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### Ed Stetzer to Speak at Pastor's Conference in Wichita Falls, Texas

Ed Stetzer will be the speaker for the 2011 Pastor's Conference at the Annual meeting of the BMA of America. Stetzer has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches. He has trained pastors and church planters on five continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written dozens of articles and books. Ed is a contributing editor for Christianity Today, a columnist for Outreach Magazine and Catalyst Monthly, serves on the advisory council of Sermon Central and Christianity Today's Building Church Leaders, and is frequently cited or interviewed in news outlets such as USA Today and CNN.

Ed is Visiting Professor of Research and Missiology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Visiting Research Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has taught at fifteen other colleges and seminaries. He also serves on the Church Services Team at the International Mission Board. Ed's primary role is Vice President of Research and Ministry Development for LifeWay Christian Resources.

"I have sinned" (I Samuel 15:24). What a good confession of one seeking repentance and restoration. Many people have used that wording to express their failures and were rewarded with forgiveness. The Prodigal began his plea to his father with the exact terms (Luke 15:21). David responded to Nathan's revelation in the same way (II Samuel 12:13). In addition to the biblical examples, many today need to say, "I have sinned." Parents and children, husbands and wives, owners and workers, pastors and congregations form a partial list of those needing to give this good confession. Also many people need to seek a right relationship with the Lord by admitting their sin.

The good confession was too late to remove the consequences with the people. King Saul admitted that he had "feared the people and obeyed their voice." The leader of the Lord's people must fear Him and obey Him rather than the people. When the majority of the folks are pushing for a direction contrary to the Lord's will, God's man may have to suffer persecution. Paul asked the Galatians a rhetorical

question, "Am I your enemy because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16) [Paraphrase]. He had earlier given the principle that if he tried to please men, he could not be the servant of Christ at the same time

(Galatians 1:10). Saul had undermined his ability to lead Israel by his compromise.

King Saul's confession and request

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## I Have Sinned

### Call for DiscipleWay Trainers

Do you have a heart for discipleship? Has God burdened you to come alongside another man, another woman, another couple and build a relationship that will lead to a deeper walk with the Lord? Has God stirred within you a great interest for DiscipleWay? As this process has developed, have you followed it with interest and experienced an inward tug to want to do more and be more involved?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, we may be looking for you. Tommy and Judy Wallace are beginning the search for trainers for DiscipleWay. They are looking for people who have felt God's guidance and leading in the area of disciple making. They are wanting to establish a core group of trainers that could be used in training the people of the BMA in the process of DiscipleWay.

If you think you might be interested, please email them at wallace@discipleway.com. If you prefer to call, you can reach Tommy at 501-278-6063 or Judy at 501-281-3886. This initial contact will begin the application process to become a trainer of trainers. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

### Daniels Springs 2011 Camp Schedule

Camping season will be here before you know it. You can find the schedule for Daniel Springs Camp at [www.discipleguide.org/camps](http://www.discipleguide.org/camps) along with the prices for the various camps. We have 2 pre-teen camps and 2 teen camps this summer along with the Ark-La-Tex Family Camp that caters to all age groups. We also have several specialty camps for particular groups such as Galileans, GMA's and VSM Boot Camp.

All of the camps will have price increases for this summer because of increased fuel, food, utilities and insurance costs. We still offer a great program for the cost and have some new facilities as well as some remodeled ones.

We are also upgrading our kitchen, replacing roofs on several buildings

and putting an overlay on the main Tabernacle roof. One of the projects we will be trying to finalize in the next couple of years is to make some major improvements on our roads on the campgrounds.

Our Annual Work Retreat this year will be May 9-11. We need carpenters, plumbers and concrete men to help with several different projects as we get ready for camp. We will provide all the meals and materials if you will provide the labor. It is always a great time of fellowship and it has saved the camp several thousand dollars over the last few years.

If you can make this activity, just call the camp at 800-332-2309 and let us know how many men and what area of expertise you can fill so we can plan our work more efficiently.

## South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

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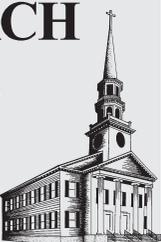
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# CHURCH NEWS



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

### Church to celebrate 100 years

Mt. Olive Baptist Church of House, Mississippi, will be celebrating 100 years of service on May 22, 2011. Bro. Vern Holifield will be the guest speaker. We will have special singing, a Sword Drill contest, former pastors as guests, a history of the past 100 years, a dvd slide presentation of individuals and families who have worshiped at Mt. Olive Church.

Lunch will be served on this special day and we invite all to come and enjoy this special time for our church. For more information contact Pastor Bill Raines at 601-774-7405 or Cheryl Wilkerson at 601-562-6573.

First Oak Grove plans revival  
First Baptist Oak Grove near Hattiesburg will have revival services March 27-30 with Bro. Kenneth Bobo as the evangelist. We will have our regular service times Sunday morning with lunch in the fellowship hall and afternoon service to follow. Monday through Wednesday night we will meet at 7:00 PM.

Greg Bennett, pastor

### Springhill, Laurel host youth revival

Springhill Baptist Church is hosting a youth revival beginning March 20-23. Service times will be March 20 at 10:45am and 1:30 pm and 21-23 7:00 pm nightly. Guest preacher will be Bro. Matt Pittman of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church in Leakesville. All are invited to join us. For more info contact Associate Pastor Rick Clark at 601-335-1886.

### Bethel, Fulton

Several girls attended GMA State Camp on March 11-12 and the Galilean State Camp on March 18-19. A group from Bethel is planning to go to The Ronald McDonald House of Memphis to cook a meal and minister to the families of the

children who take treatments at St. Jude Hospital. "Breaking Grass," a Christian blue grass band will be in concert at Bethel on Sunday evening March 27 at 6:00. You are invited to join us whenever possible. You are always welcome at Bethel.

Pastor Dr. Martin Jameson  
Reporter Martha Duncan

### Temple, Laurel plans revival

Temple Baptist Church in Laurel will be hosting a Spring Revival March 20 - 23. We will have morning services on Sunday, followed by lunch at the church, and then afternoon services. Sunday Night services will be dismissed. Weeknight services will meet at 7:00 P.M. Bro. Dewitt Bain will be the evangelist. Come and join us for a good time in the Lord.

### Lucedale Church to hold Spring Revival

Pastor John T. Grimes and the congregation of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lucedale, Mississippi, would like to invite you to attend their Spring Revival. Guest speaker will be Bro. Bob Burch from Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Laurel.

Revival services will begin Sunday April 3rd and run through Wednesday April 6th. Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00 am followed by lunch and an afternoon service. Week night services will begin at 7:00 pm.

Oak Grove Baptist is located at 14170 Hwy 98 E, Lucedale. For more information you can go to our web site at [www.oakgrovemissionarybaptist.org](http://www.oakgrovemissionarybaptist.org). We hope everyone will attend.

### Tombigbee Report

The Tombigbee Association met on March 10, 2011 with a total of 70 present. A meal was served by the host church. Bro. Blake McCain brought a wonderful message "The Person God Uses" from Judges 6:12. Bro. Elvis Garcia brought a report from their mission in Ripley. Bro. Lavelle Lee gave reports from the Revolving Loan Dept. and State Missions.

Gary Smith - Moderator  
Debbie Franks - Reporter



## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

# Monthly Association Meetin's

In an "Eatin' Meetin'" that I attended recently, Bro. Vern Holifield made the remark that "Time flies when you're having fun." He went further and said "when you get older time flies whether you're having fun or not."

Bro. Glen Shoemake went even further and said that he heard some frogs saying, "Time's fun when you're having flies."

See what you miss when you don't attend the monhly association meetings! They're a time for great fellowship AND it helps individuals stay informed about the business of missions. I got the notion somewhere that we are supposed to have missions on our heart. Correct me if I'm wrong.

## I Have Sinned

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for Samuel to return with Him to worship sounded good (verse twenty-five). In verse thirty Saul repeats the good confession, "I have sinned." What he adds, however, shows his concern was still on being honored in front of the people. Saying the right words does not always indicate a heart which is truly seeking God.

This good confession was too late to remove the consequences with the Lord. Because Saul had rejected the Lord, the prophet revealed that the Lord had rejected him as king. As Samuel turned to leave, he grabbed the hem of the prayer shawl and tore it. The "he" was apparently Saul trying to stop the prophet from leaving when it accidentally was ripped.

Samuel then told Saul that the Kingship of Israel was taken from him and given to his neighbor, David.

Saul began as God's chosen one. He humbly depended on the Lord and was used mightily. Later in pride he crossed the line. The place of service and relationship he once had with God were lost forever. He had disqualified himself from serving as king of Israel.

Because of the great mercy and forbearance of God, the worst sinners have hope today. Deep repentance and a good confession often result sin new opportunities to serve the Lord. He takes weakness and failures and turns them into life messages which redound to His glory.

*From Compass Teacher, Fall 2009  
by Danny Pitts, pastor  
First Baptist Church  
of Shady Grove  
Laurel, Mississippi*

## EIM to receive Shepherd Bags BMAA meeting

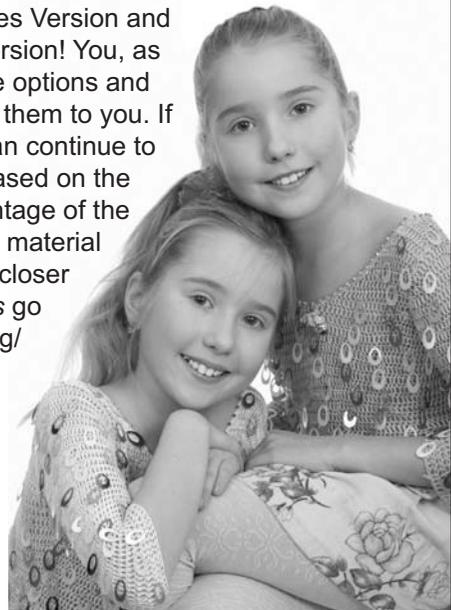
Evangelistic International Ministries will have their trailer at the BMA National Meeting in Wichita Falls, Texas, April 11-13 to be able to transport Shepherd Bags home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 870-226-362 or email me at [fnorris@eimworldwide.org](mailto:fnorris@eimworldwide.org).



## Dual Versions Give You Options



DiscipleGuide is happy to announce that the *Victory Series* children's Bible study curriculum is now available in dual versions – the King James Version and the New International Version! You, as most people, like to have options and DiscipleGuide has given them to you. If your church prefers, it can continue to use the *Victory Series* based on the KJV, or it can take advantage of the option to order the same material based on the NIV. For a closer look at the *Victory Series* go to [www.DiscipleGuide.org/VictorySeries](http://www.DiscipleGuide.org/VictorySeries).



# Southeastern Baptist College

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Dr. Medrick Savell  
President

## Another legal clash over students' rights

**OneNewsNow** - A school district in Pennsylvania is being sued for stopping a fifth-grader from handing out flyers that invited fellow students to a



Christmas party at her church.

The Alliance Defense Fund filed a lawsuit against Pocono Mountain School District officials on behalf of the student who was barred from passing out the church Christmas party invitations during non-instructional time before class. Matt Sharp, litigation staff counsel with ADF, says his client was treated unfairly.

"What's interesting...is that every other student was allowed to hand out birthday party invitations, Halloween party invitations, even Valentine's dance and local community groups -- a basketball league and a bowling club were allowed to have flyers sent home with students as well," he points out.

"So basically everyone else could invite students to their events -- some that you had to pay to attend -- but our client was denied from being able to invite students to this free event at her church."

Sharp maintains the school policy is discriminatory and unconstitutional.

"Hopefully this lawsuit will push the school district to do the right thing and allow her to distribute her flyers and also to change this policy," says the attorney. "And if they're willing to negotiate and reach a settlement to that effect, we're happy to work with them -- but if not, we're going to do everything necessary to protect students' rights."

Sharp says it is frightening that this type of policy seems to be common in a lot of school districts.

of Students. I appreciate those who have responded to that request by contributing finances, labor, and material for that project. Maybe some others will join in that effort. We will give a complete report when the work has been finished.

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

### Congratulations to HEADWAE Honorees

Each year the Mississippi State Legislature sponsors a Higher Education Appreciation Day, working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). February 24, 2011, was set as a day to congratulate and express appreciation to the outstanding faculty member and outstanding student from each school.

Hubert Dyess was selected by the faculty as the outstand-



Hubert Dyess

ing teacher from Southeastern Baptist College and Maria Estes was selected by the faculty as the outstanding stu-



Maria Estes

dent from Southeastern. They attended the appreciation banquet in Jackson on February 24 and received a gift and certificate. We also congratulate them. Bro. Joseph Harris represented the college administration this year.

### Memorial Gifts

A contribution has been sent to the college since the last report to purchase a book for the library in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Hendry. We appreciate those who honor friends and loved ones in this way and pray that God will bless the memory of Mrs. Carolyn Hendry.

### Summer Classes 2011

We plan to offer several classes which will meet in a short term during the month of June.

At this time it seems that Introduction to Sociology and Bible Interpretation will be offered in the mornings.

World Literature I and New Testament Survey will be offered in the afternoons.

College Algebra, New Testament Historical Books, and Prophetic Book (Revelation) will be offered at night.

In addition to those classes, the following courses will be available as on-line classes:

Christian Doctrine I; Minor Prophets; Principle of Counseling; Introduction to Sociology; History of Christianity; Old and New Testament Survey; Bible Geography; Manners and Customs; Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations; and Introduction to Psychology.

Those who are interested in taking any of these classes in the summer should contact the admissions office at the college as soon as possible.

Some of these classes may be taken for Teacher Re-certification credit.

### Update on Remodeling

In my last article, I mentioned (and had pictures) of some work being done in the faculty lounge and another office being prepared for the Dean

## U.S. Supreme Court rejects atheist's appeal to remove God from government

**OneNewsNow** - The nation's highest court announced Monday that it has rejected an appeal by Michael Newdow, a Sacramento man who contested a decision by a federal appeals court to keep "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency. Newdow argued that the statement makes him a carrier of a religious message, and said that it is unconstitutional and an infringement on his religious beliefs.



The California-based Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in October that the nation's motto is a historic statement and should remain on U.S. coins and currency. Jacquie Sullivan of In God We Trust America tells OneNewsNow that she is overjoyed at hearing the court's decision on the issue.

"Michael Newdow is so in the minority," Sullivan said, "and I think people are realizing that he really is just trying to chip away at what makes our country great and what is important to Americans. I could just cry -- I'm so touched by this."

Newdow has fought to remove references to God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sullivan notes that the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court sets a precedent for how the court will likely rule on future challenges to the issue.

## Good Hope Baptist Church to host Gospel Sing

The Tim Greene Trio will be in concert at Good Hope, Columbia on March 24 at 7:00 pm. There is no charge, but a love offering will be taken. For more information contact Pastor Denny Patterson at 601-736-7252.

After spending nearly a decade off the road, recovering from toxic black mold syndrome, Tim Greene, founding member of the popular trio, The Greens, has announced plans to return to Gospel music. During the 1980s, Tim and his brother, Tony, with their sister, Kim, thrilled audiences night after night with hit songs like "There's A Miracle In Me," "Gloryland," "It Sure Sounds Like Angels," and "When I Kneled, The Blood Fell." Many of those songs were written by Tim. Over the years the prolific writer would go on to pen more than 500 songs.



Tim Greene Trio

Throughout the years, the siblings went their separate ways professionally, yet remained close, personally. Health issues plagued both brothers, and after being exposed to toxic black mold, Tim was forced to retire from the road. The condition left him confined to a wheelchair for almost four years. "I had spent my entire adult life serving the Lord," Tim explains, "yet there were many times of questioning God as to what His will would be for my life, why I was being subjected to this life-threatening illness and, of course, why God seemingly would not provide healing for me."

Finally, God began to provide answers for Tim, and the miracle he had been praying for came. Tim began a mission. Wherever the door opened, and the opportunity was presented, he began to travel and share the glorious news of the healing he had experienced.

# Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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## Transformational Church Project

This editor was privileged to attend a training session made available by the BMAA Department of Missions and Bro. Larry Barker recently.

Trainers from Lifeway Ministries presented the program over a period of three days. Over 20 individuals from various states and ministries were present and received this valuable training.

I encourage each of our pastors to purchase and read the book "Transformational Church" by Ed Stetzer and Thom S. Rainer. The book deals with looking inward at the local church and doing those 'transformational' things that will make it a better church and one that is reaching people and making disciples. It is not a new 'program', but a method to help a church achieve its purpose.

As you read on page one of this issue, Ed Stetzer will be the speaker at the annual Pastors Conference at the annual BMA of America in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Attendance at this meeting should be very beneficial to all pastors who are wanting their church to be more like the first church.

I look forward to this meeting.



Don Brown  
Editor



Photo by Dianne Spriggs

## Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



## Book Review

### Cleaver completes book

Dr. Tony Cleaver, a dear friend and contributor to this publication, has published a book which is available as an Ebook on Amazon.com. The book summary is below. Allow me to heartily recommend this book to one and all. Cleaver uses his unique ability to find biblical application to most every event in life. The book is a compilation of articles and observations that he has published through the pages of this publication and others.



Tony Cleaver

As Jesus taught with parables, Tony teaches the reader through the regular events of life. His observations and contacts with students, teachers and ordinary everyday people are used to see the blessings of God, the richness of the life we have in Christ and the need for our service to both our God and to those we come in contact with.

You will laugh, maybe shed a tear or two and develop a deeper appreciation for those who touch our lives on a daily basis as you peek through these windows into Tony's world. They will no doubt help the reader to appreciate his own windowed world.

You need to buy this book. Tony doesn't need the money, but you need the blessing.

Don Brown, editor

### WINDOW to MY WORLD

Yes, stories like "Pickles in His Pocket," "Out of the Fish's Mouth," "Gentile Horse," "Restroom Wall Theology," "Unusual Occupation," "Santa is Watching," and "Tuba in the Attic" all connect in this collection of thirty-five little pieces regarding "Window to My World." Their common bond is the observations surrounding life events. This collection of little stories is the author's attempt to apply Christian relevance to the people, events, situations, or lessons that have come his way.

The author does not claim to be an artist. However, he has drawn very primitive pictures or stick figures to indicate some idea for each story title.

The thirty-five stories are divided into seven parts each beginning with "Window to."

**AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE**

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

ber of First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, but is presently living in the West Point, Mississippi area. He may be reached at 601-408-5237 or through the church at 601-264-9279.

Bro. Bo Walker is available for pulpit supply. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Oak Grove and may be reached at 601-916-1849 or

through the church at 601-264-9279.

#### Larry Pierce

Bro. Larry M. Pierce of Lucedale, Mississippi, is available for service, pulpit supply, view of call or where ever the Lord leads. He may be reached at 601-947-3531.

#### Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick is available for pulpit supply. He can be reached at 228-474-8886 or 228-249-3731.

#### First Oak Grove Available ministers

Bro. Clay Smith is available for pulpit supply. He is a mem-

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#### Church Seeks Pastor

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, is seeking God's leadership in the selection of a new pastor. Any Minister who feels God's direction to apply for this position, should send a resume to "Pastor Search Committee, Skyway Hills Baptist Church, 3790 Highway 80 East, Pearl, MS 39208" or email the information to larry.welborn@comcast.net.



# 5 Things Teens Want From Their Parents

I know you want the very best for your teen children. However, things can go much smoother in the home if we parents learn to exercise some qualities that draw our teens closer to us, rather than push them further away. Obviously, unconditional love and unconditional forgiveness are the cornerstones of how we should respond to our children.

Discipline cannot even be rightly received unless it is under the saturation of unconditional love. Remember however, that loving your teen means that you also discipline them. Loving parents discipline and say "no" sometimes to their teens. They set rules of the home and expect obedience. You are to be the authority in your teens life. They should not run the home. You should. Having said this, here are some things that will greatly impact

your relationship with your teen child.

1) Teens want their parents to trust them. Trust them. They may not automatically be making the same mistakes you did. If they lie to you, or do something that proves you cannot



## Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

trust them, then we have to exercise discipline and start over again with some new rules. But even here, practice forgiveness and let them re-earn the trust. If kids think their parents never trust them, then the relationship crumbles. Don't always think the worst. Be vigilant. Watch for warning signs. Set boundaries. But don't always accuse and assume they are doing wrong. Believe in them. Believe in their ability to do right.

2) Teens want their parents to give them wiggle room. As they mature, you should give them freedom to make choices. This is always done with boundaries and parameters that you set. However, try in many areas of their life to give them a wide circle to operate in and let them make some decisions. Wise decisions equal more freedom. Poor decisions equal restricted freedoms until changes are made. But if you make every decision for them, then they are robots controlled by you, and will not be able to

make functional decisions as adults. This is their training period. Allow some wiggle room. Don't suppress, and smother them with constant unending control.

3) Teens want their parents to listen to them. Communication is the cornerstone of all healthy relationships. If you want a good relationship with your teen, work on communication skills. The one skill that most parents need help in is listening more. Sometimes a wise parent preaches less, and listens more. Even if your teen is dead wrong, let them speak their peace. It has to always be respectful in tone and scope to you, but they should be able to express their true feelings and ideas to you. They won't be so prone to lie or hide from you if they know you are a safe person to talk to.

Safe means they know you won't laugh at them or judge them unfairly. And they may on occasion actually make a good point. It takes a strong leader to admit when someone has come up with a better solution than them. Be flexible. Even if you have to discipline them and they are totally wrong, give them a chance to speak up. Actually listen rather than just pausing. Look at them. Respect your teen as a person. Not an equal. Not an adult. But a person who has feelings, wants, desires, and needs you to help them.

4) Teens want their parents to respect their privacy. No matter how old our kids are, we must always respect them as fellow heirs to the grace of life. You shouldn't name call. You

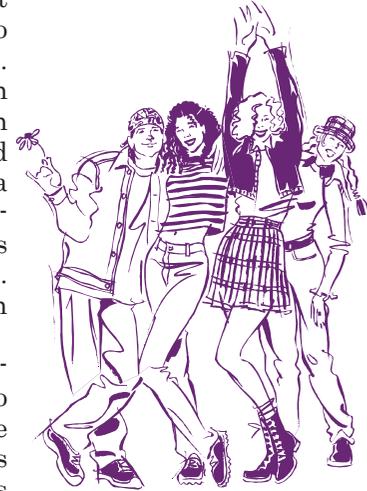
shouldn't belittle. You shouldn't humiliate them in front of others. We must be disciplinarians, authority and set clear guidelines for expected behavior. But you don't have to demean them. You will crush their self-worth which will lead them down a path of self-destruction. Teens are fragile. Handle with care.

One way to respect them is to give them some privacy. I always have total access to my kid's bedrooms. I will never be locked out of any room in my home. But we can still respect them by knocking. We can tell them we are coming in. We can convey trust by not snooping without just cause. And for goodness sakes, respect their right to privacy about their naked bodies. I know you changed their diapers. But those days are over. Don't barge in to the bathroom or bedroom.

5) Teens want their parents to support them. The single great-

est thing that might keep your teen from slipping away totally from you is to have them know that you support them. Even when they sin. You must discipline them, but be sure you demonstrate love and support to them. Support them in their dreams. Their goals. Their time. Believe in them and express that on days when they don't believe in themselves.

Find something to say or do to pick them up when they are down. Not buying a present. But offering a hug and a word of encouragement. Tell them how proud you are of them. Every day, pray for them and verbally find a way to show you always have their back and support them in life. If you love your teens, then prove it! You only have a little time left with them at home. While you still must discipline, guide and be their authority, be sure that your home is where they can go to find love, support and encouragement.



## BMAA Letter of Representation

The information packets for the 2011 meeting of the BMAA in Wichita Falls, Texas, have been mailed. Included in the packet is the BMAA letter of representation form. Please use this printed form to register, or take advantage of the option to submit the online version electronically. You will find the online version at [www.DiscipleGuide.org/BMAAletter](http://www.DiscipleGuide.org/BMAAletter). Send your offering to the address below. The printed registration form and an offering to defray meeting cost and printing/distribution of minutes should be sent to: Recording Secretary BMA of America P.O. Box 17872 North Little Rock, AR 72117-7872

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We greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. In John 20:21, God's word says "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my father's hath sent me, even so send I you." It is encouraging to know that even as Jesus sent those early disciples, he just as surely sent us and we need to be faithful in our missions for our Lord.

The activities in the Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Department are going smoothly during this time of transition. The RLF continues to do well.

We have made an assessment of El Camino's building and determined that we will be able to remodel on the inside and more than double Bro. Estuardo's seating capacity without a lot of cost. We will be asking the Mississippi Classic Builders to assist us in this, but it will have to wait until summer because we have to

deal first with New Heart construction. Bro. Estuardo's attendance remains strong.

Bro. Ray Boone and New Heart Mission continues to do well. I was with him in their morning worship service on March 6. Most of their dirt work is completed and forming for the foundation of their building is presently in progress. They have been slowed some by recent rains. Their attendance remains good, and they are excited about how God is blessing them.

I expect to visit in the services of all our mission points soon. Pray for our upcoming missions conference scheduled for March 17 & 18, 2011 at East Fulton and March 25, 2011 at Vardaman Street in Wiggins, and attend as you can.

By *Dosson L Lee*  
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Manager of RLF

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## Devilish Deceptions of the Antichrist

There is coming to this earth such devilish deception as we have never seen before. Jesus said, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).

If it were possible, Satan would deceive the very children of God! Don't think that your intellect or good intentions will keep you from being deceived. Only the Holy Spirit of God will help you to see clearly in these days in which we live.

Satan is coming and he is going to take command. He will have incredible power and influence. He will be Satan in human flesh, just as Jesus Christ was God in human flesh.

Let me tell you something about the devil – he is not against religion, he uses religion. The temptation in the Garden of Eden was not for Adam and Eve to fall down, it was to fall up. He told them - you can be like God (see Genesis 3). Satan wants worship.

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### Mississippi W.M.A.

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#### Ten Mile WMA Report

The Ten Mile WMA held their meeting at Ten Mile Baptist Church Perkinston, on January 10. The devotional was "Running God's Race" from Hebrews 1. The Ten Mile District GMA/Sunbeam Coronation presented their program, "We are the Light of the World."

Dianna Williams, Sunbeam District Promoter, introduced the following churches - Biloxi Creek, Paramount and Ten Mile. Each church presented their Sunbeams.

Paula Prickett, District GMA Promoter introduced the following churches - O'Neal Road Paramount, and Ten Mile. Each church presented their GMA.

Little Mr. Sunbeam, Jessie Williams will represent us at the Ten Mile District.

President Louise Crawley reminded us this is the year of the Lord, we need Follow Christ. We should not be timid, let God lead our meetings. The Holy Spirit can energize us; let him guide us daily in our lives.

We enjoyed the fellowship with Ten Mile Baptist Church. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, at Vardaman Street Baptist Church, in Wiggins on April 11, 2011.

Reporter Maria Ochoa

## 53rd ANNUAL STATE MISSIONS & EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**South Conference**  
**Vardaman Street Baptist Church**  
**March 25, 2011**

**Text: Acts Chapters 1-4**

9:00AM	Music: Vardaman Street
9:05	Prayer: Bro. A. W. Kirkland
9:10	Welcome, Introduction, Dr. Eugene Anderson Bra. Lavell Lee
9:20	Message 1: Dr. Rayburn Freeman
10:00	Music
10:05	Message 2: Bro. Greg Bennett
10:45	Break
11:05	Music
11:10	Message 3: Bro. Danny Pitts
11:50	Alter call and Benediction
1:15PM	Music and Prayer
1:25	Message 4: Bro. Cedric Luinpldn
2:05	Music
2:10	Missionary: Bro. Boone
2:25	Music
2:30 PM	Messages: Dr. Martin Jamison
3:10	Break
3:25	Music
3:30	Message 6: Dr. Eugene Anderson
4:10	Music
4:15	Missionary: Bro. Marroquin
4:30	Alter call and Benediction
6:00	PM Music and Prayer
6:10	Message 7: Bro. Shane Singleton
6:50	Music
7:00	Message 8: Bro. Howard Rogers
7:40	Alter call and Benediction

## Court OK with 'Be Happy, Not Gay'

**OneNewsNow** - The Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that students in an Illinois high school can wear T-shirts displaying the words "Be Happy, Not Gay."

Two students at Nequa Valley High School in suburban Chicago wanted to express their views on homosexuality in response to the "Day of Silence," an annual event set aside at thousands of public schools to legitimize homosexual behavior. So according to Alliance Defense Fund legal counsel Nate Kellum, the students donned the T-shirts.

"With the basic message [on the shirts] being...that homosexual behavior would not lead to happiness and hopefully [the shirts would lead to] some fruitful discussions," the attorney explains. "But what they were quickly told by the school authorities is that they could not wear those T-shirts -- and in fact, they banned them from wearing these T-shirts."

But the appeals court ruled against the Indian Prairie School District, stating that the school should not have stifled the students' response to the Day of Silence -- which Kellum argues has in fact silenced Christians' voices.

"It has worked to effectively silence them and their viewpoint about homosexual behavior," he states, explaining that the decision establishes a precedent "that in an environment where a school freely allows speech that promotes homosexual behavior, the school cannot crush the opposing viewpoint."

Kellum tells OneNewsNow that while more appeals are possible, he believes the school district is running out of options.



Dr. Philip Attebery

## South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

**Tuesday, March 29**

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# COMPASSION

by Chuck Lee

I have always been a thoughtful person. For example, the other day when my wife came in carrying a load of wood that she had just split for the fireplace, I told her not to worry about getting me a glass of tea because I already had a glass. Besides that, I knew she would rather use that extra time raking the leaves before she came in to get supper ready while washing a load of clothes.

Compassionate might also be a word to describe me. One day I saw a vehicle that had run off the road into a ditch. The elderly lady looked a little dazed as she floundered in the mud on the side of the road. Obviously there was immediate concern on my part for her well-being, so I pulled over to offer my assistance. I told her there was a gas station about a mile down the road where she could

find a phone and even cut a walking stick to help her walk on her sprained ankle. She must have really appreciated my compassion because I could see her waving the walking stick and hollering at me in my rearview mirror as I drove away talking on my cell phone. It surely makes a person feel good to help someone in need.

I have also considered myself to be quite humble down through the years. It takes someone with my movie star looks and rocket scientist brain great effort to maintain this level of humility, but I am up to the task. It is not easy to look at all the lesser beings idolizing me like a rock star and not feel some measure of pride, but again, it is no challenge to someone of my character. Many people hold themselves in high regard with no reason, so you

can see how difficult this task is for me with every reason in the world.

Though not a Greek scholar, as are some of my friends, it has occurred to me as a pastor to teach these wonderful Christian attributes to my congregation. These are things that a child of God should know and practice. I feel too many people are deceiving themselves into believing they are demonstrating Christ-like behavior and the whole world is seeing just the opposite. How sad it is to see someone living one way in their mind while their actions are living quite different! Self-delusion is what it is called. I should know because of my extremely high intellect.

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# CHILDREN'S HOME

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## A Word of Appreciation

I would like to express my appreciation to Bro. Ray Freeman for his faithfulness, leadership, and dedication to the BMA of Mississippi Department of Missions.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Faye and you as your service to the Lord continues.

## Update on Awards

Last month I reported that one of our elementary students was recognized for receiving the Character First Award for his class. Well, this month one of the girls was recognized as the recipient of the Character First Award for her class. Good job students!

## Reflecting on God's Blessings

"Blessed be the Lord God the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things." Psalm 72:18. Isn't it just great to reflect on the blessings God has bestowed upon each of our lives? We are

constantly reminded each day at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home and are aware at all times that every good gift and every perfect gift is from

above and is given to us from our Father in Heaven. Jas. 1:17.

The song "Count Your Blessings" puts it quite well, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

It is good to think of all the blessings God has extended to this ministry and to this we give Him praise and thanks. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalm 107:8.

Continue to remember the Home in your prayers.



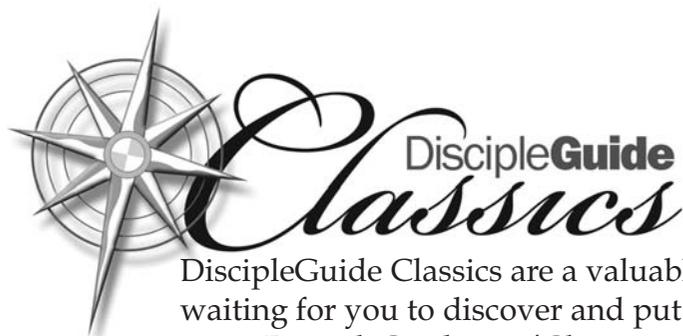
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## Pastor: Obama's actions 'delusional' and tyrannical

OneNewsNow - A conservative black pastor is calling for the church and church leadership to rise up and fight against the Obama administration's decision to no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in court.

Two federal courts have ruled DOMA unconstitutional. That means the ruling will stand in those circuit districts if no one steps up to the plate to defend that law -- and with Barack Obama's decision last week, that means the Justice Department and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder have backed away from the plate.

The move by the White House prompted the leader of a coalition of 34,000 black churches to state that the president "has violated the Christian faith" by failing to uphold Jesus' teach-

ing that marriage is between a man and a woman. Rev. Anthony Evans, head of the National Black Church Initiative, also stated black churches must "reassess their extraordinary support" for Obama.

Dr. Ken Hutcherson, senior pastor of Antioch Bible Church in Kirkland, Washington, tells OneNewsNow that President Obama is not only violating a basic Christian principle, he is flying in the face of the will of the people.

"For him to stand up and say that he's not going to defend the law [DOMA] tells me how much he is overstepping his bounds in the aspects of going against the people's will -- and we've seen that over and over and over again the last two years," says the pastor.

Asked if that could be considered arrogance, Hutcherson responded: "It's past arrogance. I think it's delusional."

The church, counsels Hutcherson, could help bring that attitude to a halt. "Our church is getting so anemic today that there's just no power in it," he laments. "And I think that this is a call for shepherds -- for leaders of the church, for leaders of ministries -- to say that we need to band together again and put a stop to this type of tyranny towards Christian values and views."

Hutcherson urges people to encourage Congress to intervene, which it can do, to provide a legal defense of the Defense of Marriage Act.

*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

*And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

Romans 1:24-7

# 2011 Youth Department *Special Emphasis*

## Help us grow...for the Future



*...The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.*

I want to thank everyone for their gifts of time, prayer, and money to God's ministry of our State Youth Department. It is unfortunate that I cannot come to you as Moses did the Israelite people in Exodus 36:5-7 to say stop giving we have more than enough. Never the less we continue with what we are blessed with to bring the Gospel of the grace of Jesus Christ to the Youth of our state. It is my prayer that all our churches would find this ministry useful and give a monthly donation to help us fund camps and other events that would allow us to share the gospel with as many people as possible. Since March is our Special Emphasis month we would like to ask each church to take a special offering perhaps above and beyond your usual giving. This extra giving will help our budget for events, which will allow us to save your church money on registration fees and plan more events. Our goal for special emphasis this year is \$6,000.

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