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## BMA Coordinating Council Recommendations Concerning DiscipleGuide

By Paul White, Chairman

Once again, it has been an honor to serve this great association for the eleventh time this year as a member of the Coordinating Council. Since its conception, the council's main purpose was to encourage our departments and agencies to move toward a unified vision and to promote cooperation as stated in Article 8 of our Statement of Principles of Cooperation.

Each department's and agency's mandate is to carry out the will of the messengers of the Baptist Missionary Association of America, as stated in our Statement of Principles of Cooperation.

With that purpose in mind, we have met with the directors

of each of the departments and agencies several times throughout the year. I am happy to announce that, perhaps more than ever, we are seeing the benefits of some of the integration that has taken place over the recent years.

Early last year, our DiscipleGuide director resigned, at which time their board sought assistance from several of our department directors to help the board maintain its departmental responsibilities until a better solution could be found. Those departments that jumped in to help through this time of need are to be commended. They selflessly assumed more responsibilities and made sure the op-

erations of DiscipleGuide continued to function. Their response to the need of a fellow department is proof of the spirit of cooperation being witnessed between our departmental leaders.

After many meetings and much prayer, it was decided to offer the association several suggested changes concerning the future of DiscipleGuide that have been presented to the Coordinating Council by their board of directors for consideration as can be seen in the recommendation's booklet and are shown below. The Coordinating Council, has reviewed the list of recommendations

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## Joint press release from DiscipleGuide and Dr. Charley Holmes Long-Term Solutions for DiscipleGuide's Ministries Presented

The past 9 months have been an intense time of prayer, investigation, and exploration regarding the future of DiscipleGuide Church Resources. On behalf of DiscipleGuide's Board of Trustees, I want to assure you that we have made a priority of resourcing the churches of the BMA with quality curriculum, conferences, and camps. We are committed to seeing these vital ministries continue.

We understand that the BMAA departments exist only to serve the churches, so the question "What best aids the local church?" has become the filter each decision is subjected to. We have received much assistance and counsel from the leadership of the other departments, and from the Coordinating Council.

Recommendations are being made to the association that Daniel Springs Camp once again stand as a national department, and that conferences be jointly controlled by the executive directors of the BMAA departments.

We are pleased to announce that we have asked Dr. Charley Holmes to serve as our Interim Executive Director. Under his leadership, DiscipleGuide will focus exclusively on the production of quality curriculum for BMA churches that is distinguished by its sound doctrine, which both forms and directs our

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## Ministering To Young People by Anders Lee

### A Powerful Life in a Precarious Time

Daniel 1:1-8

A message by Anders Lee

As you know, I write articles for youth pastors & youth ministries in this section most of the time. Given the current situation in America I felt led to share this instead. It's weighed heavy on my heart. I've been preaching through Daniel in the New Year and have been greatly blessed in doing so, but convicted also.

One of the clear themes of the book of Daniel is being "Fully Committed - No Matter What!" Everyone is familiar with Daniel - Right! You learned all about him in Sunday School or VBS back in the day! What a phenomenal young man! Daniel's parents

raised him to know God & obey His Word! They named him "Daniel" which meant "God is my judge." Daniel was privileged to be born during the reign of righteous King Josiah; a time in which God was exalted & his Word obeyed. Yet previous to Josiah the nation had sinned greatly, worshipping idols & aligning themselves with the Assyrian King who was a Pagan.

After Josiah came 4 wicked kings who continued the idolatry & sin! God's judgment came on Judah because of that. The Lord allowed the Babylonians



Anders Lee

to overtake Judah and destroy Jerusalem! Daniel was in the middle of that! He was around 15 years old at the time he was taken from his homeland all the way to Babylon. WOW! Even though that happened, he was a committed young man at the worst time in Judah's history! God raised him up to be a powerful life at a precarious time! Today in our communities, state, and yes our nation, we need some Daniel's!!! Powerful lives in a precarious time! Notice 3 things in Daniel's story.

#### 1. Nebuchadnezzar's Plan & Pagan Society

Nebuchadnezzar overtook and destroyed Jerusalem in

586 B.C. (vs. 1). He was on a mission to control the world. His kingdom was vast, stretching as far north as modern day Turkey, south to Egypt & Saudi Arabia, and eastward to Iran. He wanted to control more! WHY? It was all about prestige, power & greed, yet it went further than that. If they conquered another nation it meant their god was superior to the god of the nation they destroyed! Shinar boasted the gods Bel & Marduk or Merodach. God was the Almighty, Most High God! Conquering them was quite a statement! But God allowed them to do it!

As a part of their plan to control the world, they saved the wisest, the most brilliant, the best looking, young people of the ones they conquered. We are told that in Daniel 1:4 of the Jews. They wanted to

use their skills for the betterment of their kingdom. They would brain wash them to be tools for Babylon. How did they do that?

#### First Isolation

They took (according to 1:3&6) youth like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah to Babylon. They made them complete the 900 mile trek to Babylon, to exhaust them and to put these young people into culture shock. Knowing their parents were dead, most captives fell right into the agenda of being brain-washed.

#### Second Indoctrination

They changed their religion. They were to worship Bel or Marduk or Aku or Nego, abandoning all they were taught of

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# Southeastern Baptist College

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

## President's Perspective

Good news! The Lord is returning! The angel told the disciples when they witnessed his ascension into heaven, "...Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

One day Jesus will appear and set up his kingdom upon this world, ushering in a millennium of peace. But before this happens, the Bible prophesies many events that must come to pass.

Soon after coming to know the Lord as my Savior, I was taught about these events by a faithful and learned Bible believing pastor. It all seemed so very far away. Well, they don't seem to be so far off anymore! In fact, I believe we are witnessing the beginning of the end in our lifetime! I marvel at how quickly the world has moved toward fulfillment of these prophesies.

The other day I received an email invitation to join 200 college and university presidents from across the globe to address policies leading to what is described as the "World's most revolutionary journey towards the best pos-

It is called the Manfort Plan. It is a 40-year plan, already in motion, to create a new socialistic world order.

sible future, a borderless World of Eutopia and Cornucopia." It is called the Manfort Plan. It is a 40-year plan, already in motion, to create a new socialistic world order. Articles about this vision for a "Brave New World" have been published in the Huffington Post.

Did the catch phrase "borderless" bring to mind any current events? It should. The Manfort Plan will erase borders allowing people to migrate across the globe without hindrance of any one country's policies. This is called "integration" by the creators of this plan. They propose to integrate all levels of society, ethnic groups, and nations. The plan intends to dissolve national governments as we know them today and replace them with a single



Dr. Scott Carson  
President

worldwide centralized government, a one world army, with a one worldwide currency.

The Bible is very clear that in the last days there will be a one world government, a one world economy, and a one world religion. Revelation Chapter 13 reveals these prophetic events. The beast shall rise to world dominion. He shall cause all to worship him and he will establish the mark that will control every person's ability to buy or sell with a mark in their right hand or forehead. According to NPR.com, thousands of Swedes have already allowed microchips to be implanted in their hands and companies here in the U.S. are also asking their employees to allow themselves to be chipped. It is only a small step from voluntary to involuntary. USA Today published an article dated August 9, 2017 titled, "You will get chipped – eventually". Yes, it is a real thing and the technology for its implementation is rapidly advancing.

This passage tells us the antichrist will seek to impose upon humanity, with an iron fist of power, a worldwide dominion. Biblical Christianity will be outlawed and believers will be arrested and persecuted. Many will be killed for their unwavering faith in Jesus. These evil days are referred to in the scripture as the great tribulation. Jesus spoke of the terrible times that will come upon all. He said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:21-22

The message of these verses may sound ominous, but they also contain promises. The promises found here are that the elect of God are not forgotten and this horrible world experience will come to an end directed by God himself. Praise the Lord that He is always in control and for his promise of victory. As someone once said, "I've read the end of the Bible and you know what? We win!"

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20

Equipping the Saints!  
Dr. Carson

## Big News!

The Association for Higher Biblical Education has extended Southeastern Baptist College's accreditation for another ten years! This process took nearly two years from beginning to end. Mrs. Amy Hinton, our Institutional Effectiveness Officer, played the lead role in research, preparation of documentation, hosting, and in working on required adjustments



Dr. Carson (above) recently had the privilege to introduce the keynote speaker at the annual Association of Biblical Higher Education accrediting agency in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Ed Stetzer (below) is the Billy Graham Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College.



that enabled this major milestone for the college. A huge "thank you" to Amy and our former Academic Dean, Dr. Frank McArthur for their dedication and hard work in helping the school reach this achievement.

## End of Season

SBC had their first basketball season in over 30 years. Both the men's and women's teams experienced a very good record for a first season as compared with other institutions. The Men's and Women's teams both had successful seasons. See adjacent photos of the 2018-19 teams.



Many volunteers helped us throughout the Chargers first season. Pictured are Brother Don Brown, editor of the Mississippi Baptist Newspaper and former SBC coach, working the score board; and Brother and Mrs. Dwight Lindsey, Director of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home, recording game statistics.

## Post Season Invitation

Southeastern Baptist College Men's Basketball accepted a bid to play in the Christian College National Invitational Tournament in Oakland City, Indiana, on March 7, 8 and 9th. This is a great opportunity for our young men to get invited to a National Tournament. Nearly all expenses are provided by the tournament organizers. Praise the Lord!

## Mark Your Calendar

We are planning a church donor dinner currently

scheduled to be held on Monday evening, April 8, 2019. Invitations will be sent and the Laurel, Mississippi, location for the dinner announced as we get closer to the April event date.

## This Saturday! Campus Grounds Work Day

Grab a shovel and bring a bag of dirt. Join us on Saturday, March 2, from 9 - 12 noon, on our campus to help us tidy up the SBC grounds. You may have noticed that bushes have been removed from in front of the library building and with much rain, this area is in much need of work. Mrs. Delight Jefcoat has a plan to restore and beautify this area of our campus. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Delight at 601-763-4952.

## BMA of Mississippi Ministers' Scholarship

Thinking about taking courses at SBC? There are several scholarship opportunities available for our student body that supporters of the school have graciously provided. In addition, if you are a BMA minister, there are scholarships specially set aside and available for you! Financial Aid Officer Ginny Singleton has all the information you need. She can be reached at 601-426-6346.

## Correction: Thank you!

Washington Baptist Church, within the Washington Association, donated a new washer and dryer for the women's dorm. What a wonderful blessing for the practical needs of our students. See the adjacent photo of Brother Dyes installing the new gas dryer.

## Southeastern Baptist College Needs Update

SBC has many infrastructure and equipment needs. This list is not exhaustive and we will be researching costs for each project. We will add the

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# Precarious Time

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God from the Bible and be devoted to Babylonian gods. Part of the change in their religion would be their diet. The Babylonians sacrificed to their gods, and dedicated meals to them constantly. There was nothing wrong with the food itself, except by consuming it, one was publicly acknowledging their commitment to the god it was sacrificed to. It was amazing food, delicacies like they had never had before. The goal was simply to get them used to proclaiming worship to their gods at these feasts, and enjoying the wonderful meals!

### Third Assimilation

They changed their education. Converting these Jews required total im-

mersion into the world of Babylon. They were taught (1:4b) the language of the Babylonians and they were made to read the history & literature of the Babylonians. No more history lessons about the Hebrew's amazing journey with God. Everything would now be about Babylon and its success. They went from learning about the Jews past to the Babylonian's future. They changed their minds & lifestyles!

### Fourth Confusion

They changed all their Hebrew names which were based upon God, to get them to forget God. Daniel's name meant "God is my judge;" was changed to Belteshazzar meaning "Bel protect the king." Hananiah, meaning "the Lord is gracious," was changed to Shadrach meaning "command of Aku." Aku was a Babylonian god. Mishael, meaning "who is like the Lord," was changed to Meshach meaning "Who is

for Aku." Azariah, meaning "the Lord is my helper," was changed to Abednego meaning "servant of Nego." Nego was the Babylonian god of vegetation.

### 2. Daniels Purpose

In verse 8, we see how he reacted to this. The KJV here says: "Daniel purposed in his heart not to be defiled." The ESV says: "Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself..." Having been raised & trained by godly parents, he loved the Lord his God with his whole heart, soul, mind & strength. He had been prepared to stand strong for the Lord... and stand he did! He did two things in this situation.

### A. He Resolved

Babylon represented a new "world view," they were immersing, even smothering them with their agenda. Daniel realized how easy it would be to just go with the flow because he had no choice. Many would think: "How could a young man change the new world view?" Yet he was wise enough to see that there was real danger in just accepting it & getting sucked up into this. He was forced to be in Babylon, but he was determined not to be forced into their ways. He could learn languages, read their literature, no big deal - yet he drew the line on the sacrificial meals that were held in honor of their gods. He resolved not to do defile himself with them. No Compromise!

We need pastors, teachers & politicians who will pay the ultimate price... who like Daniel are willing to lose it all.... Lay it all on the line to end sexual perversion, fight for the unborn, and return America back to integrity & truth!

### B. He Requested

God brought Daniel favor with Ashpenaz, the chief of eunuchs. Verse 8 tells us he made his request not to eat these meals to him. Yet there was a risk in asking him. His request was respectable yet risky! Daniel could have immediately paid the ultimate price! God protected him & opened the door for a 10 day testing period (1:12). He & the other 3 would be compared to the rest at the end of that period. This was reasonable given the fact that the training period was 3 years. It was a win-win for all involved.

### 3. God's Power & Providence

God honored his commitment in an amazing way. Look at four ways he blessed him & the other three.

#### A. Physically

Verse 15-16 reveals this... the test was a resounding result! They looked better & healthier than all the young men eating the king's food. Daniel & his buddies had honored God & he had honored them physically!

#### B. Mentally

Look at vs 17 & 20. God gave them understanding & skill in all literature & wisdom. They were the best of their class, found to be 10 times better than everyone & better than all of Neb's advisors serving him his kingdom! WOW!

#### C. Spiritually

Vs 17 & 20 says God granted them to understand visions & dreams. In that day of course there was not a completed Bible like we have today, so God worked through visions & dreams & prophecy. Daniel became His prophet with discernment!

#### D. Politically

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## DiscipleGuide's Ministries Presented

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vision as well as our mission. We remain committed to seeing that the churches of the BMA are well served with quality resources.

Aaron Middleton, chairman  
DiscipleGuide Board of Trustees

### From BMA Seminary President Dr. Charley Holmes

On Friday, February 15, 2019, the BMA Seminary Board of Trustees met with the chairman and vice-chairman of DiscipleGuide (previously known as the Department of Church Ministries). After lengthy discussion of how the Seminary can help restore confidence

in our BMAA Bible study curriculum, Dr. Holmes agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director of DiscipleGuide at a salary of \$1/annum. This decision was supported by the entire BMA Seminary Board of Trustees.

"My immediate goal is for DiscipleGuide to prepare a renovated adult Bible Study curriculum and have it ready for our churches to order by June 15, 2019. I pledge that this new curriculum will be true to our doctrines of the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Scriptures. It will also present associational Baptist principles as the purest form of church practice." - Dr. Charley Holmes

## BMA Coordinating Council Report

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from the department directors and the board of DiscipleGuide, who have been and will be affected by these recommendations. We believe that, in fulfilling the mandates assigned to us by the messengers of the association, the most logical and practical move forward would be the restructure of DiscipleGuide pursuant to these recommendations that will be included in the Recommendations Booklet and have been presented to the various state BMA newspapers.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Coordinating Council, department and agency directors, their boards and all involved for their faithful service to their respected ministries.

Shown below are the recommendations from the Coordinating Council to the messengers of our association. These are the result of information received from the DiscipleGuide Board, BMA Seminary, Lifeword, BMAA Missions and the BMA of America LLC director who worked together to arrive

at these conclusions:

Recommendations to the BMAA National Association from the Coordinating Council  
May 2019

1. We recommend that the Daniel Springs Baptist Camp stand as a separate department of the BMA of America. We recommend that Article X—Department of Church Resources of the Principles of Cooperation be amended to read as follows:

Article X—Department of Church Resources

Section 1. This association shall elect a Department of Camp Ministries board of trustees consisting of fifteen (15) members, eight (8) of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The duties of the board of trustees are:

A. To act in its field as an executive of the association between annual sessions, performing all duties entrusted to it by the association.

B. To fulfill the purpose of the department, which is to provide a retreat from outside pressures to focus on spiritual needs through Christian fellowship and evangelical ministries.

C. To be responsible for the physical properties and the establishment of administrative policies relative to the operation of the camp.

1. That if the recommendation concerning Daniel Springs Baptist Camp is approved by the association that the present trustees of DiscipleGuide serve as trustees for the Daniel Springs Baptist Camp with the rules of election and succession conforming to the policy of the other departments.

2. That for one-year, both the Conference Ministry and Information Services formerly under the supervision of DiscipleGuide, be placed under the direction of the BMA LLC with the oversight by the department directors.

3. That the Principles of Cooperation concerning Church Ministries (DiscipleGuide), or any of the following divisions (curriculum, conference ministry, or information services) not be amended for at least one-year.

**Girls Retreat**  
March 15-16, 2019  
Camp Garaywa, Clinton,  
Mississippi  
**"Revival"**  
**II Chronicles 7:14**

**Galilean Retreat**  
March 15-16, 2019  
Camp Garaywa, Clinton,  
Mississippi  
**"ENDURANCE"**  
**I Timothy 4:7**

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Don Brown  
Editor

## Precarious Time

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In vs. 18-21, since they were better, they had the privilege to stand before the king, serving him & advising him when needed. You will find in the long of this story that God wanted a committed child of His in the very presence of three Kings... influencing them for God. He impacted them for over 60 years!

So God took these 4 from the clutches of death in a war torn country side and brought them into the palace of the king that He allowed to be in power over all the world! God used his powerful life in a precarious time!!!

### We sure need some Daniel's today!!!

*Powerful lives in a Precarious Time!*

Why? In case you haven't noticed... there is a war going on! It is not a physical war where blood is shed, but a mental & political war where truth is sacrificed & selfishness is exalted! "Babylon" has invaded us, and many are being held captive to a new world view! God is not welcome! Christian-

ity is attacked & made to be archaic & irrelevant!

We are living in a time when the world view is to be tolerant & compromising— it's getting so dark & sinful. Our culture is being permeated by open sin – saturated with tolerance & smothered with a new way of seeing things! Much of what we know to be right is being made wrong! What is truth is error and what is error is truth!

Our kids & teens are being isolated to the technology in their hands & indoctrinated by this world's tolerant warped philosophy! They are held captive by social media & a liberal agenda that they are not even aware of it seems!

What are we to do about all this?

We need a new generation of parents to teach their children & teens the Bible & how to be committed to their relationship with Christ more than ever before! Parents who will prioritize their lives and put

God first instead of behind band, basketball, and Facebook!

We need people (particularly our youth and college age) who won't march to the drum beat of this world view... Daniels



who are resolved to do what God says and honor Him! A Josiah or Daniel to lead the way! Young people who are in the world, but not of it!

We need churches that are not complacent and compromising ... but stepping up to reach the world with the Gospel – following the Great Commission!

We need pastors, teachers & politicians who will pay the ultimate price... who like Daniel are willing to lose it all.... Lay it all on the line to end sexual perversion, fight for the unborn, and return America back to integrity & truth! WE NEED YOU ... we need you to be the Daniel's of our world... we need YOU to be a POWERFUL LIFE IN THIS PRECARIOUS TIME! Will you pass this test... the DANIEL TEST... or will you shrink to live a mediocre life of paying bills and living by a routine... step up to the potential of your life in this time and yield to God everything and ask Him to use you in mighty ways... right where you live & serve... in the fabric of your life... you can never tell, but that God might raise you up to do even greater things in His kingdom than that!

This is the burden of my heart of late! I hope our churches in Mississippi and around the BMA will rise to the occasion to train this generation... because we certainly need powerful lives in this precarious time!

## 2019 Special Emphasis Giving

As our readers rightly know, each department of our Association depends on gifts. Monthly support is the main stay of any work and we are most appreciative for those churches who have this department in their monthly budgets. Those regular gifts, along with our annual Special Emphasis drive, are the reasons we are able to operate. The monthly subscription we charge for each individual subscription does not cover our total cost of operation. Your gifts above the cost is appreciated.

It is the 'gifts' that supplement our operating budget. We know that faithful people have reached into their own pockets and made the sacrifice of giving. Whether your church gives a set amount each year or takes up special offerings for this ministry, it all comes from the pockets of church members. God bless you for your giving and thank you for your personal donations. They are needed and will be put to use in continuing to support God's work.

Antioch Baptist Church, Taylorsville	\$150.00
Berean Baptist Church, Soso	\$108.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Wiggins	\$200.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Louise	\$300.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso	\$350.00
Bobby Holloman, Gautier	\$50.00
Buffalo Baptist Church, Mclain	\$100.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Taylorsville	\$200.00
Centerville Baptist Church, Guntown	\$102.00
Cypress Creek Baptist Church, Brookland	\$100.00
Day Star Baptist Mission, Hattiesburg	\$300.00
First Baptist Church Of Calhoun, Laurel	\$500.00
First Baptist Church Of Orange Grove, Gulfport	\$200.00
First Baptist Church Of Shady Grove, Laurel	\$250.00
Gerald Givens, Perkinston	\$100.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton	\$87.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel	\$100.00
Hubert Holloway, Laurel	\$200.00
Leakesville Missionary Baptist Church, Leakesville	\$250.00
Linda Collins, Carthage, Texas	\$85.00
Little Creek Baptist Church, Perkinston	\$74.00
Lone Oak Baptist Church, West Point	\$100.00
Magnolia Baptist Church, Hattiesburg	\$500.00
New Bethany Baptist Church, Seminary	\$29.00
Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel	\$50.00
Ramsey Creek Baptist Church, Saucier	\$100.00
Riverside Baptist Church, Ellisville	\$75.00
Spring Hill Baptist Church, Ocean Springs	\$90.00
Sycamore Baptist Church, Carriere	\$200.00
Temple Baptist Church, Biloxi	\$75.00
Unity Baptist Church, Guntown	\$100.00
Washington Baptist Church, Neely	\$104.20
Wilderness Baptist Church, Vicksburg	\$500.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$5,729.20</b>

**Note:** If your records are different from what we have recorded and listed here, we urge you to let us know. We want to make sure that our records are correct and that each church and individual is properly recorded and recognized.

### Personal Note

Congratulations to my friend Stephen Howell, former BMA Missions Director, long time pastor, and my personal friend. Bro. Steve celebrated 50 years of ministry in February. He was licensed by Sycamore Baptist Church in Picayune, Mississippi, on February 15, 1969. Congratulations on a long and fruitful ministry.

## Johnie Bearfield Passes Away

Johnie L. Bearfield, 86, of Fayetteville, went to be with Lord Tuesday, February 19, 2019. She was born October 17, 1932 in Bay Springs, Mississippi, to the late J.M. and Winnie L. (Purvis) Stringer. Johnie was also preceded in death by her husbands, Paul L. Bearfield and Randall "Pete" Needham.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Paul M. Bearfield (Laurie) of Bald Knob, daughter, Phyllis Reddin of Fayetteville, sisters, Barbara Thornton (Dale) of Lewisville, Texas, Wynona Hollister (Ron) of Abilene, Texas, seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Johnie was a pastor's wife, missionary, prayer warrior, and longtime church and ministry secretary. She loved Coca Cola and her favorite color was red. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 22, at Antioch Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lifeword Media Ministries, 611 Locust St., Conway, AR 72034.



Johnie Bearfield

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“...Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”  
 Matthew 10:16

None of us should be naïve about the challenges we face in church planting. The days of being welcomed into communities with open arms is long past. Our missionaries face more than just obstacles. In many cases, they face outright opposition. The nature of church planting these days, requires much grace. Please pray for your missionaries daily, that God will supply them with much needed grace. Our Newest Missionary

On February 19th, the Missionary Committee met and interviewed Bro. Jason Howard. After the interview, he was unanimously approved to serve as a State Missionary to Waynesboro, Mississippi. Bro. Howard and his wife Kylie are committed to doing what it takes to plant a church in Waynesboro. They will have their first service in the afternoon of March 3, 2019. They have three children: Jacen, Kaden, Jason and Kylie Howard and Kenley. Bro. Jason is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College and is the current, bi-vocational pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in Richton. Canaan will serve as the Mother Church. He will continue pastoring Canaan while planting the church with the understanding that someone else will need to lead the mission at some point in the future. Bro. Howard is resigning from a position as an instructor with Jones County Junior College, to devote that time to the new church plant. Please pray for this family as

they take on this challenge.

**Salt Light Baptist Mission, Waveland Holds First Sunday Service**

Forty-eight people gathered to sing praises, hear testimonies, and worship the Lord. Bro. Walter Damien shared his testimony, which included his salvation experience that took place in the sanctuary under the ministry of Dr. Adrian Rogers. Dr. Rogers' first pastorate was in this very building. Missionary Johnny Williams shared his vision and presented a great message from God's Word. He announced that work would begin immediately to make necessary repairs in the sanctuary so that they could move the worship service into the main building, Lord willing, before Easter. If you have an opportunity to at-



First Sunday Service of Salt Light Baptist Mission in Waveland, MS (Not everyone who attended is in this photo.)

Walter Damien, 82 yrs old, sharing his testimony at Salt Light Baptist Mission's first Sunday Service.



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**61st Annual Missions & Evangelism Conference**

March 29, 2019  
 Starting at 9:30 am

Sponsored by: The Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi  
 Missions Department

Hosted by: Midway First Baptist Church  
 77 Midway Church Rd, Sumrall, MS

(Lunch will be provided)



Conference Theme: Missions 101

**State Missionaries**



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Jason Howard

**Missionary Coaches and Coordinators**



Estuardo Marroquin  
Hispanic Missions Manager



Ed DuVall  
Coordinator,  
African American Missions



Sidney Farmer  
Missionary Coach/  
Discipleship Coordinator

**Conference Music by:**



Jeff & Rosalind Dixon

**Introduction of the Theme**



Larry Geraldson  
Director of Missions,  
BMA of MS

**9:45 am "The Mission" Matt 9:35-38**



Justin Cameron  
Pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church

**10:15am "The Message of Missions" Rom 4**



Vernon Watts  
Pastor of FB Church of Henleyfield

**10:45am "The Mandate of Missions" Acts 1:8**



Brandon Burge  
Pastor of College Heights Baptist Church

**11:15am "The Mission Minded Church" Phil 4**



Jason Howard  
Pastor of Canann Baptist Church

**11:45pm "The Call to Missions" Acts 16:9**



Blake McCain  
Pastor of Midway F. Baptist Church

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# Southeastern

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costs in future publications as bids are received. However, you as a church, an association or as a church ministry (Sunday school class, etc.) should look this list over and pray about which project the Lord wants you to choose.

**Immediate Needs:**

- Repaving the parking lot
- New Flooring in main building and library
- Remodel upstairs women's dormitory
- Refresh outside of both men's and women's dormitories
- Remodel bathrooms (main building and gym)
- Upgrade classroom electronic needs (computers, monitors, etc.)
- Professional weekly cleaning
- On call maintenance personnel
- Repairing or replacing the marquee sign
- Ice Machine for events and sports use

**The VA WANTS YOU!...** To Get a College Education

Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veter-

ans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! And remember, many 'Post 9-11' benefits are now fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

**Southeastern College Updates**

Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to provide an update about the great things the Lord is doing at Southeastern Baptist College. I will shortly be touring Mississippi churches and presenting opportunities for churches and groups to take on the challenge for prioritized projects for Southeastern Baptist College. While much has been done, the college still stands in much disrepair and because of this, it does not honor God as an institution of higher learning as it should. These will be short presentations, but exciting as well, as I share how you can be used by God to advance His ministry. You can reach Dr. Carson at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

## Southeastern Chargers Basketball

**Varsity Chargers**

*Back row, left to right:* Jalen Lett, Naquadric McGruder, Anthony Barnett, Garin Arabie, Artrell Petties, Chris Early, Glenn Grover

*Front row, left to right:* Montez Green, Arderius Phillips, Trey Cook, Coach Brad Phillips, Trajan Fielder, Amaras Fairley, Chavis Smith



**Lady Chargers**

*Back row, left to right:* Aarmanii McDaniel, Diamond Williams, Rashida Cheddick, MiKayla Laster, Ashaela Horne

*Front row, left to right:* Tyra Conerly, Temeshia Gray, Chryaries White, Deseree Moore, NeTanya Wilkerson; Not pictured: Coach Jenone Bell



Men's Chargers win final home game 93-71 over CMP Prep. Win or lose, Coach Philips always invites the visiting team to pray with the Chargers after the game.



**MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

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**Fostering Faith...in Us**

In our modern-day hustle and bustle, we are often too busy to feel alone. Family, ministry, and work take so much of our time. We can think, "I have to much to do to concern myself with loneliness." In a way, busyness can be a blessing, but busyness is not a suitable substitute for biblical community, assembly, and accountability. I do not want this article to mislead anyone. I am not lonely at my new post. To my knowledge, my family is not lonely in our new home.

I have been blessed to meet and talk with so many like-minded brothers over the past couple of months, and it shined a light on my past, on times that were lonely. I have been so blessed over the past twenty years of ministry to have fellowship with some wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, but we are probably all a little guilty of taking our family for granted at times, faith and flesh alike. My recent times of sharpening have produced joyous moments of worship, reflective examination of sin, and prayerfully obedient sanctification. They have produced contacts with people who will no doubt be a part of how the Children's Home move's forward ministering in the lives of children. I am strengthened and encouraged by the truth found in Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 "Two are better than one; be-

cause they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Our Christian fellowship can never supplant the power of God. Our Christian fellowship is an extension of the power of God that He has graciously provided to His children. We cannot see His face intently listen as we share our thoughts in prayer. We cannot see the heartache in His eyes when we share our hurts. We cannot feel His arms embrace us when this world seems overwhelming. But, we can have all of those things from our family of faith as they are His eyes, ears, hands, and feet in this current physical state. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Thank you, brothers and sisters, for bearing me, my family, and our ministry. Your prayers are being answered. Continue to pray with us over potential children, priorities, and projects. Please contact us if you would like for us to come to your church in May, June, or beyond. Contact the office, our Facebook page, or my cell phone at 662-605-0996.

## Camp Set For March 15-16 at Camp Garaywa Galilean Program Needs Men!

by Mark Jones and Larry Tramel, Galilean Promoters

This year starts with the Galilean leaders thinking about men who have been an encouragement. One was Bro. Arthur Smith who loved Galileans and encouraged us. Another was Bro. Merle Bradley who made sure we knew how important it was to disciple young men. Another was Bro. Latrelle Windham who always told us stories about Galilean camps and encouraged us to keep going. We are thankful for these men and pray for their families.

Making disciples is not a choice, it is a command of Christ. The biggest problem with churches having a Galilean program is that there are no men to lead. We need men who will stand and act like men and take an interest in the lives of these young men. I assure you that you will be blessed in a great way.

So the question is 'What does it take to have a Galilean program?' It takes one man and one boy. You have to start somewhere so start with one and watch it grow. Invest your time and the return will be great. These young men

are the future of the church and we need to train them up.

The Mississippi Galilean camp is fast approaching. The dates are March 15-16 at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Mississippi. Our camp pastor this year is Bro. Bryson Hayden, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive. Maverick Hendricks will lead our Music.

Our theme this year is "ENDURANCE" I Timothy 4:7, I Corinthians 9:24-27. We will mail out a reminder letter soon and then registration letters later. If your church has a young man interested in running for Mr. Galilean Junior or Senior, please let us know. To be eligible a young man must have passed a step and must be saved.

Let us make a decision now about what is important to our churches and that is making disciples. Let us not look back years and think about how we failed our young people. Satan will target the minds of our youth and his weapon is lies. If they have the Word of God in their minds and hearts they can withstand the lies of Satan.

**We need men who will stand and act like men**

## From The Mind of Chuck Lee

# My Man Ca...uh...Space

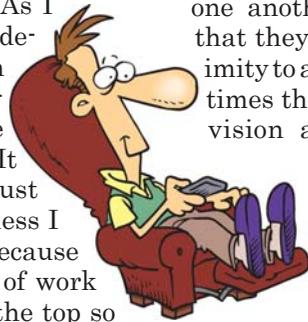
Apparently there is some mythical room that some men have that they call their man cave. I'm not sure why it is called a cave, other than perhaps it refers to a place where men can resort back to primitive ways without the restraints of civility, culture, or clean socks. I, for one, if I ever am able to have a room all my own, would rather something called a man suite. It just sounds more like a place that a person with my sensibilities would prefer and would adhere to the comforts of life that I have become accustomed. For now though, I will just enjoy my man space.



Bro. Chuck Lee

My man space consists of a recliner

and an end table. I made the end table with my own ten thumbs out of oak plywood. I selected the wood for its beauty and endurance. As I viewed the wood before determining where each piece would fit in its construction, I selected the finest grain for the top. It is beautiful, ahem, if I must say so myself. Well, I guess I do have to say so myself because I would have to do a lot of work taking everything off of the top so that you could see the intricate grain. It is covered utilizing every inch of space, and then some, by various items ranging from my bible and notebooks to pen holders, paper napkins, medicine bottles, and a tub of lotion, which I am not sure the purpose of its pres-



ence. Apparently someone else violated my man space and left it there.

My man space has the inconvenience of being in a corner of our living room. People just walk through and act like they aren't even aware that they are intruding on my secluded isle of peace. They will sit on the couches and talk to one another as if they are unaware that they are anywhere in close proximity to a man's personal space. Sometimes they will even turn on the television and watch some Hallmark mushy movie and I have to endure it. Don't listen to what my wife says! These tissues are simply to help with the cold I feel coming on.

One day I may graduate to a suite, but for right now, much to my wife's chagrin, I will just have to settle for a four foot by four foot space chiseled out of the living room. I just need to figure out whose lotion this is and expel it from my sanctuary. I need to clear a space for these socks.

**Galilean Retreat**  
March 15-16, 2019  
Camp Garaywa, Clinton,  
Mississippi  
**"ENDURANCE"**  
I Timothy 4:7

**Girls Retreat**  
March 15-16, 2019  
Camp Garaywa, Clinton,  
Mississippi  
**"Revival"**  
II Chronicles 7:14

Our desire is to make God's work personal in your life by keeping you informed and allowing you to walk through this journey with us. As we meet people on the mission field, we want you to meet people. As we see their lives changed, we want you to witness this transformation as well.

We would love to share more with you about how you can be an intimate part of God's Kingdom work even if you are not physically on the field.

As a young GMA girl, my heart was filled with excitement by the stories shared through our missionaries on the field. It was a blessing to see how God was using missionaries and to hear the names and see the faces of people God was transforming. I feel excitement as I think about our experiences on the mission field exciting the hearts of others in the same way that they did mine back then and still do today.

Cris and I would love the opportunity to share more with you, your family, your church family or any church affiliated auxiliary. We can be contacted at 601-441-8045 or alicia.ramshur@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you all.

## Missionaries Share Update and Ministry Needs

by Dr. Alisha Samson

Alisha and her husband Cris Samson are missionaries to the Philippines

Cris and I are beginning to prepare for our one year furlough that is quickly coming upon us. So far, we have had the opportunity to visit with some you and have enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship with one another.

Our furlough is set to officially begin in the month of May and we are now beginning to make our schedule for speaking engagements and fellowship appointments. We will be spending the next year visiting our BMAA churches and friends to share our ministry story, build partnerships, and raise funds for the ministry to which God has called us.

Financial support for Cris and I looks very different today than it has in the past.

Eight years ago, I, Alicia, was elected

by the BMA of America as an employed missionary. This meant that each month I received a fixed amount from the (national) Missions Department as an allowance or "salary". This amount covered all personal expenses, but additional expenses for specific ministry needs were raised separately.

As each of you know, a lot has changed concerning the economy of our country which has also affected the financial structure of our missions department as well. The desire of the BMAA is to continue sending mission-



Cris, Alicia & Benjamin Samson

aries and to keep missionaries on the field. Due to financial constraints, the missions department is no longer capable of providing a fixed monthly allowance for each missionary.

Missionaries are now being asked to raise 100% of their salary as well as their ministry expenses. To many this may seem like a daunting and somewhat scary task (and even to us it seems like a great challenge), but it actually allows us as missionaries to learn greater dependence on God and His faithfulness to provide for our needs. It also gives us the opportunity to meet more people, develop partnerships and friendships with families, and individuals of the BMAA and involve others in the ministry in a greater way than ever before. It has given us an excitement to share God's ministry with people and to allow them the opportunity to become a greater part of God's Kingdom work through partnership.

## BMA of Mississippi Youth Department

Phone 662-316-6233 [www.facebook.com/bmamsyouth](http://www.facebook.com/bmamsyouth)

## The Most Important Article I've Ever Written

by Kelby Johnson

IF I'M BEING HONEST, I always thought the idea of ministry burnout was silly and below me.

My mindset was "How can someone who is following Jesus and helping others follow Jesus in the church get burned out?"

I was wrong.

I don't mind confessing to you that in the last year, I have experienced this struggle.

I'm sure everyone's situation is somewhat different, but for me it was characterized by a lack of desire, loneliness, and serious discouragement.

If I felt like I was a small child in a completely darkened room with no sign of light to be found.

I kept being a husband, father, friend, and pastor, but I was not able to do any of those things as well as I should have.

I finally had to take action.

I had to take a step of faith and put myself out of one situation and into another. I immediately felt the peace of God and a weight lifted when I



Kelby Johnson  
Director

made this move. The peace remains even to this day. I'm not saying that every discouraged pastor should resign. We all go through seasons of ups and downs. God uses those to shape us and mold us. Not one moment of discouragement escapes the reality of Romans 8:28.

What made my move even more scary, was that I did it with no idea of where I was going next. However, if I'm going to preach about trusting God, I certainly better apply it to my own life. We often think that God will always show us the next step if we just wait for it, but a godly friend told me, "maybe God is not going to show you the next step until you take one." If God calls you to take a step of faith, pray, discuss with godly friends, but ultimately obey the call.

I want to be clear, my issue was much deeper than the inability to lead my church. It began with me. Here are a few

things I had to remind myself -

First, do not forsake a personal time of real fellowship with the Lord through Bible intake and prayer.

I found myself preparing multiple sermons and Bible studies, but not feeding myself on the Word.

The result of that was that I was not being the best disciple, husband, father, friend, or pastor that I could have been.

I know it's extremely hard when you are severely discouraged but this is when we need to be closer to Jesus than ever before.

Next, talk to someone.

Many pastors tend to keep to themselves or fail to share their struggles with close friends. Many pastors do not have close friends in their area. We need each other. Let me say that again, we need

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each other.

During my burnout, a couple of friends and pastors from around the state called me regularly and I was able to share things with them. I am so thankful for these guys and I hope I can be an encouragement to others like they were to me. If any of you reading this needs to talk with someone, please contact me.

We have so many people out there who would be willing to pray with us and listen to our concerns. Do not be afraid to reach out.

I would like to say a word to churches. Love your pastor. Love is a verb. Show him you love him. Encourage him regularly. Even if you don't like what he says or does, find a way as a Christian to be on his side.

Celebrate his birthday with a fellowship and give him a gift of money or something that he will enjoy. Do the same for his wife.

Celebrate his wedding anniversary.

Celebrate his anniversary of when he began at the church.

When I was an associate years ago, my pastor would always throw a party in the fellowship hall after a service to celebrate my birthday. They would even do a money tree to help my wife and I out. More than anything, I discovered that people who feel appreciated will work harder.

Look for ways to encourage your pastor.

Consider putting a sabbatical into your constitution and bylaws. Require your pastor to take a couple of weeks off per year (at least) where he can take a mental break and recharge. Maybe he could go on a vacation or visit other churches where he can be fed himself. He might also gain some ideas from other churches that he can bring back to his church. Most pastors need a break. They need it spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically. By the way, this break will benefit the church in multiple ways. First, the pastor will likely come back energized. And also, it will do the church good to hear someone else preach/teach for a few weeks.

Finally, one last thing to the churches. Follow your pastor. If you aren't going to follow him, why did you call him? If you aren't going to follow him, just be honest and tell him so he can move on and be a leader somewhere else. It will save the pastor, his family, and the church from heartache.

Our ultimate goal, I believe, is for every church to hold forth the gospel and make disciples, but this won't happen if our pastors/leaders are struggling. We desire to support our departments, but this won't happen if pastors/leaders are struggling. We desire to plant more churches, but this won't happen if our pastors/leaders are struggling.

The idea of burnout in ministry is a reality. I've read about multiple "successful" pastors committing suicide in the last month. Burnout is a reality. We need to pray for each other. We need to listen to each other. We need to talk to each other.

We need to love each other.

# State Missions

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tend, the services start at 10 a.m. and the building is located at 100 Jeff Davis Avenue in Waveland.



First Baptist Waveland

## 2019 Missions & Evangelism Conference

The 2019 Missions & Evangelism Conference has been scheduled for March 29, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m. This year's program will be somewhat abbreviated, allowing us to hear some good preaching before lunch and then, after lunch, we will dismiss. The Conference Theme is, "Missions 101" and our speakers are as follows:

The Mission – Justin Cameron, Pastor at Good Hope, Columbia

The Message of Missions – Vernon Watts, Pastor at First Baptist Church of Henleyfield

The Mandate for Missions - Brandon Burge, Pastor at College Heights, Poplarville

The Missions Minded Church – Jason Howard, Pastor of Canaan, Richton

The Call to Missions – Blake McCain, Pastor of First Baptist Midway

The Conference will be hosted by First Baptist Midway. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. We will be mailing a promotional poster to all our churches soon. We hope that each of our pastors will encourage their people to attend.

## List of Available Preachers

We maintain a list of available preachers who are willing to supply or pastor. If you would like to submit a resume or have your contact information placed on our list, please send it to [missions@bmams.org](mailto:missions@bmams.org)

## Revolving Loan Fund Is Open for New Deposits

If you would like to open a new account or if you would like to put more money in your existing account, the opportunity is now. From now until May 2019, we are receiving new and additional money. Our fund is currently paying 2.25%. We currently maintain a good reserve, so that, if necessary, you can withdraw your money on short notice with no penalty. If you would like to have more information about how you can be a part of this ministry, please call Bro. Newman at 601-428-8616.

## BIG CREEK LADIES RETREAT

April 5-6, 2019

Big Creek Baptist Church - Soso, MS  
**EMBRACE YOUR JOURNEY**

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."  
Joshua 1:9

**Registration \$40**  
includes supper Friday evening and breakfast & lunch on Saturday

Deadline for Registration  
**March 25**

For more information or to register, contact

**Big Creek Baptist Church**  
at 601-763-8100

Monday - Friday between 8:00am and noon, or email [office@bigcreeksoso.com](mailto:office@bigcreeksoso.com)

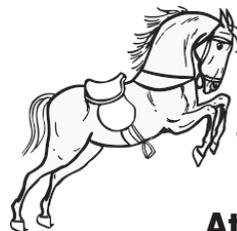


Guest Speaker  
**ALICIA SAMSON**  
Bacolod, Philippines

Alicia is a BMAA Missionary to the Philippines. She is married to Cris Samson, and they have a 1 year old little boy, Benjamin. Throughout our retreat, we look forward to hearing her share how she has embraced the journey God has given her.

## Wild Horse Ministries

Paul Daily Relates Horse Training with God based on Trust, Faith, Obedience, & Love



Shiloh Baptist Church  
Invites you to join us for  
Wild Horse Ministries Presentation  
**On March 31st at 2:00pm**  
**At 7219 HWY 35, Mize, MS 39116**

For more information contact  
Bryson Haden @ 601-797-4597 or 662-251-0443 or by email @ [blhaden@gmail.com](mailto:blhaden@gmail.com)  
Bring a Lawn Chair

Snacks & Drinks will be available for purchase from Our GMAs  
A love offering will be taken for this Ministry

## Pastoral Positions Available

### Fulton Church Seeks Pastor

Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church located in Itawamba County, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time pastor. If you feel led to pursue this opportunity please Email resumes to [kelbycomer18@hotmail.com](mailto:kelbycomer18@hotmail.com) or send them to Kelby Comer, 1400 Greenwood Church Rd., Fulton, MS 38843.

### Texas Church Seek Youth Minister

Greenpond Baptist Church in Como, Texas, is seeking a bi-vocational youth minister. Housing is included. Resumes may be emailed to [terrywbolton@yahoo.com](mailto:terrywbolton@yahoo.com) or the mailed to Terry Bolton, 123 Charles St., Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482. Inquiries by phone should call 903-348-6479.