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## Senior Adult Conference North Senior Adults Meet

The 2016 North Mississippi Senior Adult Conference was held May 10 at East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton. A good crowd gathered to worship, fellowship, sing and enjoy a catfish lunch.

Director Kenneth Flynt led the conference that included a memorial to former East Fulton Pastor Gary Smith. Smith was serving as pastor of East Fulton and as President of the BMA of Mississippi at the time of his death.



Senior Adult Director  
Kenneth Flynt

Dr. John Adams brought the morning message dealing with the spiritual condition of our nation and our responsibility as God's children,

Praise and worship was led by Bro. Bryson Haden with a number of specials brought by others. The afternoon session included a good Ole Fashioned



Dr. John Adams bringing message

"Gaither Style Homecoming" session.

Door prizes were given, catfish was eaten and the senior citizens were blessed.

## 2016 Missions & Evangelistic Conference



### by the Editor

In the photo above Bro. Greg Medenwald, pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church in Hattiesburg leads the closing prayer of the 2016 Missions & Evangelistic Conference.

This year's conference was appropriately held at South Forrest Baptist

Church, a current mission project of the BMA of Mississippi. Missions Director Larry Geraldson highlighted the statewide work of missions during this year's meeting. He stated that in continuing the emphasis on missions the 2017 Conference will be held at Caledonia Baptist Church in Caledonia, Missis-

sippi and Missionary Pastor Bob Burch.

### The Gospel

The overall theme of this year's conference was "The Gospel". Messages were brought on the following subjects, "The Gospel of God" by Director Larry

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## Southeastern Baptist College Holds 2016 Graduation

The 2016 class of Southeastern Baptist College received degrees on Thursday, May 12. Outgoing Dean Dr. Aaron Parker brought the commencement address and challenged the class to Press On. He emphasized that the past was gone and the time to press forward is what lies ahead for the graduates.

Nine individuals received degrees and diplomas. The 2016 graduating class of Southeastern College is pictured to the right.





Larry Geraldson  
Director



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## Missions Conference

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Geraldson; "Man The Sinner" by Dennis Knight, pastor of Paramount Church, Perkinston; "The Gospel of Jesus Christ"



Larry Geraldson introducing program by Blake McCain, pastor of Midway First Baptist, Sumrall; "The Gospel of

Grace" by John Lewis, pastor of East Fulton Church, Fulton; "The Power of the Gospel" by Chad Cummins, pastor of Evergreen Church, Seminary; and "The Everlasting Gospel", by James Sprayberry, pastor of First Baptist, Bay Springs.

### Missionary Reports

Each of the missionaries present gave reports on their work along with both the challenges and the blessings. Some of the missionaries were accompanied by members of their congregation. These members shared what the mission meant to them and the changes that had taken place in their lives due to the efforts of the missionary, his family, the fellowship of the other members along with the efforts of the BMA of Mississippi in coming to their community and

planting a local church.

The personal testimonies were shared highlighting the individual's spiritual



Dixons leading worship

journey and their involvement in church. It was obvious to this writer that our local missionaries are doing a

good work with each having a heart for souls.

Each missionary present reported on his personal work highlighting their challenges and blessings.

### Music, Food & Fellowship

Music and worship was led by Jeff & Rosalind Dixon from Hillcrest Church in Yazoo City. Additional special music was presented by Harold Floyd.

South Forrest Church was a gracious host with the church providing the noon meal for those attending. Pastor Sidney Farmer and the members of South Forrest are to be commended for their hospitality.



South Forrest Baptist Mission - site of 2016 Missions & Evangelistic Conference

## State Missionaries Reporting

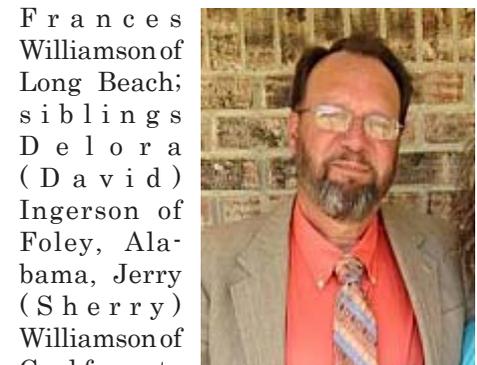


## Pastor Dies in Accident

Bryan Keith Williamson, pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church in Lucedale, was killed in an auto accident on April 23, 2016. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 27 at Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Lucedale with burial at Nolan Eubanks Cemetery. Rev. Jacob Bogart, Rev. Billy Ray Bond, Rev. Jonathan Williamson and Rev. Gary Crisp officiated the services.

Bro. Williamson also was employed by Havard's Pest Control. He was born March 5, 1965, in Gulfport. He is survived by his wife Mona Williamson; children Kimberly (Cole) Causey of Denham Springs, Louisiana; Keith (Stephanie) Williamson of Perkinston, Mississippi; Jonathan (Mary) Williamson and Becca Williamson, both of Lucedale; grandchildren Samantha

Williamson, Brianna Williamson and Brooklyn Williamson; parents Jerry and Frances Williamson of Long Beach; siblings Delora (David) Ingerson of Foley, Alabama, Jerry (Sherry) Williamson of Gulfport, Curtis (Cynthia) Hudson of Richton and Amanda Blount of Wiggins.



Bro. Bryan Williamson

Our sympathies go out to Bro. Williamson's family and Sand Hill Church.

# Obama administration orders public schools to allow 'transgenders' to use opposite-sex bathrooms

WASHINGTON (OneNewsNow) - Public schools must permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity, according to an Obama administration directive issued amid a court fight between the federal government and North Carolina.

The guidance from leaders at the departments of Education and Justice says public schools are obligated to treat transgender students in a way that matches their gender identity, even if their education records or identity documents indicate a different sex.

In issuing the guidance, the Obama administration is wading anew into a socially divisive debate it has bluntly cast in terms of civil rights. The Justice Department on Monday sued North Carolina over a bathroom access law that it said violates the rights of transgender people, a measure that



Lynch likened to policies of racial segregation and efforts to deny gay couples the right to marry.

The guidance does not impose any new legal requirements. But officials say it's meant to clarify expectations of school districts that receive funding from the federal government. Educators have been seeking guidance on how

to comply with Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs and activities that receive federal funding, Education Secretary John B. King said in a statement.

Under the guidance, schools are told that they must treat transgender students according to their chosen gender identity as soon as a parent or guardian

notifies the district that that identity "differs from previous representations or records." There is no obligation for a student to present a specific medical diagnosis or identification documents that reflect his or her gender identity and equal access must be given to transgender students even in instances when it makes others uncomfortable, according to the directive.

"As is consistently recognized in civil rights cases, the desire to accommodate others' discomfort cannot justify a policy that singles out and disadvantages a particular class of students," the guidance says.

The administration is also releasing a separate 25-page document of questions and answers about best practices, including ways schools can make transgender students comfortable in the classroom and protect the privacy rights of all students in restrooms or locker rooms.

The guidance comes days after the Justice Department and North Carolina filed dueling lawsuits over a new state law that says transgender people must use public bathrooms, showers and changing rooms that correspond to the sex on their birth certificate. The administration has said the law violates the Civil Rights Act.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory has argued that the state law is a "commonsense privacy policy" and that the Justice Department's position is "baseless and blatant overreach." His administration sued the federal government hours before the state itself was sued.

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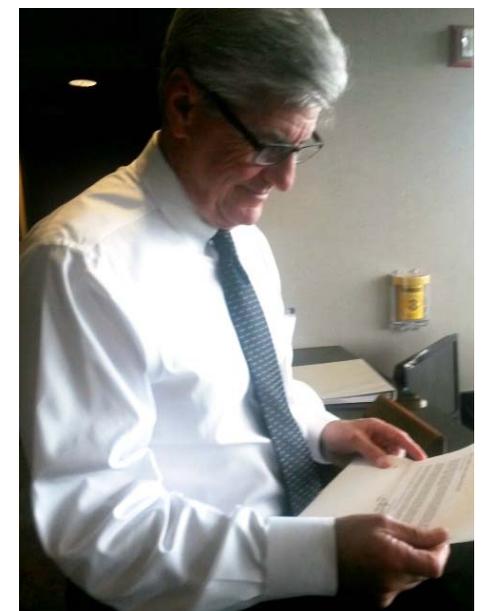
## CAMP SCHEDULE

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GMA Camp .....	June 14-17
Student I (7th-College).....	June 21-24
Preteen Camp I (4th-6th) .....	June 28-July 1
Preteen Camp II (4th-6th) .....	July 12-15
Ark-La-Tex Camp (Family).....	July 19-22
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## Tupelo Church Thanks Governor



Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant reads a letter from the South Green Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi. The church wrote the governor and thanked him for standing for decency and biblical values.



Don Brown

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# Opinion Page

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## Our Only Hope - The Gospel of Jesus Christ

by Don Brown

I hope you are as concerned as I am about the current state of society. It seems to me that the whole world has gone mad. Satan is surely alive and doing all he can to confuse the minds of mankind in order to accomplish his purpose of deception and destruction.

The government of our nation, and certainly the current administration, is taking us in directions that are astonishing. Who would have even considered that we would be having discussions about who can go into which bathroom, shower, or changing room in our schools and in retail establishments. Who would have thought that our government officials would set rules for who may use which rest rooms.

It has not been too long since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on changing the definition of the sacred institution of marriage.

How is it wrong to refuse to participate in certain activities that are against a person's deeply held religious beliefs? Who would have thought that the government of this nation would force its

citizens to accommodate that which God commands to avoid?

The spiritual and cultural downward spiral over the past few years, and yes the last few decades, seems to be gaining speed at an unstoppable rate. We ask ourselves what has happened and what can we do about it?

I think the answer to the "what has happened" question is twofold. Good people have been silent to the constant onslaught of the liberal, progressive, and ungodly direction taken by our elected leaders and liberal educators. This simply tells me that Satan will use, and is using, all at his disposal to lead the spiritually blind to eternal destruction.

Additionally, too many pulpits are void of the moral, spiritual, ethical, and common sense instruction that is necessary for an orderly society to exist. Our Lord is long suffering, but He is also a just and jealous God. How long can we survive and how long will God tolerate the sinful direction of our land?

The solution is a personal and nation sweeping revival - a revival of purpose,

a revival of spiritual awakening, and a revival of personal responsibility.

2016 is an election year. Government will not solve our problems and elected officials are not our saviors. That being said, it is the responsibility of all of God's people to seek out righteous leaders and to hold them accountable to the standards that make for an orderly and moral society.

The answer begins with a burdened heart, prayer, and action. If our hearts are not concerned, then all is lost. If we desire a different direction, then prayer is essential. When we are alarmed enough, we will pray and then we will take the necessary action to effect change.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the sure cure for a nation's sins. Our nation is in peril. Men, women, boys and girls need Christ.

### Staff Positions Available

#### Laurel Church Seeking Pastor

First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, Mississippi, is searching for a pastor. Any interested individuals should send a resume to Pastor Search Committee, c/o First Baptist Church, 4514 Highway 15 North, Laurel, MS 39440 or email to fbcshadygrove@yahoo.com. Phone inquiries should be made to Don Brown at 601-426-3293.

#### Pastor Search

Tombigbee Baptist Church in Mantachie, Mississippi, is seeking a pastor. Those interested are asked to contact James Jones at 662-871-8824 (redjones@nexband.com) or Sid Kirksey at 662-401-5888 (kirksey@nexband.com).

#### Church Seeks Music Director

Lebanon Baptist Church is in need of a part-time music director. This person would be over leading worship service Sunday morning and night, as well as doing cantatas and other special music. We are looking for someone who is able to incorporate both hymnals and contemporary style music. All interested persons who have questions or would like to send their resume may do so by emailing Adam Parker at parkeradam288@gmail.com.



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## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

### Hoop Snakes

I was digging around in my "attic" a few days ago and I came across this article from Jack Sunn's column. Here it is:

"Many years ago Mississippi was infested with what was known as hoop snakes.

The snakes were more than 9 feet long and extremely poisonous. To move, the snake would attach its mouth to the end of its tail, for a 3-foot circular hoop and roll at a very high speed.

A story was told about a man and his wife, Walter and Beulah Bell Murgertroyd, who were raking leaves near their house one day when Beulah spied a hoop snake rolling down the hill. Beulah screamed for Walter to watch out, and he waited until the snake was very close before stepping to one side and causing the snake to bury its fangs in a 10-inch oak tree.

The snake's venom was so poisonous it caused the tree to immediately begin swelling. Within a year the tree was about 36 inches in diameter. Walter cut the tree and built Beulah a chicken house.

A few years later, Beulah rubbed coal oil on the inside walls of the chicken house to get rid of chicken mites. The coal oil not only killed the mites but killed the poison in the lumber, causing it to draw up so much that it smothered 20 of the best Rhode Island Red hens they had."

All who believe that, stand on their head! All who don't, give me a quarter!

Matthew 12:36 says we will give account of every idle word that we have uttered. I seem to stack them up frequently.

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# Phobi-addict

A good friend of mine had an aunt that was a hypochondriac. She was always at death's door ringing the doorbell wanting to enter in, but was constantly turned down entrance. I think it was just because nobody on the other side wanted to listen to her bellyaching. She was finally proven right about her poor health when she died at the young age of ninety-seven. In fact, when she crossed over the river, they had to check her passport twice to be sure that this time was the real deal.

It saddens me to know that people spend their whole life waiting to die and never enjoying the day that has been given them. What a miserable existence this must be for someone to have to endure. Besides that, it brings down everyone around them as well. Also, it takes away from people with real issues like me.

I'm a Phobi-addict. I never used to be, but as age has slipped up on me, I find myself finding everyday things in which to be in fear. Snakes, heights, elevators, clowns, and politicians to name a few, although I realize snakes, clowns, and politicians may be classified into one group. These things never used to bother me, that is, until I became wise enough to realize the

danger they imposed. Being older and wiser is not quite as much fun as being younger and dumber. I guess I could grow older and not wiser, but I'm not sure that a person gets to be older without getting wiser. You never hear of the elderly saying, "Hey y'all, watch this!"

It bothers me to think that as a younger version of myself, I never once worried about getting stuck in an elevator on the thirteenth floor with a snake handling politician working nights as a clown. To think, I wasted the majority of my life being carefree when I could have been worrying about the ozone layer, national debt, and aliens invading. I'm afraid that if there was a group meeting for Phobi-addicts, I would be too scared to go, especially if it was headed up by someone named Ray who was a Greek scholar. On the other hand, I might receive some ideas about new things in which to be afraid.

## From The Mind of Chuck Lee

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## Letters From Our Readers

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

### Missionary Returns To Field & Shares Needs

Dear Pastor, Church family, and praying friends:

I trust that you are doing well and continue to enjoy God's greatest blessing upon your life. After a couple of months on furlough we are back in India. Thank you for your prayers and kind hospitality during our stay in the United States. Our kids, Joanna and Jason, even though exhausted with the traveling, have thoroughly enjoyed the visit and got to learn and experience many new things in the short period of time.

As we settle down and continue to minister, God's calling on our family has been very clear through the years to reach

regions that has been unreached with the gospel. Romans 10:14,15. Says... "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?"

God has called us to work with BMAA missions whose purpose is to make disciples who are disciple makers and plant churches. Through the years this ministry has touched the lives of thousands and has brought Christ into their lives. The ministry will produce the fruit not only winning souls to Christ, but raise local leaders to be fulfillers of the great commission.

Pray for the Bible Institute that trains local leaders, for the Hope House for Girls, The Lifeword radio program, the Christianschools with 1800 children, women's ministry, small

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### Summer Courses

Remember to call Southeastern Baptist College and register for classes now. Two online classes will be taught this summer: OT-435, Old Testament Poetry (Job, Psalms, and Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon) and OT-436 (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations). The complete Fall Schedule is



A special 'gift bucket' given to Dr. Aaron Parker as he steps down as Academic Dean.



Outgoing Dean Dr. Aaron Parker bringing the commencement address

available at our website ([www.southeasternbaptist.edu](http://www.southeasternbaptist.edu)) Do not forget that all Fall courses will be taught on campus and online. Call Monday through Wednesday at 601-426-6346 and speak to Ronnie Kitchens about registering for the Summer classes or to pre-register for the fall schedule.

### Graduation

The 2016 Graduation Services for Southeastern Baptist College were held on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Eight graduates

received their degrees. Some received both their associate's and bachelor's degrees. Retiring Dean Dr. Aaron Parker brought a challenging commencement address. For efforts during the past year, a number of students and teachers received recognition for special honors which they had received. We rejoice with the graduates over their accomplishments. We ask everyone to pray that God will bless their credentials and knowledge to redound to the glory of our Savior.

groups and all the church planters and their families.

Though God has called us to this ministry, I can't do without people behind me. I want you to consider being a great commission partner. There are a couple ways you could think of investing in this ministry. As we struggle daily with discouragement, persecution, and all hindrances, I need your prayer support. And at the same time I need people who will make a financial investment in this ministry. With the recent budget cut of 20% it is extremely important to raise this support to meet the needs.

Would you pray about being my partner in the Kingdom work? I am not looking for an answer right away but want for you to take your time and keep it in prayers.

In Christ  
Bro. Prashant Prakash  
BMAA Missionary to India

## Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



# Master Builders Continues Work

by Nelda Malone- reporter

The first week in April was the time set for The Master's Builders to begin their annual job at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary, Texas. Camp Director Jason

especially Barbara May.

If you feel the Lord is leading you toward this ministry, if you have any questions, or if your church has building needs, you can contact our Office



Masters Builders workers

Prewitt had plans for the men to tear out the concrete cinder block dividers in the bathrooms in 5 dorms and to build new walls and doors for each one. There was a lot of precise sawing going on!! They also cut and installed vinyl planks for the floor in each shower, installed a door between the rooms in the workers' dorm to give some privacy, constructed 2 lifeguard stands and built 32 shadow boxes for each dorm to display scriptures, pictures, info etc. They also built a GaGa Ball Game Pit and placed it, and one previously built, on the grounds.



Getting to work

This was the 141st job for the Master's Builders. There were 13 RVs parked in the parking lot, with 3 men staying in the workers' dorm, and one that drove back and forth each day, for a total of 17 men.

While at Gary, we attended the Dedication Service for the new building at Bethel Baptist in Clayton, Texas. The Master's Builders helped in the construction of this building in September of last year.

Our Builders family is still mourning the loss of our dear friend and fellow worker, John May. And while on this job at Gary, we loss another dear friend. Robert Ramey, our almost 90 year old Master's Builder, was called Home. Robert was with us as we worked at Bethel last year and was there working with us a Daniel Springs. He enjoyed the work so much and we enjoyed being with him. Robert was not present for "circle up" prayer Tuesday morning, but he WAS present with our Lord. What an inspiration and blessing he was to us all. We miss John and Robert, but are so thankful for the precious memories we have of each. Please remember the families of these men,

Coordinator, Bro. John Mangum at 318-205-5155 or his cell 318-607-4100 or our Field Coordinator, Eddie Sikes at 903-725-6549 or his cell 479-462-1675.

P.S. Jason Prewitt had asked for anyone who had a testimony of the ministry of Daniel Springs to write in and I always planned to, so now is my opportunity. This writer was a 19 year old wife and mother of a 2 month old, who went to church that morning because my older sister told me to get up and go. The GMAs of the church had been to Daniel Springs for camp. Five girls were saved and they gave their testimony in the worship service. Until then, I never realized I was lost, but the Holy Spirit convicted my heart and I realized I was nothing without Christ! I surrendered my life to Him on June 22, 1969, at Chaybeate Springs Baptist Church, Plain Dealing, Louisiana. Thank you Lord and thank you for the ministry at Daniel Springs. II Timothy 1:12b.

## Revival Notices

**Sharon Baptist Church** near Laurel will hold revival services June 12-15, 2016. The speaker will be Bro. Justin Cameron. The church will hold regular Sunday morning services at 10:30 with

## Women's Missionary Auxiliary

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## Virtuous Women

by Tiny Dyess

The ladies of Good Hope Baptist Church, Columbia, have been involved recently in a project making clothing for poor children who are in need. The clothing will be given to various missionaries to be distributed. There will be pretty new dresses for girls and nice new short pants for the boys.

“. . . and all the widows stood by him (Peter) weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them." By the power of God, Peter raised her from the dead, "and many believed in the Lord."

This picture features some of our ladies who became "the spirit of virtuous Dorcas." We salute you all and also those who helped, but are not in this picture.



Most of us are familiar with the lady of acts 9:36 named Tabitha or Dorcas. She had the wonderful testimony that "she was full of good works and alms deeds which she did," and verse 39 says

We especially salute Mrs. Betty Kendrick who is spearheading this project for us and also Mr. Pete Kendrick for cooking hamburgers for us.

## Northeast Ladies Meet

by Martha Duncan, Reporter

The Northeast District Ladies Retreat was held at East Fulton Baptist Church on April 23. The Program, "Quilted Together" was presented by Anita Akers. "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul." Psalms 94:19. The Theme: Worship. Scriptures used: Psalms: 40:11, Isaiah 54:10, James 1:12, John 3:14-16, Jeremiah 31:3. Music lead by Beverly Beane, Linda Collins &

lunch at the church and an afternoon service at 1:00 p.m. Nightly services will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Pastor Joe Watson and the Sharon Church family invite all to come and worship with them. The church is located in the Sharon community at 4346 Sharon Rd., Laurel.

**Leakesville Missionary Baptist Church** will be holding revival services June 6-10. Our speaker will be Bro. Charles (Chuck) Lee. Services will be at 7:00 each evening.

Patty Harlow with Joseph Johnson on the piano. There were two break-out sessions: God's Love, What's Your Superpower? And God's Protection, All Dolled Up. A delicious meal was catered by Bro. Steve & Jenny Bennett.

**Mississippi State WMA Corresponding Secretary's Report**  
Mrs. Shirlene Smith  
May 2, 2016

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# Showing some backbone in the Tar Heel State

(OneNewsNow.com) - A family advocate says more Americans need to fight the Obama administration and use North Carolina's governor as a role model.

Andrea Lafferty, who heads the Traditional Values Coalition, is applauding North Carolina for not allowing the federal government to bully the state into allowing men to use women's facilities.

Scalia's absence opened door for NC lawsuit

Former Justice Department attorney J. Christian Adams believes the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia emboldened the DOJ to pursue a federal lawsuit against North Carolina's bathroom law.

Adams, now chief counsel of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, believes this issue will ultimately reach the Supreme Court which, because of Scalia's passing, is short one conservative justice right now.

"The reason this case got filed is because Justice Scalia died [in February]," Adams tells OneNewsNow. "So I think [U.S. Attorney General] Loretta Lynch and President Obama and all the other radicals at the Justice Department are counting on a Supreme Court that looks very different than the one from last January."

Adams categorizes the lawsuit against North Carolina as "part of the fundamental transformation" the president promised before assuming office.

"And in this case it's to use federal power to create an imaginary civil right for men dressed as women to go into bathrooms," the attorney continues. "It is not part of the federal law, but that doesn't stop this administration from bringing lawsuits in court based on what they wished the law was rather than what the law really is."

"If they choose to [withhold funding], it would be a massive miscalculation by the Obama administration .... It would be unprecedented in American history for that to happen. So I don't think that's going to happen."

"But if it did, then what do you do? You have to make cuts to the government .... You have to tell the people of North Carolina because of what they're doing in Washington, DC, and how they are breaking the law, they are keeping your tax dollars, not letting you have it, not letting the least advantaged, most-disadvantaged students in North Caro-

lina have those funds that already belong to them."

The state is led by Gov. Pat McCrory, who has been vilified by homosexual activists and the media for signing House Bill 2 last month.

House Bill 2 stipulates people must use the public restroom that corresponds with their gender at birth. Yet while that sounds like common sense, lawmakers in North Carolina "created state-



North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory

sponsored discrimination" against the transgendered in North Carolina, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch claimed in a May 9 press conference.

That press conference came after the U.S. Department of Justice demanded that North Carolina drop its new law and gave the state a deadline to do so. Instead, McCrory announced the state was suing the DOJ and Lynch went to the microphones to compare the Tar Heel State to Jim Crow.

Contrary to President Barack Obama's view, Lafferty says, accommodating transgendered people is not a civil rights issue.

"Martin Luther King Jr. didn't march on Selma so that grown men and boys could march into girls changing rooms and showers," she observes.

The transgendered are "psychologically unhealthy people who clearly need help," Lafferty says, but not at the expense of the majority of Americans, including women and children in public restrooms.

OneNewsNow has noted that transgenderism was considered a mental illness until 2013, when the American Psychiatric Association dropped the term "gender identity disorder" in favor of "gender dysphoria," because the newer term is less "stigmatizing."

Much like comparing North Carolina to Jim Crow, the U.S. Dept. of Education is using Title IX anti-discrimination legislation to demand that public schools accommodate transgender students or face a federal lawsuit and loss of funds.

Much like North Carolina's governor, a group of parents and students in

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### The Joy of the Lord

There is one thing for sure as we make our journey in life, we need the Lord's help and strength. Read 1 Kings 19:1-8. God gave Elijah strength to do His work, verse 8. When it came to the every day task of life Elijah discovered that the walk God had called him to journey was too great for him to do by himself. He was prone to become discouraged and weary.

He found out on a personal basis that only God can give the help needed for the journey of life. Yes, we can trust the Lord for a lifetime. As the days, months, and years go by we can take assurance that God is very near to us to give us the strength needed. "...and as thy days, so shall thy strength be." Deuteronomy 33:25.

God gives us the strength for the days ahead as we wait before the Lord at the beginning of the day. May we begin each day meditating on His Word, prayer, and worship. Above all, may we surrender ourselves to Him. Yes, it will make a difference in our life as we graciously bow ourselves to the Lord and allow Him to meet every need of the day. Nehemiah says, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10.

### Graduating Senior

It is a joy and delight to announce that Alden Brunty will be a part of the 2016 graduating class of West Jones High School. Graduation ceremonies will take place on Friday afternoon, May twentieth, two thousand and sixteen at three o'clock at the Magnolia Center, Highway 11, Laurel, Mississippi.

Alden plans to attend Jones County Junior College in Ellisville this Fall. Remember Alden in your prayers as he enters this all-important phase of his life as he prepares and plans for his future.

Congratulations Alden on your achievements. Our prayers and best wishes are with you. Proverbs 3:5,6.



Alden Brunty

### Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the girls and boys and the ministry of the Home in your prayers. "...for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10.

## State Youth Camp - June 6-8, 2016

### Waukaway Springs, Vossburg, Mississippi

We will once again meet at Waukaway Springs Christian Retreat Center in Vossburg, Mississippi. The dates for this year's camp is June 6-8 and the cost is \$100 per person.

We are very excited to have Bro. Blake McCain as our speaker this year.

One new change for this year is that we are opening up camp for all ages. Many of the children who have attended our Junior Camps over the years are now reaching their teen years and we want to continue providing the camp experience that they have come to know and love.

For more information and to preregister, contact Bro. Kelby Johnson at 662-316-6233 or kelbyjohnson@yahoo.com.

Illinois are suing the Obama administration over that policy.

The lawsuit argues the federal government has "violated students' fundamental right to privacy and parents' constitutional right to instill moral standards and values in their children," The Washington Post reported.

It wasn't the intent of Congress in passing civil rights legislation to make transgender a protected class, Lafferty argues.

"The Obama administration," says Lafferty, "is interpreting this law by regulatory fiat."

# Shifting Gears

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The very first car my wife and I bought together, right before we married, was a 1974 Mustang II. It did not have an auto-



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matic transmission; it was a five-speed manual. She had never driven a stick shift before, so the training began. There is nothing like learning to drive a five-speed to see how well you will really be able to get along. She was doing quite well until one day we had an errand that required her to drive where the area was quite hilly.

Unfortunately, the traffic light caught us where the hill was the steepest, and now the real test was about to begin. When the light turned green she tried, but we rolled backward. Again she tried, but the result was the same.

The man behind us was quite concerned, waving his hands and honking his horn. I pulled up the emergency hand break in the middle console, told her to gun it and pop the clutch, and I let the brake down. You can get rubber even in a four-cylinder!

She became very proficient with a manual transmission, which proved to be quite useful while we were living in Romania.

Learning to know when to be in the right gear at the right time allows the engine to function at its optimum. In the wrong gear at the wrong time, and the engine labors and can even shut down.

Being in the right gear at the right time is also important in our lives for us personally, our families and wherever we may work. If you are in the wrong gear at the wrong time, damage can be done.

The following gears are used in the book *Five Gears: How to Be Present When there Is Never Enough Time* by Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cockram. The key is to be aware of the gear you are in and the gear others are in around you, then be willing to shift into the needed gear for the moment.

We will run over people if we choose to continue at the speed we are traveling and are unwilling to down shift, slow down and be fully present and focused on them where they are at the moment.

• **First Gear is the Recharge Mode.** This is where you completely unplug and are able to get refreshed, recharged and re-energized. This is your time alone with God and making sure you get

the rest and relaxation that you need.

This is why there is a day and a night, a Sabbath, a time to work and a time to rest. God placed these rest rhythms into our lives for our health and well being. Do not skip over first gear and try to start off too fast in another gear because you will eventually damage your engine.

• **Second Gear is the Connect Mode.** We must learn to be fully present with our families. The people we love the most deserve our best in the area of our undivided attention during quality time together. We cannot afford to always be distracted and guilty of being physically present but not emotionally.

Are you connecting appropriately with your wife and with your children? The reality is that miscommunication grows exponentially the busier our lives become.

• **Third Gear is the Social Mode.** This middle gear gives us the ability to shift down or up pretty easily. We can downshift into second gear where we can spend quality time with someone that allows us to get to know them more personally.

Look for these opportunities and capitalize on them, but also be ready to shift to being able to multi-task. The key to third gear is being aware of what is needed at the moment and having EQ — emotional intelligence.

• **Fourth Gear is Task Mode.** This is where we are multi-tasking and working hard in several different areas. It is interesting that 85% of people are usually in this gear, but you cannot stay there forever.

It is not good if the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night is to check your email. All of us need to learn when to shut it off and to shutdown. This gear can be exhilarating and bring a lot of personal satisfaction as we check things off of our “to do” list.

• **Fifth Gear is the Focus Mode.** Now you are 100% focused on the task, and you are uninterrupted as you complete it. This has been described as being “in the zone.”

I have asked several what that looks like in their particular field. A policeman shared with me that it is when he is able to help someone. An owner of a factory shared with me that it is that two to three minutes every day when everything and everyone is working in perfect harmony.

An NFL quarterback said it is when he can see the whole field and knows what everyone is going to do and how the defense will react — the opposite of tunnel vision.

When are you in “the zone?” Where is your sweet spot, the time when you are at your best and can be the most productive? It may be in 90-minute segments, early mornings or right after lunch. Maybe you need to get around people to be “in the zone,” or you need to be locked in a room by yourself with a white

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marker board as you dream and visualize.

Once again, though, you cannot stay in fifth gear forever. There will be time to downshift into multitasking, then downshift again to be social again.

To properly drive a five-speed transmission, you must be aware of how the engine sounds, the terrain, the correct speed needed and be sensitive to what is needed at the moment.

The same is true in our lives as we become more self-aware of the gear needed for us to be productive and per-

sonable. You cannot always be the social butterfly, because there is work to be done; nor should you continually be all about the work while ignoring relationships.

Healthy Christians know when to shift gears!