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Reddin Retires from Lifeword Crawley Nominated as Exec. Dir.

from Lifeword Ministries

George Reddin, 66, has announced his retirement as executive director of Lifeword Broadcast Ministries, Conway, AR, effective April 30, after 31 years with the ministry. He has served as executive director 25 years. He was assistant director under Paul L. Bearfield from October 25, 1979, until January 25, 1986.



George Reddin

Reddin announced his retirement in a letter to the Lifeword Board of Directors on February 14. The Board met Friday, February 25, and unanimously elected Steve Crawley to stand as a nominee as executive director when the Baptist Missionary Association of America meets April 11-13 at Wichita Falls, TX. Crawley currently serves as chief financial and operational officer. He has been with Lifeword six years. He said he has prayed about it and would accept the position if elected by the Association.

Crawley received an immediate endorsement from Reddin.

"The Board chose well," Reddin said. "Brother Steve comes with a proven record of 15 years of money management in the corporate world and leadership in his home church coupled with six years of service at Lifeword. He has earned the respect and support of the entire Lifeword staff."

Reddin was quick to give credit to God for the advancements the ministry has made.

"Even a cursory look at Lifeword

can't miss the hand of God on this ministry. It's been the story from the beginning. All who work here readily admit that human hands could not accomplish what has come to pass here. The assurance of His activity among us honors us and humbles us at the same time," Reddin said.

In the letter to the Board, Reddin explained that he is not ending his ministry but desired to be used of God in a less demanding position.

"I am not retiring from preaching. I am just awaiting a new assignment from the Master. But I feel strongly that I have completed my assignment at Lifeword and need to step aside. I have full confidence that the ministry will flourish and that God has a place for me that He will reveal soon," Reddin said.

Under Reddin's leadership radio outreach has grown from six languages to 34 currently, the ministry name changed from Harvest Gleaner Hour to Lifeword Broadcast Ministries, the Lifeword Foundation was formed to manage endowment funds, the emphasis of the broadcast outreach shifted to evangelism to target unsaved audiences, the ministry headquarters moved into larger facilities in downtown Conway and all outside indebtedness has been paid. The balance of the cost of relocation is owed to the Lifeword Foundation and is scheduled to be repaid in 2013.



Steve Crawley

Freemans Honored at Reception

A Fond Farewell

by Dosson L. Lee

On February 18, 2011 a large crowd of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi folks gathered at the Missions Complex in Laurel to honor Dr. Rayburn and Sister Faye Freeman for their years of faithful service to Jesus Christ through the BMA of Mississippi and BMA of America. In I Corinthians 4:2 God's word says "moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful". Bro. and Sis. Freeman have indeed been found very faithful and will continue to be faithful as they change their area of service to the Lord.

As we Mississippians say, "we put on the big pot and the little pot" for this occasion. A good opening program was enjoyed by all before we stepped up to a well prepared feast. Bro. Lavell Lee welcomed everyone on behalf of the office staff and trustees. Bro. Vern Holifield, a person of honor in the BMA of Mississippi in his own right, and director of the BMA of Mississippi Senior Adult Commission,

brought the opening invocation. Dr. Medrick Savell, the esteemed president of our Southeastern Baptist College, read scripture from Romans 10:8-17 and emphasized verse 15, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring



Bro. & Mrs. Rayborn Freeman at reception

glad tidings of good things." Brothers Ted Freeman, Sam Freeman, and

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March 29 at Big Creek Baptist Church South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference Near

The Annual Senior Adult Conferences are set. the North Conference will be at First Baptist, Mantachie on May 3. The South Conference is set for Tuesday, March 29 at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso. The church is located on Highway 84 10 miles west of Laurel and 15 miles east of Collins.

The program for the day will feature music, preaching, testimony, food, fun, and fellowship.

Dr. Philip Attebery, dean of BMA Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Texas, is the featured speaker. Also on the program will be Bro. Greg Medenwald, pastor of Magnolia Church, Hattiesburg and Dean Thrasher, a member of Hillcrest Church, Yazoo City. Music will be provided by the groups *Stubborn Love* and *Faithful Four*.



Dr. Philip Attebery

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When Jesus Prayed

Mark 1:35-39

35 *And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*

36 *And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.*

37 *And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.*

38 *And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.*

39 *And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.*

When Jesus prayed, things on earth changed. His prayers were different from mine. The apostles realized this (Luke 11:1) and asked Jesus to teach them to pray. We need to emulate the model of Jesus when He prayed:

- He was early in the day (verse 35). The psalmist tells us this in his words of Ps. 5:3: "My voice shalt thou hear in the

morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up". Most of us simply roll out of bed, grab a shower, head off to work and



Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

let the day fall where it may. Jesus asked His Father to order His life for the day by beginning in prayer.

- He was in solitude (verse 35). Being in solitude is different from being isolated and lonely. Solitude simply means privacy and seclusion with God. One must be in company with God in order to pray. I cannot pray to God in conjunction with my iPod, internet, television or any other "and" in my life. I must give exclusive priority to the God of Heaven. Jesus singled out the very Person who could save Him from His own way

(Hebrews 5:7-8). We need this kind of praying in our lives!

- He was sought out by others (verse 36-37). The praying woman, man, boy or girl is sought out by those who want God in their lives. Even with Jeremiah (1:1-3), the wicked people knew Jeremiah was a praying man and they sought him out to speak to God on their behalf. Do you wonder why no one ever asks you to pray for them? Perhaps they know you don't pray.

- He went on a mission of work (verse 38). He went to the villages to share the good news with the residents. He knew where to go because He had prayed for direction. Focus in ministry comes from God and God alone. This comes through time alone with God and nothing else. Is life out of focus? Ask God for your village of work.

- He was energized for His work (verse 39). He drove out the demons, even in the synagogues. He was able to do the work of the Father through the energy of the Father. If my

energy level depends on psychology, methodology or the latest fadology, will have the energy level of those things. If I have the energy level of God, I can do the work of God.

- He saw Heaven opened (Luke 3:21). We all want God to be in our lives. We all say we want a better Christian life. Jesus prayed and the very presence of God was His. We say we want Heaven open to us, yet we don't do the very thing to open it. The obvious action is to do what Jesus did — pray.

- He had the Spirit of God resting on Him (Luke 3:22). There is something winsome about Jesus when He prayed. That engaging, endearing and appealing quality came from His prayers. He was alone with God to find energy for the day. What spirit is on me? Is it the spirit of society, culture or even my own philosophy? When Jesus prayed, the Spirit of God rested on Him. Yes, today I must emulate the life of Christ. Yes, today I must do as Jesus did in His own daily routine. I must pray!

Christian publisher sues televangelist

OneNewsNow - Popular charismatic televangelist Benny Hinn is being sued by a Christian book publisher for allegedly violating a morality clause in their book contract.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, Strang Communications launched the suit this past week claiming that Hinn violated the morality clause when he began an "inappropriate relationship" with another popular charismatic figure, Paula White.

The suit says Hinn was given a \$300,000 advance on the first of a three-book deal with Strang.

It says that last August, Hinn acknowledged the "inappropriate relationship" with White and agreed the publisher should get the money back. However, the suit says Strang has still not received that money.

Last summer, the National Inquirer published photos of Hinn and White going in and out of a hotel in Rome holding hands.

According to the publication, Christian Today, both denied any wrongdoing and said they simply shared a "friendship" and that no "immorality" existed between them.

Hinn has stated that the twice-divorced White has been an encouragement to him after his wife filed for divorce last year.

Which God Hath Before Ordained

by Joseph Harris

Harris is pastor of Central Baptist Church, Ellisville, Mississippi and Vice-president of Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, Mississippi.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

The truth in this scripture is a sustaining truth that empowers the true believer in Christ. It is a reminder that God does not make mistakes, is never caught short and prepares His children ahead of time for whatever may come their way. To grasp the truth that God is at work in your life, molding, opening doors, shutting doors and forming His creation to fit His plan, is to be prepared to accept His will and calling and endure throughout each passing day. Each trial and blessing has a teaching and a lesson and we will do well to recognize and embrace each event, in anticipation of being more fully formed into the image of Christ. Having a full awareness of the

implications of each event in life is not necessary for the believer. God requires our faith and acceptance, believing that He will work all things together for His Good. As examples, notice some of the following great individuals who were prepared for great service ahead of time by God.

Abraham

Obviously Abraham was wealthy before leaving his homeland. God had blessed him with the material prosperity of many flocks and herds and servants. These resources, provided by God ahead of time, made possible their survival in the long journey to Canaan.

Before God ever called Abram to leave his homeland, he had already issued the call to Terah, his father. When the call came to Abram, he was already in the process of going to a new land. This "jumpstart" was an early preparation designed by the sovereignty of God.

Likewise the failures of Abram also prepared him in leadership. Though he was

supposed to leave his family behind, he took Lot with him. This failure was later a reminder of the importance of aligning with God and His will and purpose.

Other failures also taught Abraham to not rely upon his own strength and wisdom, but to trust and follow God. The failure of not consulting with God before going into Egypt had disastrous results. Likewise, listening to his wife Sarah and using Hagar to produce an heir was a lesson to trust God completely and resist the temptation to "help" Him out.

Moses

Of the events leading up to the preparation of the leadership of Moses, the first event was the influence by a Godly mother. Since the Hebrews nursed their children to age 2 and sometimes three, his mother, as the hired nurse, surely had some Godly influence on him. Also, when challenging Pharaoh, his education in the royal household of Egypt would have benefited

him as well as his thorough knowledge of Egyptian culture. The burning bush was probably his most defining experience, since his life was never the same after this encounter with God. He learned about the character and eternal nature of God as he began to gain understanding about the great I AM.

Concerning some of his methods, in leading Israel to freedom, Moses challenged the people to take responsibility and prepare to leave Egypt, not just talk about it, and in doing so, he challenged the status quo. He also endured by persevering in patience through the judgment of the plagues, waiting on God to do that which only He could do; move upon Pharaoh to release the people. He also reinforced God's deliverance of freedom from bondage by establishing the Passover as a memorial and educational means of future instruction to remind Israel to keep their focus on God as the one who delivers.

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Judgement Day

The time was the 19th of May, 1780. The place was Hartford, Connecticut. The day has gone down in New England history as a terrible foretaste of Judgment Day. For at noon the skies turned from blue to gray and by mid-afternoon had blackened over so densely that, in that religious age, men fell on their knees and begged a final blessing before the end came. The Connecticut House of Representatives was in session. And as some men fell down and others clamored for an immediate adjournment, the Speaker of the House, one Colonel Davenport, came to his feet. He silenced them and said these words: "The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles may be brought."

The Truth About Skunk Spray

by Charles Lee, pastor
Pine Grove Baptist Church
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As happens in most people's lives, there comes a moment when someone says something in a fact that is simply hearsay. Johnny may have heard it from Sue who heard it from Tim who read it in a magazine that displays alien heads in their main topic of interest.. Wherever it came from, the "truth" that is, it will inevitably wind up costing you a lot of money, an arm, a bad headache, or a night sleeping outside under the stars.

One such instance of folklore came my way several years ago, shortly after I became Mr. Blinda Haden, or she became Mrs. Charles Lee. It was all a

blur and things were kind of confusing at the time. Anyway, my recently acquired brother-in-law had taken up trapping as a hobby. He was pretty adept at this sport and therefore was doing pretty well at it when one day he had to go out of town for some sort of business. I was left with the duty of checking his trap line while he was out of town. It was this set of circumstances that caused me to be extra careful in years to come about taking advice from someone who heard something from someone else and therefore it must be truth. It's kind of confusing.

The day in questions was a blusteringly windy day in the month of December. I had taken my wife's younger brother with

me with his newly acquired .22 caliber rifle. He was anxious to use the gun and I too had gotten caught up in the excitement. One of the traps was in an open field, so it was easy to see that it had gotten a skunk in its grasp from a distance.

"I heard if you shoot a skunk in the head it won't spray." These were words spoken by my accomplice that I would later regret believing. With an incredible shot that would have put him in the contention for sainthood on the miracle basis alone, he dispatched the hapless animal with one shot, right in the head.

After a moment of disbelief, we went to take on the undesirable job of removing the skunk from the trap. Upon arriving at the scene, I assessed that the grasp had caught the skunk by the two hind legs. Expecting my noise hairs to be assaulted by the foul odor that usually accompanies a skunk, I was pleasantly surprised to find there was no odor at all. I would later deduce that the combination of the back legs being pinned together alone with the gale winds had been the reason for the lack of smell. I would remedy this situation when my defense system relaxed.

"I told you he wouldn't stink if you shot him in the head!" Somewhat disconcerted that my young brother-in-law had actually been right, I bent down to release the skunk from the trap's grasp. As the hind legs shifted, the wind lulled, and a greenish, oily film arose and attacked my defenseless olfactory system. This has later been called the skunk's revenge.

While wiping fluids that were coming out of every pore of my face, my brother-in-law attempted to console me by rolling on the ground squealing with laughter. I made him pay for this little show of merriment by driving home with the windows rolled up.

Through this mishap, I was taught a valuable lesson concerning the truth. Our concept of truth is many times based solely upon what someone has said. Sadly, this has filtered into the church. Grandpa said it so it must be true. As much as I love Grandpa, he is capable of being wrong. Ultimately, we have to base the truth on what God has said. Otherwise we may find ourselves covered in the stink of tradition and myths.

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Memorial Gifts

Contributions have been sent to the college since the last report to purchase books for the library in memory of Mrs. Florence Belle Davis, Mrs. Ola Mae Livingston, Mrs. Myrtis Kathryn Mitchell, Mrs. Julia Cauley, and Mrs. Carolyn Hendry. We appreciate those who choose this method to honor friends and loved ones and pray that God will bless the memory of these ladies.

Remodeling Faculty Lounge/Kitchen

The remodeling of the faculty lounge is nearing completion. Part of the remodeling included the addition of a small kitchen by taking in an adjoining empty storage room. With the addition of the kitchen, the lounge now has a sink with hot, running water. A new refrigerator has also been added.

Thanks to so many who helped with contributions of money, materials, or labor. Here is a list of the ones who have contributed: *City Salvage of Laurel. Rock Hill Baptist Church of Chunky - (Dr. Aaron Parker, pastor). Larry Welborn, Laurel. Trey Lamkin, Laurel. Matthew Hillman, Leakesville. Greg Hillman, Leakesville. and Ray Matthews, Ellisville.*



Other Work

Another small project where help is needed is for the completion of an office for the dean of students, which includes the hallway leading to it and two other offices. At this point, funds are needed for flooring and finishing the sheetrock and texturing the hallway ceiling and painting the walls. \$1,200 more will complete this project.

Thanks to Ray Matthews, Steven Clark, Chuck Lee and Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church, both of Ellisville, for helping so far on this project.

Choir

The Southeastern Baptist College choir is available for appointments to sing in our churches. Please contact Joseph Harris at 601-426-6346 for the possibility of booking the choir to sing in your church.



Which God Hath Before Ordained

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Joshua

Joshua had vision. Probably the main event that gave Joshua vision for leading the people in the conquest of the land was the initial spy mission he and the other 11 were sent on years earlier. This vision of the land remained fresh in his mind for over 40 years and helped energize Joshua for his re-entry of the land after the death of Moses.

The outcome of this spy mission taught Joshua to stand for right, even if in the minority. Joshua took an unpopular position with only one other standing with him. Forty years later, he was vindicated when finally entering the promised land by the power of God.

Joshua was a success in following an established leader because of the equipping he received under that leader. Few have been more prepared with as thorough a mentoring program as Joshua. Joshua became a great leader because he had learned how to be a great follower. He was equipped to trust in God for Israel's defense in the new land because he had seen God's commitment to protecting and providing for His people in the wilderness under Moses' leadership.

Joshua was prepared for his leadership challenges when he saw the importance of being

with God as he accompanied Moses up on the mountain. Though he did not go into the presence of God with Moses, Joshua saw the immediate results of one who experienced God intimately when Moses descended.

David

The one event that was responsible for his rise to prominence more than anything else was the slaying of Goliath. In the story of the battle with Goliath, several traits of David's character are exhibited such as his responsibility, integrity, obedience, etc. All of these traits played a part in his development as a future leader.

David's heart for God was one of the first distinguishing characteristics displayed, even before facing Goliath. David was anointed by Samuel to be king, but if left to Samuel he would not have chosen David because of outward appearance. God had to remind Samuel that He, God, looks on the inside (heart) while man judges by the outward (physical appearance).

Another part of his pre-training on the way to becoming a great leader was his early training under Saul as he served in his palace. It was one of many steps. The early life of David



Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP

Congratulations In Order

We congratulate Bro. Ray Freeman for a long, loyal and successful tenure as State Missions Director. He has stepped down as director of missions and has served our state well. After a successful tenure as missionary for the BMA of America in the Philippines, Bro. and Mrs. Freeman returned to Mississippi to head the missions office.



Don Brown
Editor

Our missions program plowed new ground under Freeman's leadership. Two African American missions were started as well as two Hispanic missions. Both of these efforts are to be commended and built upon by the next director.

Missions were begun and churches established and the Revolving Loan Fund has seen strong growth.

We wish the Freemans well in whatever work God has left for them. Bro. Freeman continues to serve as pastor of Hillcrest Church, Yazoo City.

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probably specifies more individual steps of growth to leadership than any other character in the Bible. Even when serving under Saul, he still went to his father's house, but after the defeat of Goliath, he stayed in the palace of Saul permanently. As he continued to develop under Saul, the king put more and more men under his command.

David even learned and grew in leadership from the adversity and conflict with Saul. In being forced to run and live under cover in different areas, he learned how to relate to and get along with various kinds of people in different cultures.

Daniel

Daniel was an example of what some might call a middle management leader, since he never held a number one leadership position. Concerning his leadership preparation for Babylon, as a prince of Judah, he would have been trained to



Pastoral service . . . with a smile . . .

be a leader. As a faithful Hebrew trained in the ceremonial and religious customs of Judaism, he was prepared to refuse the meat of the king's table, which earned him respect.

Daniel understood authority and chain of command. He learned how to appeal to those in authority over him. The divine factor in his preparation is also important. The Bible states that God gave him wisdom, understanding and the ability to interpret dreams.

His preparation was so thorough, he was able to lead and influence higher leaders in two kingdoms during his lifetime.

God's ways are not always our ways, nor His thoughts our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8,9). If the Lord grants you another tomorrow, purpose in your heart to see the hand of God moving in the day's events, then whether triumph or tragedy, give Him the glory and submit to the all powerful hand of the all knowing God, believing that in His perfect ways, he is preparing you to glorify Him, His way.

Readers A Priority

The one great priority of the ministry of the *Mississippi Baptist* is to increase readership. The very nature of this ministry is to get news in the hands of those members of our churches who support the work of the BMA of Mississippi and America.

Every member family of every BMA of Mississippi church should be a subscriber to this publication. Our mission is spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the various ministries supported by our churches. An informed people are a supporting and working people.

Be sure all of your church families are on our mailing list.

Email Subs

Technology overtakes tradition as time marches on. This is true in most areas of our lives and is certainly true concerning publishing. We offer this publication via email for those who wish to subscribe.

We will provide an email copy of each issue to all of our pastors by their requesting one by email. Pastor, if you wish to receive an E-Copy of your Mississippi Baptist, send us a note (by email of course).

Special Emphasis

Monthly donations and our annual Special Emphasis drive provide a major part of our budgeted income each year. Below is a list of 2011 Special Emphasis Receipts as of February 28. A special *thank you* to all who gave. God bless you for your concern and gift.

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Westover Baptist Church, Hattiesburg	\$75.00
Wilderness Baptist Church, Vicksburg	\$200.00
Zion Baptist Church, Anguilla	\$175.20
Total	\$4620.29

Showing True Sacrificial Love

During the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, sentenced a soldier to be shot for his crimes. The execution was to take place at the ringing of the evening curfew bell. However, the bell did not sound. The soldier's fiancé had climbed into the belfry and clung to the great clapper of the bell to prevent it from striking. When she was summoned by Cromwell to account for her actions, she wept as she showed him her bruised and bleeding hands. Cromwell's heart was touched and he said, "Your lover shall live because of your sacrifice. Curfew shall not ring tonight!"

2011 Youth Department *Special Emphasis*

Help us grow...for the Future



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

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

Dwight Lindsey
State Youth Director

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I want to give a special thanks to those of you who have given in this my first year of service.

Antioch Baptist Church, Soso	FB, Windsor Park	Lee's Chapel #2	Pleasant Hill, Saucier
Berean, Soso	FB Church of Orange Grove	Little Creek Baptist Church	Ramsey Creek Baptist Church
Bethel, Seminary	Farmington Baptist Church	MS Classic Builders for Christ	Riverside Baptist Church
Big Creek Association	First Baptist of Calhoun	Magnolia, Hattiesburg	Salem Baptist Church
Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso	Friendship Baptist Church	Mantachie First Baptist	Scotland Baptist Church
Big Creek District WMA	Good Hope, Columbia	Mid Central Association	Sharon Missionary Baptist Church
Boguefala Baptist Church	Good Hope, Ovett	Midway First, Sumrall	Shiloh, Ethel
Calvary, Purvis	Good Hope, Stringer	Movella Baptist Church	Skyway Hills, Pearl
Centerville, Mantachie	Gulf Baptist Association	Mt. Calvary, Picayune	Spring Hill, Laurel
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FB, Shady Grove	Lebanon, Laurel	Plainview Baptist Church	

Our Goal \$6000

Galilean Camp Fast Approaching

The Mississippi Galileans State Camp will be March 18-19 at Southeastern College in Laurel. We hope if you have a Galilean program that you will join us. Camp will be \$50 per person this year. That is down from \$75 last year.

We mailed a letter to every BMA church in the state of Mississippi. It has a registration form and a return envelope included, please

return it with amount of people coming to camp so we can make sure we have

enough food. You will need to bring a sleeping bag or something like that this year. If you did not send the form and want to come please do,

State Youth Director Dwight Lindsey will be our camp pastor this year. Our theme this year is "Give me your eyes" - Psalms 32:8. We are planning some great games and some great worship services.

If you do not have a Galilean program then please pray about it and give us a call and we will be glad to help you start one



GMA Girls

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GMA Retreat is Here!

By Beth Caldwell
GMA Promoter

I hope that you have received your registration information for State GMA Retreat. The dates are March 11 and 12 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. If you do not have a registration form and would like one please call me at 601-947-6011.

The officers have a great time planned for you. Bro. Chuck Lee is going to be our retreat Pastor. Miranda Francis will be teaching a mission class on Friday afternoon about her mission work in Chicago. You will also hear from Nicki Prickett as her mother, Paula, shares her work on the mission field. Rebekah Hebert will be speaking to the girls on Saturday morning about her sister, Sarah, and the work she is doing in the Philippines. Sarah has been our project this year and I hope that each of you has already sent your offerings to Mrs. Shirlene Smith. The girls will also be able to make a craft on Friday afternoon.

The theme of the Retreat is "The Wonder of it All" taken from John 1:3. When we think of all the things that God has done it is impossible to number them. We know that every girl does not have the opportunity to learn of God's marvelous works, but through the Girls Missionary Auxiliary you can give them this opportunity. If you do not have a GMA program in your church, please consider it and I will be glad to assist you in anyway I can. Bring your girls to retreat and see first hand what this auxiliary represents.

Lunch will be available for you to buy on Friday. All proceeds will go to the project. All other meals are included in the registration fee. Remember to bring goodies to sell in the Snack Shoppe and also craft items for the Craft Shoppe.

Don't miss out! Come one, come all to GMA RETREAT!

Five Things Parents Want From Teens

You may be already filled with a negative attitude about your parents asking you to read this article. There are times when you think your parents are going to drive you crazy. Sometimes it just seems like your parents don't understand you. All they want to do is harass you and make your life miserable. Right? Maybe it is time for a fresh perspective from your parents' point of view. If you understand them better you will get along better.

You know for us Christians, it doesn't matter how we feel about something. We always must be obedient to the commands and ways of our Lord in spite of our feelings. We know His desire for us because we read them in His Word. We don't respond the way our human nature would have us to. We have a spiritual nature as Christians which should control our flesh.

Maybe some parents don't deserve honor by the way they live their life. Maybe some parents aren't living like Christians themselves. But honoring your parents is a choice of obedience that you make. Honoring one's parents is more dependent upon your heart, than their actions. It is what God has commanded for you. I have to love my family even on days they are unlovable. I have to love them unconditionally, which means it is not based upon how they act. I even have to love my enemies according to the Bible. What does God tell you to do regarding your parents in the Bible? Ephesians 6:1,2 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother which is the first commandment with promise."

Here are 5 things you can do to fulfill this scripture towards your parents. It will dramatically improve your relationship with your parents and make you more Christ-like in your behavior. You don't have to be perfect, but work hard on these things.

1) Parents want you to respect them. Respect means that you understand that they are the authority over your life. Your words and actions should reflect respect. When you talk back, that is disrespectful. It is dishonoring. When you yell at them, talk hateful to them, disregard their feelings, etc., this is all dishonoring and disrespectful. When they set down

rules for you, and you go against these rules, then you are being disrespectful of their authority. You should honor them in your words and in your actions. The way you speak to them and the way you speak about them in front of others.

2) Parents want you to have open, honest communication with them. It is again dishonoring for you to get all bent out of shape when your parents ask you questions. They are not always testing you or thinking bad things about you. Most of the time they are simply trying to know what is going on in your life. They have that right. They are your parents. They can't influence you with guidance, wisdom and direction if they are clueless to what is going on in your life. And if you can't be honest with your parents about someone or something, then you need to stop it!

If you are hanging out with someone that you have to lie to your parents about, then you already know you are doing wrong and going against the family's values or you wouldn't have to lie about it. You may not like it - you may not understand it - you don't know why your parents won't let you hang out with this person, but you must see them as exercising wisdom and love over you for your own good. Learn to accept the advice of your parents. Talk to them if you are angry, scared, anxious, depressed, or confused. That is what they are there for. Don't hide anything from them. Be open and honest in your communication and you will have a major change in the relationship with your parents. You will also be much wiser and save yourself a lot of heartache in your life.

3) Parents want you to obey them. It doesn't matter if you think the rule is dumb. God has commanded you to obey Him and them. Disobedience brings nothing but trouble in your life. You can always talk to them openly about how you don't understand. You can voice your desire for other directions in a respectful manner. You can ask for reconsiderations. But you can't disobey. Even in simple things like being home at a certain time. You are disobedient and dishonoring when you come home late. When

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Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

WANTS vs NEEDS

Grandpa had a saying, "It's not what you want that makes you fat, it's what you get." That used to irritate me when I heard it but my many years of inexperience have taught me that it's true!

I made a remark one time that hurt my husband's feelings. I said, "I've always got everything I want. I've just learned not to want much." After we got home he asked me what I'd ever wanted and didn't receive and I couldn't think of a thing!

Most of us get "needs" and "wants" all scrambled up in our brain. I've learned that by accepting Philippians 4:19: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Then we also have a lot of our "wants" supplied too!



In Everything Give thanks

by Grover Laird

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Our text teaches us to give the Lord thanks in everything. Another verse teaches us to give thanks for everything - "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 5:20) Things work better in our life when we live by these verses. While this does seem difficult at times, most of us could do a lot better than we do.

It can be difficult to thank the Lord when He fails to answer our prayers as we prayed them. But Paul did. The Lord did explain to Paul that the thorn in his flesh he sought relief from was sent to keep him humble. Being humble

made it possible for the Lord to work mightily in his life. When Paul understood this, he then gave thanks to the Lord - "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10)

We may not be close enough to the Lord to understand as much about our unanswered prayers as Paul was. Yet we should thank the Lord and seek for the reason why.

It can be difficult to thank the Lord for something when it comes as chastisement. But we should. Even children of earthly parents often express thanks for chastisement. How much more should we to our Heavenly Father. The truth is, we might not even be serving

the Lord if it were not for God's chastening - "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Hebrews 12:11) . It can be difficult to thank the Lord in hard times and painful experiences. But if we understood what God was seeking to accomplish in our life we surely would. The following verse will explain what I mean - "For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." (Psalms 66:10-12) The road to the high plane of useful service is often rough and rugged. But when we get there, we like it. We should therefore give thanks on our way up.

There will come other painful experiences that will not be as easy to understand, and God does not always explain them. But it should help us to remember that nothing happens to us that God has not sent or permits. (Matthew 10:29) And God cannot make a mistake.

Job and Eli seemed to understand this. (Job 1:20-22; 1 Samuel 3:18)

This does not mean that we are to rejoice in wickedness. Charity "Rejoiceth not in iniquity." (1 Corinthians 13:6) And there will surely be things that we will never understand until we awake with His likeness, (Psalm 17:15) and look at it from the other side. But accepting what God sends and giving Him thanks, will surely please the Lord and make things better for us.

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they ask you to clean your room, put the phone down, don't text in the middle of the night, etc., your life will go much easier, even as an adult, if you learn to follow the rules.

4) Parents want you to spend time with them. Friends are important. Family is more important. You should find time for your parents. You should not grumble when they ask you for time with the family. Have a good attitude when you have your plans changed and you go out with family. L-O-V-E is spelled T-I-M-E.

5) Parents want you to love them. We are commanded to love one another. Parents aren't exempt from this. Hug them at home. Tell them you love them. Actually reach out to them with love and this will make you look more like Jesus. And that is our goal.

Plant seeds of love, honor and obedience to parents and see a fantastic new crop in your life. Even if they don't change, you will be blessed by your Father in Heaven.

Love Your Neighbor

In his book Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis wrote, "Do not waste your time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less."

Senior Adult Conference

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The theme for both conferences is "Making Disciples."

The program will begin at 9:15 am and end around 3:00 pm. The total cost is \$15.00 per person. Bro. Vern Holifield, director of the Senior Adult Commission, urges each church to pay this fee for their seniors. The fee includes a wonderful noon meal of catfish, chicken and all the trimmings.



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Tiger Creek Church to hold Gospel Sing & Revival

Tiger Creek Baptist Church invites everyone to attend a special night of singing and worship with Four Fold on Saturday, March 5th at 7 p.m. The following day, March 6th, will begin our spring revival at 11:00 a.m. Brother Coy Rice will be bringing the messages. Services will continue Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Please make plans to be with us as we strive to reach out with the truth of Jesus.

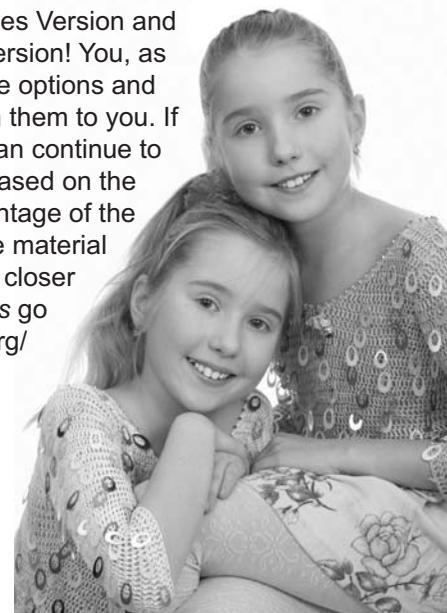
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Freemans Honored at Reception

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David Freeman presented Dr. and Mrs. Freeman to the assembly with many words of fond memories of their wonderful dad and mom. Mrs. Lori Garrett and Kimberly Glenn pinned Dr. and Mrs. Freeman with beautiful roses for the occasion.

The Missionary Committee and Revolving Loan Fund Trustees commissioned Bro. Dennis Rankin of Theodore, Alabama, to prepare a special plaque in honor of the Freemans. This beautiful plaque states among other things, that our guest facility located in the missions complex, is now dedicated as "The Rayburn and Faye Freeman Prophet's Room Complex." The plaque was presented to the Freemans by Chairmen Bryan Wilson and Frank Panzrino. This plaque is now hanging in our guest facility. Bro. and Mrs. Freeman both responded with many words of appreciation to the assembled crowd. Bro. Kenneth Lott read a letter of congratulations and appreciation from Dr. John David Smith on behalf of the BMA of America. Bro. Sidney Farmer led in giving thanks for our food, and



The plaque designating "The Rayburn and Faye Freeman Prophet's Room Complex".

the food was enjoyed by all. Lori Garrett, Kimberly Glenn, Karen Freeman, Dawn Freeman and Cashay Freeman served as our hostesses. Bro. Roger Jefcoat assembled a large number of our brotherhood to manage the parking.

We wish Bro. Ray and Sis. Faye the very best of God's blessings in their future service to our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of myself, and our office staff of Lori Garrett and Kimberly Glenn, all trustees, and the Freemans, thank you for helping make this a special occasion.

EIM Collecting Shepherd Bags at Annual Meeting

by Fonda Norris,
EIM Shepherd Bags Coordinator

Evangelistic International Ministries will have their trailer at the BMA National Meeting in Wichita Falls, Texas, April 11-13 to be able to transport Shepherd Bags home. We've had many calls asking if churches and individuals could bring Shepherd Bags to the national meeting and our answer is "YES!" This would be a great opportunity for those who have bags ready to take to our drop off stations and are planning to come to the meeting to go ahead and bring them at that time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 870-226-362 or email me at fnorris@eimworldwide.org.

Attention National Meeting Vendors

If you would like to reserve vendor space at the 2011 National Meeting, please be aware we are going to try something a little different this year. We would appreciate pursuing all vendor arrangements prior to the meeting. If you believe you would like to participate in this, a vendor agreement form can be received by mail or email. Make your request to Mike Mobly, 740 SW 4th St., Moore, OK 73160 or email mrmobly@aol.com.

Forms are available now and should be completed and returned by mid-March.

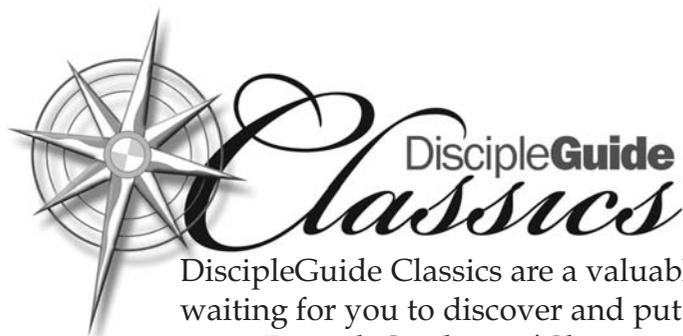
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