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Making Everlasting Smiles

by Angela Rice
Short Term Mission
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BMA Missions

The meaning of "Everlasting Smiles" has taken on a new meaning for me since becoming personally involved with the Short Term Missions department of BMA Missions. I've had



the privilege to work with the Everlasting Smiles Shoebox ministry of Baptist Medical Mis-



sions Inc. (BMMI)

For many years my daughters and I have had the joy of packing shoeboxes to send to our

missionaries around the world. This year I've seen the full impact of "the life of a shoebox" and how each one is used to not only

bless the children that receive them, but to open the door the missionaries to have many new ministry friends.

After you pack your Everlasting Smiles Shoebox, it comes to the BMA Missions Office where teams of volunteers go through each box carefully to make sure that they have the correct items in them. The boxes are sorted and are placed into larger boxes to ship. We have limited space in our office warehouse, so the boxes are kept at a storage facility until shipping time. Shoeboxes are collected until September 1. Each October BMMI rents a large cargo container and ships the shoeboxes to our missionaries around the world.

This year the shoeboxes were sent to the children of El Salvador and Jordan. I visited with our missionary in El Salvador just after he passed out boxes to



children in villages and hospitals all over his country. He reported that many children came to get a shoebox and that they were able to tell them about Jesus and play with them. This opens a door for him to make further relationships with the children and their families.

I've always wondered what it would be like to watch the faces of children who are receiving the gift of a shoebox. In February, I was blessed when God

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Doyle & Linda Moore Changing Fields Philippine Missionary Family Coming Home

by Linda Moore, BMA Missionary to the Philippines

Editor Note: Upon hearing of the change coming to their ministry I ask the Moore's to share with us their plans. They may be becoming 'home', but their work is not done.

Forty-one years ago in April, Doyle and Linda Moore were elected to go to the Philippines to establish a Bible College to train new Christians in Biblical principles, Baptist Doctrine, discipleship training and church planting. Though the whole country has not been won to the Lord, God has opened many doors for

service, and churches or Bible studies have been established in all of the major islands and some of the smaller ones, as well as in many creative access nations. We have graduates serving in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, several parts of China, Japan, Korea, and the Middle East, Russia, Canada and the USA. These are people who have Bible Studies, but do not 'report' on their services, so we really don't know how many there are. We are just grateful that the Lord is using them and they are 'BLOOMING WHERE THEY

ARE PLANTED,' as the old song goes.

God is so good – He has sent two couples to work with the Bible College that are well qualified to serve and help the Bible College grow. Dr. Doug and Diane Lee are well known musicians from Mississippi who have dedicated every vacation for the past almost 30 years to going to a mission field to teach music. God finally opened the door for them to come full-time four years ago and we praise Him for sending them to us. They have settled in like we always knew

they would and are doing an amazing job with the school. Doug is a great administrator, as well as musician. Diane is



Doyle & Linda Moore

teaching English as well as music. What a talented pair they are. Just perfect for what the Lord has called them to do.

This year He sent us Bro.

Stan and Donna Scroggins from Arkansas. Bro. Stan has worked in Mississippi as well and has a degree in Religious Education, with a minor in music. He has a heart for missions. Donna has her degree in Nursing, and is a licensed teacher as well. They have so many jobs to fill that they too, are the perfect couple for the work here. They have felt the call to come here for many years, but God opened their door just last year. Health issues delayed, but they have held fast, kept their eyes on the goal, and arrived in January for full-time mission work with the Bible College. I told both couples that if they had come when they first hoped to come, that they also

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Yasmine Marroquin



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Garcia



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Our Newest State Missionary

The Missionary Committee recently approved Bro. Dale Broom to serve as a BMA of Mississippi State Missionary. Dale and Celia Broom were both born and raised in Columbia MS. They were married April 15, 1981, and have two daughters: Kristin Broom Welborn and Teresa Broom White both living in Laurel, Mississippi. They also have two grandchildren: Noah and Natalie Welborn. Dale was saved and baptized in Gautier, Mississippi, in a state mission church where Bro. Arthur Smith served as missionary. Celia was saved at home on Christmas day and was baptized at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Dale surrendered to the ministry and was ordained in 1998 at Mt. Gilead. He has served as pastor for around eleven years and has served as missionary for the State of Mississippi on two different occasions and currently serving as missionary in Ghana, West Africa with the BMA of America and has been there for about five years. He is scheduled to return in June of



Dale & Celia Broom

2017 and will begin Missionary activity as a State Missionary the first of July.

Special Emphasis - (April-May)

Special Emphasis for State Missions is (April-May). Promotional material was mail to every church. If you did not receive your information, please contact us at the mission's office at 601-428-8616. Our prayer is that we will have the best Special Emphasis yet. I want to encourage our churches to make plans to emphasize State Missions during this time. Our State Missionaries and myself, are available to attend your church and share what God is doing through our missions' efforts. Feel free to contact us at 601-426-8616 to schedule a date.

Ordination at Midway Baptist Mission

On Sunday, 26 February 2017 at First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Midway's mother church, Bro. Tommy Shroads was ordained. Bro. Tommy is the Worship leader at Midway Baptist Mission in Batesville, Bro. Kenneth Pollock, Missionary Pastor, and will also be serving in the role of Associate Pastor.

The ordination service was well attended with 18 ordained deacons and ministers participating. According to the report received from Bro. Pollock, Bro. Shroads proved himself a worthy candidate answering a series of questions pertaining to his beliefs about the Bible, the Church, and other doctrinal issues. Bro. Tommy is the son of the late Thomas Earl Shroads.



Tommy Shroads, next to his dad, the late Thomas Earl Shroads

Asociación Bautista Misionera Hispana Nueva Esperanza

(New Hope Hispanic Baptist Missionary Association)

On Saturday the 11th of March, 110 folks gathered at Lone Oak Baptist Church in West Point for the organization of new association of churches. The New Hope Hispanic Baptist Missionary Association was organized to encourage and facility BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Churches to work together to do the work of missions. The Hispanic churches and missions remain committed to working as a part of the BMA of Mississippi State Association but hope to increase their emphasis on Hispanic mission by creating an



Officers of the BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Association Moderator Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Treasurer Bro. Byron Morales, Clerk Sis Rogelia Regalado

other opportunity to cooperate in carrying out the biblical mandate. The meeting included the election of officers, the seating of messengers, worship, and the planning of their next meeting which will be September 30, 2017 in Meridian, Mississippi. Bro. Estuardo Marroquin was elected to serve as the first Moderator of this Association with Bro. Byron Morales, serving as Treasurer and Ms. Rogelia Regalado serving as the Clerk.



Messengers Present for the Organization



Organization Meeting for Hispanic Association

Missions Report
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Reports for Feb 2017				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Bob Burch (Caledonia)	88	87	\$3,450.00	East Fulton
Bobby Elliott (Burnsville)	40	51	\$2,332.00	Forked Oak
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest County)	42	51	\$5,062.00	Paramount
Danny Bartlett (Clinton)	21	16	\$4,660.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	35	15	\$2,302.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	29	27	\$3,544.00	Campground
Anders Lee (Southaven)	147	119	\$16,503.00	Charity
Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	11	9	\$1,232.00	First Baptist Mantachie
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin - Manager) <i>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</i>				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	115	124	\$5,780.00	
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	32	14	\$990.00	El Camino
Jamie Galicia (Biloxi)	20	4	\$22.00	El Camino
Lucas Gomez (Canton)	3	2		El Camino
(Elvis Garcia - Coordinator) <i>(Elvis Garcia is also the Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</i>				
Way, Truth & Life Byron Morales (Ripley)	85	95	\$4,244.00	
Church Planters				
Humberto Regalado (Tupelo)	33	13	\$1,262.00	Way, Truth & Life
Luis Huchin (Oxford)	43	7	\$1,278.00	Way, Truth & Life
Daniel Polanco (Horn Lake)	n/a	2	n/a	Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall - Coordinator) <i>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</i>				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	34	50	\$3,280.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook (Olive Branch)	19	19	\$2,275.00	Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 205 new contacts, 131 opportunities to share the gospel, and witnessed 18 professions of faiths, and 4 joined by letter in February 2017.				

NOTE: In our last issue we failed to print the copy of these bylaws that represented the change. Below in Section A, number 3, subpoint b. the words of **Mississippi** have been added for clarity. We apologize for this omission.

Correction Bylaw Change Recommendations from Revolving Loan Fund

The following will be presented to the messengers of the BMA of Mississippi when we meet for our midyear meeting in May. They are being published to inform our churches of this recommendation.

Article V – Financial Retirement And Releasing Of Mission Church – Established Church Property

Section A. Mission Properties and Buildings

1. Debt Retirement: The capital indebtedness of the mission church may be discharged through either of or a combination of the following:

- a. Payments made by the local congregation.
- b. Unrestricted payments: Those made in behalf of the mission by a person/s, other church/es or an association/s which do not go through the Mission office.
- c. Restricted payments: Those made in behalf of the mission by person/s, other church/es, or an association/s made through the Mission office.
- d. Suspension payments: Monies/payments suspended by the Revolving Loan Fund.
- e. Forgiven payments: The forgiveness of debt by the Revolving Loan Fund.

2. Title Holding: The Revolving Loan Fund Trustees shall hold the title of any Mission Church property for any financial amount/s of indebtedness due under the following provisions:

- a. Any unpaid accounts with the missions office.
- b. Any unpaid restricted or suspended payments made toward the retirement of the said church's indebtedness of properties, buildings or other capital improvements.
- c. For security reasons.

3. Title Release: The Revolving Loan Fund Trustees of the BMA of Mississippi shall release any mission church property of which the Revolving Loan Fund Trustees of the BMA of Mississippi holds title or joint title providing:

- a. The indebtedness of the said mission church has been paid.
- b. The said mission church from her organization date has contributed to the associational work of the BMA of Mississippi an amount equal to that which was contributed to her debt retirement through restricted and suspended payments. The responsibility of proof of for such contributions lies with the mission church.

Missions Report

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Grace Baptist Mission in Clinton To Begin Construction

We are very close to the start of construction of the building for Grace Baptist Mission in Clinton, Mississippi. Please keep this project in your prayers. We hope to have the building completed by September or October of this year.

Important Events

March 18, Caledonia Organization Service

March 19, Day Star Special Service

April 22, 59th Annual Missions & Evangelism Conference@Caledonia Baptist

June 3, South Forrest Baptist Mission Organization Service*



State Missionaries
1:30-2:00pm Reports
by:



Bob Burch



Phillip Burns



Danny Bartlett



Sidney Farmer



Bobby Elliott



Wesley Martin



Kenneth Pollock



Anders Lee

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59TH ANNUAL MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

April 22, 2017

SPONSORED BY: THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY
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Hosted By: Caledonia Baptist Church
7840 Wolfe Road
(Lunch will be provided)



Music by: Jeff & Rosalind Dixon



Exit off Hwy 82 on Military Road and go North. Turn left on Wolfe Road and continue until you see the sign for Caledonia Baptist Church on your right. 7840 Wolfe Rd

Theme: "Contending for the Faith"

Preaching by:



Larry Geraldson
Director of Missions,
BMA of MS



Dr. Robert Burch
Pastor of Caledonia
Baptist Church



Josh Daniels
Pastor of Shiloh
Baptist Church



Dr. Gary O'Neal
Pastor of Oak Park
Baptist Church



Leon Carmical
Pastor of FBC of
Calhoun



Dr. Grover Laird

10:10am
"Introduction to the
theme" Jude 1-3

10:40am
"Contending For The
Faith: Rejoicing In
Our Woes" 1
Pet 1:1-9

11:30am
"Contending For The
Faith: Relying On
God's Wisdom" 1
Cor 2:1-5

2:15pm
"Contending For The
Faith: Redeeming Our
Weakness" 2
Cor 4:1-11

3:15pm
"Contending For The
Faith: Recalling the
Wickedness" 2
Tim 3:1-17

4:00pm
"Contending
For The Faith:
Praying While
We Work" Eph
6:18

July 29, Freedom Baptist Mission Organization Service

*Note: In the recently letter mailed out as a part of the Special Emphasis promotional material, I inadvertently stated that South Forrest would organize on July 3rd, the correct date is June 3rd. Please make this correction.

Revolving Loan Fund Update

Our RLF Fund continues to be sound with plenty of

money available to loan. Our current rate of interest on loans is 4.25%. We can also loan money to refinance and pay off a loan which your church may have taken with a commercial bank.

Contact Us

You can email us at missions@bmams.org, or call us at 601-428-8616. Visit our website at www.bmams.org. Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bmamsmissions>.

COMMISSION ON *Senior Adults*

4226 Highway 15 North
Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Kenneth Flynt
Director

South Mississippi Senior Conference

Coming soon! Just a few more days and we will all head to Big Creek Baptist Church for the Senior Conference on Tuesday, March 21st. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the program will start at 9:30 am, and what a day it promises to be.

Registration fee is \$15 per person. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day and Macs Fish House of Hattiesburg will cater the noon meal.

The worship hour will lift us heavenward and the singing all day long will be inspiring. So, let's make it a day of praise, worship, singing and good fellowship in the Lord.

Plaques will be awarded to those pastors who have completed 50 years in the ministry, what a blessing!

The Joy Singers of Big Creek Baptist Church and Bro. Danny Holifield, along with local talent, will contribute greatly to the blessings of the day.

Bro. Danny Stevens, long-time Pastor of Mt. Calvary, Picayune and now pastor of Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Dexter, will lift our hearts in worship.

If you haven't already done so, call in the number attending from your church to 601-763-8100, if you fail to do so, come on anyway.

North Conference

The North Mississippi Senior Adult Conference will be held Tuesday, May 9th at Greenwood Baptist Church, Fulton. They are preparing for a great time on the Lord.

Registration fee is \$15, door prizes will be given during the day and the Dorsey Volunteer Fire Department will once again provide the noon meal and what a fantastic job they do. The host church will provide the dessert, always delicious.

Save the date... May 9th for the North Conference!

VBS Ministry in Haiti

by Mike & Ruth Poirier

We just finished our children conference, that's what they call it here in Haiti. On the last day there were 102 children. Lot of mouths to feed! The conference lasted for 4 days from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We have been carrying water everyday for the week (no water where we are) of the conference and the ladies have been cooking all that time 3 meals a day. Yes it costs a lot of money, but we cannot put a price on what happens in the heart of the young ones.



I don't have to tell you that we are drained. Anyway we are still at work preaching and teaching every day, 7 days a week and will be for the next 4 weeks. We will have one wedding in Haiti on the 25 March and 4 baptisms following on the 26.

We have seen God move in a real way and the people are drawn closer to the Lord and serve Him faithfully. We will be receiving visitors from Mississippi every week for the next three weeks who will be involved teaching Bible doctrine to our 12 leaders. We praise the Lord for what he has done so far with the work and we can see his hand in all of it. We thank you for your prayers and sacrifice for the Haitians.

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Letters From Our Readers

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

Guest Opinion

Disney Agenda

This is huge! Disney is at it again. They seem to be in the business of pushing the envelope beyond what most Americans or Baptists can imagine. I remember years ago when Disney began making a few animated movies that had a very explicit sexual content. The American Family Association began a boycott of Disney to get them to move back to more family friendly shows and movies. After a few years, they backed away from the liberal agenda.

There is word the new "Beauty and the Beast" will include a gay storyline – between LeFou and Gaston. "LeFou is somebody who on one day wants to be Gaston and on another day wants to kiss Gaston. He's confused about what he wants," director Bill Condon told Attitude magazine. "It is a nice, exclusively gay moment in a Disney movie,"

Condon added.

In a first for the Disney channel, a Disney XD show subtly displayed several gay kisses in an episode that aired a couple days ago. The "Star vs. Forces of Evil" episode featured a scene at a boy band concert where several people, including same sex couples, kiss on cue with the music. The gender of various other kissing couples in the crowd is not always visible. There have been other Disney shows pushing the pro LGBTQ agenda.

This is the last place parents would expect their children to be confronted with content regarding sexual orientation. Issues of this nature are being introduced too early and too soon, and it is becoming extremely common and unnecessary.

Disney should stick to entertaining instead of pushing an agenda. Conservative families need to urge Disney to avoid mature and controversial topics.

It's time that Christians take a stand against the liberal agenda of Disney. I know parents with small children want to take them to see the new movie. I encourage our pastors and ministers to remind their people that we are fighting

McLain Church Seeks Worship Leader

Midway Missionary Baptist Church, located off of Hwy 98 between McLain and Lucedale, is currently in search of a worship leader and is now accepting resumes and/or recommendations. We would like to have someone who could play a lead musical instrument. We currently have a piano, keyboard, guitar, and drums. Songs include a mixture of traditional hymns and contemporary praise and worship music. If you are interested or know someone who is interested please notify Bro. Johnny Williams via phone or email at 228-234-3121 or brojohnnywilliams@att.net.

Riverside Revival Set

Riverside Baptist Church near Ellisville will hold revival services March 19-22. The services are

Sunday the 19th at 11: 00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. with lunch served at noon. Week night services will be Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Bro. Cliff Jenkins will be bringing the messages. Please pray for us and attend if you can.
Medrick Savell, Pastor

Tiger Creek, Overt

We at Tiger Creek we are excited about all the events that we have planned for this month. We're going to have a crawfish boil April 2, 2017. We will celebrate Easter and remember what Christ did for us on the cross at Calvary. At the end of the month we will host a Spring revival April 23 through April 25. Our speaker will be Bro. Larry Geraldson. Everyone is invited to and worship with us. Until next time may God Bless and keep you!

Reporter: Brenda Overstreet

against principalities of darkness that want to take over the minds of our children. They want to turn hearts from God to their way of thinking.

I am asking parents of small children not to take your children to see the movie. Take the stand against Disney and they will get the message. Call and email Disney stating you will not support their liberal agenda. You can also go to onemillionmoms.com and sign the pledge to not support Disney unless they produce family-friendly entertainment.

Matt Hudson, President
BMA of Mississippi

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Junior Strickland

Bro. Junior Strickland has resigned as pastor of Westhaven Baptist Church in Jackson after almost 15 years. He is available to preach as the Lord leads. He can be reached at 601-624-4208.

Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick available to fill the pulpit. He may be reached at 228-281-6476 or 228-235-2731 or by email at wd40wirick67@gmail.com.

Neal Helton

Bro. Neal Helton is available for service. He is married with two children and a member of Midway Baptist Church near McLain, Mississippi. He may be reached at 601-508-2889.

Steve Kelley

Bro. Steve Kelly is available for service as the Lord leads. He is a member of Red Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Lucedale. He is 49 years old and he and his wife Valerie have been married for 30 years. He previously served as associate pastor at Inspire Church, Hurley. He may be reached at 228-990-3695.

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Interim President's Perspective

Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. (James 4:13-15)

God often calls us to grow in ways that we would prefer not to experience. He wants his children to advance and better themselves, sometimes in the most uncomfortable means, in order to better prepare them for his purposes. When I first entered the Army as a young chaplain, I was perfectly happy with the average military experience. I knew the Lord had called me to the ministry, where the happy median for soldiers was in normal unit formations.

When I was given my first duty assignment orders they were to Fort Bragg, North Carolina! I was shocked that I was being sent to the home of the elite 82nd Airborne division! I broke all protocol and called the assignments officer to protest, after all I had not volunteered to jump out of perfectly good airplanes! That higher ranking chaplain I had called was quite kind in his response and proceeded to explain that there were "leg" units at Fort Bragg (the kind that were average, non-airborne units). And that was where I was being assigned. Boy was that a relief! Who wants to break a leg on purpose... or worse!

About six months into my tour there, the Lord began to "warm me up" to the idea of going airborne. Nearly all the chaplains at that post were jumpers and I was one of only a handful who was not an elite paratrooper chaplain. Then a door of opportunity opened for me at the two year mark. I was provided the privilege to voluntarily go to airborne school. After much prayer, I surrendered my will to God's leading. I still remember my first jump experience. As each jumper in front of me exited the aircraft at 1200 feet off the ground, I took a step closer to the open door. These words were screaming in my mind, "They're crazy! I'm not ready! I'm not

ready! I'm not read....." and out the door I went! What an exhilarating feeling when the parachute properly opened above me and I took in the spectacular view around me including my airplane rapidly flying away with hundreds of parachutes filling the sky!

From that moment onward, my ministry experience in the Army changed. I had innumerable opportunities to minister to the men and women in the airborne and Special Forces communities. God opened the door and I stepped through it in faith. When we are fearful of experiencing a strange unknown path that God is leading us toward, we can trust that he is faithful and will always carry us through our apprehension toward new horizons in ministry. Just like the parachute that always opened for me on 78 jumps, so is



Dr. Scott Carson
Interim President

the Lord faithful to us in supporting our trust in his will for our lives.

Are you hesitant about taking the step toward a deeper understanding of Jesus and His Holy Word? There is no need to fear! God is with you! Call Southeastern Baptist College today and begin your new college adventure whether online or in a classroom. You will be blessed!

Available Scholarships

No joke! \$1000 scholarships! The Arnold Knight Memorial RLF Scholarship is available every semester to Baptist Missionary Association ministers who take classes at Southeastern Baptist College. These funds are administered by the BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund. Our recruiter, Ronnie Kitchens, has all the information you need to sign up for classes and financial aid. Contact Brother Ronnie at 601-426-6346 or rkitchens@southeasternbaptist.edu.

Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. There is a time limit to your VA benefits, so I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them. Use them before it's too late! And remember, the Post 9-11 GI Bill is fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both on-line and in classroom tuition.

An Idea

I encourage every reader of the Mississippi Baptist to seriously consider

Recipients of the Arnold Knight Memorial RLF Scholarship for Spring 2017. The scholarship is designated each semester for qualified BMA of Mississippi ministers.



L-R back ro: Dr. Scott Carson (Interim President); Larry Geraldson (Director, BMA Mississippi Missions); Matt Crumpton (Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso); Jonathan Pittman (Calvary Baptist Church, Purvis) **Front** David Ledlow (Springhill Baptist Church, Ocean Springs)

contributing toward the BMA of Mississippi's premiere school of Biblical knowledge. We were awarded the distinguished Best Online Bible College in the nation for 2016 for a reason! SBC is the best of the best when it comes to educating people in theology and the scriptures! Will you consider setting up a scholarship in your church to help educate and advance leaders in the BMA of Mississippi ministries? Pastors, youth workers, ministers of music, potential missionaries, deacons, Sunday school teachers and more will all benefit greatly in their personal walk with the Lord and better effective in their in their callings. I believe every church in our work should have someone on their church staff taking classes on-line or in our classrooms. I encourage you to seriously consider what an education in the Bible or in Christian leadership can do to advance the Gospel in your "neck of the woods."

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Southeastern Baptist College is partnering with local churches in the Laurel, Mississippi, area to provide a National Day of Prayer Breakfast at the College. The event will feature Mississippi State Senator Chris McDaniel as our special keynote speaker with several local dignities and pastors of various local participating congregations. Breakfast will be provided free of charge by Bethlehem Baptist Church. Reservations are required to ensure there is enough food and seating for those attending. The breakfast begins at 7:30 am on May 4, 2017 and will be located in the school's gymnasium. Later, there will be the annual prayer event on the City of Laurel's courthouse steps at 12 noon. Call 601-426-6346 to secure your free reservation for the prayer breakfast.

In Memoriam Donations

I wish to thank all who have given to SBC in the memory of Brother Danny Pitts. Mrs. Helen Pitts asks for donations in memory of Brother Danny Pitts be sent to Southeastern Baptist College. You can bless your memory of him by supporting the institution and students that Brother Pitts so loved and dedicated his life. Donations given to this institution are always prayed over and wisely applied toward its greatest needs. You can make a donation by mailing your check to the college at: Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Highway 15 North, Laurel MS 39440, or using a credit card online at our website: <http://southeasternbaptist.edu/web/99/SpecialEmphasisDonationPage.aspx>

Available to Preach

Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to make a presentation about the great work and vision of Southeastern Baptist College. You can reach him at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

Daniel Springs Camp Ministry Register For Camp Today!

There's something special that only happens at camp. For over 60 years, Daniel Springs has been the official BMAA camp. Most likely, you know someone who came to Christ in the tabernacle or under a pine tree there.

This summer, give your church's young people a taste of their heritage while helping shape their futures. Improvements are being made every year to facilities and programming. A large staff of energetic



college students will personally minister to your youth through recreation, devotionals, and worship. If you haven't been to Daniel Springs in a few years, you'll be thrilled with the changes.

Registration is open for this summer's camp season. To view a full schedule and description of each camp, including themes and speakers, visit danielspringscamp.com/register or call (903) 685-2433. This year, experience the Daniel Springs Difference.

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GMA Camp Set For March 17-19

Hi all, this is Macey Jones your Mississippi State Junior Miss GMA. Camp is fast approaching, and we all need to be in prayer about the retreat. I am looking forward to the things God has in store for us during the camp weekend. Let's join together the week before camp and pray collectively for the following camp events/participants.

Monday- Let's pray for our camp pastor, Bro. Sidney Farmer. Pray that God will speak to us through him in a mighty way.

Tuesday- Be in prayer for all of our GMA counselors and girls attending the camp. Also, be in prayer for the Galileans' camp that will be going on during the weekend.

Wednesday- Pray for the Queen's Coronation.

Thursday- Pray for our project, Water for Christ. Pray that we will make a significant contribution to the mission work, and that they will be able to continue to bring water and Christ to the people in Ghana, Africa.

Friday - Be in prayer for all the girls and their churches who will be traveling to and from camp over the weekend.

I hope that you have already been praying for the GMA camp weekend. Let's pray that God will be in our midst and that he will help us all to grow and learn more about Him from our experiences at camp. Looking forward to seeing you all at camp!

Doyle & Linda Moore Returning Home

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would be having to retire. God knew they would be needed more NOW than even then. These men and their wives contribute in a great way to why we feel at peace about leaving the Bible College in their capable, dedicated hands.

This brings me to the point of this missive. Having been on the field for 40 years and 6 months, we realize we are at the point where it is time to leave the Philippines and re-



Ministering in the country of Vietnam

turn to the USA. We will continue to help raise funds for the Bible College because the BMA Missions Office is having to cut support here due to the economic situation that has developed over the past few years. Were we to choose to stay on the field, we would have to use the funds being given at the present time to support ourselves and raise even more for the school. Doyle's accident in Mindanao in 1995 broke a lot of bones and makes it painful for him at times. I can't think of a single day in the past 20 years that he has not been in pain, but God has blessed and kept us both going. We are not ready to rest on our laurels. God has

Sunbeam Information

All Sunbeam material is available on the Sunbeam web site (sunbeams-bmaa.net) to download for free. Visuals for each step are available in black and white and in color.

Updates are also available for the Flicker, Ray 1, Ray 2 and Beam 2 steps. Beam 1 and Beacon step updates will be available at a later date.

Sashes and badges can be ordered from me at jaslaminack@cox.net or by phone 870-543-9640. The cost for sashes is \$9.60 each and the cost for a set of badges is \$13.24.

Sunbeam workshops will be taught at GMA Camp at Daniel Springs Encampment in Gary, Texas, June 14 & 15, 2017. We welcome you to attend to learn more about the Sunbeam program and our updates.

Please contact me if you need assistance in any area of teaching Sunbeams. This material is an excellent tool to use to teach boys and girls the Word of God. Please pray for Sunbeam counselors as they teach children and for the salvation of these students.

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more jobs for us to do, I am sure. We just have to step out on faith when the time comes to head to the USA.

Perhaps it is His plan that the experience we have gained in the past 40 years has prepared us to go back to the great mission fields of America. We have always felt that ours was not the only mission field - that each Christian is called to minister to those around him/her, wherever that is. One does not grow old because of age, but because one loses the vision for establishing more goals. Once a goal is met, one has to pray and decide what God would have the next goal to be. It might not be as big as past goals have been, but we

must work toward something or else what are we left here for?

Please pray for us that we will have the energy to do what God would have us do. We are excited to see what He has in store for us. We can be contacted through our e-mail at mooredoyle46@gmail.com or lindafoore1948@gmail.com or Facebook messages. God bless you all.



Missionaries Doug & Diane Lee, Linda & Doyle Moore, Donna & Stan Scroggins

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National WMA To Provide Nursery at Meeting

The WMA will have a nursery for the National WMA meeting in Arlington, Texas in May. Children from birth to 1st grade will be allowed to stay. Everyone must register before April 12. If child is left in nursery they must have their own supplies for a four hour stay. Mat to sleep on, snacks, toys to play with, etc. The workers have been through background check and certified nursery workers.

You must tell the age of your child when you register. This may fill up fast and we will only take a certain number of children. The room will be M6 at the convention center. Please tell your young women so maybe they will be encouraged to attend the meeting. To register email information to Jokenstrong@juno.com.



SENIOR SOURCES

by Becky Ulmer - becky.ulmer@jghms.com

"Save the Soles"

Time for a riddle.... it's the farthest part from your sight and mind unless there is pain. It is used on a daily basis, purely on faith. The tiniest object can cause a rebellion of duty and stop one in his tracks. It warrants, but receives the fewest "looks". What is it? Answer" the sole of the foot.

At a time in our life when there needs to be special attention given to this body part, nature has a way of making this task difficult. The top of the foot and

toes are viewed either with bathing or donning socks/shoes but what about the sole? Do you feel that your foot is getting farther away? Do you suffer from arthritic changes in your spine, hips and knees? How about declining eyesight or loss of protective sensation in the feet? All of these affect a person's ability to check the bottom of his/her feet.



For fifteen years as a second job, I work at a local clinic as a diabetic foot nurse. As in the last article, I shared concern for the "undiagnosed diabetics". Foot problems can be present with or without diabetes.

The best way to evaluate the condi-

tion of the sole of the foot is by direct view. If you are unable to directly inspect this area, is there someone that can do this for you on a frequent and routine basis? A mirror can be used if this person is not available. The area between the toes needs special attention as well. With diabetes and other circulatory conditions, the protective sensation in the plantar surface (soles) of the foot can be impaired or absent. This person can be walking around unaware of a foreign object (tack, pin, glass or nail) in the foot. Unfortunately, the foot may be beyond medical help before the problem is detected.

Make sure your "soul" is safe for entry into eternity with Christ. Once it is secure - devote time and attention to

the "soles" that will carry you to the point of departure from this life into the next with God.

Psalm 119:59 "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies"

James 1:23-35 "For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass"

Consult your healthcare provider to provide a thorough evaluation of your feet. Report problems promptly. Save the "soul", keep the "sole" safe and enjoy the journey.

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Everlasting Smiles

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provided a way for BMA Missions Office Manager Paige West and I to go to Jordan to help deliver the boxes.

The first day in Jordan we had an event at the Zarqa Baptist Church. Many people came. Children flooded in the doors of the church. We had to ask parents to stand at the back and outside as the church filled with children of all ages. The student team from the church led them in songs and worship. They played games and listened to a Bible story. BMA Missionary to Jordan, Pastor Sam Jordan, told us that 98% of the children there were Muslim. I watched in awe as the children listened and participated in the activities. We gave out about 400 shoeboxes that day. As we finished, I

started watching a few children open their boxes and look at the things inside. They didn't take things out, but carefully put the top back on so as to protect the box from someone that might take it. They held them tightly as they left with huge smiles.

The next time that we handed



out boxes, we went into the desert near the Syrian border into a Bedouin community. As we pulled up, the people were waiting in the streets for us. We handed out boxes to many chil-

dren at one camp and continued to the second camp. The children were waiting for us there also.

They took us into a tent. When the tent was opened I was shocked to see that there was a classroom. The children piled in and sat on the floor with their "desk" which was a small step stool. There were charts and worksheets covering the walls of the tent. School started in January for these students. Some of them were 10 years old, but could not write their name. As a former teacher, I was so blessed by this ministry of the church. We gave out shoeboxes at the school and followed the children outside where they were huddled around their boxes. I realized why this ministry was given the name "Everlasting Smiles."

Yes, when they open each present there were huge, happy smiles. But there was much more to this ministry than just smiles. A seed has been planted



in the hearts of these children. The gospel of Christ was given an opportunity to grow in little hearts and minds. Those shoeboxes that cost us very little money, time, and effort were the vehicles for an invaluable gift. They provide an opportunity for each child and their family to come to know Christ. And

THAT'S the Everlasting Smile!!

I want to challenge you...

Pray for those children that received those shoeboxes in El Salvador and Jordan.

Pray that they will remember the people who gave the shoebox to them and that they will seek a relationship with the missionaries.

Pray that they will attend church.

Pray that they are saved.

Make plans to pack an Everlasting Smiles Shoebox! I've already started packing boxes. Will you join me? What a great way to open many doors for our missionaries for just a little time and effort on our part.

For more information on what to pack in your box visit bmamissions.org. Information will be coming to your church soon on how you can get involved. If you have more questions, contact angela@bmamissions.org or 501-455-4977.

A Word from New Missionaries

by Stan & Donna Scroggins

Hello Mississippi, Donna and I are getting very busy with our work here. We absolutely LOVE working with all the Mississippi missionaries: the Moores, Ballards, Freeman's, and Lees. They are all doing great work and we are indebted to them for their care of us during this transition for us. Doug and Diane Lee will be on furlough April, May & June and the Moore's come home in June. Please have them in your churches as we are all desperately raising funds to cover the recent cut

backs and shortages of the Bible College.

We fully understand now what missionaries meant when they always said "your prayers are the most important thing to us". Nothing could be more true. Pray, Pray, Pray. We are headed to Viet Nam & Cambodia to meet up with a BMMI team. Then we start teaching in April as well as visiting new churches every week.

Please go to our web site thescroggins.com and register for our monthly newsletter. From the furthest parts of the earth.



Stan & Donna Scroggins



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

O, Be Careful Little Mouth What You Say

We used to sing this little song with children reminding them to be careful how they used their hands, feet, eyes, mouth, etc. "for the Father up above is looking down in love."

Well, the truth of this was reinforced to my mind recently. I was having Sunday Dinner with a family while sitting on the rim of the woven seat of a dining chair. (These chairs had the right to be worn out since they were over 50 years old.) Suddenly I heard the words coming out of my mouth, "I believe I could recane these chairs."

Now, I'm here to tell you that statement got some action! Before I could finish eating, the owners of the chairs had got on their computer, found cane and ordered it! They also found a site that explained how to cane chair seats.

Today all 8 chairs have been recaned and I am more keenly aware of the truth of "Oh, be careful little mouth what you say."

Student Ministers Benefit From Great Escape

By Jeff Herring, Student Pastor, Oak Park Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas

Who wouldn't love to escape the cold of winter and spend a few days in the sun while also gaining a renewed passion and purpose for ministry?

My wife and I have been attending the Great Escape conference since it began. It is something we look forward to every year. Many would say this is because the conference takes place on a cruise ship, but that is not the primary reason. From the beginning, this conference has been focused on providing an "escape" from the overall pressures and demands of ministry. There is no better place for this to happen than on a cruise ship in the middle of the ocean. My wife and I can truly "unplug" and spend time being renewed in our passion and purpose for ministry. What we look forward to the most every year is connecting with old and new friends that are in ministry and can relate to the challenges and struggles we all face in ministry. The time we are able to spend together during the conference simply encouraging and praying for one another is without a doubt the main reason we look forward to the Great Escape conference every year.

As I listen to the speaker each year, I am always challenged, and God seems to show me just what I need to hear and why he allowed me to attend the Great Escape. Over the years, the subject of the conference has varied from founda-

tional ministry truths to keeping your marriage a priority in the midst of a busy ministry schedule. This year's conference emphasized very practical ways to incorporate family ministry into the culture of the church. Dr. Timothy Paul Jones shared the biblical foundation for the role of families and how the church must come alongside to equip and hold up the family unit as the primary discipler of children. I was challenged to be more intentional in equipping and challenging the parents of our church to take up their God-given role as disciple makers.

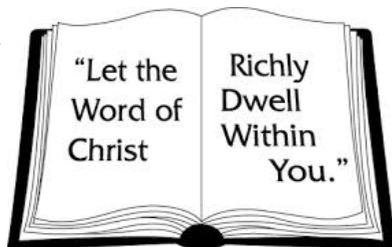
I would encourage any church leader to strongly consider attending the Great Escape conference next year. The balance of "getting away" and solid biblical teaching will provide rest for those weary in ministry, renewal of purpose for those who are feeling inadequate, and relationships with others who can relate to the life of a ministry family. We are thankful for our church that not only allows us to attend but also provides the means to make it possible. Without a doubt, this is one of the best investments our church makes in our ministry, and I would encourage churches to consider not only allowing but also providing the means for their church leaders to attend. Either way, the Great Escape is a great conference for ministry leaders, and I can't wait for next year!

Prisoner's Bible Crusade Report

by Paul Lee, Director

First, I want to ask again for your prayers for this ministry and then my wife Gretchen. She has some health issues also, plus the added work of helping me both in the ministry and in my personal health and then finally pray for me.

To date this year we have given 1,200; -0-NT; 2,200 Scripture Portions (John&Romans); 1,600 Study books; 353 Study Helps; 96 sermons on CD & DVD's. Our Field Representative Chaplain Donald Brown has traveled 1,330 miles representing the PBC. We can use Bibles and study books (new or used) in this ministry, Just remove any names. Used work books with answers to questions is Okay. We are now sending out bilingual scripture portions of John & Romans and also the booklet of "How to Deal With Sin in Daily Life" by Dr. E. H. Henderson. We have six new first time chaplains this year.



Our supporters know that I very seldom ask for extra funds. We take what funds we receive and carry on the ministry with the amount that comes in. I want to ask one more time for any extra offerings that you can give to help with the printing of the bilingual John & Romans Book. If you can help, please mark the offerings as B-LJ&R printing. Prisoners Bible Crusade, P.O. Box 696, Picayune, MS 39466. Phones: Office 601-798-1341; Cell 601-916-2486.

For a presentation of our ministry please contact Chaplain Donald Brown. His contact information is listed here: Donald Brown, 2212 Stonecrypher Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452. Phone 601-508-4199. Email: donaldandlynn7577@gmail.com. Please give Him a call, set up a time that he can come and report in person because as you know by now I cannot travel any more. But, Praise the Lord I can still carry on with computers, phones and letters from the office. If you know of any prison or jail volunteers that need bibles, let me know.

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Director Leads Prayer at State Capitol

Dr. Adams' led in prayer at the Mississippi State Capitol on February 28, 2017 for the Prayer Walk. Pictured left to right are: Mississippi Speaker of the House, Philip Gunn; Dr. Adams, Executive Director of Moral Action of MS; State Representative Randy Boyd, Mantachie, Mississippi; and Speaker pro tempore, Greg Snowden.



Left - Pictured are (left to right) Dr. Adams, Executive Director of Moral Action of Mississippi; State Representative Randy Boyd, Mantachie, Mississippi; and State Senator Chad McMahan, District 6, Guntown, Mississippi

VSM Training Time Held

by Emily Brantley, TEAM Washington Leader

Recently, nearly 100 students and leaders going on 12 different international/national mission trips gathered at Petit Jean Mountain (Arkansas) for World Missions Weekend. The time was divided into team times and lessons on how to prepare our hearts spiritually, how to be respectful of the various cultures we will be encountering, and how to serve and encourage the long-term missionaries in any and every way.

This weekend was vital for teams to learn how to work together, despite differences, to accomplish their goal of encouraging and aiding the missionaries in any and every way possible. Many teams used this time to plan for the activities, such as Vacation Bible Schools, that they had scheduled for their trips. Other teams used their time to really get to know each other and to form bonds and friendships that would enhance their experience on the mission field.

During the course of the weekend we heard from great disciple-makers and missionaries: Bro. Donny Parrish, Dr. John David Smith, Bro. Phil Knott, Bro. Eric Johnson, and Bro. Andy Comer. We were challenged to be global Christians, to seek service and not glory while on the mission field, and to have a heart rooted in the Gospel.

World Missions Weekend is a time of training, fellowshiping, and worship that is indispensable for the students and leaders going on these trips all over the world. Going into a different culture can shock all of us and we must be prepared for those circumstances before they come. This weekend is all about preparing our hearts and minds as we go into these new places and without it, we could not be effective on our trips.

