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Love is the Litmus

by Mark Livingston, pastor
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Believe it or not, one of the most challenging things you will face in the Christian life is love. Your ability to love others over yourself is a litmus test to being a believer. You cannot be a Christian and lack love for your brothers and sisters (see 1 John 4:7-8).

Applying this truth to church life can be eye opening. If love for your Christian brethren is a litmus test for salvation, then what

should we expect from the following examples:

A church where I served years ago had a man in the congregation who refused to forgive another man in the congregation. He would publicly make a spectacle out of not shaking his "enemies" hand each Sunday morning during the welcome time. I once asked him, "Do you think you are being loving?" His reply was that he loved the guy, he just didn't like him. Is that possible?

I remember my first church to serve on staff there was a man who insisted his way was the right way for everything. He dominated business meetings and attempted to manipulate people within the church. His way was the most loving way for everyone. He loved you, until you disagreed with him. He was the first to buy a pastor's dinner, and the first to stab them in the back.

I have seen believers go half way around the world but forget about the other side of

the tracks.

I knew a church member who practically insisted they be recognized at every event the church had. When they were unintentionally overlooked they got offended and stopped coming to church.

In all of the above examples, where is the love? You can know the facts of Christianity, have your name on a roll, and still be lost. I do not care what you profess or what you claim, if you cannot get love down then you may not be born again.

Love is... well go look it up in I Corinthians 13. It is not a feeling. It is not what is done to you. The Bible simply defines love as you giving to others. So, can you keep no record of wrongs with your brothers and sisters? Can you always hope for the best in their actions and attitudes? Will you always trust and always persevere with the people you congregate with?

Love really is the litmus test. Let's strive to truly love one another, forgive one another, and serve one another. It is a great challenge, and we do not see too many churches really doing it, but it is the mark that sets God's church above the world.

-from Keltys First Baptist newsletter

April 21-23 in Waco, Texas President previews 2008 meeting

by David Watkins, President

The national meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of America will be held in Waco, Texas, at the Waco Convention Center, April 21-23.

The evening sessions will be times of worship and praise. The business sessions will be conducted during the day Tuesday and Wednesday.

The theme for the meeting this year is "That the World May Believe." The key verse John 17:21: "That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." It is my prayer that God will use the Baptist Missionary Association of America to reach the world with the Gospel.

Pray for the worship and business sessions. Pray for God's wisdom to rest upon the decisions we make. Pray for personal revival, for insight, for God's perfect guidance and for God's will to be done. The furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord will be the focus of the meeting.

God bless you all. I look forward to seeing you.



David Watkins

Upcoming Events

2008 BMA of Mississippi Senior Adult Conferences

South Conference
March 27, 2008

Big Creek Baptist Church
Soso, Mississippi
9:30 AM

North Conference
May 13, 2008

East Amory Baptist Church
Amory, Mississippi
9:30 AM

Galilean Camp April 11-12, 2008

Lake Tiak-O-Khata
Louisville, Mississippi

BMA of America Annual Meeting April 21-23, 2008

Waco, Texas

BMA of Mississippi Midyear Meeting May 19-20, 2008

Big Creek Baptist Church
Soso, Mississippi
(10 miles west of Laurel on Highway 84 West)

Earth worship' on the rise among evangelical youth

OneNewsNow - Janice Crouse, a senior fellow with Concerned Women for America, says it's disturbing that many young people in evangelical churches are experimenting with the Wiccan religion. Church leaders and Christian parents, she warns, must be ready to counter that growing interest among their youth.

Crouse cites an article in Religion Journal which said youth pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention were worried about large numbers of evangelicals taking part in Wicca, a religion that involves nature worship, stresses moral autonomy, and includes remedies and spells -- beliefs that Crouse points out are distinctly different from orthodox

Christianity, not to mention incompatible with the Bible.

"... Wiccans believe in moral autonomy - [that] 'nobody can tell me what to do.' And I think particularly with young people ... that's a very desirable thing; they don't want the church telling them that there are boundaries, [that] there are things that they can't do," she explains. "Another one is that they don't believe in having authorities beyond human constructs; that we as individuals have the responsibility to shape our own beliefs and there's no evil beyond that."

Crouse, who directs Concerned Women for America's Beverly LaHaye Institute, says the interest in Wicca can be traced to recent



books featuring witchcraft and similar topics.

"Some people think this goes back to the books that were so popular up until recently, and so many of the games and television programs that feature witchcraft and magic and fairy tales that have a dimension to it that if you just pull out some kind of spell you can make anything happen," she says. "This has really become quite entrenched in many of the young people's groups and in evangelicals in particular."

According to Crouse, "earth worship" -- as she describes Wicca -- appeals to people who do not want to be bound by any book of authority or have imposed on them any requirements to be "believers."

Never Be Offended At God

by Rev. Grover Laird

"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." (Matthew 11:6)

While John the Baptist was being held in prison, he seem to become discouraged and confused. We know this because he sent two of his disciples to Jesus and asked, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3 b)

It is hard to imagine John the Baptist asking this question after being used of God in turning multitudes to Christ. (Matthew 3:5,6) But it only proves that Satan can carry a child of God lower than one would imagine.

But Jesus responded to John's message in a positive way and gave him the help he needed. Really, the highest compliment that Jesus ever paid John was made at the time he was surely the lowest. And for some reason he said it after John's disciples had left. It is like Jesus to understand our trials and give us grace to grow in the midst of them.

But John was in a danger zone and Jesus knew it. He could have become offended that the Lord would have permitted him to be in a prison cell, or unable to minister as before. It was surely for this reason that Jesus sent back the message,

"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." (Matthew 11:6)

There is a bright side to this study. God has provided us with some help to escape this danger. It will help us stay free from this sin is to remember that God must approve everything that comes our way, (Matthew 10:29) and that God cannot do wrong. It is true, however, that some things that come our way will not be understood until we awake in His likeness and be in His presence.

While it is true that many do not respond well to the trials of life, some do. When David's great sin brought him almost unbearable suffering, he got on God's side against himself. Listen at him pray: "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judges." (Psalms 51:4)

Surely no one has ever stood up under painful trials better than Job. After losing all of his children and all of his wealth he rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped. Here is what he said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away;

blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21) In addition to all of this, he was later smote "with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." His response to his wife concerning this was, "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" (Job 2:10) Later we hear him say, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him." (Job 13:15)

When the word came to Eli that God would judge his house because of sin, it surely filled his heart with sorrow. Yet this High-Priest and Judge in Israel responded--"...And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good." (I Samuel 3:18)

But all people do not hold up under painful trials like these men of God. When trial come some become offended at God and reflect upon His goodness. Some become offended if someone offers to pray with them in a time of great loss. Some stop attending church and neglect their daily devotions.

Normally becoming offended at what God permits only makes the pain more intense. Yet on the other hand, those who accept their trial as being the will of God and do not become offended at Him, suffer less. Those who have this experience will then realize how true these words of Jesus really were when he said, "And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." (Matthew 11:6)

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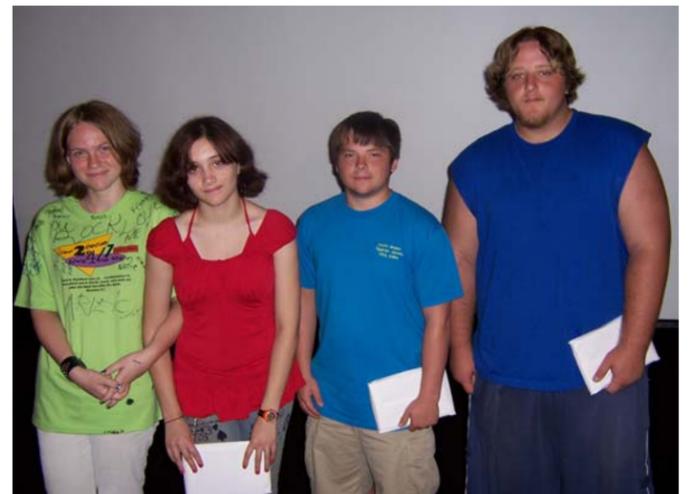
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Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

That's what Jesus' family did in this story (Mk 3.20-21). To the religious leaders of the day, Jesus was sick. They pronounced Him mentally ill. He was running amuck. He was out of control. He had come to the place His behavior had received the unwanted, special, and negative attention of the religious police. They were issuing Jesus warning citations, citations saying that they were going to kill Him (Mk 3.6).

"We have to go get Jesus!" Not only did the religious police want to put Him in an insane asylum, they also wanted to kill Him! So the family rightly responded, "We have to go get Jesus to take charge of Him!"

Sometimes Jesus runs amuck in our world. He still does that, you know. He does not fit into the mold the religious police have permitted by their design. The religious po-

lice tell us that there are certain things Jesus is allowed to do and there are certain things He is not allowed to do in our world. They say, "Anything over and above what we say, and we will kill Him."

Christian people, like the family in the story, want to protect Jesus. In order to protect Jesus in our society and culture, we go to take charge of Jesus. We make excuses for Jesus; we are embarrassed at the churning of the religious police; we need to rein Jesus in a little bit so He does not get the attention of the religious police or get into trouble in public.

The demons had already said (Mk 3.11) Jesus is the Son of God. The Father in heaven had already said publicly (Mk 1.11) "You are my Son whom I love; with You I am well pleased." So we think we are going to take charge of Jesus whom the demons identified and whom the Father in heaven has approved? So we think we are going to take charge of Jesus to protect Him - the One whose power demons acknowledge and on whom God the Father has placed his endorsement, sanction, and adoration?

Jesus does not need our protection! Jesus does not need us to take charge of Him! We need and we need desperately entirely the opposite: we need to beg Jesus to take charge of us!

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Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

60th Anniversary of Southeastern Baptist College

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the beginning of Southeastern Baptist College.

"Historical Sketch

At the 1947 annual session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi, the messengers unanimously approved the establishment of a church owned and operated college. At a special called midyear meeting, a motion was adopted to appoint a subcommittee to draw up a workable resolution to be presented to the messengers at the next annual session.

The resolution of this committee to begin a junior college with a Bible department was adopted by the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi on October 19, 1948. Seven trustees were elected and empowered to select a faculty, devise a curriculum, and find appropriate facilities. The first classes began September 27, 1949, in the educational facilities of Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, with the following officers and faculty: President, D.N. Jackson; Dean, L.T. Simmons; Instructors, O.F. Parker and J.B. Coats."

In looking back through some of the old MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST papers for information on the beginning and early years of the col-

lege, I found an article by Bro. L.T. Simmons, who was at that time editor of the paper, and soon to be the second president of the college. This article, in the January, 1949 edition, seems to be to be an appropriate challenge today as we celebrate this anniversary. At the end of the article he mentions the orphanage, college, and paper. The article is reprinted below.

"Go Forward
Exodus 14:15

I often hear preachers and laymen quote the words of Moses to the children of Israel at the Red Sea: 'Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord.' But it seems that they fail to remember the Lord's reply to Moses: 'And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.' Moses said, Stand still; God said, GO FORWARD. Some think it is a sign of faith to stand still, but it is a sign of fear and doubt. It is a sign of faith to go forward.

It has ever been God's purpose for His people to go forward. When the children of Israel reached the promised land God wanted them to possess it, but they refused to go in and take the land. They wandered in the wilderness and died. It seems that a majority of God's children are favorably impressed with the idea of standing still.

It takes faith to go forward. The children of Israel did not believe

God. It takes courage to go forward. The children of Israel feared the inhabitants of the promised land. It takes love for the cause of God to go forward. The Israelites loved safety and ease of life more than the sufferings and trials in the service of God.

Don't say, O, well, that is in the Old Testament, we are under grace. The New Testament abounds with the fact that it is the mind of God for His people to go forward. Jesus said, "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," (John 5:17).

How the heart of Jesus did ache because the of slothfulness of the Jews. Hear Him weep, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37).

As Christ faced the cross, He said to His little flock, "Arise, let us go hence," (John 14:31). After the resurrection, He met this same little flock and said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," (Matthew 28:19). On that wonderful day when Christ ascended back to the Father, two men in white apparel stood by the little church, left in sorrow, which also said, "Why stand ye?" (Acts 1:11).

Let us go forward with the Missionary Baptist Orphanage; go forward with the Southeastern Baptist College; go forward with our paper, the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST; go forward with all of the Lord's work.

May we hear the call, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" O why stand ye?"

We are in the process of getting together more information on the beginning of the college, which we will use later in this anniversary year. Thank God for all the ways He has used the college and continue to pray for it.

2008 Pastor's Retreat Held at Skyway Hills



Pictured above are some of those attending the 2008 pastor's conference. The conference this year stressed the role of churches in the fulfilling of the Great Commission.

Those speaking were Dr. John Adams, Dr. Medrick Savell, Bro. Leon Carmical and Bro. Don Brown. Other speakers were elected from

those attending.

Music was led by Dr. J.E. Sims, newly elected director of the Baptist Music Fellowship.

The 2009 meeting will once again be held at Skyway Hills Church.

Pastor Billy Huffmaster served as a masterful cook, providing meals to the group of hungry preachers.

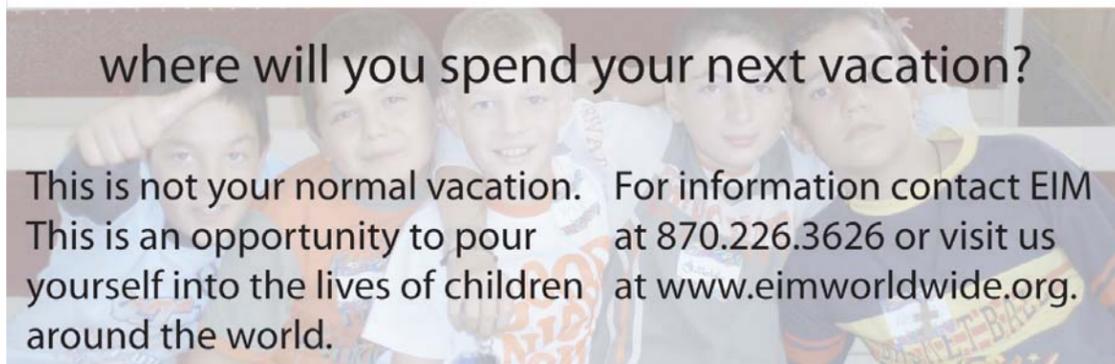
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Your Generosity

The Lord tells us that he loves a cheerful giver and I can tell you that we at the Publications Department love them too!

Below is a list of those who have given to our 2008 Special Emphasis. We appreciate each and every gift and as you can see by the total given to date, our people have been generous.

Please check the amount listed by your church and let us know if it does not agree with your records.

Our finances are always better at this time of the year and this year is no different.

Thanks to each of you who gave. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have touched our hearts and makes this ministry possible.

May God bless you all.

Senior Adult Rally

The South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference will be held at Big Creek Baptist Church on March 27. You will see comments by CAC Director Vern Holifield in his monthly article and also notice the ad on page 5 giving details of the conference. We are looking forward to a good attendance and a good meeting. Be sure to encourage your Senior Adults to attend this meeting.



Don Brown
Editor

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Jake Steele

Jake Steele, 17, is available for preaching appointments. He is a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Fulton, Mississippi and may be contacted at P.O. Box 971, Fulton, MS 38843 or 662.397.5483.

Donald Sims

Donald Sims is available for pulpit supply and pastoral work as the Lord leads. He may be reached by calling 601-528-3295 or 601-528-9215. He and his wife are members at Bethel Baptist Church, Wiggins, Mississippi.

Dale Wyrick

Bro. Dale Wyrick is available for service wherever the Lord may lead. He is a member of Faith Baptist Church, Escatawaw, Mississippi. Bro. Wyrick may be reached at 228-369-1419 or 228-369-8042.

Alan Smith

Bro. Alan Smith is available for pulpit supply or pastoral service wherever the Lord may lead. Bro. Smith is 33 years old and married. He is a member of Fairview Baptist Church, Laurel. He may be reached at 601-422-9641.

Prisoner's Bible Crusade report

I have a desire to expand our support to our BMA people who minister to prisoners behind bars. If you are visiting, teaching, or ministering in any way to people in jails and prisons please let me know. This ministry can help with Bibles and study materials. We do have a volunteer training manual that can help those who have a desire to begin a jail or prison ministry.

Please write to me and let me know who you are, where you are ministering, and what type of ministry God has you doing in His Kingdom's work to precious souls behind bars. Your information will be kept within this ministry with prayers and hopes that our Lord will continue to grow an over all prison ministry among our BMAA people.

Please address information to: Prisoners Bible Crusade P.O. Box 696, Picayune, MS 39466

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



I checked your spelling, corrected your grammar, re-wrote your report, and modified your calendar. Should I stand beside you at the business meeting?"

Veteran Army chaplain: Evangelicals have filled Chaplain Corps ranks

OneNewsNow - The former Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains says despite the political correctness that is pervasive in today's military, the Army Chaplain Corps is dominated by evangelicals.

Dr. James Hutchens retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Brigadier General. On his last duty assignment at the Pentagon, he held the second highest position in the Chaplain Corps - Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Hutchens became a born-again believer as an enlisted paratrooper, and was later the first chaplain wounded in Vietnam. According to Hutchens, today's military is infested with liberals.

"There is a political correctness that is pervasive throughout the military. But the chaplain still has a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel," he points out. "In a combat situation, soldiers are looking for ultimate answers - and chaplains are there to give it and there are more evangelical chaplains today in the military probably than in its history."

And Hutchens explains there is a reason that evangelicals dominant the Chaplain Corps. "... Liberal mainline denominations have not fulfilled their quotas," he notes. "... So in order [for the military] to have chaplains, they've had to go to the best-qualified [candidate], and that has opened the door wide open for evangelicals."



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Temple Baptist Church, Biloxi	\$20.00
Ten Mile Baptist Church, Perkinston	\$22.00
Washington Baptist Church, Neely	\$26.82
Westover Baptist Church, Hattiesburg	\$100.00
Wilderness Baptist Church, Vicksburg	\$200.00
Wolf Creek Baptist Church, Pass Christian	\$121.37
Zion Baptist Church, Anguilla	\$1,000.00
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National Prayer Breakfast February 4-7, 2008

As we traveled, we began to sense God's presence in the beauty of this land of God. God's hand of protection was upon Darla and myself as we traveled 1900 miles through Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Monday, February 5, we mastered the D.C. mass transit "Metro" underground subway. Tuesday, the 5th we were given a grand tour of the White House and Capitol building by Senator Roger Wicker's Staff. Emily and Clark were excellent hostesses. I personally met and spoke with the U.S. House Chaplain Daniel Coughlin. Our invitation to the National Prayer Breakfast was extended by Senator Wicker.

The entire trip was centered around prayer for our nation. We awoke each morning and had special prayer for our national leaders. We prayed that God's Son, Jesus, would still be the Lord over America, that America would be saved, and that our leaders would be dedicated Christians.

Wednesday, the 6th, we changed from our hotel in Arlington, Virginia, to the Washington Hilton at 1919 Connecticut Avenue. This would be the location for the National Prayer Breakfast. On our arrival, I had the delight to meet Mickey Rooney, the long time comedian. He was present for the prayer breakfast. Prayer seminars were held Wednesday, culminating with the six area Congressional din-

ners. We attended the Southeast US Dinner and enjoyed hearing from an astronaut's wife as she shared her faith in God. US Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee was also a speaker.

All week led up to the early Thursday morning National Prayer Breakfast. All 4600 guests were screened and seated by 7:30 a.m. in the ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel. As a representative of First Baptist Church, Mantachie, the 190 churches of the BMA of Mississippi, the CAC Director, and an invited guest of Senator Wicker, Darla and I were encouraged by the new friends we made in Christ.

Seated at our table #56, four rows from the podium, Darla and I had a birds-eye view of the seated hon-

oree. We've never been that close to a President before. Around our table were Senator Roger Wicker, Adams, a business man named Olek from Kiev, Ukraine; a Christian lady Ury, from Virginia, Victoria from London; a lovely older couple from Minneapolis; A young lady from Little Rock and one empty seat. At 7:25, a tall gentleman sat down beside me and asked me if I was a pastor, so undoubtedly, I look like a minister or I'm sick looking, one or the other? The man's name was Michael. He was the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. My, what a born again Christian. A Godly, happy leader born on a farm, and now a leader in Canada. He was a delight to visit with.

Secret Service agents entered the room prior to the President's arrival and asked everyone to remain seated. The applause was joyous once the President and Mrs. Bush entered the podium.

Michael W. Smith began the program by singing "Above All", the two US Senators from Wyoming, Mike Enzi, and Colorado, Ken Salazar, directed the two hour program. Greetings were made with six Heads of States, and one-hundred and fifty one nations represented. The Honorable Carlos Lucero of the Tenth US Court of Appeals led in prayer for our National leaders. Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave a beautiful Christian testimony and read from the holy

scriptures of I Timothy. US Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota led in prayer for all the World leaders and an account of her Christian upbringing.

Mr. Ward Brehm of Los Angeles, a wealthy businessman, stirred our hearts when he shared how God had led him to go to Africa through the leadership of his Pastor. His goal is to eradicate poverty in Africa. He has made over thirty trips there.

To a standing ovation, President Bush gave a testimony of God's grace and personal prayer life, as the Lord has led he and Mrs. Bush through tough days and decisions. He thanked the praying people of America for their prayers. Translations were available in Russian, German, French, Arabic and Chinese. Present at the breakfast was candidate John McCain. I sensed as we sat two tables from Senator McCain that perhaps the President was encouraging Senator McCain to lean heavy on his faith in God. Michael W. Smith concluded the program with "Broken/Amazing Grace." What a blessing. You could have heard a pin drop among over 5000 people. I still get chills when I think about it.

As President and Mrs. Bush exited the room, I felt that God had blessed us with such a Christian leader and that we must pray diligently for future dedicated and true Christians in offices of responsibility.

Our Culture At Risk

Million\$ to pro-homosexual groups bad news for Christians, says activist

OneNewsNow - Pro-family activist Peter LaBarbera warns that a \$65 million endowment given to several groups that promote the homosexual lifestyle will be used in their efforts to "criminalize" Christian opposition to their agenda.

The Pride Foundation of Seattle announced on Sunday that Ric Weiland -- one of the first five people to work at software giant Microsoft -- has left \$19 million of his estate to the homosexual activist group, and an additional \$46 million for the Foundation to distribute to ten other pro-homosexuality groups, including the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Network, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Weiland, who retired in 1988, committed suicide in 2006 at age 53 after a long struggle with depression and homosexuality.

Pointing to Weiland's bequeathal, Peter LaBarbera with the conservative group 'Americans for Truth About Homosexuality' says activists pushing the homosexual lifestyle are more committed to their version of evangelism than most conservative Christians are to speaking the truth in the public square.

"Already the pro-homosexual movement outspends the pro-family movement specifically on the issue of homosexuality by a huge factor, and this

is only going to make it worse," he laments.

LaBarbera says if they are out-funded 50- or 100-to-1, pro-family groups cannot compete in a public policy battle against homosexual activists. "I think it's time for pro-family people who believe that homosexuality should not be celebrated or turned into a civil right in our law ... it's time for some of them to step up to the plate and fund pro-family organizations to deal with this juggernaut that we see coming at us," he urges.

In addition to winning the fund-raising battle, says LaBarbera, the homosexual movement is winning the battle for young hearts and minds as well - which he calls "pretty scary."

"[B]ecause what you're doing is creating a financial incentive for students to publicly declare their homosexuality at a young age," he explains. "And when you throw money in the mix, you're encouraging students to declare their homosexuality; you're promoting homosexuality among young people -- as if they needed it with all the pro-gay messages in our culture. I think it's just a very sad thing."

LaBarbera says homosexual activists are winning the culture war against their opponents not only because they are better funded, but also because they are singularly focused, while pro-family groups are fighting a variety of different issues, including abortion and embryonic stem-cell research.

South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

March 27, 2008

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An ABS Invitation

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the Association of Baptist Students here at The University of Southern Mississippi as well as how I got involved in it. To



Some of those attending ABS at Southern Miss

tell you a little bit about myself, my name is Marty Windham and I have been the faculty/staff advisor here at USM for the past seven years. Prior to that, I was a graduate student for one year and an undergraduate student the previous three years at USM. I am currently in my 10th year working in the

Southern Miss Athletic Department. I grew up attending First Baptist Church in Louin, Mississippi, where I was saved and baptized and I am now a member of First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

I started attending ABS meetings while a student at Jones Junior College from 1992-1994. Bro. Latrelle Windham is my uncle and he invited me to come my freshman year at Jones. When I transferred to USM it was only natural it seemed to continue attending meetings. Since meetings are held every Tuesday during lunch it was a perfect opportunity since no classes are held during this time. If you had class before the meetings it was common for some to show up a little late while at the same time those that had a 1:00 PM class usually left a little early.

The ABS meetings were good for me as a student because it gave me the opportunity to fellowship with other Christian students while at the same time enjoying the lunch that was provided. With a busy schedule most semesters, ABS meetings on Tuesdays were something that I looked forward to each week. There never seemed to be any pressure about being put on the spot or being asked to do something you might feel uncomfortable doing, such as leading in prayer or doing a devotional. It was and still is voluntary so that you do not feel uncomfortable. At each meeting everyone is giving the opportunity to give prayer requests as well as talk about something that might be on their mind or bothering them and ask others to pray for him/her.

For those who are either a senior in high school or thinking about transferring to one of the three colleges where we meet, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us this upcoming fall semester. If you are at one of the three schools where we currently meet I would like to encourage you to join us during the Spring Semester. Even though the semester is nearing the halfway point and may be past at some schools, it is never too late to attend. At the same time I would like to ask you to invite a friend or friends to join us as well as we attempt to spread God's Word to those around us each day.

GodBless
Marty Windham
ABS Faculty/Staff Advisor
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Mongolia, and his family with us on February 3. Our members have been participating in "Fifty Days of Prayer and Giving" and are receiving great blessings from praying for our missionaries on a daily basis. We have also begun practicing for our Easter Cantata which will be presented on Easter Sunday following our Sunrise Service.

Rebecca Busby, Church Clerk

East Central Association report

The ECMBA met February 7 at Fairhope Church, Beaumont.

Bro. Jeff Bass, pastor of Corinth Church in Lucedale, brought the message.

All churches were represented. Bro. J.R. Hartfield, new Pastor of Dykes Chapel, was introduced and welcomed into the Association.

Reports were given by state workers: Bro. Wallace Williams, Divine Grace Church, said God was richly blessing his church, attendance wise. Bro. Vern Holifield, Senior Adult Commission, asked that the Churches support the organization more and he was very appreciative of the support he was receiving. Bro. Paul Lee, Prisoner Bible Crusade, stated they were doing good and he appreciated, very much, the monetary support given by the Association and the individual Churches.

Bro. Randy Clark gave the report on the College. He stated funds were available to help those who wished to attend the Southeastern Baptist College and needed help. They may contact their respective Pastor or the College Board.

Our next meeting will be May 8, at Mulberry Church.

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Mississippi State WMA

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WMA President reports on "project"

We just returned from the National WMA Retreat in Memphis, Tennessee, and it was great! However the best news is that over the course of the retreat, the 61 ladies in attendance contributed over \$1,500 for the National WMA Project. But the good news has not stopped there. When Glenda Tipton arrived home this evening she had more money in the mail. As of this writing, the unofficial total for the project has gone over \$70,000! Did you read that? \$70,000!

Last week I said we only needed \$21,000 to make the \$80,000 goal. We have people praising the Lord from all over. We firmly believe that God is in control of this and that we will raise the \$80,000, if not more, between now and April. Just keep passing the word that this is a great project and that anyone who contributes will receive a blessing.

Thanks,
Janet Widger, National WMA President

South Green WMA

South Green Baptist Church (Tupelo) WMA ladies voted to adopt as their project the National WMA project in sending money for the ambulance in a village in China and also to support the video/conference room at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Jacksonville., TX. All monies from the WMA, the church, and individual members totaled \$775.00 to be sent to these worthy causes.

At the beginning of January, the ladies of our WMA pledged that all our shut-ins, nursing home members, and sick members would be visited by our ladies of the church at least once per month and also to carry each one small, but useful gifts. Those able will be treated to a lunch at their favorite restaurant.

Each week we look forward to the next group of ladies to visit."

Marcelle Bethany, Reporter
Bro. Jack Leslie, Pastor

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.



Parkview, Laurel presents drama

The Parkview Baptist Church drama team will be presenting "The Ram at Dawn" on the evening of March 16 at 5:45 pm. This is a powerful drama illustrating a simple conversation between a soldier and his father the night before the soldier's greatest battle. The drama is part of Parkview's Easter celebration with the presentation being given on Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday, there will be Sunrise Services in the Family Life Center beginning at 7:00 a.m. The morning worship at 10:45 will feature the cantata, "In Christ Alone," presented by the Parkview Baptist Choir under the direction of Mrs. Judy Blackwell.

The family at Parkview Baptist Church would like to invite and encourage 'whosoever will' to come and join us during this time of celebration as we seek to honor our risen Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Oakland, Vicksburg

Greetings from Oakland. Since our last report, we have had five additions by letter to our church family. We have also taken pictures for an updated pictorial directory. We were blessed to have Bro. Tony Crocker, missionary to



ences while serving as missionaries to the Philippines, as well as other information of BMA missions. Following that service, we enjoyed a tasting buffet featuring different food dishes from around the world.

59th Annual BMA of America National Meeting April 21-23, 2008 Waco Convention Center • Waco, Texas

Program

Monday Morning, April 21
Display/Exhibit Set-up (Mon.-Wed.) McLennan Hall
Registration Set-up (Enrollment and Finance Committee)

Monday Evening, April 21
7:00 **First General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music
Opening Prayer
Welcome by President
Introduction of Officers
Introduction of Host Pastors
Concert: First Baptist Church, Magnolia
Sanctuary Choir
President's Message and Introduction of Theme

Tuesday Morning, April 22
7:15-8:15 Ministers Wives' and Widows' Coffee Decordova Room
8:00-8:30 WMA Registration Brazos North
8:30 WMA Brazos North
8:30 Brotherhood Chisholm Hall
10:00 Pastors' and Laymen's Conference Chisholm Hall

Tuesday Afternoon, April 22 (Called Meetings)
1:30 Committee Meetings
Missions Department Huaco Room
Baptist Music Fellowship Bosque Theatre
Lifeword Ranger 1
DiscipleGuide Ranger 2
BMA Seminary Ranger 3
Nominating Committee Ranger 5
Evaluations Texas 1
Ministers Resource Services Texas 2
Moral Action Committee Texas 3

Tuesday Afternoon, April 22
3:00 **Second General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music and Prayer
3:10 Enrollment Committee (Initial Report)
Welcome Petitioning Churches
Seating Their Messengers
3:20 Proposed Changes to the Constitution
3:50 Clerk's Report
4:00 Master's Builders Report
4:10 DiscipleGuide Church Resources Report
4:40 Miscellaneous Business
5:00 Prayer/Adjourn

Tuesday Evening, April 22
7:00 **Third General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music and Prayer
Jacksonville College Choir
Annual Message Dr. Charley Holmes
Alternate Dr. Fiodor Barinuk
Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, April 23
8:30 **Fourth General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music and Prayer
8:45 Nominating Committee Report
9:05 Coordinating Council Report
9:30 Election of Officers
Election of Annual Speaker
10:00 Baptist Music Fellowship Report
10:10 Moral Action Committee Report
10:40 Lifeword Broadcast Ministries Report
11:10 Brotherhood Report
11:20 WMA Report
11:30 Vote on Constitutional Changes
Miscellaneous Business
Prayer/Adjourn

Wednesday Afternoon, April 23
2:00 **Fifth General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music and Prayer
2:15 Final Nominating Committee Report
2:25 Minute and Clerk Hire
2:35 Ministers Resource Services Report
3:05 BMAA Seminary Report
3:35 Revolving Loan Fund Report
3:45 Final Enrollment Committee Report

Wednesday Evening, April 23
7:00 **Sixth General Session** Chisholm Hall
Music and Prayer
Missions Department Report
59th Annual Session Closed
Missionary Commissioning Service
Closing Prayer

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Enrollment Committee Schedule	
Monday	2:00-4:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Tuesday	8:30-9:00 a.m. 2:00-3:00 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 30 minutes after session
Wednesday	8:00-8:30 a.m.

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Greetings

It is good to greet Brothers and Sister in the Lord in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Best wishes from me personally, and from the Commission.

It is praying time

As I write this article I am listening to a Christian radio station. A man is reading prayer request from around the country. I am reminded that people are in trouble everywhere. Prayer is requested for all kinds of problems.

I am reminded how much my family and I need the prayers of our people. As Dot and I pray every day we pray for members of our love ones who are seriously ill. We pray for our children. We pray for friends who are going through various problems.

It is praying time when we see churches going down rather than going up. It is praying time when we see a shortage of preachers who are dedicated to the ministry of the gospel. It is praying time when it seems hard for brethren to have a forgiving spirit.

It is praying time when we see how God is blessing the Missionary work in our BMA Churches and Associations. Prayers of praise and Thanksgiving to God should be made for His blessings.

It is praying time when we see the conditions in our beloved country. This year we will elect a president. It is praying time folks. We need to pray for revival among God's children in this country. This includes God's children in our own BMA

churches, I believe.

Church and Association visits

We enjoyed our visits with the Oak Grove, East Central, and Washington Associations. We also enjoyed our visits with Shady Grove, Tishomingo; Bethel, Bassfield; and Berean, Soso. We welcome the Wilderness Baptist Church, Vicksburg, as they partner with the Commission with regular financial support. Brother Bob Conrad is the good pastor at Wilderness.

Conferences

The South Conference is March 27. The Big Creek Church is the place. We will recognize the preachers that have been preaching fifty years and longer. If you did not receive a form for you to fill in, please call me and I will mail you one. Please hurry, time is running out.

To date we have thirteen preachers in South Mississippi with that distinction. These brethren are urged to attend the Conference and receive that special honor. Please help us have at least 350 in attendance at Big Creek.

The North Conference is May 13. To date we have six preachers in North Mississippi that have been preaching fifty years and longer. These brethren will be recognized at the North Conference. If I added correctly we have 19 preachers and a total of 1,066 years of combined ministry. We will list these preachers after the Conferences.

Church News

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Food and fellowship were enjoyed after the meeting.

Tommy Watts, moderator
David Daw, reporter

Tombigbee Monthly Report

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Tupelo was hosted our January meeting. Sixty-three folks braved the stormy weather. Bro. Wilson reported on Bro. Joseph's work at Columbus. Sister Anita Akers encouraged WMAs or each church to give an offering to the National WMA project.

Dr. John Adams gave a report on the Christian Action Commission. He preached about capital punishment from Leviticus 24:17-21 and Genesis 9:4-6, enlightening about what the Bible says about capital punishment.

The churches of the Tombigbee Association met on February 7, 2008, with Shiloh Baptist Church, Caldonia, for their regular monthly meeting. Bro. Lavon Hayden is pastor.

Bro. And Mrs. Rayburn Freeman were our special guests and Bro. Freeman gave a good report about our mission projects.

Shiloh Trio sang two beautiful songs. Bro. Charles "Chuck" Lee, youth pastor at Shiloh, preached from Matthew 11:19. He encouraged Christians to "Keep on Keeping On."

Bro. Roger Akers, President
Wanda Parmer, Reporter

Heritage, Biloxi has new pastor

Brother Donald Hilbun has been called as pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, in North Biloxi, Mississippi. Since Bro. Don came as pastor many wonderful things are happening. Souls are being saved, our community is being made

aware of our church, and the people have been revived. We are all looking forward to the many wonderful thing God has in store for us. Please keep us in your prayers.

Church to hold Spring Revival

Fairhope Missionary Baptist Church in Beaumont, Mississippi, located in the Arlington Community, will be having her Spring revival beginning March 7-9. The time and guest speakers are as follows: March 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Bro. Harold Floyd, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Bro. Tommy Watts, March 9 at 11:00 p.m. - Bro. A. W. Kirkland

After our Sunday morning service, we will be having lunch and Christian fellowship. We would like to invite you to come and be a part of this time with us. What a great way to spend time with each other than to do it in worship services with your sisters and brothers in Christ.



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Druthers

Sometimes snatches of a song from the past will surface in my head. One snatch that surfaced a few days ago was "two cents, three eggs and a post card is nothing worth bragging about, but one thing for sure and for certain, I'd rather be with than without."

In Southern vernacular that "I'd rather" turns into I'druther. And I often hear myself saying, "If I had my druthers...." But the facts are, we don't usually have our "druthers". We take it as it comes and praise the Lord for everything that comes along.

Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Pros and Cons of Getting Older

Remember when you were a teenager? You could eat like a horse and not look like one. For years you didn't think any thing was going to change in your body. You had beaten the odds. Then, one morning you wake up, and everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt - doesn't even work anymore. You have probably arrived on the other side of the proverbial hill. You might say over the hill.

Well, there are pros and cons of growing older. As I get older, I think one of the pros is watching movies. I can be watching a movie with my son and say, "I think I know what is going to happen next." My son replies, "Well, you should, you have seen this movie before." Sometimes, I do remember seeing parts of the movie. But since I can't remember how it is going to end, I can watch it again and still be entertained. People complain about re-runs. As I get older, there are no re-runs. Ha!

I think the greatest benefit of growing older is wisdom. Even the very simplest of people gain wisdom with time and life's events. People often say, I wish I knew back then what I know now. But if we had that wisdom back when we were young, we would have probably used it with arrogance which would count as nothing before the Lord. Now, as we age, we have hopefully, a certain level of maturity with which to handle the wisdom that comes from living life.

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Rayburn Freeman, Director



Freeman

Ed Duval, Homestretch Mission, Cleveland

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How are you and your families doing? My family and I are doing well and hope the same for you. We are continuing to rejoice in what God is doing here in Cleveland. Bro. Freeman came down at the beginning of the month and we closed the deal on the property. We still need about \$69,000.00 to pay off that debt. I am confident that God is going to provide. I might not know the who, when and how, but I just know that He will. Jesus told Peter "Upon this rock, I will build my church". The foundation that Peter began to lay is the same foundation that HomeStretch is building on today. Jesus said He will do the building. I think Jesus has enough resources to do what He said He would do.

God is continuing to open doors for us here. The work sometimes may seem slow, but it is for sure certain. I was offered an opportunity to do some column writing for our local newspaper. After much prayer, I accepted. The owner of the paper also has a radio station and offered me the opportunity to have my sermons broadcast on their weekly radio station for free. It did not take much prayer for me to answer that.

Doors are opening and the Word is being spread. People are getting saved even though they may not become a part of our church. I thank God often for you because if it were not for you none of this would be remotely possible.

Continue to keep us in your prayers.



Ed Duvall Family

As we grow older, we grow closer to the Lord. This is always a great thing. As we study the Bible, pray over the years, watch the prayers answered and see His power manifested through the trials and trials of life; we grow more into the image of the Son. I thank God that my wife and I both have grown over the years in our spiritual walk. We have gained in our insight from studying the Word over several decades.

Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee



www.travisplumlee.com

This is a very big 'pro' of growing older. Studying the Word of God for thirty years offers real growth that is not available as readily, as to someone who has only had the chance to study it for 10 years.

We are now better equipped to minister to others in the Word of the Lord and offer younger people Godly counsel. This is another pro. Our ministry to the world is so much greater as we get older, and learn and receive wisdom from on high.

Getting older is simply a mile marker on the faith journey. It is not a con. It is not a negative for Christians. We are conforming more to the Son every day of this earthly journey. We are also getting closer to home. As you celebrate another birthday, see it as a mile marker on the highway to heaven. We are getting closer to our freedom and to receive the ultimate gift. We are now closer to our reward of being with Jesus and being in heaven. This is a good thing.

A major con of growing older is that sometimes we cannot do what we used to do for the glory of the Lord. Our physical health starts to decline. However, we must never retire from serving the Lord. He will give us ministry opportunities that take on a different form than the earlier years. When we were young adults, maybe we could take the youth of the church on a mission trip. Perhaps we felt better and could actively participate in Vacation Bible School with the little ones. But if we seek God's will for our life, He will reveal to us new and wonderful ways of serving Him even if our bodies are declining. My father is an example of this. He doesn't get around well anymore. But he and his fellow senior adults at their church have started a mentorship program in the church. He mentors a little 6 year old boy. It is a good thing and a Biblical thing when the older Christians teach the younger ones. This is his ministry now.

Don't despair because you are physically aging. Proverbs 20:29 states that the beauty of old men is the grey head. Regarding what I stated earlier about still having a ministry for the Lord in old age, the Bible states in Psalm 92:14 "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."

Older people should have as a marching order for their life now, the words of wisdom found in Psalm 71:18 "Now also when I am old and grey headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." As we grow older we should desire in our hearts to give strength to the younger generations about how awesome God is in our lives. We should tell them of His power to every one that is to come. That could be your grandchildren. You must leave a legacy of love and holiness to your grandchildren. They won't remember what you bought them for gifts. They will remember what faith in Christ you had, while on this earth. The younger people need to see the power of God in you.

J. C. Penny said, "My eyesight may be growing weaker, but my vision is increasing." I think he means the true vision of what life is all about in Jesus Christ. General Douglas McArthur said, "Growing old wrinkles the skin. Giving up wrinkles the soul." Don't ever give up. Run the race that is set before you and keep the faith. The next time you stand blankly staring into the refrigerator, and you don't know if you were putting something up, or getting something out, take heart. We always have a mission for the Lord. Don't fight that which is inevitable by God's creation. As we get older, we will tire more easily and we will all start sagging. But no matter how much our bodies sag, we can still lift up our eyes unto the Lord.

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...please stand up

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Along with that, he was annoyed to find that the regular church organist did not show up and that a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.



J.E. Sims

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here is a copy of the service", he said impatiently. "But, you will have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more to pay for the repairs. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner", which prompted people to stand up all over the congregation. And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.

All of us have individual experiences, maybe not quite like the humorous story above, that have led us to our service for our Lord. Each of our churches has individuals who lead music, play instruments, sing in the choir, and serve in other capacities in order to provide worship music for our churches. Each of you fulfills a special role of service to God and His Church. I know that God is blessing you for your service.

In January, I mailed a letter to all of our Mississippi churches that contained a cover letter and a Baptist Music Fellowship information sheet. At the time of this writing, nine churches have returned the information sheet. If you have not done so, please fill out the information and send it to me at the address indicated.

So far, one church has donated to help with the expenses of the BMF. Please send your donations made out to the BMF of Mississippi to the address above. Thank: you to First Baptist Church of Mantachie for your donation.

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:2

Luxembourg's legalization of euthanasia could spell trouble for U.S.

OneNewsNow - The global coordinator for the World Congress of Families is shocked over last week's vote to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Luxembourg.

The Luxembourg parliament voted 30-28 to allow what is termed "consensual euthanasia." Supporters are now in the process of establishing guidelines for euthanasia in the tiny European country. But opponents point out the bill allows those with grave and incurable conditions to be euthanized.

Larry Jacobs of the World Congress of Families says parliamentarians have unleashed a lethal measure on those they serve. "It's a voluntary choice with grave or incurable conditions," he explains. "... But [if the condition is] not life-threatening [and] can be something they can have for years -- perhaps even a decade ... basically we're allowing ... suicide."

Jacobs says Christians around the world should be concerned about the developments in Luxembourg, because European culture has a big impact on America. He points out that European law and court decisions are even cited by U.S. judges and in U.S. law. Jacobs says losing the culture war in Europe makes it harder to win the culture war in the U.S.