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National Missions Department

Search and Rescue Materials Available

SEARCH & RESCUE the LOST are words that the BMAA Department of Missions hopes will be on the hearts and lips of every member of the BMAA this spring.

The mission kicked off at the 2009 Missions Symposium where Executive Director Grady Higgs challenged us to put the word LOST back in our vocabulary as it is a term that has "lost" its place in our conversations. Why is it that we don't use the word that Jesus Christ used in His word? Are we trying to be politically correct or non-offensive? The Apostle Paul was not scared to use the word and in essence said that when we start seeing humanity as lost we will, of course, want to get involved in searching for them and rescuing them.

The BMAA Department of Missions has mailed a SEARCH & RESCUE guide to every BMAA pastor. The guide con-

tains suggestions on how to implement SEARCH & RESCUE efforts at each of our churches during the months of March and April. The SEARCH & RESCUE push will wrap up on May 3rd with SEARCH & RESCUE SUNDAY. Join us now in praying that at least one person will be saved in every BMAA church during this time.

The topics covered in the book include: preparation for SEARCH & RESCUE; information about the LOST and how to share the Gospel, and how to help those who have been rescued become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Additional materials and information may be obtained at www.bmaamissions.org. These materials include any logo that churches want to use pertaining to SEARCH & RESCUE, copies of the Roman Road To Salvation and necessary forms to be given to the congregation. Free posters, bulletin inserts, and bookmarks may be ordered via: www.bmaamissions.org, e-mail, or phone (501-455-4977).

Every BMAA church is encouraged to join in this effort to RESCUE THE LOST FOR CHRIST.

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp
\$500,000

Stimulus Program

A new stimulus program is in action in Gary, Texas as Daniel Springs Baptist Camp is in the process of replacing some of its aging cabins that house the campers that attend each summer. Unlike the old cabins, the new ones will be heated and air-conditioned to give the camp a platform for year round programs. The new cabins will be housed in metal structures with 2 cabins under one roof with each section housing 30-32 campers each. The building pad has just been completed and construction is expected to start before the end of March and hope to be completed before the end of the camping season in August. The second building will then be started and plans are to complete it before the end of the year. This will increase our year round capacity to just over 500 campers.

The new buildings have been made possible by a very generous donation by Max and Debbie Story of Magnolia, Arkansas, who are owners of Reliance Drilling Service and members of First Baptist Church, Magnolia. Max and

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THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

12-year-old steals day with pro-life speech

Despite facing threats of disqualification, a 12-year-old girl took first place in a speech contest when she eloquently argued for the rights of unborn children – after an offended judge quit.

"What if I told you that right now, someone was choosing if you were going to live or die?" the seventh-grader begins in a video recording of her speech on YouTube. "What if I told you that this choice wasn't based on what you could or couldn't do, what you'd done in the past or what you would do in the future? And what if I told you, you could do nothing about it?"

The girl, a student at a Toronto school identified only as "Lia," continued:

"Fellow students and teachers, thousands of children are right now in that very situation. Someone is choosing without even knowing them whether they are going to live or die.

"That someone is their mother. And that choice is abortion."

But what made the 12-year-old choose to speak about abortion?

"It was really a family thing," her mother explained on the blog Moral Outcry. "I saw Lou [Engle] speak at a conference several years ago. I came back to my family with the Life Bands, and we all wore them, made our cov-

*Teachers threaten
disqualification,
but girl chooses
to speak a
gainst abortion*

enant, and prayed the prayer for abortion to end. ... We were invited to participate in a 'Life Tape Siege.' Once my kids heard of this invitation, they all agreed: 'We have to do that!' Since then, Lia's passion for seeing abortion end has continued."

Despite Lia's enthusiasm for her topic, her teacher "strongly encouraged" her to select a different one for her class presentation or she would be considered ineligible for an upcoming speech contest.

"[S]everal teachers discouraged her from picking the topic of abortion; she was told it was 'too big,' 'too mature' and 'too controversial,'" her mother wrote.

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On The Calendar

GMA Camp

March 6&7
Camp Garaywa
Clinton, Mississippi

Galilean Camp

March 13-14, 2009
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, Mississippi

Mississippi Missions Symposium

March 18 - 19, 2009
Parkway Church
Petal, Mississippi

South Mississippi
Senior Adult Conference
March 31, 2009
Big Creek Baptist Church
Soso, Mississippi

BMAA Annual Meeting

April 20-22, 2009
Branson, Missouri

Using the designated hotels urged Annual Meeting housing important part of overall cost

For those who are planning to attend our annual meeting at Branson in April it is important that you register in the designated hotels because of the room blocks arranged with them. These blocks will insure that the cost of our meeting facility will not be so high. Our contract is contingent on filling these blocks. So far the registration is very low and we are certainly hopeful that more people are planning to attend the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Your Committee on Arrangements

Being Lost on Purpose

Behind the steering wheel, most guys will never admit to being lost. They might not know exactly where they are at any given time, but they are not lost. No, even with their wives pleading with them, they will not ask for directions. Guys continue to thrash around and get even more lost. I will admit to you - if you won't tell anyone - I've been the lost driver on several occasions. For me being lost is disorienting. It is the feeling of not being able to be in control of my life. Being lost makes me feel like a nincompoop. I need to know,

and must know, where I am going and the way I am traveling.

Wesley invites us to sing these words: "...lost in wonder, love, and praise." No one volunteers to be lost on the way. However, how long has it been in my Christian walk I have been lost on purpose in the glory of God's presence? Let me turn off my own navigation system in His company. My GPS takes me only to the known places on the map! Let me single-mindedly go to God to be lost in His presence of holiness. In His presence, be-



Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

ing lost in wonder, love, and praise leads me to finding my way.

Being in God's presence leads me to reality beyond knowing where I am in relation to any map. There is surety in being lost before Him. From His presence I come to understand life and my purpose. That purpose is to worship and serve the living God. This is done through service to Christ and His Church. The routinized Christian life keeps me focused on finding my own way instead of being lost in His presence; lost in wonder, love, and praise. How long has it been since I have set aside the routine of being a normal Christian? Public worship, prayer in solitude, private Scripture study, and dedication to Christian service to others leads me to reality with the risen Lord. Being lost in His presence is being in His control. I don't have to worry about where I am. I'm in His presence. He will find

and is completing his 30th year as the camp director. During this short history, over 12,000 campers have been saved at the camp with many of those going on to serve as pastors, youth directors and missionaries. Others have made their mark in life as schoolteachers, nurses, law enforcement officers and many other occupations that directly impact the lives of young people.

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp's claim to fame is that during the late 60's, Governor Mike Huckabee was an enrolled camper. During a speech at a BMA of America meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, Gov. Huckabee mentioned that a week spent at Daniel Springs and the East Texas heat helped encourage him to escape the heat of hell.

The camp is also doing renovations on several of the old cabins, replacing sewer and water lines, with the swimming pool, a favorite spot with the campers, also undergoing a facelift. Because of new state laws, new drains have to be installed in the bottom of the pool causing the bill to total almost \$20,000. The plans are to do all of the new construction and the renovations without borrowing any funds.

agreement." One was offended by the speech and voluntarily stepped down while the others reversed their earlier decision - declaring her the winner.

Now Lia plans to take her message of life to a regional speech competition, and more than 130,000 visitors have viewed her presentation online.

"Why do we think that just because a fetus can't talk or do what we do, it isn't a human being yet?" She asks in the video. "Some babies are born after only five months. Is this baby not human?"

"We would never say that. Yet abortions are performed on 5-month-old fetuses all the time. Or do we only call them humans if they're wanted?"

She continues, "No, fetuses are definitely humans - knit together in their mother's womb by their wonderful Creator who knows them all by name."

Editor's Note: A link to a video of the girl's speech is located on our website at www.msbaptist.org.

ProLife Speech

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"She was also told that if she went ahead with that topic, she would not be allowed to continue on in the speech competition."

Lia's mother continued, "Initially, I tried helping her find other topics to speak on, but, in the end, she was adamant. She just felt she wanted to continue with the topic of abortion. So she forfeited her chance to compete in order to speak on something she was passionate about."

Lia's teacher was so impressed by the speech that she allowed her student to advance as the winner. Lia presented her speech to judges in front of her entire school on Feb. 10.

The school principal and teachers called Lia's presentation the "obvious winner" - but the judges suddenly disqualified her the following day "because of the topic and her position on abortion," her mother said.

Lia's father later revealed that the judges had a "big dis-

Daniel Springs Camp

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Debbie have been very generous to different ministries in the Baptist Missionary Association of America having given several million dollars to enable these ministries to accomplish their visions.

Daniel Springs Baptist Camp has been in operation since the early 1960's and has seen over 150,000 campers visit the grounds located on FM 999 at the edge of the Gary city limits. Many people have worked on the camp facilities as volunteers and paid contractors to bring it to its present size of being able to accommodate about 1,000 campers each session. The cabins that were built in the early '60's

were concrete block construction and several are in need of replacing because of their age and the wear and tear of housing kids for over 40 years.

Visitors from at least 15 states and several foreign countries have descended on the piney woods of East Texas to enjoy a week of church youth camp since the early 1960's. In over 45 years, the camp has only had 3 directors of this ministry with the late Earl Moore serving as the first director. The next to serve was the late Eugene Gauntt, who served for 13 years before retiring in 1979. James Speer, the present director, was then elected in September 1979

my way.

The Lord calls to me to come His way. That path is not on the map. It is not on my navigation system. It is frightening to be lost, to not be in control, and to feel helpless. However, when one is lost in wonder, love, and praise, one is not lost. One is in the place of safety, surety, and security. As a matter of fact, when one is lost in wonder, love, and praise, one is not lost as in following map directions. One is

following God's directions.

Lord, if there be any crown, let me cast it before You now. If I have any claim to fame, let me lose it now. If I have any false view of self, let it be gone now. If I have any energy to hang on to life as normal, I want to let it go now. May I come to Your presence? May I stop thrashing about in finding my own way to find the way to You? Will You let me be lost in wonder, love, and praise?

DiscipleGuide Church Ministries Presents

Mission Possible - *Winning Your Community For Christ*

Presenter Steve Crawley

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Equipping Center

Magnolia Baptist Church

148 King Road, Hattiesburg, MS 39402 - 601-264-8087, 601-264-8987, 601-520-3135

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Session 1 - Why Are We Here? - Steve Crawley	
	Why It's So Hard To Share Our Faith	
9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	Session 2 - Learning Hand Presentation	- Bob Gilmore
9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	Session 3 - Overcoming the Fear of Witnessing	- Stan Gilmore
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Session 4 - Finding People Who are Open	- Stan Gilmore
11:30-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00 - :20 p.m.	Session 5 - Sharing the Gospel with Stories	- TBD
1:20-1:40 p.m.	Session 6 - Leading in Commitment	- TBD
1:40-2:00 p.m.	Session 7 - Developing a Love for the Lost	- TBD
2:00-2:30 p.m.	Session 8 - Developing an Ongoing Ministry of Evangelism & Discipleship	- TBD
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Closing	- Steve Crawley

'Without Our Help...'

By Matt Hudson, president National Brotherhood

We are nearing the end of the National Brotherhood year. The project for the Brotherhood is Cape Verde and the national missionaries. (I'm sure you read the article by John David Smith a few months ago about the life and ministry of the national missionary in Cape Verde.)

Unfortunately, it seems there is not much concern for the work in other countries where we depend upon the national pastors who are doing the job. The funds are coming in slowly for the work of Cape Verde missionaries. I appreciate the churches who have given to this great cause of continuing the work where Bro. Smith and his family served for over a decade. It is up to us, as churches and individuals, if this ministry is to continue to be strong. • Without our help, a missionary may not have the tools that are necessary to continue his studies in the Bible institute or to pay for his tickets to get to his mission points on the other islands. • Without our help, these mission points will not have the Bible study helps

needed to do small group ministry. • Without our help, the mission points will not have the music material needed to carry out their ministry.

These missionaries need our help in additional training to increase their abilities to establish Great Commission churches and I am asking you, as a Brotherhood or a men's group, to help with the task.

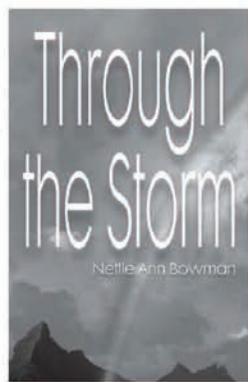
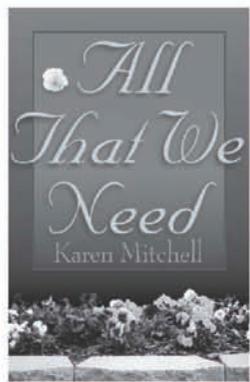
As of this month, we only have a little over \$1,000 for the project, and that is a long way from our goal of \$15,000. We need 300 men who will step up to the plate and give a one time offering of \$50. Brother John David will be going to Cape Verde, Brazil and other Portuguese speaking countries very soon. It would be great if he could tell our brothers in Cape Verde that we are giving a great help to these great missionaries. Will you help us?

Please send your offerings to: Robert Bynum, 43 Bear Pen Creek Rd., Laurel, MS 39443. For more information, please feel free to call me at 662-862-2510. I will be grateful to you for your help and God will be pleased.

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Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

A Merry Heart

by Grover Laird

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)

A merry heart, as used in our text, is a rejoicing heart. Such a heart will do a person good. A Christian who lives with a merry heart enjoys life and is a blessing to others.

This does not mean one can escape sorrow in this life. When the Lord saved Paul and called him to preach He said, "For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." (Acts 9:16) After Paul's conversion he often spoke of his sufferings. (Philippians 2:27; I Thessalonians 3:7) Speaking of one occasion he said, "...we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:" (2 Corinthians 1:8)

But if the joy of one's heart is great enough, sorry will not destroy it. In the midst of Paul's suffering he said, "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing..." (2 Corinthians 6:10) Again he said, "...I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation." (2 Corinthians 7:4) Suffering can prove to be a blessing the same as joy can. (Ecclesiastes 7:2,3; Malachi 3:14; I Corinthians 15:31; II Corinthians 7:10)

But a merry, joyful heart will do us good. For one thing, it can change a person's countenance-"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." (Proverbs 15:13) People are different, and the countenance does not always reveal the condition of the heart. But enough joy of the Lord inside will surely show up some on the outside.

Our text seems to be saying that a merry heart will also make one healthier. Medical science will also agree. Having a good relationship with the Lord does improve one's health. (Proverbs 3:7,8)

More importantly, the joy of the Lord is a source of strength for a Christian-"...for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) A joyful heart can also influence sinners to trust in the Lord-"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." (Psalms 40:3)

Now consider how a person can obtain and keep a merry heart. We are speaking, as I believe our text is, of the joyful heart that a Christian can have. It all starts when a person makes peace with God by believing in Jesus as his Savior. Many are the examples in the Bible of people being filled with joy when they were saved. (Psalm 40:1-3; Acts 8:8,39;16:34) This joy can, however, be lost, and therefore efforts must be made to retain it, and at times restore it. (Psalm 51:12)

Bible study will help to keep the heart merry-"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:16)

The Apostle John wrote a letter in which he sought to help

people have a joyful heart. (I John 1:4) One thing he encouraged was to spend time with the Lord. (I John 1:3) This can bring joy unspeakable-"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" (1 Peter 1:8)

Prayer brings great joy. When we are able to ask and receive our joy will be full-"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24)

While some depend almost totally upon jesting to keep their heart merry, the Bible teaches us that living in thanksgiving is much better-"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." (Ephesians 5:4)

A good word from a friend helps to keep the heart glad. We should especially remember this around our home-"Heavenness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad." (Proverbs 12:25)

An heart that is loaded down with heaviness and a body overworked and tired, may sometimes find it hard to be merry. But if Paul was "always rejoicing" in all that he went through, (II Corinthians 6:10) surely we could rejoice in the Lord when we are tired and weary. It is possible to have such a joy in the Lord that the troubles of this life will never quench it.

One thing for sure, the Lord wants our joy to be full-"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11) And when our joy is full, it will do us good "like a medicine."

...consider how a person can obtain and keep a merry heart

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"Pastor, you've got to do something about Henry! Either he can't carry a tune or he's singing in tongues!"

DiscipleGuide to Launch Fellowship Forum

Bobby L. Hudgens

A forum is "a public meeting place for open discussion."

On March 13, DiscipleGuide will launch a new forum on DiscipleGuide.org for a general exchange of ideas, needs, and encouragement – a meeting place for open discussion and fellowship. Who is the forum for? You. Everyone. The Fellowship Forum will be an opportunity for individuals from a number of different homogeneous groups in our churches to share ideas and ask questions of one another.

For example, imagine that a number of Sunday School teachers were together in one room. At some point discussions would turn to their classes, study and preparation, presentation, methods, outreach, service projects, fellowship, and ideas they have used that were successful, etc. It would also be a chance for a less experienced teacher with a problem to get helpful solutions offered by experienced teachers.

The same dynamic would exist among other groups or ministry areas in our churches that can connect in a forum because of common interests. Here are just a few examples:

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| Teachers | Musicians |
| Treasurers | Clerks |
| Children's ministry | Student ministry |
| Senior adult ministry | Outreach and evangelism |
| Literature and resources | Fellowship |
| Miscellaneous needs | |

The forum will be an open discussion on church life and practice and issues regarding our Christian walk. Starting on March 13, plan on joining the fellowship.



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John Adams

Pornography, A Moral Plague

This is the third article in a series of four titled "Judeo-Christian Heritage" writings. The topics thus far have been:

Abortion, The Great Issue;
Euthanasia, The Right to Die;
and
Homosexuality, The Real Problem.

All articles are posted on the Moral Action Committee web page www.macbma.net.

Dr. James Dobson, family psychologist and Founder of Focus on the Family, states, "most Christians seem to believe that pornography is characterized by air-brushed nudity in men's magazines, but "mainstream porn" has become far more perverse in recent years focusing on rape, incest, defecation, urination, mutilation, bestiality, vomiting, enemas, homosexuality, and sadomasochistic activity."

Some say that pornography (sex magazines) is a victimless crime. The Bible exposes sexual explicit magazines for what they really are...smut and filth. Pornography is a slap in the face to the integrity and beauty of women and all who are sexually exploited.

Paul the Apostle, told the Ephesian culture not to even let impurity be named among them. Our modern era has to contend with sex parlors, topless bars, porno magazine stands, video stores, sex cable channels, dial-a-porn telephone services and internet porn. Most Americans are ignorant of how vicious this moral plague has become.

Ephesians 5:3-5 gives clear instruction regarding God's intolerance of such grave sin: "but

fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

The pornography industry has entered the mainstream of American life via movies, magazines, and internet and seemingly has lost its offensiveness and shock. And yet, we Christian believers should adamantly oppose this ungodly industry and its profits.

How to get involved and express your disapproval

1. Contact your local, state and nationally elected officials. Be clear and concise in your opposition to the porn trade and lewd magazines in your local stores or on your local cable/satellite networks. Always be courteous and Christ-like in your activism.

2. Address your city council or county supervisors on issues of obscenity. Share your opinions regarding legal, medical and moral concerns. Communities need to band together to prevent exploitation of teens and children. Many sexually transmitted diseases are a problem related to some of the practices regarding pornography.

3. Inform your law enforcement officers and District Attorney of your concerns. Police and sheriff departments along with the district attorneys will investigate and prosecute those com-

Love Offering for Mrs. Neva McLaughlin

Our hearts continue to be saddened by the death of Dr. Roy McLaughlin. The Moral Action Committee Trustees invite each church or local association to give a love offering to Ms Roy (Neva) McLaughlin. You may send this expression of care and concern to:

Mrs. Neva McLaughlin
3114 Derby Lane
Swartz Creek, MI 48473

mitting illegal and obscene acts in which the law is broken. Many cities and states have local and state prohibitions that are to be enforced.

4. Help stop indecent offensive language and sexually oriented programming on television and radio. Contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at their web site www.fcc.gov. Scroll down to the obscenity/indecency link at the bottom of the left hand bar. Register your complaint and concern. American Family Association (AFA) and Citizen (Focus on the Family) magazines recently reported that it was not until more than half a million Americans complained about a "raunchy, breast bare Super Bowl halftime show, did the FCC take action. Christians, you can play an important role in making sure that the airwaves are wholesome.

Light penetrates darkness

Tom Minnery in his book "Why You Can't Stay Silent" writes "Jesus challenged His followers to be the light of the world and that light will conquer the darkness." We can defeat the Porn industry in our locale by being active. It simply involves convictions and responsibility.

National Day of Prayer

The MAC encourages every church and pastor to make preparations for our May 7, 2009, National Day of Prayer. www.ndptf.org.

Highlighted Churches that Support the MAC

Fellowship Baptist Church, Pittsburg, TX
First Baptist, Mantachie, MS
Farley Street, Waxahachie, TX
First, Carthage, TX
Friendship, DeQueen, AR

Raising Responsible Kids in an Irresponsible World!

by Kelly Ross

Today's society has a "pass the buck," attitude. When individuals are caught doing things that are inappropriate or "down-right" wrong their first inclination is to blame someone or something else. How many times do you drive your car and speed? What happens the one in a hundredth time you are caught by the police and they issue you a speeding ticket? Usually there is anger and BLAME towards the police officer who is only doing his job!

Some thoughts may be, "How dare the officer issue me a ticket!" "Doesn't he have better things to do instead of harassing 'law abiding,' citizens?" Rarely do you see people actually stand up and say, "Yep, I did it and I'm sorry!" Rarely do you see people take their consequences without a fight or a negative reaction. This is a pervasive cancer throughout our society today.

There are people who want to see what they can, "get away with," rather than take responsibility for their actions. We see this daily in many areas of our culture. If you watch TV, listen to the radio, read newspapers or magazines, there are numerous examples of people refusing to take responsibility for their thoughts, emotions, or actions.

One thing I hear daily from my own children is the statement, "She made me angry!" It could be for any reason. When I hear them say this I try to get them to understand that no one has a remote control to their emotions! If someone does something negative, they get to DECIDE how they will feel and react to the other person. No one is standing in front of them with a universal remote control pushing buttons to "make" them feel a certain way or "make" them behave a certain way. This is a difficult concept for my children to understand. They would rather BLAME someone else rather than accept responsibility for their own thoughts, feelings, and actions!

ity for their own thoughts, feelings, and actions!

If a person says something negative to them, each individual gets to decide if they will laugh, cry, hit, or walk away. They also get to decide if they will feel hurt, anger, silliness, or boredom.

How do we as parents help our children become better individuals and Christians who are not afraid to stand up and accept responsibility for their thoughts, feelings, and actions? What do our children see in us as we are confronted with similar negative situations? Do they see us accept the consequences for our mistakes or do they see us blame other people or situations for our behavior?

One powerful way we can teach our children is to model appropriate behavior for them. What we say is important, but just as valuable is what we DO! I am reminded of a contemporary Christian song by Casting Crowns, "...be care little feet where you go; for it's the little feet behind you that are sure to follow..."

Encourage your children to make wise decisions, but also encourage them to accept the consequences, good or bad, for their own behavior and feelings. Be a good model of responsibility for your children and they will surely follow!

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Kelly Ross

BMAA Equipping Center Locations and Schedules

Bethel Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi

March 7, 2009 Sunday School Materials That Work!
June 20-21, 2009 It All Rises and Falls on Leadership

Magnolia Baptist, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

March 7, 2009 Mission Possible: Winning Your Community For Christ
June 21, 2009 Sunday School Materials That Work!

Obama to rescind Bush abortion rule

WASHINGTON - The Obama administration is moving to rescind a federal rule that reinforced protections for medical providers who refuse to perform abortions and other procedures on moral grounds.

A Health and Human Services official said Friday the administration will publish an official notice of its intentions early next week, and open a 30-day comment period for advocates, medical groups, and the public. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the notice has not been finalized.

The Bush administration instituted the rule in its last days. It has already been challenged in court. Pro-lifers hailed the Bush regulation, but abortion rights advocates say it could reduce access to other services, such as birth control.

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2009 Theme

"A QUALITY STRUGGLE"

AIM: "POWER TO GENERATE CHANGE" (LUKE 24:49)

INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE AND A QUALITY OF STRUGGLE

1. Prayer (Luke 21:37; John 18:1-12)
2. Bible Study (Study an intensive intellectual effort - II Timothy 2: 15)
3. A Support Group (Accountability - I Samuel 12:1-5)

Quality Praying

Prayer can change our lives. Prayer requires discipline in our lives. Just as our kids and young people need our discipline, we need to lead and teach them about praying with discipline.

We need to exercise courage in praying, that God will give us strength to live our lives as we should.

We need to teach our kids to work at praying. We all have moments that we slip in disciplining our lives. Quality praying will help us greatly.

Parents need to pray with your kids and then to pray aloud with you. We need to pray and teach our kids rules dealing with no smoking, no drinking, no drugs, no staying out late past our disciplined time. No immoral behavior of any kind.

We as adults need to live and lead life and then expect our kids to live and lead it, even with overcoming the struggles of life.

We have so many privileges that we need to teach our kids about that can help them in the development of convictions. We are to teach our kids that life is a struggle and we have to suffer sometimes as Christian.

If our prayer life is a quality struggle, I believe God will fill our lives and the lives of our kids with a sense of God's purpose and His plan. It will give us and our young people new zeal in life.

My prayer is that our kids grow in their prayer life and as they reflect back, it will encourage them in a meaningful relationship with Christ.

BMA Department of Youth

Camp Season 2009

Tombigbee - Judson Camp 2009
Date: June 8, 9, 10
Place: Tombigbee State Park, Tupelo, MS

Harmony Camp 2009
Date: June 22, 23, 24, 2009
Place: Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo, MS

South Central Junior Camp 2009
Date: June 24, 25, 26, 2009
Place: Gulf Coast Community, Perkinston

State Junior High Senior Camp 2009
Date: Jul 6, 8, 9, 10, 2009
Place: Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston

GMA Girls

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601-947-6011

Sunbeam Promoter - Linda Dertinger
132 Howard Hill Road, Soso, MS 39480
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GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS

Lots of girls are needed for GMA Camp on March 6th & 7th 2009. Fun, food, games and a great time spent with the Lord are experiences each young lady will treasure for a lifetime. This will also be a time to make new friends and see one's that you haven't seen for a while. Pack up early on Friday March 6th and head out for Camp Garaywa at Clinton, Mississippi, for the time of your life.

Remember don't stop at one of those hamburger places on your way in because the famous Snack Shoppe will be open and waiting for you to purchase lunch. We need craft items to be sold at the Craft Shoppe. All proceeds from the Snack Shoppe and the Craft Shoppe will be divided 75% for The Homestretch Mission at Cleveland and 25% for the GMA General Fund. Please keep this in mind as our GMA Fund has been low and we need your help to get it back up so that we will be able to support these young ladies.

These are some of the things that we need for the Snack Shoppe if you will supply some of these please let me know no later than March 2nd.

Bottled water and canned drinks (iced down and ready to sell)

Gallon containers of tea (artificiality and sugar sweet)

Large bags of Frito's (for Frito Chili Pie)
4 gallons of Chili

Home made goodies in a zip lock bag (25 cents per bag)

We also need large crock pots for soups and chili
Large microwave bowls for heating cheese

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at camp. I challenge the adults of our churches to encourage all of our GMA young ladies in the commitment they have made to the LORD and all the hard work they have done to accomplish their forward steps. Remember we are training them today for our mothers, teachers and leaders of tomorrow. No investment is ever too much for this challenge. You can never spend your time more wisely than to invest it in a child's life.

Mississippi State Galilean Camp

March 13 and 14

Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville Mississippi

Camp Pastor - Brother Coy Rice
Theme: Revival...

Check in time - 10:00 a.m. till Noon
Events begin at 1:00 p.m.

Cost - \$75.00 per person.

For more information please call
Josh Spiers at 601-337-0236
or Mark Jones at 662-322-9155.

Josh Spiers
Mississippi State Galilean Promoter.

Attention WMA Ladies

The WMA personal report form is no longer in use. However, the importance of personal service has not been diminished. In these trying economic times, WMA ladies need to remain faithful in service to the Lord. Ministering to others is a major part of WMA work. There are many opportunities to meet the needs of people in the church, in the community, and "unto the uttermost" through our BMA missions program.

Personal service involves many areas starting with personal prayer and Bible study. It also includes personal soul talks with others, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, letters, or food to the sick or bereaved, and invitations to church. Benevolence (in the form of money, food, or physical help) is one of the main areas of personal service.

WMA ladies can provide help in many ways such as collecting canned goods, cooking, personal shopping, child care, yard work, house cleaning, and transportation. Look for opportunities to engage in personal service to the following in your church or community:

1. Widows or widowers.
2. Retired people on fixed incomes.
3. Single parents.
4. Those who have lost their jobs.
5. The bereaved.
6. College students.
7. The handicapped.
8. The homeless.

The ladies of our local WMA groups can make a difference in these trying times.

Brenda Hornaday,
National WMA First Vice President

Conservative senator blasted for pro-family stance

OneNewsNow - A Utah state senator has been disciplined over remarks about homosexual activism.

State Senator Chris Butters recently commented to a documentary filmmaker that he believes the homosexual lifestyle is immoral, adding that militant homosexual activism poses a grave threat to American culture. Matt Barber, director of cultural affairs at Liberty Counsel, says Utah's Senate president Michael Waddoups caved in and took punitive action against Butters instead of supporting his own constituent.

"What's unfortunate is the Republican leadership has thrown him under the bus," he contends. "Senator Butters' comments and beliefs are shared by the vast majority, certainly of Utahans, and by the conservative majority of Americans."

Waddoups has removed Butters from his post as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a move which Barber calls a validation of the radical left-wing agenda. Barber believes action taken against Butters indicates the Republican Party is deserting the traditional values that helped make it strong.

"Until they start defending those values unapologetically and boldly as Senator Butters has done here, they will continue to lose membership," he points out. "And who needs Democrat-Lite? So having a bunch of RINOS, Republicans in name only, in the GOP has just decimated the Republican Party."

In a Liberty Counsel press release, Barber claims the Republican Party is "spiraling into the abyss of political irrelevancy." He also states that America's conservative majority is starved for leaders to represent traditional values.

Hey Guys! Here Are Some Hunting Tips to Bag a Better Marriage

It's so much fun to go deer hunting. But eventually you have to return home to your "dear" after you hunt "deer". Let me see if I can help some of you with a way to improve your relationship with your wife utilizing terms that hunter's use.

1. MOVE YOUR STAND

What if you have a deer stand set up at a certain location, and year after year you go and sit and never see a deer? After several years you might consider moving your deer stand to another location. After you have been married for a little while, you may have to move your position on how to view your wife.

Be open to letting the Holy Spirit change you as a man. You may have always responded to your wife in one way. Maybe there might be a better way to respond to her. This requires you to be humble enough to know that you don't know everything. You have to have a teachable spirit. You have to believe that no matter how long you have been married, you can always change at any given point to improve your marriage. Your current marital situation may work for you. You may think, "Our marriage is working and we don't need any changes." But you have to ask yourself, is this marriage working for both of you and not just you. Is your wife getting blessed by having you as her head of the home?

2. THROW OUT SOME CORN

It is good to draw the "dear" towards you by throwing out

what the doe needs. It doesn't matter if you have never done this in the past, you can attract a doe much better by throwing out what she needs to feast on. You wife needs some attention and some affection from you.

Having sex with her does not qualify as attention and affection. She needs you to sometimes just listen to her. Don't fix her problems unless she asks. She's just wanting to have you listen to her about her day. A wise man learns that a few minutes a day listening to his wife will make him the most attractive man on the planet to her. Affection is demonstrating that you love her. You may not need this. She does.

Your car needs attention and maintenance to run smoothly. So does your marriage. You not only have to tell her you love her, but you have to do some little things to show her. What bullets are to a hunter, so are hugs to a wife. Without bullets or hugs, you are not going to get anything. Proverbs 31 states that a Godly man will praise his wife. You will never know how much a little daily praise will lift your wife up to a place she has never been. It can actually cause her to change. Praising your wife, both in public and privately can cause a dramatic change in her.

If you are unhappy with how your wife responds to you now, try some praise on her and watch her grow before your eyes.

3. AIM FOR THE HEART

You will aim for a different part on a "deer". However, this



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"dear" requires you to aim for the heart. Your words will be the cornerstone of how successful your marriage is. Words are like bullets. As soon as you shoot your mouth off, it goes to the intended target - the heart of your wife. Read Ephesians 4:29-32 - good words on communication. Men of God know that the words they speak to their wives are coming from the overflow of their heart. They also know they will be judged for every word they speak while on this earth at the day of judgment. (Matthew 12:34-37) Pray for your wife. The best words ever spoken in a marriage, are the words spoken before the throne on behalf of your life partner.

4. LOVE AND EMBRACE YOUR WEAPON

Every hunter knows that you
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CHURCH NEWS

News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

Mantachie church schedules revival

Tombigbee Baptist Church of Mantachie, would like to invite you to our upcoming Spring Revival on March 22-25, at 7:00 pm nightly. Bro. Todd West, pastor of Oasis Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, will be our speaker. Please come out and join us if you are able.

Bro. Nick Ulmer Pastor

Bethel, Fulton

A friendly hello from all at Bethel. On the 11th the youth enjoyed "Super Sunday Bash," in the COC. A good time of fellowship and food was enjoyed by all who attended.

Women in Touch meet every Monday at 6:30 pm in the choir room. The Harmony Association meeting was held on the 6th at Big Oak. A Youth Conference was held on the 13th-14th in Memphis.

Souledout and Elevate meet every Wednesday and report having great crowds. On the 20th the Junior Youth held a banquet in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all who

CHILDREN'S HOME

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Annual Rallies

On February 2, the Ten Mile Association had their annual rally for the Home. This meeting was held with the Bethel Baptist Church in Wiggins and Pastor Freddie Wagner in conjunction with the annual Ten Mile Bible Conference.

On February 12, the Gulf Baptist Association had their annual rally for the Home. The meeting was held with the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ocean Springs and Pastor Duane Ledlow.

It was a delight to have the opportunity to report on the ministry of the Home and also share a message from God's Word with those in attendance at these meetings. Our appreciation is extended to each church and individual who gave towards these rallies.

Our Only Hope

"But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more." Psalm 71:14. The

Bible's meaning of hope is not one of wishful thinking or of a hope-so imagination that produces a feel good feeling.

A Christian's hope is built on the solid foundation of the Word of God and the truths that are presented about our eternal God. It is this term that Job used when he said of God, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust (hope) in Him." Job 13:15.

What is our source of hope? It is God! We have hope because God has saved us. We have hope because of the Holy Spirit who lives within us and because of the Word He has given us. Jesus Christ is our hope. The result of this is "I will . . . praise Thee more and more."

What an optimistic outlook on life!



SIDNEY DAVIS
DIRECTOR

had a part in this. World Missions Day was held on the 22nd, also the Brotherhood had their breakfast.

We are still having good crowds on Wednesday nights for the study of Genesis. If you are in our area stop in and chat awhile. We have had 5 additions since our last report.

Come see us when you can!
Dr. Martin Jameson, pastor
Joyce Cooley, reporter

Gulf Association report

The Gulf Baptist Association meet at Springhill Baptist Church February 12. We had three quest speakers Brother Paul Lee, Dr. Medrick Savell, and Brother Sidney Davis.

Brother Lee gave a report on the Prisoners Bible Crusade and their work in prisons. Dr. Savell, president of Southeast Baptist College, reported on the ministry of college. Brother Sidney Davis gave a report on the Children's Home and the work there. They are having a great year with the children being recognized for achievements made at school.

Davis brought the message for the evening. Our next Gulf meeting will be at Woodlawn Baptist in Pascagoula on March 12.

Bud Bloom, reporter

Tombigbee Report

The Tombigbee Association met on February 5, at Lone Oak Baptist Church. There were 61 in attendance and 10 churches represented. The host church provided a wonderful meal. Lone Oak's pianist blessed us with instrumentals before the meeting began.

Bro. Royce Hawkins opened the meeting with scripture reading (Lam. 3:21-26) and prayer. The congregation was led in an opening song "To God Be The Glory".

Bro. Joseph Oyeeye gave an encouraging report on the Maple Street Mission. Bro. Joseph said the attendance has improved, but could still improve more. Please continue to pray for him and this mission work. Bro. Rayburn Freeman gave a good report on our state missionaries. Bro. Kevin Marr's mission, Life Point, organized as a Church on January 24, 2009. Bro. Wallace Williams' mission, Divine Grace, will organize as a church on March 14, 2009. Please pray for all of our state missionaries and their mission efforts.

Bro. Bryan Wilson asked all the churches in the association to draw a map to their church to be put in the minute book. Mrs. Carolyn Trull blessed us with special music and then Bro. Roger Franks brought the message from Acts 26: 12-30, The Incredible Commission.

Our next meeting will be at Mt. Pleasant with a meal at 6:00 and the meeting at 7:00.

Bro. Bryan Wilson, President
Jessica Haden, Reporter

Corinth, Runnelstown to hold sing

Corinth Baptist Church will have a Gospel sing on March 15th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The public is invited to come and enjoy this time of worship and fellowship with us.

Virgil T. Ainsworth, Pastor

SBC Alumni Association

Membership Options:

Single	___ \$20.00
Joint	___ \$35.00
Recent Grad	___ \$15.00 (graduated in the last 3 years)

Name _____

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Web Site

The BMA of Mississippi Web site is being up dated weekly with our latest news. If you have information that would be news for BMA churches we will be happy to list it for you. Our goal is to keep posted the primary news and events of the associated work. We will be happy to consider any recommendation that will help make our web site more useful.

Shady Grove Missions Conference

The Shady Grove Missionary Baptist

Church of Tishomingo did a wonderful job of hosting their Fourth Annual Mission Conference on Saturday, February 7, 2009. There were six speakers, three in the morning session and three in the afternoon session. The ladies of Shady Grove blessed all present with a delicious noon meal, for sure those ladies know how to cook. After all had eaten, an abundance of the food yet filled the table. The history of Shady Grove reveals how they have missions as the heartbeat of their church. At the close of the service we were presented with

51ST Annual Missions and Evangelistic Conference

Theme:
When God Saved Us!
Thought:

Christians Are Abundantly Rich In God's Grace In Christ Jesus

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

6:30	Congregational Singing	Bro. Doug Lee
6:35	Introduction of Conference	
6:40	Message	Dr. Charlie Holmes
	<i>Subject: He Moved Us Into His Own Spiritual Realm</i>	
7:15	Special Music Arranged by	Bro. Doug Lee
7:25	Message	Bro. Todd West
	<i>Open Subject</i>	
8:00	Altar Call and Benediction	

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION:

9:15	Congregational Singing & Prayer	Bro. Doug Lee
9:25	Message	Bro. Bryan Atwood
	<i>Subject: He Made Us Holy And Without Blame Before Him.</i>	
10:00	B-R-E-A-K	10:20 Special
	Music Arranged by	Bro. Doug Lee
10:30	Message	Bro. Billy Higginbotham
	<i>Subject: He adopted Us As His Very Own Children and Accepted Us In Jesus Christ</i>	
11:05	Special Music Arranged by Bro. Doug Lee	
11:15	Message	Bro. Todd West
	<i>Open Subject</i>	
11:50	Altar Call and Benediction	
12:00	Noon Meal Prepared by Host Church.	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15	Congregational Singing	
1:25	Message	Bro. Estuardo Marroquin
	<i>Subject: He Redeemed Us And Forgave Us Of Our Sins. Eph. 1:7</i>	
2:00	Special Music Arranged by	Bro. Doug Lee
2:15	Message	Bro. Jerry Overstreet
	<i>Subject: He Fulfilled His Purpose In Us, Sealed Us With The Holy Spirit Which Is The Earnest of Our Inheritance</i>	
2:50	BREAK	
3:10	Special Music Arranged by	Bro. Doug Lee
3:20	Message	Bro. Wallace Williams
	<i>Subject: He Invested Us With Spiritual Understanding And Resurrection Power</i>	
3:55	Special Music Arranged by	Bro. Doug Lee
4:10	Message	Bro. Todd West
	<i>Open Subject</i>	
4:45	Altar Call and Benediction	

mission checks for \$2,690.49 and for \$100.00. God always comes through for us even during economic crises. Thank you Shady Grove Baptist Church!

Your Invitation To The Following Event

Organization - Divine Grace Mission, Long Beach, Mississippi, under the leadership of Missionary Wallace Williams, will be organized into a New Testament church on March 14. The Service will begin at 10:00 A.M., lunch will be served afterwards. Directions - Going west on I-10 from Gulfport, exit to the right at the Long Beach exit, then turn left or south on County Farm Road for 1 mile. After crossing a railroad tract turn immediately to the right on Red Creek Road. The mission is located at 2.7 miles on the left. In order to help the mission with food preparations it will be helpful if those planning to attend inform the mission. Remember everyone is invited and we are looking forward to having a wonderful time in the Lord. The phone number is 228-669-8969 or email Wallace Williams at: wdwlaw4849@cableone.net

In Christ, The Missions Department
Missionary Wallace Williams and
Divine Grace Mission.

March 18 - 19, 2009

The 51st Annual Missions and Evangelistic Conference

The 51st Annual Missions and Evangelistic Conference of The Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi Missions Department will be hosted by The Parkway (formerly East Petal location) Missionary Baptist Church of Petal, and Pastor John Miller. The schedule on March 18 is from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.: on March 19 it is from 9:15 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. This notice is being reprinted to remind and encourage everyone to help make the Fifty First Conference the best yet. Note: All speakers are requested to use the KJV

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have to hunt with a weapon. You love your weapon. You take care of your weapon. You study how to use your weapon. You love to use that weapon.

Our weapon as Christian men is the Bible. In spiritual warfare verses like Ephesians 6:17, the only weapon listed is the Word of God. If you would study the Word, it would take you in a hurry to places you have never been before. Your life would run smoother and faster and better if you took a tight grip on your weapon which is the Word.

There are so many wonderful books in the Christian bookstore that uses scripture to help you study and become a better husband. Be the best you can be. Be all you can be. Be the man of God that He desires for all of us to be. God is on your side. Seek him!

5. LEARN HOW TO HUNT

Many of the first things young hunters learn are: when to hunt, where to

Bible.

Benevolent News

Recently Bro. Lee shared with you an issue that we are now being faced with on a near daily basics. The downward spiral of our economy has resulted in numerous people not having funds for food, rent, utilities, health care items, and numerous other pleas. We find it very hard to turn away those who are in desperate need, however, we do not have a benevolent budget for such needs. In the past we have made referrals to local agencies, however to do this it would be the Christian thing to make some contribution even to them. If you feel led to make a contribution to this benevolent fund please write "General Benevolence" in the memo section of your check.

Prayer Item

Bro. Harry Burge began his pastorate at Fairview Baptist Church East of Laurel in the Ruston Community in January of 2006. His ministry has been a blessing to the community and the church has been experiencing a steady spiritual, numerical and financial growth. In addition, they have been able to finish the inside of their family life building with a nice play area for the children and a very beautiful kitchen and dining area.

In recent weeks Bro. Burge has experience some health complications that resulted in him seeking medical help. The doctors after several procedures discovered that he had liver cancer and has sent him to the North Carolina University Medical Center for further procedures. Bro. Burge, like many preachers, is only on Medicare and already has medical bills far beyond his ability to pay. If you would like to help you may contact him at 601-590-2050 or 601-399-0911 or by his email: burgeh@bellsouth.net. If you prefer sending it through this office just mark in the memo 'Harry Burge Love Gift'.

hunt, time of day, type of weather, best locations etc. Why don't you spend as much time on learning the needs of your "dear" wife as you do on learning the best ways to hunt deer. You may even sit down and watch a hunting show to learn more. Why don't you go to a men's group or a marriage retreat to learn more. Study her. Ask her what she needs more of from you.

When you work on your marriage, you will be able to show a picture of your "dear" to all your guy friends and say look at this one. They'll be impressed because you have a content wife. Prayer is your scope. Look into your scope. Here she comes. Do you have her in your line of sight? Are you there spending time together with her? Are you aiming for her heart and using the bullets of praise? Do you have your weapon with you close to your side - the Bible? God will see to it that you have a beautiful "dear" when you follow His hunting instructions in the Word. Happy Hunting!