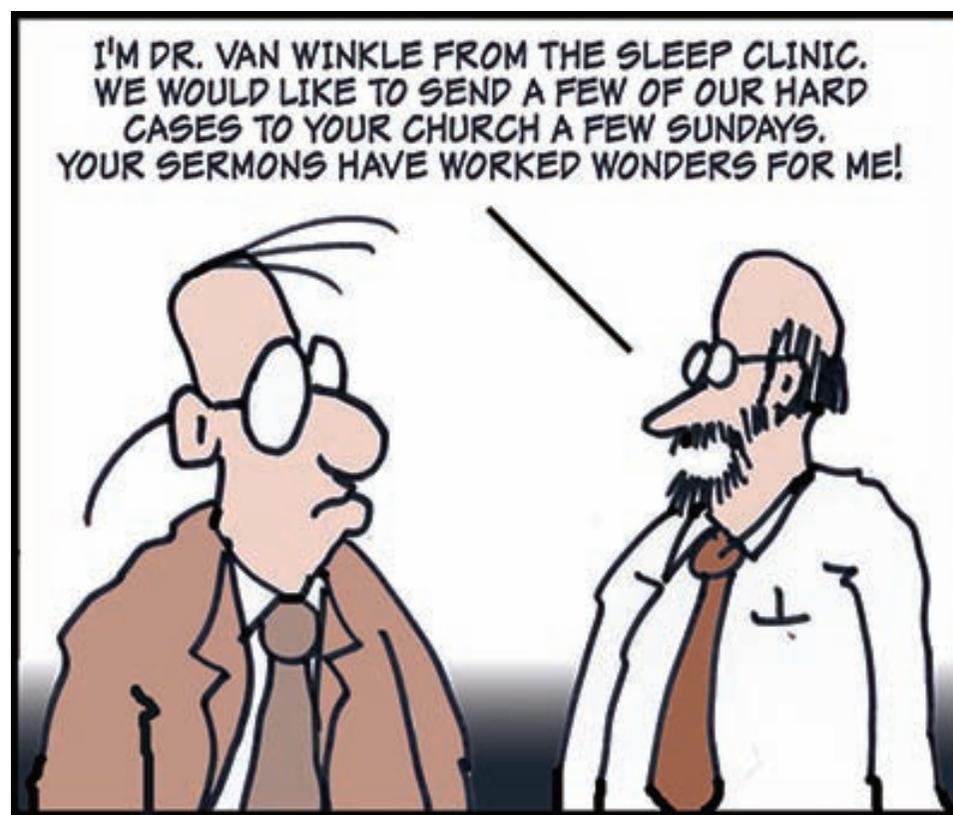
Chairman Paul Bullock organized the retreat and invited leaders from the Columbia Baptist Association to facilitate discussion on team leadership by studying the relational dynamics between David, Jonathan, and Saul, Abraham and Lot, Barnabas and Paul, and Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur. Guest facilitators included David Watkins, Eric Goble, Danny Bullock, and Mike Goodwin.

The council endorsed a plan to enhance the representation of national departments and agencies during BMA state association meetings. At least one director will attend each state meeting and represent all the departments. Such a move should help reduce overall travel costs while ensuring that information from each department and agency is made available at state meetings. The plan also encourages the production of a joint newsletter, brochure, or promotional video for distribution at associational meetings.

Additionally, directors updated the council on matters related to the integration efforts approved during the 2013 national association meeting.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2013, in conjunction with the BMA Missions Symposium. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding the council should contact Chairman Paul Bullock or a member of the council.

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2013 Southeastern College Graduating Class

Graduation

Our graduation service was held Thursday, May 16. Eleven students graduated with several students recognized for special accomplishments. Senator Chris McDaniel was the commencement speaker and did an excellent job with the speech.

Potential Funds

Raising funds has always been a challenge and a burden for the leader of SBC. Recently, God presented an opportunity



State Senator Chris McDaniel was speaker at 2013 graduation for us to apply for funds from the Deepwater Horizon settlement. BP set aside funds in an account and established guidelines and criteria for qualified businesses and non-profits. Southeastern met the qualifications and after a couple of months of working with the company handling the paperwork, all forms have been submitted that were requested. Southeastern has been informed that it qualifies for \$300,000.00. After the company

that files the paperwork receives their commission, SBC should receive 225,000.00. The initial filing was completed two weeks ago and the turn around time can be from 120-150 days. If all goes well, this money is expected sometime in September or October. We pray it will go through and will thank God for this blessing if it does.

Resignation

It is with great sadness and heaviness of heart that I have submitted my resignation as Interim President effective June 12, 2013.

I am proud of the many accomplishments of SBC over the years and the impact it has made in so many lives. It is unique as a Bible college

and differs in mission and purpose with Christian liberal arts colleges. It is the only Bible college left in the state of Mississippi. The trustees are leading the college in a different direction, therefore I feel it is time for me to leave and I am thankful to the people of the BMA of Mississippi for the privilege of serving at SBC for these many years.

I am looking for God's direction in the future and pray for the college for its future. I am so thankful for a wonderful faculty and staff and their dedication and sacrifice to SBC and will really miss them and the family-like relationship we have enjoyed. I will also miss the current students who will



Joseph Harris

Signs And Covenants

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they shall come back here for the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.'” (vs. 12-16)

God was telling Abraham, “We’re about to make a covenant and sign it with our blood; and, incidentally, you are not going to be faithful to me in this.”

Can’t you just feel the tension building in Abraham here? “Okay, God, this is great. You’ve given me the covenant — I’m going to have a son. I’m going to have many descendants,” he must have thought. “I’m going to have this land, and I’m going to seal this covenant with blood. There is only one problem — I’m not going to be able to keep up my end of the bargain, which means, if I seal it with my blood, it will cost me my life. What am I going to do? I can’t tell God ‘no’ to a covenant He proposed.”

It would almost be like if Bill Gates came to you or me and said, “I want to make you an incredible offer. I want to give you all of Microsoft — all of our holdings, all of our money, all of our copyrights and patents, all of our buildings and campuses, all of our corporate jets — everything! I want you to have it.” That’s a great deal, right?

But then he adds, “There is just one tiny condition. You see, I have spent my life trying to rid the world of disease, so I’m very interested in eliminating germs from the campus of Microsoft. So you can have everything, as long as you promise that you will never sneeze in my buildings.”

That’s impossible! It’s a great offer, but I can’t live up to it.

Abraham had a great offer on the table, but he couldn’t live up to it. What in the world could he do?

be returning and treasure the memories of all the students who have passed through this great institution during my tenure.

I have completed 26 years of service to God through Southeastern Baptist College. The college has been more than a job for me. It has been my life’s ministry. I am thankful to God for this special opportunity. My heart and prayers will continue to be with the faculty, staff, and students of SBC. I love you all. Please join me in prayer for the leadership.

Solution To The Covenant

If you feel the tension in your heart like I felt when I read this text and tried to see things from Abraham’s perspective, this will be a great relief to you — Abraham never walked between the animals; God walked between the animals. Do you see the significance of that? It is one of the most beautiful pictures in all of Scripture: “When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch (that’s God) passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmoites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.’” (vs. 17-21)

Can you imagine the sweet, beautiful, incredible relief on Abraham’s face when he was standing there, trembling and wondering, “How will I ever make it through this covenant, knowing that it will kill me because I’d have to put my life on the line?” But in that very moment when he gave up because he did not know what to do, God — knowing that Abraham would never be able to be completely faithful to Him

— went before him and showed His faithfulness to Abraham.

What a beautiful picture! God’s faithfulness is what everything is built on, not our faithfulness. God went before him and led the way. God said, “Abraham, this is not a covenant for you to sign your name to. This is a covenant for me to put my guarantee on.”

Even when I am not faithful to Him, God is always faithful to me.

When I was serving as a pastor, I was not always a faithful pastor. I have plenty of instances, more than I’d care to admit, where I neglected my people, didn’t study the Word the way I should have and did not fulfill my role and my duties the way I should have. But I read this passage and realized that, even in my unfaithfulness, my God was always faithful to my congregation. He never left them and never forsook them. Praise God, in my insufficiency, He is completely sufficient.

As a parent, I’m overwhelmed at times when I see, on a daily basis, the ways I let my little boy down — the times I’m away that I should be at home, the times I’m at home and should be completely involved in his life, but I’ll let my tiredness or busyness take precedence. And there are times that I’m just in pain because of the ways I’ve failed my son. But I read this and I know that my God will never fail my son,

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National WMA Report from 2013 meeting in Norman, Oklahoma

Sister Carolyn Colvert gave the President's address. She used the theme "Beautiful Storms" and used Queen Esther as her example of storms we may face.

Sister Carolyn then recognized Sister Jerene Reddin, our 2nd Vice President, to introduce and present the program. The program continued with the theme of "Beautiful Storms". Sister JoAnna Allen, Missionary wife from the Philippines, told about the work on the foreign field there and the trials and blessing that they have experienced.

National Miss GMA, Katy Hicks from Arkansas brought a devotional, "Living A Life Of Love" with her scripture from I John 4: 7-18. The theme chosen for GMA Camp is "Ye Are The Light Of The World".

We had no petitionary letters this year. The registration committee report showed 101 churches represented, 106 Messengers, and 50 visitors, representing 10 States and 1 Foreign Country.

Five churches with certificates and Carolyn Colvert presented the "Presidents Award" to the First Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana, WMA ladies for raising the most money for the project. They raised \$6,180.

The project chosen for this year is IAW (I Am A Woman) Center in Lebanon. Three churches were presented the Standard Of Excellence awards.

New officers elected are as follows:

President - Carolyn Colvert, Arkansas 2014
1st Vice Pres. - Janet Widger, Missouri 2014
2nd Vice Pres. - Jerene Reddin, Arkansas 2014
3rd Vice Pres. - Ruby Poteet, Arkansas 2014
Corresponding Secretary - Pat Duncan, Arkansas 2020
Asst. Corresponding Sec. - Glenda Tipton, Arkansas 2020
Recording Secretary - Jessica Haden, Mississippi 2017
Asst. Recording Sect. - Ann Pugh, Texas 2018
Editor - Jackie Ricks, Texas 2015
Reporter - Jean Swineheart, Michigan 2014
Historian - Bonnie Brown, Mississippi 2015
Director of Youth Auxiliaries - Robin Clark, Arkansas 2014
Asst. Dir. Of Youth Auxiliaries - Mandi Townsend, AR 2014
GMA/YLA Promoter - Jayna Williams, Texas 2016
Asst. GMA/YLA Promoter - Beth Caldwell, Mississippi 2014
Sunbeam Promoter - Sherry Laminack, Arkansas 2018
Asst. Sunbeam Promoter - Linda Dertinger, Mississippi 2014
Song Leader - Lisa Hudson, Mississippi 2015
Pianist - Anita Akers, Mississippi 2014
Project Promotion - Ann Raines, Arkansas 2014

Valarie Fish, Arkansas 2015

Alice Smith, New Mexico 2016

Salary & Expense - Nell Smith, Louisiana 2014

Blinda Lee, Mississippi 2015

Bea Evans, Missouri 2016

Study Book - Linda Allen, Arkansas 2014

Val Blackmore, Arkansas 2015

Bettye Wilson, Texas 2016

Advisory Committee - George Reddin, Arkansas

Dale E, Fish, Arkansas

Rick Smith, New Mexico

The new Study Book written by Sister Jackie Ricks is titled "People Are People". It is about the ministry of John and Shirley Ladd.

An offering of \$836.95 was taken at this year's meeting. 75% will go to Camp Christa Project and 25% will go to the Patsy Campbell Book Fund. The total amount for the project was \$40,350.41.

Northeast Mississippi Ladies' Retreat

by Anita Akers

On May 18, 2013, East Fulton Baptist Church welcomed ladies of the churches of Northeast Mississippi to the annual ladies' retreat with the theme of "Joy-N-Rejoicing." With East Fulton as host, this year's retreat was a joint effort of the district ladies' auxiliary.

After a continental breakfast was served during registration, district President Stacy Smith opened the meeting with a welcome and prayer and Beverly Beane and Anita Akers led in a time of praise through music. Special solos by two of our young teens, Carli Reeder of Bethel Baptist and Mylie Beane of East Fulton each uplifted us through song with their sweet voices. Carli sang "What Love is This" while Mylie's song was "Mighty to Save."

Mrs. Barbara White of First Baptist Bay Springs, a well-known speaker and women's leader in our BMA work, presented a three session program which greatly blessed us. Dur-

ing the second session, she made an appearance as the beloved "Sofilthy McNasty" (her column appears in this paper) and shared some wonderful and humbling life expe-



Guest Speaker Mrs. Barbara White as "Sofilthy McNasty"

riences, while at the same time kept us laughing with her insightful wit. (One lady remarked that she hadn't laughed so much in years!) She challenged us to make full use of all the "Fifteen Minutes" in our lives. (Not a misspelling, but her exact words!)

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that when I'm not faithful as a parent, God is always faithful to be my son's grace. He is sufficient for my son.

God's faithfulness to us does not depend on our faithfulness to Him. Praise God! You see can sum it up even shorter than that. It's just real basic:

I can't — He can.

I probably won't — He always will.

I can't earn it and don't deserve it — He has done it and paid it all for me. He is faithful to me.

That is the gospel. In fact, Jesus talked about the covenant, saying: "And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" (Matt. 26:27-28)

The very next day after saying those words, Christ went to the cross and shed His blood — "Cross my heart, I chose to die." Not because He had failed the covenant. Absolutely not! It's because He knew we had failed the covenant, and He stood in our place, taking the

penalty for our sin, paying the blood sacrifice of the covenant for us. He completely fulfilled the old covenant and inaugurated the new covenant in His blood of grace that is sufficient for all who would believe.

When we look to the cross, we see Christ saying, "The covenant has been sealed in blood and it is finished." Every covenant is now fulfilled in Christ and the sign that goes with the covenant is the cross. That's the fulfillment.

That's why I love Gen. 15:6: "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." That was immediately after God had showed him the stars in the sky and God had said, "Abraham, here's a sign. I will be faithful." In other words, Abraham believed God by responding to God's faithfulness.

Now just put that together for a second. Consider that Abraham was responding to God's display of faithfulness in his life. And because of God's faithfulness, he believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. I think we could come up with this: not only is

Gloria Jarrell of Bethel shared about an upcoming July mission trip to Uganda called "Four Moms and a Matt." As a certified instructor for the hearing impaired, Gloria, along with Amanda Jennings, Jaime Martin, Kerry Wiygul, and Matt Taylor, all from Bethel Baptist, are teaming up with "Pennies for Posho" to minister in orphanages supported by this group. Matt will be working with a medical team while there.

A silent auction was set up, viewed, and bid on during the breaks and the final bids raised over \$500 for this worthy effort.

During a delicious lunch, which included molten chocolate cupcakes and strawberry shortcakes, multiple door prizes were awarded. Mrs. Barbara then concluded our program with scripture and songs on how to truly have "Joy-N-Rejoicing. We left with it in our hearts!

We had a total of 78 present and do thank East Fulton Baptist WMA for being such a wonderful host. We look forward to our next annual retreat that will be announced later on this year.

God's faithfulness the stand-in for our lack of faith, but when we look to God's faithfulness, it fuels our desire to be faithful to Him.

When I now look to God's ultimate display of His faithfulness on the cross, my faith is strengthened because I'm staring at God's faithfulness — and I believe. And when I look in faith to the cross on which my Savior died, it is credited to me as righteousness. Not because of anything I've done, but because of His faithfulness to me.

Maybe you're at a place where you can relate — that dark, lonely hour of your life. Maybe you came here immediately after having a meeting with that member of your church that may not attend all the time, but when they do, they have something to say to you. Maybe you came here thinking, "I don't even think I'm in the right place. I don't know if I can take this anymore. God, I need a sign. I just need something. Can you just show me that I'm okay, that this is where I'm supposed to be?"

Or maybe the grand plans that you had for your church or mission seem to have just crumbled before you. You're

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John Adams

Is the A.C.L.U. Removing "Under God"?

The American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) and the Americans United for Separation of Church and State have underlying plans to go after two small words in the Pledge of Allegiance of the American flag. For some this may seem insignificant, but for Christian believers it is of immense importance. This is a battle worth fighting. The Massachusetts Supreme Court – Judicial Court is conducting a hearing of a non-religious families' objection to their children being required to recite the pledge daily in the classroom. The case is *Doe vs Acton – Boxborough Regional School District*.

When one recites the Pledge of Allegiance, they are expressing loyalty to the federal flag and the republic of the United States of America. The Pledge was originally composed by the Baptist Minister, Francis

Bellamy, in 1892. It was formally adopted as our American Pledge in 1942.

Wikipedia details Francis Bellamy's recollection of the creation of the pledge. Bellamy recalled "at the beginning of the 1890's patriotism and national feelings was at an all-time low. The time was ripe for a reawakening of simple Americanism. We felt that there should be an American flag in every school house and church." The Pledge was first recited on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892, to coincide with the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1952, Susan Anald wrote a letter to President Truman asking for the inclusion of the words, "under God" in the pledge. These two words were incorporated in the Pledge in 1954 by President Eisenhower and a joint resolution of Congress.

There have been prominent legal challenges to remove the words "under God" since the 1950's. On March 11, 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the words "under God" in the Pledge. In a 2-1 decision, the court ruled that the words were of a ceremonial and patriotic nature and did not constitute an establishment of religion. Judge Stephen Reinhardt dissented, writing that the state directed, teacher led daily recitation in schools of the amended "under God" violates the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution. He emphasized the complete separation of church and state. As of today, all states except five (Hawaii, Iowa, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Wyoming) give time for the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited as part of the school day.

The reading of the Court findings "Good News Club vs Milford Central School (2001) 533US98, 128 (J. Breyer)" "What is relevant here is how the Pledge is likely to be perceived by "impressionable" school children. School children would reasonably perceive the Pledge as expressing religious beliefs."

The court case continues, "For public school teachers to lead school children in a ritual

recital of the Pledge impermissibly communicates as far as the children are concerned, a message of government endorsement of religion."

The A.C.L.U. and the American United for Separation of Church and State (A.U.) are determined to remove God from the American way of life. From the Court case #02-1624 in the United States Supreme Court *Elk Grove School District vs Michael NEWDOW*, we have this vivid exchange of letters that appear in the Appendix of the Pledge of Allegiance argument between Mitsuo Murashige of Hawaii and United States President George W. Bush. It truly illustrates the need to keep "under God" in the United States Pledge:

September 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
N.W.

Washington, DC 20500
Dear President Bush,

Over 125 delegates and observers from the 37 Honpa Hongwanji Buddhist temples throughout the State of Hawaii assembled in Hilo, Hawaii on September 13-15, for its 41st State Federation of Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associations Convention. The assembly deliberated on current issues and concerns relevant to the mission of the organization. In the plenary session, one of the resolutions discussed was the "Resolution to Support the 9th Circuit Court's Ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance." The resolution was unanimously passed.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2 to 1 that the reference to God, which was added in 1954, amounts to an official endorsement of monotheism. In addition, the court ruled that both the 1954 amendment to the pledge and a California school district's policy requiring teachers to lead children in the pledge violate the First Amendment prohibition against the establishment of a state religion.

A copy of the resolution is enclosed, along with additional historical facts in support of the resolution.

We hope you have the courage, as our founding fathers did, keeping in mind the articles of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to support the correct decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, to educate others, and to re-

mind the members of the Congress who may have forgotten and may not be cognizant of the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and its amendments up to 1954. Some members of the Congress may need to be reminded that their most important job is to protect and preserve the articles of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the foundation of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

In gassho,

Mitsuo Murashige, President
Hilo, Hawaii

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 2002

Mitsuo Murashige and Associates

Hawaii State Federation of
Honpa Hongwanji Lay Associates

Hilo, Hawaii

Dear Mitsuo Murashige and Associates:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Pledge of Allegiance. I appreciate hearing your views and concerns.

As citizens recite the Pledge of Allegiance, we help define our Nation. In one sentence, we affirm our form of government, our belief in human dignity, our unity as a people, our reliance on God. During these challenging times, we are determined to stand for these words.

For more than two centuries, our flag has stood for a unified country. When we pledge allegiance to our flag, Americans feel a renewed respect and love for all it represents. We are thankful for our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We are also grateful for our freedoms, which were protected by our Founding Fathers and defended by subsequent generations of brave Americans.

When we pledge allegiance to One Nation under God, our citizens participate in an important American tradition of humbly seeking the wisdom and blessing of Divine Providence. Our Declaration of Independence proclaims that our Creator endowed us with inalienable rights, and our currency says, "In God We Trust." May we always live by that same trust, and may the Almighty continue to watch over the United States of America. Thank you again for writing, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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trying to be obedient, but you don't know what to do next and you just want God to confirm that it's okay and that you're doing what He has called you to do.

Or maybe you're heartbroken because that guy that you've invested five or six months into, trying to disciple him, has just made it very clear to you that he has walked away from the faith and doesn't want

any more of it. You desperately need God to tell you that it wasn't wasted time and that you were doing exactly what He wanted you to do.

No matter the situation, be encouraged! We serve a God who goes before us! He knows you won't always know how to handle every difficult ministry situation; so He goes before you. He already knows the plans that will crumble all around

you, and He has already gone before you in that situation. And He knows that soul that you feel like you have failed, and He goes before you, ministering in ways you cannot see.

The message tonight is very simple. If you find yourself in one of those dark moments of despair, don't look for a sign; look to the cross. Because, in the cross, you'll always find the one beautiful truth that every servant of God needs to know — that our God is a God who is always, always faithful. And He has signed that covenant in His blood.

The Master's Builders available to bless

A smaller group of five workers from the Master's Builders arrived at New Beginnings Baptist Church, Mansfield, Texas, on May 6. New Beginnings had moved to a new location, into an existing metal building that needed some finish work.

The men worked to finish the foyer with a vaulted ceiling, build two bathrooms and an office for the pastor. In

addition to the Master's Builders, we had two first-time workers help on the job: Robert Nichelson from Weatherford, Texas, and Woody Godby, a retired pastor from Saginaw, Texas. Thank you to these men. Also, thank you to New Beginnings for providing the noon meal.

The Master's Builders are looking forward to gathering again to work at Beech Street

Baptist in Crossett, Arkansas, in June.

Remember, if your church has building needs or you feel you would enjoy working with The Master's Builders, you can contact our Office Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or cell 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or cell 479-462-1675.

Prevenient Grace

What in the world is prevenient grace? Sounds formidable, doesn't it! Well, the great Bible example of prevenient grace is the story of Joseph. After the death of his father, Joseph tells his brothers, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done..." (Genesis 50:20) Prevenient grace is God's overriding even the strongest will and the most meticulously prepared plans of humankind. He brings history under His control. After all it is His creation.

There are many human strategies out there today. There were many man-made schemes out there yesterday. However, right now finds God's sovereignty in control. The human heart has unlimited capacity for intended evil. Those who are the recipients of this evil, like Joseph, might question the accusations of his master, the slavery of prison, and the duplicity of his brothers.

Perhaps you, dear reader, may have come to a place of hopelessness. Your boss, your family, even your dear life mate, may have shocked you with accusations of unspeakable things. You might even find yourself in a hopeless situation, and that situation is not of your own doing. Family squabbles that turn to life blows are humanly not repairable. Professional dishonesty that leads to career ending consequences is emotionally and financially threatening.

The use of the term 'prevenient grace' actually carries with it the significance of producing a sense of anticipation. This kind of grace lets us look with anticipation and expectation at what God is going to do - even in the darkest of circumstances now. The prevenient grace of God will overrule and override all that humanity has in its evil plan for you! God will work for His good all that is needed to accomplish your life to His Kingdom's glory.

Joseph knew the fear of a pit, the smell of prison, and the angst of forgottenness. Joseph looked back to see God's grace encircling the events of his life to bring him to the place God intended all along. God's prevenient grace accomplished the Lord's best for him - and even for his brothers.

-from unpublished manuscript of daily Scripture devotions

Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Pin Cushions

How long has it been since you bought a pin cushion? Some folks these days may not even know what a pin cushion is. If you don't know, you won't need to read any further.



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The last one I bought was when I was taking Home-Ec in high school. So mine had begun to look kinda frazzled and was leaking saw dust. So I decided to hasten her demise and I slit her skin and began looking inside her at the sawdust and I noticed there were pins and needles inside. Well, we began counting those pins and needles and there were 91 inside that old pin cushion!

Now I'm in the market for a new pin cushion. Do you know where I can find one?

This reminded me that only God can see what is hiding in our pin-cushion hearts and some day it will all be revealed.

Leave It To Cleaver



Tony Cleaver

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Number of born-alive abortion babies goes underreported

OneNewsNow.com - An estimated 1,200 babies are born alive during abortion each year -- but one profiler says that may be a conservative figure.

Bradley Mattes of the Life Issues Institute suggests the number is likely higher, because live births during abortions are typically not reported, as abortionists will make sure the baby dies. That is, after all, the business they are in.

Mattes

If the newborn baby does not die on his or her own, "then the abortionist or his staff will take it upon themselves to kill them directly, which has been done in a number of gruesome ways," Mattes tells OneNewsNow.

He suggests Americans should be outraged enough to "demand accountability and demand justice." But if the public remains silent, he predicts "an explosion" of brutal deaths late in pregnancy.

"The abortion industry is going to feel like they've got carte blanche to go ahead and kill as many babies as they want to," Mattes predicts.

He believes, however, the one accomplishment of the Kermit Gosnell murder convictions is that it has galvanized the pro-life movement and those who were sitting on the sidelines to support legislation to end late-term abortions.

Life Issues Institute describes itself as a non-profit international organization "dedicated to changing hearts and minds of millions of people through pro-life education."

CHURCH NEWS

Little Rock Church Seeks Pastor

Oak Park Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas is in the process of searching for a Senior Pastor. Please submit resumes via email to oakparkpastorsearch@yahoo.com or by mail to Pastor Search Committee, 8200 Flintridge Rd., Little Rock, AR, 72210. To learn more about our church go to <http://www.insideoakpark.com/>.

Midway Church report

On April 28, 2013, Midway Baptist Church, McInain and Pastor Justin Cameron, celebrated one year



Pictured are new members that have joined in the past year

together. New members that had joined the church during the past year were recognized. There was a concert by The Camerons and Rachel Meyers Yoder. The day was climaxed with the baptism of two of our newest members. God continues to do wonderful things through the ministry of Midway Baptist as we strive to be a church that makes a difference.

Commission on Senior Adults

Mailing Address
658 Joe Perrett Road
Laurel, Mississippi 39440

Greetings,

The 2013 Senior Adult Conferences are now over and both conferences provided special days for our senior citizens. Approximately 450 seniors were ministered to in both conferences. Thank you churches and individuals for making this possible with your regular financial support. Many people worked behind the scene in helping with these conferences. Without your help this would not have been possible.

The North Mississippi Senior conference was held Friday, May 10, and was a wonderful experience. The membership of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and Pastor Jackie Gray were excellent hosts and all in attendance went home having been blessed by having attended this conference.

Plans are already being put together for the 2014 Senior Adult Conferences and will be announced as plans come together.

Mrs. Dot Holifield continues to serve as book-keeper for the Commission. All funds should be sent to her at the following address: 658 Joe Perrett Road, Laurel, MS 39440

Our seniors are very kind in expressing their appreciation for the Commission on Senior Adults and always look forward to these special days for them. This is their one day a year to get together for a special time of fellowship.

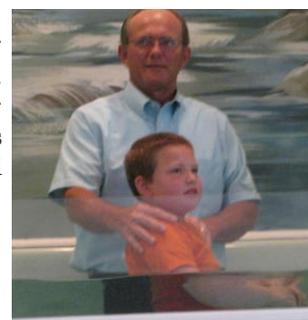
Thank you churches and associations for your financial support and prayers for this ministry.



Kenneth Flynt
Director

New Heart Church, Hattiesburg

Right - The newest addition to New Heart, Nathan. We held baptismal services on Mother's Day and we thank the Lord for his additions.



Left - Bible presented to Nathan as a gift from New Heart, on his profession of faith.

Ramsey Creek to hold revival

Ramsey Creek Baptist Church, Saucier, Mississippi, will hold revival services Sunday, July 7 through Friday July 12. Week night services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Bro. Billy Ferrell. Bro. Kirk Ladner is pastor.

Riverside, Ellisville Revival

Riverside Baptist Church, Ellisville, Mississippi, will hold revival services June 23-26. The speaker will be Bro. Ed Steele. Sunday services will be at 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Services Monday - Wednesday will be at 7:00 each evening.

Pastor Medrick Savell and the members of Riverside invite you to come and worship with them.