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## Dr. Scott Carson Elected Southeastern College President

The Trustees of Southeastern Baptist College elected Dr. Scott Carson as president of Southeastern Baptist College and that decision was affirmed by the BMA of Mississippi during its midyear meeting held May 23 at Midway First Baptist Church, Sumrall.

Dr. Carson joined the staff of SBC in 2016 as Academic Dean after completing 30 years of service as a U.S. Army chaplain. He had served as interim president following the death of former president Danny Pitts.

Carson and his wife Linda reside in Laurel and were recently featured on the HGTV series "Our Home Town." The Carsons chose a home to renovate in Laurel's historic district. Erin and Ben Napier of Laurel star in the show and help new residents with choosing a home and its renovation.

Carson stated that he is able to use that notoriety to the advantage of Southeastern College. His employment brings many questions from Laurel residents and business owners.

He said he looked at this as a "God Thing" and has taken advantage of this opportunity.



Dr. Scott Carson  
President

## Midyear Meeting Held At Midway

by the editor

Midway First Baptist Church near Sumrall hosted the 2017 midyear meeting of the BMA of Mississippi. The Association assembled on Tuesday, May 23 to hear reports and conduct business.

The state WMA and Brotherhood met on Monday evening. After each auxiliary conducted its business they combined the program portion and heard from two speakers. Tim Tyler of Water for Christ shared this ministry and with the use of slides and video took us to the mission field and shared the blessings of providing good water to those in need. He stressed that providing good fresh water to people in need always opened up the opportunity to share the gospel of the Living Water.

Missionary elect Carl Sookraj shared his vision of opening an orphanage and developing other mission outreach ministries in the country of Peru. He and his family will be leaving for language school in August and then on to the field in Peru in 2018.

### Business Meeting

The midyear meeting began on Tuesday morning with around 100 in attendance. After a warm welcome from Pastor Blake McCain the Association welcomed its newest member congregation. Caledonia Baptist Church of Caledonia (near Columbus, Mississippi) petitioned membership. The former mission recently organized into a New Testament church and I Vice-president Justin Rhodes welcomed Pastor Bob Burch and one additional member to the Association.

### Bylaw Change

The Missions and RLF presented a change to the department bylaws regarding the release of property of mission projects. The change was previously printed in two previous issues of this publication for

and fixing problems with incredible resourcefulness. Please pray for Bro. Pete Etabag as he tirelessly expands his ministry in the Philippines and beyond. For more information about how you and your church can focus on Lifeword October 22 (Lifeword Sunday) or any other day, please send an email to [info@lifeword.org](mailto:info@lifeword.org) or go to [lifeword.org/lifewordsunday](http://lifeword.org/lifewordsunday).

notification purposes.

Mission projects were previously required to give an amount equal to their donated or forgiven indebtedness to ministries of the BMA. The change re-



Pres. Matt Hudson looks on as Pastor Blake McCain welcomes messengers to Midway FBC.

stricted that to the amount given to the BMA of Mississippi.

A motion was made to postpone this decision until the Annual meeting in October by Shiloh Church, Mt. Olive. This motion failed for lack of a second. This requirement was passed in the afternoon session with opposition.

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## Lifeword Visionary Leaders around the World

### Part One

As Lifeword begins year number 38 of fundraising through walks, other events or Lifeword Sunday offerings, the ministry looks forward to exciting new innovations made possible through advancements in technology. Development of the Lifeword Cloud or Lifeword 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 [lifeword.org](http://lifeword.org).

Even as this endeavor is in the works, low power, low wattage (Lifeword 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.

Lifeword 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.

Appropriately, the first visionary leader and region we would like to highlight is Bro. Pedro

Etabag in the Asia-Pacific/Philippines area. He was a visionary leader at Lifeword before the term even existed, and for four decades he has been Lifeword's Ilonggo speaker and regional coordinator. When Lifeword Community Radio was first introduced, he immediately understood what LCR could mean to a local church's ministry and passed it on to the church he pastors in Bacolod. He and his team, which includes his son-in-law Jhun Santos, helped establish ten other stations in strategic, and often remote, areas, and they use the internet to share broadcasts on LCR's very first network.

Pastor Pete, as he is called locally (even by his family), has trained many broadcasters and stations managers to effectively use LCR, often troubleshooting



Pedro Etabag

## Evangelism training offered at South Forrest Baptist Church

SFBC will be offering valuable evangelism training June 22-24. We are partnering with BMA Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas, to offer evangelism training for adults as well as youth from fourth grade and up. If you are interested in receiving this valuable training please contact Pastor Sidney Farmer by phone 601-596-1004 or by email [sidney@southforrest.org](mailto:sidney@southforrest.org) to reserve your place.

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## Reports

Reports were given by each department and commission of the state work. BMA Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes was in attendance and shared the ministry of the Seminary. He shared the growth of BMATS over the past 20



VP Justin Rhodes extends a welcome to Caledonia Pastor Bob Burch as this new congregation is welcomed years and that the school will end their fiscal year in the black.

Editor Don Brown encouraged churches to use the pages of the Mississippi Baptist to inform and to encourage folks to service. He stressed the need for more church members to receive the paper in their homes by direct mail delivery. This would increase their opportunity to be informed about the work that their church was supporting.

Senior Adult Director Kenneth Flynt shared that the Commission had ministered to over 500 senior adults through the two conferences. He thanked the churches for their financial support and

encouraged participation in ministry by seniors.

Moral Action Director John Adams was in Washington, D.C. attending the Watchmen on the Wall Conference. Mark Jones spoke for Moral Action and urged participation in the Freedom offering this Summer.

Missionaries Doug and Diane Lee were present. Bro. Lee has assumed the presidency of BMA Bible College in the Philippines. He takes over for Bro. Doyle Moore, the founder of the school over 40 years ago. The Moores have returned to the states and will be doing support work for the college. Lee shared the need to raise operating funds since the National Missions Office has stopped all financial support for the school.

Commission on History Director Ed Steele shared the need to keep our history up-to-date by sharing data and publications and storing them in the archives at Southeastern College.

Children's Home Director Sidney Davis reported on the needs of the Home and the academic progress of the children in school. He stressed that the Home is currently operating at the rate of a \$2,000 per month deficit and is in need of additional financial support.

## Morning Message

Bro. Willie Oldenquist, pastor of Helton Road Church, Theodore, Alabama, brought the midyear message. His subject was 'Walk Worthy My Brother' from Ephesians 4:1-7.

Midway Church provided the noon

meal to the messengers.

## New College President

Southeastern College reported in the afternoon session. The Trustees presented Dr. Scott Carson as president. This recommendation was unanimously passed by the messengers. Carson had been serving as Interim President since the death of Bro. Danny Pitts in Decem-



ber 2016. Carson reported on the needs and progress of the school. He said it was a privilege and honor to be a part of Southeastern College and that he felt a great sense of responsibility. He stated he was committed to helping the school become all it can be.

He stressed the need to obtain accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). This group accredits all schools at every level in the southeastern United States and is the standard agency for accreditation. He said the future of the school

requires seeking this status.

One hurdle to overcome is operating in the black financially for at least 3 years in a row. He urged the churches to rally to this need and support for Southeastern.

Youth Director Kelby Johnson announced the camp theme for this summer is "Jesus Is Lord". Camp will be held at Waukaway Springs campground again this year. A Sharpen Leadership Conference is scheduled for February 2018.

Missions Director Larry Geraldson reported on missions. He shared that Bro. Dale Broom would begin a new work in the old New Heart Mission building in south Hattiesburg with a goal of starting in January 2018. Broom is returning to Mississippi after serving as a self-support missionary to Ghana West Africa the past 5 years. Geraldson's report is printed in this issue under the Missions Department banner on page.

RLF Manager Vernon Newman reported on the loan fund. He stated the



Missionary Carl Sookraj (above) presented his work to the WMA & Brotherhood on Monday evening.

Water For Christ Director Tim Tyler (below) shared the work, needs, and blessings of Water For Christ to the joint meeting



fund is in good shape with an above average 20% reserve of available funds. The current gross assets of the RLF are near \$21 million.

Moderator Matt Hudson called for special prayer for each area of work after each report was given.

The Association dismissed until the Annual meeting. That meeting will again be held on the campus of Southeastern College with the 2017 dates being the 17th & 18th of October.

## From The Mind of Chuck Lee

### Incompetence!

"I can't stand incompetence!" I heard this exclaimed many times over the years when I worked for my uncle in Houston, Texas. For a long time, I thought he was using foul language, so I never brought up these little tirades when I would go home to visit my mother, his oldest sister. I didn't want there to be problems in the family, considering the fact that mom never used language that required the tongue to be scrubbed with a lye detergent after speaking. It was my little contribution to keeping the peace in the family. Turns out, it's not a bad word at all! Unless you are the one in which it is directed. Whatever the case, I felt I had been denied the use of a word through the years, so was therefore happy to be able to use it rather frequently upon my discovering its true meaning.

I actually probably still use it wrong. Incompetence is the act of being incompetent. Incompetence is 1.) not legally qualified; 2.) inadequate to or unsuitable for a particular purpose; 3.) lacking the qualities needed for effective

action b: unable to function properly (incompetent heart valves). This is according to Merriam-Webster Dictio-



Bro. Chuck Lee

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nary. I use it most frequently in reference to someone just simply not doing their job. There may be a word for that, but hey, I looked up one word.

I'm not sure referring to someone who routinely puts onions on your hamburger at the local burger joint (when you specifically tell them not to) as incompetent, is the correct usage of the word. In some cases it might be, but probably not in this one. Perhaps I am wrong, but I think this person has the qualities needed to NOT put onions on a hamburger. Nonetheless, I find myself

muttering under my breath about the incompetence of today's generation every time I check my burger for the inevitable onion. They probably don't even know what lye soap is! I've come to the conclusion that many are not incompetent, but rather, just simply do not do their job.

The beauty of the work of a Christian is that everyone called by God is qualified to do that job. We are qualified, not based on our ability, but on His ability. We are uniquely able to perform any task that He so requires because He provides the ability. We're not incompetent! We're competent!

As comforting as it is to know this, it presents another problem. It leaves us with no excuse for simply not doing our job. See you at church Sunday. Lee serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at [leecharles47@yahoo.com](mailto:leecharles47@yahoo.com)

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

## President's Perspective

Oh wow! I'm the President! Well, this wasn't my plan! But, and as you should know, it is apparently God's plan!

When I was training to become a paratrooper chaplain, they taught us how to fall properly: how to jump off the equivalent of an eight foot high wall without breaking anything. Over and over and over again we would practice how to fall down. We were all very sore after a couple of days of this, but the training went on for three weeks! And, even after we



Dr. Scott Carson  
President

left airborne school and returned to our units, the falling never stopped. Each time we conducted an airborne operation, we all had to practice falling down, over and over and over. I jumped 78 times and prepared for an additional thirty or so jumps that were later cancelled due to weather. Each time I had to fall down over and over and over... I think you are getting the idea here. I must have learned falling correctly, for I never broke anything (but that doesn't mean I wasn't sore from it!).

Civilians have an analogy for this activity when the circumstances of life unexpectedly come our way. It's called "rolling with the punches", or another, "going with the flow". We learn that going with the inertia is better than resisting it. And I have learned that when there is a significant change that suddenly enters my life, the Lord has His hand in it. Whether He has caused it directly, or whether He has permitted it to be, I am instructed by His Holy Word to trust His purposes in my life events. In the case of becoming President of Southeastern Baptist College, I personally sense it is of God. He has called me to this position. It is not a matter of whether I want the job or not, but that I know it is His will and I must obey.

I recently read in First Samuel 15, where King Saul was called upon to destroy the city of Amalek. The Prophet Samuel was clear in communicating to Saul exactly what Israel's army was to do and how to do it. Saul did most everything, but not everything. The Amalekites were defeated, but plunder was taken and the Amalekite king was

also captured in direct disobedience to God's instructions. Saul had an excuse, but it was not in accordance with the will of God. Saul was condemned for his partial obedience. Samuel said this to him, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." 1 Samuel 15:23

When we sense God's leading in our lives, we must obey all that God wants from us. We should not hesitate nor be only partly committed. It may be challenging. It may be unexpected. But if we "go with the flow" of the Spirit's leading and "roll with the punches" of life's circumstances, all the while trusting in the Lord, we will remain in the center of God's will for our lives. I believe the Lord has great things in store for Southeastern Baptist College and as President I am committed to pursuing God's leading for this great institution.

Jesus said, "...Nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt." Mark 14:36

## Class of 2017 Commencement Exercise

Southeastern Baptist College conducted its commencement exercises for the graduating class of 2017 on May 18. Please refer to the picture of our graduates and pray for their future ministries and work opportunities! Congratulations to:

Associates of Arts in Bible: Ecclesiastes Goodwin; Trina House; Jarod Hubbard; David Ledlow; James McGhee, Jr.; Zechariah Rogers.

Associate of Arts in Business: Lisa Rock.

Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries: Christopher Sean Piper; Justin Rhodes; Aida Smith.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Maston (Tony) McMahan.

Our keynote speaker was Dr. John David Smith, an alumnus of SBC and Director of the BMAA Missions Department.



ment. His powerful message was "Keep Calm and Lead On!" Those receiving special honors were: Justin Rhodes for Highest Honors among those receiving Bachelor Degrees, and induction into the Association of Biblical Higher Learning Delta-Epsilon-Chi Honors Society; David Ledlow for Highest Honors among



SBC graduate Dr. John David Smith brought the commencement address. Dr. Smith currently serves as Executive Director of Missions for the BMA of America.

those receiving Associate Degrees. Trina House and Christopher Sean Piper were recognized by the faculty for their spirit of volunteerism with Citizenship Awards.

## Our Greatest Need!

We need someone, or a couple of people, who believes in the ministry of Southeastern Baptist College to provide an immediate donation of \$20,000 to ensure we end in the black this fiscal year. The College ends its fiscal year 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. If you can help us out, or need more information, I invite you to contact me, Dr. Carson, at 601-433-4736. Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)(3) certified tax deductible charity.

## Summer Course

We are offering a short, on-line elective course for credit or audit this sum-

mer. The course is Ezekiel and Daniel, and begins June 6. Don't delay! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Emma Bond at 601-426-6346.

## President Installation Observance

A special program is being planned for the near future as Dr. Scott R. Carson takes the reins of leadership for Southeastern Baptist College. More information will soon follow on the date and location for this public celebration.

## Honor Roll

Congratulations to our students making the Honor Roll for the Spring 2017 Semester!

President's List (4.0 grade point average): Matt Crumpton; Justin Rhodes; Zechariah Rogers.

Dean's List (3.5 to 3.9 grade point average): James McGhee Jr.; Hannah Mayerhoff; Newman Newsome; David Ledlow; Charles Meadows.

## Television Commercial

Our 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.

## 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 Mrs. 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

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# Ministering To Young People

by Anders Lee

## Would The Apostle Paul Be On Facebook?

I don't have to tell you that social media is a craze that has reshaped the way Americans live and interact with their family and friends. That's an understatement! It's not a fad anymore. Do you remember "Myspace?" It was a fad among teens when it first came out. No worries, most didn't know it existed. Social media became a craze when Mark Zuckerberg created "Facebook." Do you want to know how successful he became because of it? Forbes currently has his net worth listed as 62.8 billion. That should tell you it's not a fad, it's a CRAZE!!!

That begs the question, would the Apostle Paul be on Facebook? If he were living today, would we be able to find his "page" and "like it?" Would we get online and see a selfie of him in Rome discipling people? Based on 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, he might have. He did everything he could to be culturally and socially relevant without violating the truth of the Gospel or doctrine. So, what do we need to do with all of this technology?

### Use It

In ministry we have to be relevant! Social media is not limited to just Facebook. There's Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat and more. One might say; "Who cares?" or "Why

should a BMA youth pastor keep up with any of it?"

Check this out! According to Barna Research Group, over 75% of teens have a social network profile, and nearly 9 out of 10 teens have a smart phone. That's stunning considering the fact that I was lucky to even use our landline phone when I was a

craze!

Bottom line, you have to use social media as a tool! Is it a tragedy in some cases? Yes! Wherever humanity goes, there goes depravity right behind them! However, don't stay off social media and miss out on the biggest ministry tool ever because there is "stuff on it you



Anders Lee

*...youth pastor's need to know what social media outlet their teens are using to best communicate with them*

teen in the 80's. Today 88% of teens have unlimited calling, unlimited texting, along with data usage each month. Nearly every business in the country has free Wi-Fi because most teens (and parents) are on their social media apps 24/7. Barna reveals that 82% of parents say their teens take their smart phone to bed with them.

I certainly do not agree that teens should have that much access to the world we live in. My personal opinion is that they should have limited use of it all. Yet, based on the stats, let me be succinct, as a youth pastor (or pastor for that matter) you would be foolish not to tap into this

don't like." If we used that mentality, we would stay out of church because people do things in church we don't like. Remember, we are to be "in the world and not of it!" Ignore all the bad and use social media for the good of the Kingdom!

### Know What Your Students Use

Barna tells us that 68% of teens are "on Facebook." You might say, "Wow, that's a lot!" It is, but over 80% of them "on Facebook" say they are actively using other social media networks that their parents are not on, like Snapchat!

Facebook began as a social network for college students in the Ivy League. Now it's a multi-billion dollar marketing tool for everyone in the world. College students and teens found other outlets because their parents and grandparents were suddenly on Facebook! They didn't want adults keeping up with them so they moved on to new apps!

For that reason, youth pastor's need to know what social media outlet their teens are using to best communicate with them. One of my buddies, Micah Powell, a BMA youth pastor in Little

Rock, is on Snapchat. You should follow him! He is hilarious! He is on it because he knows his teens are! Instead of a post with a pile of words, he does videos with pertinent info for upcoming events. Just use his example and go to the network your teens are using! All of your parents are different and have varying opinions on the subject; different rules for different kids. So, you might end up on two or three networks to connect with all of your teens.

For me personally, there are four reasons to use social media in youth ministry. First, it's a tool! You can easily keep your teens informed. Second, it's fun! Man! You can have a blast with some of the technology provided on these apps. Teens love to have fun! So kick it up a notch

and connect with them! Third, the possibilities are exciting! You can actually connect with their friends who need Christ and have fun while you're doing it! Fourth, it works! We have teens and couples at our church in Southaven because they found us on Facebook. No one had invited them in person to church, so when they saw our invite online, they came!

### To Be Continued...

Like any typical preacher, I can't cover this subject in one article, so we will continue this discussion next month! Blessings to you all ... see you on Facebook!!!

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## Letters From Our Readers

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

### A Plea For Help

by Ed Steele

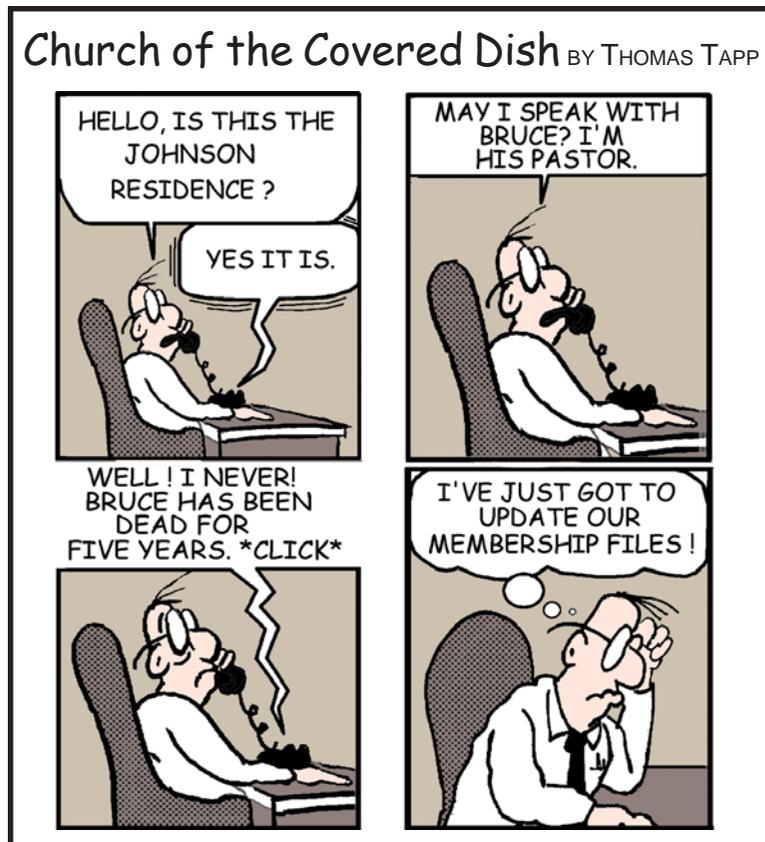
Two special pleas were brought up at our mid-year meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at Midway First Baptist Church. Dr. Scott Carson, President of Southeastern Baptist College, asked for special offerings during the month of June to help them end the year in the black. The second was when Bro. Dewitt Bain shared his desire to do something to help provide housing for Helen Pitts who is the widow of Bro. Danny Pitts.

I want to thank the Trustees of SBC for continuing Bro. Danny's salary for three months after his death and allowing his wife to continue to live in the President's home. After Bro. Bain shared his thoughts, we were told that Helen will continue to live in the President's home and is paying \$600.00 per month rent. That rate is far below what is the fair rental

value of the home and Dr. Carson and the Trustees are to be commended for allowing her to do this, but it is a large amount for someone to pay on a fixed income.

Bro. Bain and I discussed the possibility of meeting both of these needs. There are plenty of churches and individuals who can send \$600.00 to Southeastern immediately to pre-pay the rent that will be due on the home for months or years to come. I have discussed this with Dr. Carson and the college bookkeeper and they assured me there will be no problem keeping an account of all the offerings sent to cover her rent. Each month the amount will be reduced by \$600.00. Meanwhile, all the money will be in the account of Southeastern and will help to ensure they end the month of June in the black. Should it be necessary for SBC to require that Helen move because the home is needed by the college or if there comes a time when it is her desire to move, the money left in the account will be dispersed to her to help her make other arrangements.

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ANNUAL MESSAGE BROUGHT AT 2017 BMAA MEETING

## How Did Jesus See People?

by Donny Parrish, Executive Director

Lifeword Media Ministries

Have you ever heard the old saying, "Ministry would be a great if it weren't for people"? Have any of you ever said that?

I heard the story about a lady who went in one Sunday morning to wake up her husband and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me; and two, I don't like them."

His wife replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you should go to church — one, you're 54 years old; and two, you're their pastor!"

People can drive you crazy, can't they?

I want us to take a few minutes, as people who have been in the ministry a long time (which is most of us) and ask ourselves this question: "Do you still love people?"

How do you see people? Aren't they beautiful? Aren't they precious? Isn't it wonderful to see how God has made each person different all around the world?

Sometimes I think we see people from our own backyard differently than we do people from foreign countries. Maybe it's because we don't feel like the people over there have had enough opportunity to hear the Gospel; so our hearts are broken



Lifeword Director Donny Parrish for them and their actions, their lifestyles can be tolerated and even excused. We don't tend to put them in boxes and give them labels. We can even see their sin differently.

But, for people in America, for people in our own backyard, I think we see them differently. I think we have a problem with seeing them with as much compassion as we do people from another part of the world.

I am sold out to missions, and I believe we need to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every tongue, tribe and nation of the world. But I don't think pastors in America see themselves as missionaries. I think we say that we do, but we see our ministries as different from missionaries on the other side of the world. I think we give lip service to being missionaries right here in America, but I don't think we act on that. I think we'd rather

be pastors than missionaries — but we have to be both! We can't neglect being a pastor, but for too long, we've neglected being missionaries.

Somewhere down the line, those who do ministry here in the United States are going to have to start thinking of themselves as missionaries because we are — whether we want to be or not! We have a country that has changed, and we have to become missionaries! We cannot do things the way we've always done them because people are not like they used to be.

We have a country that is dying and going to Hell tonight. Leonard Ravenhill said it this way: "The church used to be a lifeboat rescuing the perishing. Now she is a cruise ship recruiting the promising."

For us to begin to see ourselves are missionaries, we are going to have to begin to see the people around us differently. We are going to have to see them like Jesus saw His own countrymen, His own people.

Our text tonight is Matt. 14:13-20:

*"When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart; and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion to-*

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## BMA Seminary's Commencement

Twenty-three individuals received a degree from the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas, during commencement exercises conducted Saturday, May 20, 2017. The seminary hosted the event in its Dorman Memorial Chapel on the main campus in Jacksonville, Texas.

Masoud Edrisameri of Jacksonville, Texas, and Tony Tucker of Arp, Texas, received the Associate of Divinity degree.

Angeleta Beekman of Jacksonville, Texas; Gary Dollarhide of Frankston, Texas; Oscar Jernegons, Jr. of Mt. Vernon, New York; James Hendricks of LaVerne, California; Dwight Lindsey of Fulton, Mississippi; Cristain Martinez Gonzalez of Mexico City, Mexico; Tracy McMillen of Mantachie, Mississippi, Ollie Fay Oliver of Tyler, Texas; David Parker of Lindale, Texas; Stuart Priest of New Albany, Mississippi; and Nina Smith of Atlanta, Texas received the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree.



Jonathan Buczek of Conway, Arkansas received the Master of Arts (Pastoral Theology) degree. Andrew Comer of Conway, Arkansas; Serena Dice Logue of Ocean City, New Jersey; and Joseph Mbangwe of Lusaka, Zambia received the Master of Arts (Religion) degree. Electa Delaney of Conway, Arkansas also received the Master of Arts (Religion) posthumously.

Ryan Burchett of Carthage, Texas; Jerron L. Cole of Tyler, Texas; and Grady McDonald of Cedartown, Georgia received the Master of Arts in Church Ministries degree. Linda Lisulo of Lusaka, Zambia and Jake Steele of Conway, Arkansas received the Master of Divinity degree.

Dr. John M. Adams, Jr. of Mantachie, Mississippi, presented the commencement address. Adams, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Mantachie, Mississippi, also serves as Executive Director of Moral Action of Mississippi and the national organization, Moral Action of Baptist Missionary Association. Adams earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, Mississippi; The Master of Education from Texas Tech University; and the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Luther Rice Seminary.

BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture by offering certificates, associate, bachelor, and masters.

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### 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 evaluation 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 seriously consider contributing toward the BMA of Mississippi's premiere 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."

### Available to Preach

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

## Help

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This needs the prompt attention of each church and many individuals who can give to meet these two needs. I am asking each church to prayerfully consider sending \$600.00 to Southeastern designated to pay the rent on the President's home and disburse the check to SBC immediately to give adequate time to have it posted before the books are closed for the year. The check MUST clearly state it is for rent on the President's home for the bookkeeper to place it in the correct account.

## AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

### Edward Williams

Bro. Edward Williams has retired from Bible Baptist Church after 11 years as pastor. He wishes to continue to be used and may be reached at 601-649-7659 or 604-433-1060.



Edward Williams

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Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Department  
Midyear Report - May 23, 2017

Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." In a world that is sadly saturated with the sickening notion of non-absolutes, our gospel presents the only absolute hope. Though man was born into darkness, and unable to comprehend, there is hope because The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Though not received by all, "...as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..." It is to this end that we, like John, "...bare witness of him..." saying, "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Our missionaries report to have made 1782 new contacts since October 2016 and shared the gospel with 1073 of those whom they came in contact with. Of those they shared the gospel with, 124 came to Christ by faith. We rejoice that our gospel is the same, "...yesterday, today, and forever..."

We began this associational year with anticipation of souls being saved and missions growing, as 20 men, that we support directly or indirectly or are partners with us, conduct the basic missionary activity of meeting new people and sharing the gospel with the end goal of planting new churches.

Three of our mission congregations began the year with plans to organize into New Testament Churches and take their place among the family of churches which makes up the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi. On March 18th Caledonia Baptist Mission became Caledonia Baptist Church. They organized with 87 charter members and still have 13 people awaiting baptism. On June 3rd South Forrest Baptist Mission is scheduled to do the same, and on July 29th Freedom Baptist Mission is scheduled to organize, as well. Bro. Burch and Bro. Farmer will continue to serve as a part of our Missions team as coaches to other church planters.

In February, we purchased land in Sumrall for Day Star Baptist Mission and they have already begun taking steps to ready themselves for a much-needed construction project that will move them from their present "store front" facility to a permanent location.

In March, we secured a Contractor for the Grace Mission building project in Clinton and in April began the site preparation for the construction of a church building. This week or next weekend we should see the foundation work completed. Our goal is to have Grace in this facility by the end of September and schedule their organization sometime in late 2017 or early 2018.

Site preparation has also begun at Central in Southaven where missionary Anders Lee reports good growth and continued excitement about the future

facility. This is a partnership relationship with our national Missions Department. Other activity includes, the ordination of Bro. Tommy Shroad at Midway Baptist Mission in Batesville, the upcoming ordinations of Bro. Ambrose Webster at Homestretch in Cleveland and Bro. Marcus Logan at All Nations in Indianola.

We have seen increased activity and attendance at Redemption Baptist Mission in Diamondhead. They have Friend's Day and VBS activities scheduled for the month of June and are hoping for a fruitful summer.

Our Hispanic Mission work continues to grow. Since reorganization, we have witnessed the beginning of two new mission projects (one in Canton and one in Horn Lake). We have witnessed the organization of the New Hope Hispanic Baptist Missionary Association with the purpose of providing a venue for our Hispanic churches and missions to do missions work together and develop leaders in the Hispanic Missionary Baptist work. Our Hispanic Missions Manager, Bro. Estuardo Marroquin is doing a wonderful job leading in this effort. He has been elected to serve as the moderator for this new association. They had 110 people present for their organizational meeting. We would like to ask each church to include State Hispanic Missions in your budgeted giving. This will help us continue to fund our growing Hispanic work without interrupting our other missions efforts.

Also, I want to express my appreciation to those churches that responded to a special request to help us purchase a mobile home for our Hispanic missionary working at Oxford. The mobile home has been purchased, delivered, and set up. We have some work to do on it but we are excited for the progress.

I am excited to share with you the start of a new mission project with missionary activity scheduled to begin on July 1st. Bro. Dale Broom, currently serving as a BMAA foreign missionary, will be returning to Mississippi in June and will assume his role as a State Missionary. We are encouraging those who are presently supporting Bro. Dale through our National Missions Department, to follow the lead of the Oak Grove Association who has voted to continue that support through our State Missions Department. This will help us continue to add other missionaries as the Lord leads. I am presently talking with someone about this possibility.

Financially, we are operating in the black and expect to end this year in the black (six years in a row). Our efficiency is averaging 90/10 and I am praying that it will remain there for the year. Our Special Emphasis appears to be on track to be about the same as last year. All in all, God has blessed us with what we have. We are grateful for the means He has provided and we plan to operate within our means.

Our efforts in Missions would be greatly reduced if it were not for the support of the Revolving Loan Fund.

You will hear a more detailed report from our Revolving Loan Fund Manager, Bro. Vernon Newman, in a moment. But, as the Director of the Revolving Loan Fund, I want to highlight a couple of things that are very significant.

First, since I began serving as the Missions and RLF Director, we have made 12 loans to mission congregations totaling \$3,669,589.00. After receiving help, from the Revolving Loan Fund, totaling \$804,000.00 the balance on all those loans is \$2,607,147.00.

The Revolving Loan Fund is able to help when the fund grows. This is done through a combination of increased numbers of loans and increased numbers of shareholder accounts (or the amount on deposit).

Gross assets of the Revolving Loan Fund have grown by 6.6 million since September 2011.

The total loans receivable is up by \$2,189,901.00 as compared to the end of September 2011.

I want to encourage your church to consider using the Revolving Loan Fund to finance or refinance your loans.

I am grateful to have two groups of godly men, serving on our committee and board of trustees. They give of their time so frequently. Their service to our Department and to the Association often goes unnoticed but it is greatly appreciated.

In closing, let me just say again how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve the churches of the BMA of Mississippi by supporting our missionaries throughout the State.

God bless you,  
Larry Geraldson  
Director of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund  
Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

CHURCH NEWS IN BRIEF

Skyway Hills Sets Revival

Skyway Hills Baptist Church of Pearl will hold special services that we pray will result in a heaven sent revival on Sunday June 11 – Friday June 16. Dr. John David Smith will be our guest evangelist and Brother Bryson Haden will be our guest worship leader. Sunday services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with lunch following morning service, and afternoon services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to worshipping with you!

East Central Association Report

The East Central Association recent meeting at Dykes Chapel was blessed to hear a message by our BMA Mission Director Bro. Larry Geraldson. Title of the message was A Divine Appetite from John 4:3-38. There were 8 churches represented. Bro. Geraldson gave a

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## 2017 Christmas Shoeboxes

by Angela Rice

BMA Missions is preparing for Everlasting Smiles Christmas Shoeboxes. We call it "Christmas in July"! Last year, I had the privilege of traveling to Jordan and handing out the shoeboxes packed by BMA churches in 2016. I can not tell you what a blessing it is to see the children get the gifts. Another blessing is that people who do not usually attend church will come to the distribution to receive a "gift from the states."



I asked our missionaries how the shoeboxes help their ministry. Both missionaries receiving boxes last year told me

that the Shoebox Ministry helps open many doors for them with people that would not typically come out for a service or to church. Shoeboxes allows them to begin relationships.

Be looking for Everlasting Smiles shoebox information that will be mailed to your church in the next couple of weeks. We are praying for many smiles from the children who receive the shoeboxes and open doors for our missionaries. Honduras and Guatemala will be receiving shoeboxes this year, and since both are Spanish-speaking



countries, they will need Spanish Bibles.

Please plan on participating in our Everlasting Smiles shoebox ministry this year. You never know how many people will come to know Christ because of your willingness to help out in this ministry.

If you have any questions or if you do not receive your packet, call the office at 501-455-4977 and ask for Angela.



## CHURCH NEWS

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report on state missions with one state missionary present, Bro. Danny Bartlett from Grace Baptist Church.

The church provided refreshments at the conclusion. Our next meeting will be August 10 at Fairhope Baptist Church in Beaumont.

Bro. Jerry Overstreet, Reporter  
Bro. Phillip Reynold, Moderator

### Oak Grove Association

The Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Association met with Mount Gilead Baptist Church near Columbia on May 18. Following a great time of fellowship and a wonderful meal, the meeting began at 7:00 with a good representation from our churches.

Bro. Phillip Burns reported on his work with the Day Star Baptist Mission in Sumrall and Bro. Ted Quinby shared information on the national meeting in Arlington and some upcoming activities around the churches of the Oak Grove Association. Bro. Joseph Bain, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Bassfield, blessed us with the evening message.

The next meeting will be on July 13 and will meet with Midway First Baptist Church near Sumrall.

Ed Steele, Reporter

### Hobolochitto District WMA

The Hobolochitto District WMA met at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church April 29 with 6 churches represented. President Melissa Comeaux brought the devotion from Proverbs 11:30 entitled "The Point of our Service to God. Our ultimate goal of our service as Christians is getting lost souls to Jesus Our Savior. Her message bringing to heart the WMA song "Reaching Out in Service."

Bro. Beau Comeaux, pastor of Mt. Calvary, followed with a message from John 4:7-10 entitled "You are Valuable to God." Bro. Beau encouraged us with many scriptures to search for a relationship with God and not the world for our true value and worth.

Our project for this quarter is the Philippine Bible College Fund.

A memorial gift was given to the Prisoners' Bible Crusade in memory of Bro. Paul Lee. Attendance Banner was awarded to Benville WMA, their second in a row!

After the meeting we enjoyed sweet fellowship and good food prepared by our host church.

Our next district business meeting is July 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Praise God for His love and blessings.  
Jean Dunn, Reporter

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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### Remembering Those Who Sacrificed Greatly

In biblical times a single stone or a pile of stones often served as a memorial to a special event. This practice remains even today to erect stone monuments to honor an event or a person. We use a stone to mark the final resting place of the body. The memorial stone that is placed in honor or memory of the lives of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice challenges us to make our lives count in an honoring way. As we remembered those on Memorial Day who served our nation in a great and sacrificial way, may we remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His great sacrifice that He freely gave for us all. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

### Good Academic Year for Students

Another school year has come and gone. The girls and boys at the Home have taken advantage once again in excelling in their academic studies. Our second grade boy received the Art Award for his class. Our third grade boy was recognized with the Top Accelerated Reader Award of his class and also made Honor Roll. Our fourth grade girl received the Top Reader Award, the Math Award of her class and also made the Principal's List.



Congratulations  
Cadence

It is also with much delight to report to you that our sixth grade girl at North Jones Elementary was a Hall of Fame recipient during graduation exercises. She also received Accelerated Reader Award for the year and a Principal's List student. Cadence will be attending West Jones Middle School next year. Congratulations Cadence on your achievements at North Jones and God bless you on your future years in school.

Our tenth grade girl continues to do well in her studies also. She was exempt from final tests at the close of the school year due to being a good student.

We give the Lord thanks and praise Him for the progress of each student in their academic efforts.

### Recent Guests

Dennis and Sylvia Rankin were recent visitors at the Home. We appreciate their interest in the Home and the financial support of its ministry.

### Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the girls and boys at the Home in your prayers throughout the summer months and the ministry of the Home in your prayers. We are thankful



The Davis' accepting a gift from Dennis & Sylvia Rankin that the Lord continues to shower His blessings on this ministry. Thank God for His great love toward us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

## Laurel Church Position 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.

## Help Save a Vital Piece of Our BMA Heritage

by Scott Attebery

DiscipleGuide Executive Director

BMA churches are in danger of losing one of our most valuable ministry tools. Over the years, Daniel Springs Camp has been used by God as a place where missionaries and pastors have surrendered to ministry and countless young souls have trusted Christ as Savior.

Currently, this BMA treasure is experiencing financial difficulties, and a line of credit has been established with a local bank. This financial strain is not a result of careless spending. Camp Director Jason Prewitt works on a tight budget and makes the most of every dollar.

The problem is simply one of income. Daniel Springs keeps registration fees low so that churches of every size can afford to bring their children and youth. In the past, church offerings helped cover the gap that camp registrations did not cover. However, over the past few years, costs have increased while total registrations have decreased, causing significant losses. If finances do not improve by the end of this summer, the camp trustees will be forced to make difficult decisions.

There are two ways that your church can help. First, take a group of students to camp. If you haven't been to Daniel Springs lately, you're in for a treat! Camp Director Jason Prewitt has

worked diligently to create a camp that our churches can be proud of. Visit [danielspringscamp.com](http://danielspringscamp.com) and consider taking a group of kids this summer. You'll be pleased with the personal staff of college students, coordinated programming, and upgraded facilities.

The second way to help Daniel Springs is to prayerfully consider how your church can support camp through regular giving. Over the years, church giving to the camp has declined. Yet the importance of camp ministry is at an all-time high. In a fast-paced, technology-driven world, students need a place to escape distractions and focus on Christ in a safe environment. For over fifty years, Daniel Springs has been that place for the BMA. Let's make sure it remains for the next fifty years.

Current projections indicate that the camp will need at least \$85,000 to finish the year in the black without any debt. That does not include any money for major improvements. The bottom line is, going forward, the ministry of Daniel Springs needs about \$100,000 more income per year to operate and maintain the camp. Based on past giving, this is not an impossible goal.

It's obvious that we have a problem. Will you and your church be part of the solution? Support for the camp may be sent to Daniel Springs Camp, PO BOX 1749, Conway, AR 72033.



## Annual Message BMA of America

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*ward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full."*

The setting here is that John the Baptist had just been murdered. When Jesus heard about it, He went off by Himself. I get it! I would've been upset, too. Jesus loved John and was related to him. If I had been Jesus, I would probably have been thinking, "If they came after John, I'm sure they're going to be coming after me soon." It is understandable that He wanted to be by Himself,

but word got out about where He was, and it wasn't long before a throng of people had gathered.

I'm sure Jesus was hurt and tired, and it may have been that Jesus just wanted to be by Himself; but, instead, Jesus chose to really look at the people who were following Him. There were over 5,000 men, according to Matthew 21. But when you add in the women and children, there could have been over 15,000 to 20,000 people coming to find Jesus!

He was hurt, tired and wanted to be by Himself, but Jesus chose to take a good look at this huge crowd of people. What did He see?

What do you think He saw when He looked at those people? What do you think we, as people who are trying to win people to Jesus, need to see when we look at people?

**Editor's Note:** Space prevents us from printing Bro. Parrish's entire sermon. You have just read the introduction. The entire sermon may be read on our website at [www.msabaptist.org](http://www.msabaptist.org). We hope you will log on to the website and read the sermon.

## Personal Service Opportunities

# 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 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](http://gosoar.com/soarserves). For alerts on any SOAR updates and happenings, download the free SOAR Conference app!

## SOAR Deadline Approaching

SOAR 2017, which will be held in Grapevine, Texas, at the Gaylord Texan Resort, promises to be an inspiring time for 7th – 12th grade students to dive deep into their call to ministry. The theme for this year's conference is "Selfless," and the main speaker will be Dustin Wisely with music by We the Union and a concert by Jordan Feliz. Check out [jordanfeliz.com](http://jordanfeliz.com) or [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) to hear his popular hits like "The River" and "Beloved."

There will also be hands-on ministry activities in the SOAR Village and several opportunities to serve church plants and the community through SOAR Serves. Along with local attractions such as Six Flags and the Grapevine Mills shopping mall, July 5-7 will be a time of learning and growth as well as fun.

The deadline for early registration is approaching on June 1! Those who register before June 1 will receive a discounted registration rate along with a conference theme T-shirt.

To register yourself and your youth group for SOAR 2017, visit [gosoar.com](http://gosoar.com). Call the DiscipleGuide office with any questions at 501-358-3530 or email [conferences@discipleguide.org](mailto:conferences@discipleguide.org).

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