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Myanmar, "The Golden Land"

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Myanmar
From March-April GLEANER
This land is a part of the Golden
Triangle. Fifty percent of the world's

opium is produced in the region where
its border joins with Laos and Thailand.
It is rich in natural resources but rav-
aged by the greed of its rulers. It has
been said that "that few countries have
been so effectively plundered and im-
poverished by its own leaders." Its beau-
tiful, large teak forests are being

stripped, and opium is its main export.

Politically, it became independent of
Britain in 1948 with seven districts and
seven ethnic minority states. In 1990 a
strong desire for democracy opened the
way for elections. Though the opposi-
tion won, the military refused to relin-
quish its control. The "State Peace and
Development Council," the secretive
military junta, has turned this nation
into a prison. Nationwide abuse of hu-
man rights, killings, forced labor, rape,
and imprisonment are tools used to hold
it captive. Democratic leaders have been
arrested, exiled or killed.

This is Myanmar, formerly known
as Burma.

In these extreme living conditions
we, as the BMA, are privileged to have
faithful missionaries preach the Gospel
of Jesus Christ. The following is a testi-
mony of one of those men. Names and
specifics have been changed to protect
those involved.

My name is Amar. I am from the
country of Myanmar. In May 2002, I



graduated from the BMAT Seminary,
then returned to Myanmar to begin a
church planting ministry there. I would
like to express thanks to the Seminary
for giving me sound biblical doctrine
and to Grady Higgs, who taught me to
stand on God's Word. Thanks also to
Jerry Kidd for helping in the ministry
in Myanmar.

I was married in May 2003 to a
dedicated Christian woman who has
also dedicated her life to taking the
Gospel to the people of Myanmar. We
now have three children: two daugh-

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Medicine and Missionaries headed for Haitian Relief

Ralph Izard, M.D.
Director of Baptist Medical Missions International



These crates of medicine and medical supplies, packed and ready to be transferred to the airport, have been provided by contributions from the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and will be taken to Haiti by members of a Baptist Medical Missions International team who left for Port-au-Prince on Friday, March 12.

The fourteen-member team will work with Bill and Renita Moore who make frequent trips to Haiti. Also included in the group are Missionaries Michel Poirier, and Michael Barton from Canada and both of them speak French, which is the official language of Haiti. Members of Missionary Poirier's church in Canada have relatives in Haiti who suffered the loss of family members due to the earthquake. The group will also be joined in Port-au-Prince, Haiti by missionaries from the Dominican Republic, Ramon Paulino and Omar Castillo.

Medical care, spiritual guidance, and other services will be provided, especially to those associated with BMA churches who remain in Port au Prince and to those that fled to the mountains. Contributions may be sent to the BMAA Missions Department, P.O. Box 30910, Little Rock, AR 72260 and should be marked "Haiti Relief Fund".

Dates To Remember

State Galilean Camp

March 26-27 2010,
Lake Tiak O'Khata
Louisville, Mississippi

**BMA of America
Annual Meeting**

Fort Smith, Arkansas
April 19-23, 2010

Senior Adult North Retreat

East Fulton, Fulton
May 11, 2010
9:15 AM

Sunbeam Retreat

May 14-15, 2010
Camp Garaywa
Clinton, Mississippi

**BMA of Mississippi
Midyear Meeting**

Oakland Church, Vicksburg
May 17,18, 2010

State Youth Camps

Tombigbee Camp
June 7-9, 2010
Tombigbee State Park

State Junior Camp

June 16-18, 2010
Waukasay Springs
Vossburg, Mississippi

Harmony Camp

June 21-23, 2010
Tishomingo State Park

Myanmar, "The Golden Land"

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ters, ages 4 and 3, and a boy, 3 months old.

Myanmar is in Southeast Asia and surrounded by China on the northeast, Thailand and Laos on the east, India and Bangladesh on the west. The population is about 57 million and 85 percent of the population is Buddhist. The Christian population is less than 10 percent. There are some Hindu, Muslim, and animist.

Myanmar has been under military rule since 1990. There is no freedom of religion, speech, or writing. Building a new church building is not allowed. The Burmese Bible is still printed in other countries and shipped into Myanmar. Mass evangelism is prohibited. Christians cannot get a high rank in the government.

A woman in our Bible study group told me that her husband is a captain of the army, and he

was offered a higher rank. They were told that unless the wife becomes a Buddhist, they would not give him a higher rank. They control all newspapers, magazines, and books. If I were to stay overnight at my neighbor's house or at a hotel, I must report it to the local authority. Whoever rents an apartment for a short term must also report to local authorities. A man who lives close to me was in prison for two months because he didn't report that he was staying in his rented apartment.

Let me share with you a little bit about the work there. I was using several methods to send the Gospel to unbelievers. One of them was showing the Jesus film. I showed it in two places. One was in Belin, where I rented a video hall because there is no movie theater in that area. About 500 people came and heard the Gospel. The Buddhist monks and local authority would not let me do that again. Shwe-pyi-tha,

Yangon, was another place where I showed the film and shared a short message on salvation. About 200 people came and heard the Gospel. Since mass evangelism was prohibited, I began to focus on a small group Bible study.

In 2004, I was conducting three small group Bible studies in the Yangon area. One group has five members, and the other two groups had 15 to 20. More than five people, however, gathering in homes was prohibited by the military government. The local authority found out about our Bible study groups and would not allow us to meet at a home. They threatened us and said we would be arrested if we continued to meet there. After that, no one dared to come to our Bible study and also the owner of the house would not allow her home to be used for our Bible study.

I was so discouraged and began to pray to God, "Lord I

thought this was where you wanted me to plant a true Baptist church, but now everyone is gone because of the threat. If this is not the place, then show me another place where you want me to plant churches." One day as I went to that community, a 51-year-old woman came up to me and said: "Bro. Amar, please come to our home and teach us more about Jesus." A new small group Bible study began with five people. The Lord blesses our ministry and in the early month of 2005, two new believers followed the Lord by baptism.

One day, the Lord brought a person who made fun of us and was against us and our Bible study. She got saved after several months and followed the Lord by baptism. My wife and I and three of our new believers, who had followed the Lord by baptism, started a house church in 2005. The Lord blessed that small house church and added 10 new believers in 2006.

One Sunday morning, while we were singing "God will take care of you," about 10 men were

surrounding the house of our meeting. A man came by the door and said, "What are you doing?" One of our members answered, "We are worshipping." "Don't you know that you are not allowed to worship at home? Where is your leader?" the man said. I replied, "I'm here. Come on in." He came in and asked me that same question. "Don't you know that you're not allowed to worship at home?" I replied, "Before I answer your question, let me ask you a question. You Buddhist people invite your monks over and ask them to do some Buddhist ritual in your home. Am I right?" He said, "Yes."

"We are doing just as you are doing. What is the problem?" I asked. He was silenced for a moment and then said, "I was sent by a higher authority."

He told us that he would take only the owner of the house to that higher authority. As the local authority took the owner of our meeting house, the rest of us

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Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Thoughts from My Heart

In this report, I would like to thank all who are sending contributions to the college for the Foundation, memorial gifts, love offerings, the land fund, library, scholarships for students, special reserve funds, maintenance, and other special projects. Several individuals, churches, and associations are faithful to support these needs. We appreciate each one and try to send a "thank you" letter for each special gift. The regular support from the churches and Special Emphasis funds are so important in providing funds to operate a college. We are so pleased to have so many who are concerned about Christian education. We know God is touching hearts to support this part of His work.

The expenses increase all the time for us just like they do in our homes. We ask that others consider joining in with those who are already participating. There is a great need for increased support if we do what we feel God is leading us to do.

Thanks for your prayers.

Memorial Gift

A contribution has been sent to purchase books for the library in memory of Mrs. Roycine Evers Dodd. May the Lord provide all the needs of this family. This response is a good way to remember loved ones.

God is Blessing Our Choir

The college choir has been invited to sing at the BMA of America meeting in April in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in a joint choir with Central Baptist College and Jacksonville Baptist College.

We feel that this invitation is an honor and opportunity for the choir and Southeastern Baptist College. We do not have enough funds in the choir program to cover the expenses for such a trip, so we are asking that those who are interested in the choir please send offerings to help the choir members go to this meeting.

You Did It To Yourself

I used to smile sometimes at the ludicrous statements made by drug addicts and alcoholics that were my patients. They would come to group and make statements like,

"If the police hadn't set up that stupid sobriety check-point, then I wouldn't be in here."

"Yes, I drink too much. But you would too if you were married to my spouse."

They would never admit that getting arrested was not the fault of the police, but their own fault for driving drunk! They could not see that their drinking was a choice they made in response to the way their spouse was treating them.

Bottom line however, it was still their own problem caused by themselves. This phenomena of blaming everyone else for problems you created yourself has escalated out of control. I never thought that a jury made up of sane people would actually find the cigarette company liable for someone smoking. I really never thought I would hear of a lawsuit where overweight people sued McDonalds for making them obese. These are the kind of things that make me shake my head. A society of blamers.

Accepting responsibility for all that we do, for all that we

say, and for all that we feel, is a sign of maturity. Many people never reach this level of maturity. Obviously, there is a large segment of the U.S. population that has never matured. They



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

are still at an adolescent stage of development emotionally. Humans go through different stages of development.

When we are small, we learn to master our walking and talking. As we mature, we are able to run and ride a bike. As teens, the physical maturity for the most part has been mastered. The last stage of development is intellectual and emotional. That's why kids are in school. They are developing intellectually.

Emotions are about the last thing to develop. This is the sticking point. Many adults have never matured into emotionally being an adult. I have seen many people from age 21 to 81 who are emotionally weak or immature. These adults are the ones who

love to blame others for their own problems.

So, why is this a problem? Failure to accept responsibility for your own life's actions creates many problems. It causes marital problems. It creates family dysfunction. It hurts almost every relationship a person can have. A person who cannot accept responsibility for themselves becomes socially retarded. They will have few friends. People will not want to be around them. This creates problems at home that are unresolved. This creates situations in a relationship that cannot be worked on because there is a failure to even admit that "I have a problem" on the part of the emotionally immature person.

Accepting the fact that one has messed up and needs to give or ask forgiveness is a sign of maturity. Being able to hear what a loved one is telling me about something that I do that bothers them is a sign of maturity. Criticism is not helpful or welcomed. However, if I have a trusted friend or a loved one who I know has my best interest at heart, and they tell me something I could consider changing, then I need to not get all bent out of shape. I need to see it as a growth opportunity. A challenge.

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BMA OF MISSISSIPPI
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Special State Missions Emphasis
April - May 2010

Theme: *A Passion for lost souls -*
 John 4: 34-35, John 20:21

Objective: *Establish new mission points in 2010*

What an example Jesus Christ has given us. While the disciples were busy purchasing food in Sychar, a city of Samaria, Jesus Christ was busy at the city well winning a lost woman unto faith in Himself for salvation. Is it just possible that we busy ourselves so much with pursuits of life's legitimate needs while we find ourselves negligent in the eternal needs of lost souls around us?

We are pleased to share with you that great progress has been realized this past year on our state mission fields and many lost souls have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and this is what it is all about. Property was purchased here in Laurel for Bro. Estuardo Marroquin and the El Camino congregation, and they have moved from Parkview Baptist Church into the facilities that God has provided just a few blocks down from the Missions Complex on Hwy 15. They are filling their seating area and will soon need to remodel to enlarge their seating capacity. We appreciate Parkview Baptist Church sharing their facilities for so long as well as

continuing to be the mother church of El Camino Mission.

We recently purchased property in Ripley, Mississippi, for First Hispanic Baptist Mission of Ripley. As this letter is being written, the Masters Builders and Classic Builders and I are on location in Ripley doing the renovation work needed to prepare the building for use by Bro. Elvis Garcia and First Hispanic Baptist Mission. They are very excited and working long hours, they women preparing providing evening meals while the men help to hang wallboard, they are looking forward to growth in their new facilities.

Bro. Ed Duvall and his mission congregation in Cleveland are patiently waiting for weather conditions to improve so their building can be erected.

Bro. Joseph Oyeleye and Maple Street Baptist Mission in Columbus continue to report souls being saved and finances remaining somewhat stable.

Our newest mission project is New Heart Baptist Mission in south Hattiesburg, located just south of the junction of I-59 and Hwy 11 toward Purvis. Bro. Ray Boone is the missionary pastor of this new congregation which is now averaging about 29 in Sunday morning services with souls being saved.

Special Emphasis

Emphasis time for State Missions is April and May, 2010. We want to share with you that it is imperative that we have a generous response from our churches during this special emphasis period. At this present time, we are operating in the red and it is our prayerful anticipation that special emphasis will go a long way toward pulling us back into the black. We fully understand that the economy is tight and that church budgets are stressed, but we surely do need this extra help at this time.

We express to you our deep gratitude for your regular support and for all you have done for missions in the past. This is our state mission work, and we are in this together. We thank you in advance for your response to this soul winning and church planting ministry of which you are vital part.

Pray for us as we also pray for you. May we all be burdened and blessed to win lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ this year.

Work on First Hispanic Mission at Ripley



Plumbing Work Above and
 Unloading Materials Below



Master Builders and Classic Builders converge on Ripley



Plumlee

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A chance for personal growth. An opportunity I have for the Lord to grow me closer to the person He wants me to be.

An immature person will take it as a personal attack on their self-worth and respond with anger or pouting. I might add a note of caution here. When we do tell someone we love something like this, it is an absolute requirement to do so in love. The Bible says to speak the truth in love.

Some of you need to quit always rescuing your loved one from the mis-

takes and sins they make themselves. This actually has a name. It is called the role of the "enabler". You may not like the behavior this person is doing, but you are helping it to continue because you find an excuse for their behavior. "It's not my son's fault, but his wife's. She is awful." Maybe your son is verbally mean to his wife. But you join him in blaming her. Or maybe you allow your adult child to live with you because they can't hold a job. It isn't because your adult child is lazy and smokes dope. "It is that boss at the plant. Those people down there are horrible." If you are one of those type of people, you need to stop immediately. Allow people to experience the consequences of their own choices. You are actually hurting them to always find an excuse for their behavior.

We should all ask God to help grow us into the mature adults He desires for us to be. The Holy Spirit can help give us victory over our shortcomings. In Romans 8:37 we are more than conquerors because of Jesus. You can conquer whatever ails you in the name of Jesus. Let us examine ourselves.

What areas could we accept responsibility for? What areas of your life should you go to work on, but right now you blame someone else for? We need to stop blaming others for our present condition. Take charge of our own life. Grow. Change. Mature. Life will be sweeter, and our relationships will be neater when we grow up and stop blaming other people or other things for our present condition

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Thanks for Your Support

Below are listed the individuals and churches who supported this ministries Special Emphasis effort in January. You were gracious again this year in your support and we thank each one who gave. Our thanks goes out also to all of you who support this work on a monthly basis with your gifts above the cost of your subscriptions. May the Lord bless each of you for your support.

Don Brown, editor



Don Brown
Editor

2010 Special Emphasis Results

Anonymous	\$50.00
Anonymous	\$500.00
Antioch Baptist Church, Taylorsville	\$150.00
Berean Baptist Church, Soso	\$291.21
Centerville Baptist Church, Mantachie	\$149.00
Charles Thompson, Vancleave	\$50.00
Collins, Don & Linda, Texas	\$100.00
Community Baptist Church, Poplarville	\$16.00
Cypress Creek Baptist Church, Brooklyn	\$50.00
First Baptist Church, Bay Springs	\$547.35
First Baptist Church Of Calhoun, Laurel	\$500.00
Forked Oak Baptist Church, Booneville	\$130.00
Grace Baptist Church, Perkinston	\$15.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel	\$200.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton	\$53.00
Lebanon Baptist Church, Ellisville	\$28.00
Lee's Chapel #2 Baptist Church, Picayune	\$64.80
Liberty Baptist Church, Belzoni	\$150.00
Little Creek Baptist Church, Perkinston	\$90.79
Mantachie First Baptist Church, Mantachie	\$100.00
New Bethany Baptist Church, Seminary	\$54.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Lucedale	\$37.52
Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel	\$120.00
Richard Duncan, Mantachie	\$10.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Ellisville	\$100.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Ethel	\$126.10
Spring Hill Baptist Church, Laurel	\$188.82
Temple Baptist Church, Biloxi	\$20.00
Washington Baptist Church, Neely	\$22.05
Westover Baptist Church, Hattiesburg	\$75.00
Zion Baptist Church, Anguilla	\$600.00
Total	\$4588.64

State Galilean Camp Nears

by Mark Jones

Just a reminder to everyone about our annual State Galilean Camp. It will again be held at Lake Tiak-O'khata in Louisville, Mississippi, on March 26 and 27. Larry Tramel will be our speaker and we will have music and all kind of games and fun. Registration will be from 12:00 to 3:00 and the fun starts at 3:00.

If you are a late, that's OK. We would love to have you and yoru church and invite all to come and be a part of this great event.

If you have any questions please call me at 662-231-1435. We look forward to a blessed camp and a great time in the Lord.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Chad Cummings

Bro. Chad Cummins surrendered to the ministry 2 years ago and was licensed and ordained by his home church, Pine Ridge, in Laurel. He has been a member since early childhood. Chad is 38 years old and he and his wife Christie have two children, Brittany and Dalton. He has been studying, praying, and seeking the Lord's will for his life, and is available for preaching appointments or pastoral service. Chad has taken classes at Southeastern Baptist College. References or more information may be obtained by calling Bro. Joseph Harris at the college (601-426-6346) or by calling Chad directly at 601-580-7037.

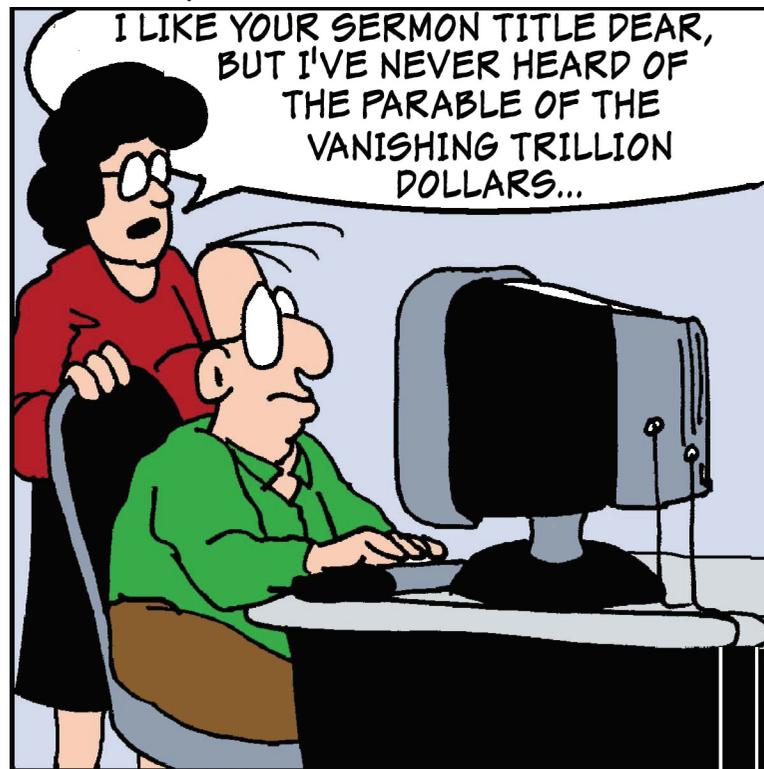
Scott Downes

Bro. Scott Downes is available for pastoral service, revivals and pulpit supply. He may be reached at 601-916-0486 or 601-749-0951.

John Grimes

Bro. John Grimes is available for preaching appointments and/or pulpit supply as the Lord leads. He is 41 years old and he and his wife of 18 years have 4 children - ages 16, 13, 9 and 4. Bro. John and his family are members at Trinity Baptist Church in Florence, Mississippi.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



Ministers Resource Services

RETIREMENT AGENCY OF THE BMA OF AMERICA
RON CHESSER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I was reminded again today through a phone call from someone that God definitely has His hand upon the ministry of MRS. It has been a "God thing" for sure! I give all the praise and glory to our Lord for what He has done in helping our pastors and church staff save money and prepare for their retirement years. If God had not been in it, there is no way we could have "tripled" our BMA Retirement portfolio in just seven years. We rejoiced on March 8, 2010 when we closed the day at 9.4 million in our retirement portfolio. During the first two months of 2010 we have received \$229,000.00 from participants for deposit into their accounts. The retirement portfolio has

grown \$300,000.00 in the first forty-four trading days of this new year.

It is our prayer that we are well on our way to closing this year at over 10 million dollars in the BMA Retirement portfolio. I like numbers because numbers tell "a story" and the story these numbers tell is that folks not only believe in the good things that are happening at MRS with BMA Retirement but they are willing to move their funds from somewhere else to us or open a new account at MRS. With an 8% rate of growth each year for the past seven years in our LTG accounts it sure seems convincing as to why folks are opening new accounts every single week. Our Fixed Income accounts are paying 2.80% this year with no market risk. There is not a better rate to be found out in the market place these days. To God be the glory!! Contact me at rchesser6365@aol.com or 870-774-2654 if you need assistance.

He may be contacted at 601-717-3743 or 601-936-6937. His pastor, Bro. James Brown, may also be reached at 601-209-1502.

Sam McClure

Bro. Sam McClure is available for pulpit service where ever the Lord may lead. He and his wife Amy are 38 years old and have 2 sons, Ford (20) and Luke (16). Bro. Sam and his family live in Agricola, Mississippi, and may be reached at 601-947-9686 (days) or 601-947-9914 (evenings) or 601-508-1053 (cell).

"It is because of the hasty and superficial conversation with God that the sense of sin is so weak and that no motives have power to help you to hate and flee from sin as you should."

-A.W. Tozer



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work

It seems the Lord brought it all together. He knows the work of evangelism and soul winning is dragging in most of our BMA Churches and that means it is dragging in most of us. My pray is that our Senior Adult Conferences is be used of the Lord to restart the fires of evangelism in the lives of our people over the state. Remember the theme for the Conferences is EVANGELISM. In my humble opinion it is either EVANGELIZE and win people to Christ, baptize them, and add them to our churches or we continue to decline in number and in strength. Like it or not, the entire work of the BMA depends on the numerical and financial strength of the local church. You know that I speak of the human element of the work God gives the victory as His people obey His voice and His will.

The word from many in attendance was this was the best

Conference yet. It is amazing what God will do when His people will get out of the way and let God. Revival will come when His people will give up and give it all to Him.

We often think of church members who willfully and consistently miss the services at the church. Some of course have providential hindrances. I think these folks have a deeper problem. Oh, the blessings they miss. When God blesses His people with His presence it is worth more than anything else in the world. You know what Brother Thomas missed when he refused to go to church. (John 20). Baptists by the droves miss the wonderful presence and power of the Lord by missing church. How often do we miss special blessings when we miss other meetings outside our own church?

Welcome New Support

The Commission welcomes

the Rocky Branch Baptist Church to its growing number of supporting churches. Thanks Rocky Branch and Pastor Dale Broom. This church has recently organized an active ministry to their seniors. They say it is going great.

Pray for North Conference

The North Senior Adult Day is May 11. I challenge all our BMA Churches in North Mississippi to pray and work hard for a great day at East Fulton. We had 315 registered at Big Creek. You should have 200 or more at East Fulton. It can happen, and I believe it will happen. Pastor, like it or not, much depends on you and your attitude and promotion for this great day. You should support this effort to spotlight the need for EVANGELISM in your church and all the BMA Churches in North Mississippi.

Greetings

It is always a joy to greet our many friends and those who read the Mississippi Baptist Paper in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. This greeting is special because of the great day the Lord gave us at Big Creek on March 2. Heaven truly came down and touched a packed house at Big Creek Baptist Church. What a blessing to see three hundred fifteen (315) plus precious Christians, some old some young filled with joy and enthusiasm.

From the opening song to the last amen the presence of the Lord was very evident. Brother Leon Carmical started it off with a challenge to our BMA people in

Mississippi to get involved in the work of evangelism while we have the opportunity. Bro. Joey Harris inspired us with his experience of salvation. The Late John Loden was used of the Lord to bring Joey to Christ. Brother Bob Barger, music director at Big Creek Church, continued the worship hour in uplifting music. Brother Kenneth Bobo was at his best as he brought God's Word to us. Mack's fish Camp out did themselves as they provided a bountiful meal. The afternoon brought us the Harper Family and Blue Grass Gospel music that was a thrill indeed. Even the Door Prizes were a delight. Thanks to Brother Brown for the good photography



Bob Barger, music minister at Big Creek Church and the Big Creek Joy Singers



Bro. Vern "conducting"



Above - Bro. Kenneth Bobo encouraging God's people to witness.

Pictured below is the overflow crowd at the 2010 South State Senior Adult conference



Below - Bro. Vern Holifield passing out "Door Prizes"

Above - Bro. Joey Harris giving his personal testimony



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Northeast District WMA Meeting

The Northeast District WMA meeting was hosted by South Green Street Baptist Church on February 9, 2010. We enjoyed a delicious meal of southern fried chicken and baked ham with all the trimmings. Beautiful door prizes were given to those with lucky numbers. Thanks for the lovely gifts!

President Dot Emison called the meeting to order with a warm welcome. Mrs. Lisa Hudson, our National WMA President, thanked the ladies for their prayers and support as she fought breast cancer.

The project for the next quarter is Hannah Dusza who is having some health problems. We ask you to pray for Hannah and her family.

The following program was in memory of Mrs. Mary Christian who recently passed away. Brother Jackie Davis sang "The Secret Place". Brother Wayne Emison sang, "Ask the Blind Man, He Saw It All". Mrs. Dot Emison gave an inspiring devotional about a young boy and John 3:16.

Mrs. Sybil Clark was the featured speaker. She gave a HEART rendering lesson on people of the Bible who had their HEART right with God. She challenged us to improve our own HEART'S attitude toward each other. She closed with these words, Psalm 139:23-24, Search me, O God, and know my HEART. Try me and know my anxious thoughts and see if there be any hurtful ways in me and lead me in thy way everlast-

ing.

Everyone enjoyed the hospitality of South Green Street WMA ladies. Since it was February and the Valentine month, the husbands were invited.

Miss Stacy Smith reminded us the Ladies Retreat would be April 10, 2010 at East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton.

Reported by Betty Moody
Assistant Reporter

Ten Mile WMA report

Theme: Flying High With Christ-Isaiah 40:31

The Ten Mile WMA held its Janauryr meeting at O'Neal Road Baptist Church in Gulfport. After an opening devotional the Ten Mile District Sunbeam and GMA Coronation was the program with the theme "Watch, Jesus is Coming". Each church represented presented their Sunbeams. The 2010 Little Miss Sunbeam is Ashley Simmons and the 2010 Mister Sunbeam is Zachary Simmons.

Nancy Brewer, District GMA Promoter, introduced the participating churches. The 2010 Miss GMA is Theresa Broom and the 2010 Junior Miss GMA is Madison McMillen.

President Louise Crawley reminded us to be an inspiration to others, set an example pray for our missionaries and always remember pray for each other. Several Youth gave their testimony; they were an inspiration to all of us.

Megan Brewer requested a group picture of each WMA group in the Ten Mile District.

The WMA presented a plaque in honor of Cherrie Breland, for serving over thirty years of faithful service as our Secretary/Treasurer. We so appreciate her hard work and dedication.

The WMA ladies voted to start our quarterly meetings at 7:00 p.m., starting immediately.

We enjoyed the fellowship with O'Neal Road Baptist Church. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. at, Paramount Baptist Church on April 12, 2010.

Reporter Maria Ochoa

2010 VSM Ukraine Basketball Mission Team

This year's Volunteer Student Missions Basketball team will travel to the country of Ukraine. The goal for the mission is to lend encouraging support to our BMAA Missionaries, and help with outreach for local church planting efforts.

The team recently met in Magnolia, Arkansas to train, study, and play an exhibition game against the



Front Row l/r: Stan Scroggins, Brooks Ruhman, Pat Anderson - Second Row: Zack Whitiker, Martez Wells, Chris Vines - First Row: Chris Hamilton, Jordan Raggio, Tyler Eggers.

Columbia Christian School basketball team. The team consist of 11 players: Brooks Ruhman a businessman from Conway, Arkansas who will coach the team, Pat Anderson a Sophomore from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas; Zack Whitiker, a junior high school basketball coach in Mont Belvieu, Texas; Martez Wells, a college freshman from Nettleton, Mississippi; Chris Vines a senior at Central Baptist College from Magnolia, Arkansas; Chris Hamilton a senior high school student from Greenbriar, Arkansas; Jordan Raggio a college freshman from Sachse, Texas; Tyler Eggers a college freshman from Wiggins, Mississippi. Leading the team this year is Stan Scroggins, Music and Missions minister at First Baptist Church of Magnolia, Arkansas. Two additional students will join the team in Kiev, Ukraine. These young men became interested after last year's team served in their city while in Russia - Iljya Stelmakhov and Oleg Marmyshev both from Georgisky, Russia.

The students will work under the direct supervision of BMAA missionaries Laura (Marsh) Kanykina and her husband Andrey. Plans are to lead in basketball camps and tournaments, help in an outreach ministry with over 20 teams during a tournament and serve the Ukrainian people through service projects. Gospel presentations through Bible character studies, personal testimonies and object lessons will be given during each game.

VSM teams are sent under the direction of the Baptist Missionary Association of America's national missions department. Students interested in serving in 2011 can make application on the department's website: www.bmaamissions.org.

"We have all been encouraged to feel in the guardianship and guidance of that Almighty Being whose power regulates the destiny of nations, whose blessings have been so conspicuously dispensed to this rising Republic."
[Inaugural Address]

- President James Madison

Myanmar, "The Golden Land"

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prayed and prayed. About four hours later the higher authority let her come home and warned her if she allowed us to worship at her home again, she would be arrested. From that time on, we changed our location every Sunday.

By the end of 2006, we purchased a small 20 x 60-foot piece of land to build a bamboo house for our worship. Before we built on that small piece of land, I decided to go to a new chief local authority. The chief local authority who had surrounded us earlier had resigned and a new chief was there. When we got into his house, he said, "Are you coming for your worship matter?" I answered, "Yes, something like that, but I actually came for your advice on building a house." He said, "You are not allowed to build a church building." I answered, "I am going to build a simple bamboo house, which will not look like a church." Finally, he said, "Go ahead and build it. If you need any help, just let me know." And then we built a simple bamboo house and began to worship there in January 2007. The Lord added 10 new believers to our house church in 2007, and we now have 30 members. As we worship in that bamboo house, unbelievers reported to a local authority many times that we were using that house as church. Local authority, however, became our protectors that year.

I trained my brother and sent him out to another community. He started a new house church there in 2007. We trained our new believers for the work. I now have five trained leaders, and we have been working

with 22 small Bible study groups around the Yangon area. In 2008, local authorities who had been our protectors left and new ones came in. One day, a new local authority came up to me and took me to his office. He warned me not to continue worship services at that bamboo house because if I continued, I could be arrested at any time. But here I am, the Lord has protected me.

In 2009, the Lord opened new doors in the Irrawaddy division which is the next division to Yangon. We have been working with seven villages and 30 people have made their professions of faith in Christ. In that area, there are 20 villages, and we plan to reach all these villages with the Gospel. There are several people who have never heard the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for us.

Several might know my uncle who graduated at BMAT Seminary and became the BMA's first missionary to Myanmar. He has planted 21 house churches. One is in Yangon and the other churches are on the mountain-side of the Paletwa area. He and I are working together in training our leaders. In the Paletwa areas there is a famine because of rats. Rats eat all of their plants, so they don't have food. The BMAA Missions Department has sent relief. Thank you very much for your help.

Thank you so very much for your support and prayers which makes all the work possible that has been done in the country of Myanmar. Thank you, BMAA.

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Give!

*Give, and it shall be given unto you;
good measure, pressed down, and shaken
together, and running over, shall men
give into your bosom. For with the same
measure that ye mete withal it
shall be measured to you again.*

Luke 6:38

GIVE OF YOUR

...Energy
...Talent
...Time
...Funds



A Presentation of Mississippi Moral Action

Dr. John Adams, Director

Editor's Note: Below is a letter that was sent to each Representative at the Mississippi State Capitol. At the request of State Representative Mark Duvall, Dr. John Adams, Director of the Moral Action of Mississippi, has issued a response to the writer. It behooves us as God's people and as Mississippians and United States citizens to fully understand the desires of the followers of Islam as it relates to the security of our nation and to the challenge of our belief system. God is a merciful God, but He is also a just God. He will not be mocked. Let us pray for His will in all things and for those who are so misguided as it relates to man's relationship with his Creator. Let us also pray for those who are vulnerable to the false religion of Islam that they will come to know the one true God of Creation.

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful.

To House Representatives, Mississippi,

We Muslims believe that Islam is the only true religion devised by God Almighty Allah(swt) and that God Almighty Allah is the master of the "Day of Judgment" on which every individual is accountable for his own deeds.

We Muslims believe that if you say "lailaha illallah muhammedur rasulullah" which means "There is no god but Allah and Muhammed is the messenger of Allah" SINCERELY, you are a Muslim and you will go to Jannah (Heaven/Paradise) and live there eternally. This day, the only PROOF which we have is the Quran as the evidence. If you are not a Muslim, your good actions and good deeds are vain.

We Muslims believe that all kafirs (Non-Muslims) are rejecting truth (Islam), hiding truth (Islam) and are UNGRATEFUL to God Almighty Allah (swt), our creator, Lord of the worlds, sustainer and cherisher.

Think about it in COFFEE BREAK!

I humbly invite you to "ACCEPT ISLAM FOR YOUR SALVATION"!

With regards, Javid Kamal

State of Mississippi
House of Representatives
State Representative Mr. Mark Duvall

Dear Mr. Duvall and Representatives of Mississippi,

Greetings! I desire to respond to the email sent to each of you by Javid Kamal, a Muslim, in his Message of Islam.

We, Christians, believe that salvation is in the name of Jesus Christ, God's only Son. The Bible states that in Acts 4:12 "neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Mr. Kamal invites you to think of this drastic change in religion over a coffee break, while Christianity has been the founding force of our nation and our great state over the years, decades, and centuries. The matter of faith in Jehovah God and His Son Jesus Christ is the sustaining force that has moved our nation and beloved state of Mississippi forward in a progressive and stable manner.

The destructive nature of the Islamic religion has been a dividing force on American soil, with attack after attack on American institutions and embassies. These attacks have been in the so-called name of Allah, the god of the Muslim. Islamic terrorism fueled by hatred of the West and Israel, God's people, has led the world to the brink of chaos.

Our Bible declares in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jehovah God's love is so deep that He would give His only Son to die for all mankind and that love by Jesus is a healing and soul redemptive love.

Representative Duvall and our Mississippi House Representatives, our nation of America and our state of Mississippi should be preserved from the evil of becoming an enemy of the Gospel of Christ. I have no doubt that if Islam was introduced into our state and national lives it would lead to the dissolution of our free government and the dissolution of the bonds of our civil and Christian society.

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