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MIDYEAR MEETING INFORMATION

by the Editor

The BMA of Mississippi midyear session will be held at Central Church in Southaven, Mississippi. Central is a joint mission project of the BMA of America and BMA of Mississippi. The church has experienced good growth and is looking forward to hosting this meeting.

The Brotherhood and WMA will meet at the church on Monday evening May 21 at 7:00 pm. The WMA Officers will meet at 5:30 pm.

The midyear business session will begin at 9:30 on Tuesday morning, May 22. The order of business will follow the schedule of the 2017 annual meeting. Central Church has made arrangements with a local restaurant for the noon meal. Pastor Anders Lee and the membership of Central Church look forward to hosting.



This editor was in service with Central Church on Sunday May 13 and witnessed their baby dedication service

TRUSTEE TO SPEAK

BMA Seminary's Sixty-First Commencement

The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Texas will hold its 2018 commencement exercises on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church located at 210 Philip Street in Jacksonville. The event is open to the public.

The 2018 graduating class will be the seminary's sixty-first. Graduates will receive Associate, Bachelor and Master's degrees during the ceremony.

Randy Veach of Manila, Arkansas, will present the commencement address. Veach is a deacon at Little River Baptist



Randy Veach

Church in Manila and a BMA

2018 Prayer Breakfast Held on Campus of SBC



The 2018 Community-wide Prayer Breakfast was held on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College on May 3 in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. As with many communities, a service was held at noon at the Jones County Courthouse. A number of community leaders were present and led in prayer for our community, state, nation, and our leaders.

The guest speaker was Mississippi State Representative Donnie Scoggins. Special music was presented by a local group along with one who sang the National Anthem.



Pictured above is SBC President Dr. Scott Carson (left), Laurel Mayor Johnny Magee (center) and Rep. Scoggins.

Seminary trustee. Veach, a third-generation farmer, and his wife Thelma farm on land cleared by his grandfather and father. They have one son and four grandchildren.

Veach is currently serving in his tenth term as Arkansas Farm Bureau president. He also serves as president and board chairman for the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. Other boards upon which he serves include those of the Southern Farm Bureau Casu-

ality Insurance Company, Farm Bureau BanCorp, and the Arkansas World Trade Center. In 2015, he was appointed to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts.

In 1998, Mississippi County, Arkansas chose Veach's family as Farm Family of the Year. In 2012, Veach received the Honorary American Future Farmers of America degree for lifetime service to youth and agri-

culture education. In 2014, he was recognized as the Burlsworth Foundation's Leg-ends Honoree.

BMA Seminary provides accredited theological education to qualified individuals by seeking to equip them for Christian service and leadership roles. The seminary supports the educational needs of the Baptist Missionary Association of America and other groups who share a like commitment to the authority of Scripture.

Lifeword Profiles Jon Dodson

Jon Dodson believes that "If Paul were alive today he would use the digital realm to distribute his message." He has been interested in ministry-focused digital marketing and online communication the majority of his life. "It all started with my parents," he said. "I don't remember a day when my parents didn't talk about faith, prayer, and sharing Jesus with people." Being raised in a living legacy of ministry prepared him for his professional career.

He accepted Christ at ten years old and attended churches in Cabot and



Sherwood, Arkansas. After graduating from North Pulaski High School in Jacksonville, Arkansas, he studied at University of Central Arkansas (UCA) on a music scholarship (playing trumpet) and majoring in early childhood education. During this time he met Robyn Smith at the Association of Baptist Students (ABS) house at UCA. She was a CBC student who transferred to UCA for a media specialist degree and later a master's degree in library science. Jon and Robyn attended Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, where they were married in 1994.

Newly married and finishing college, he borrowed funds to buy needed production equipment for a Christian rock radio show God placed on his heart called Extreme Heir. This successful show aired on Saturday nights for two-and-a-half years until the sponsoring station was sold. During this time, Jon and Robyn moved to Little Rock where they were members of Fellowship Bible Church for the next seventeen years.

After the radio show, he worked with one of the first Internet dial-up filtering services in the world that blocked inappropriate material. Jon then returned to UCA to complete a master's degree in information technology management. Upon graduation, Lonoke Public Schools hired him as Technology Coordinator in 1997.

After eighteen months at Lonoke, he was hired by Alltel, then Acxiom. In 1999, their first son Jeremiah was born, followed by Nathan in 2002.

While at Acxiom, Jon started Vertical Studio in 2003, a digital marketing agency offering web development and online marketing services to its clients. After being laid off at Acxiom in 2004, he began working at Lake Valley Community Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to help with their information technology (IT) and digital needs as Executive Pastor. Daughter Anna Kate was born in 2006 while he and Robyn served there. Once the two-year contract ended at Lake Valley, the family returned to Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock where he worked the next four and a half years as IT and Digital Marketing Manager.

In 2012, Jon was hired by Little Rock-based Family Life, where he led

their web team and assisted with digital marketing until 2015. For the past three years, he has worked full time in his agency Vertical Studio where he is a Google All-Star Adwords partner and Silver Hubspot partner...then Donny Parrish called in 2016.

Jon and Donny have known each other since their days together at Antioch while Jon was in college and



Dodson Family

Robyn sang with Lifeword Singers. When Lifeword's Day by Day broadcast began airing, Donny asked Jon to lead the digital marketing efforts of this new social media broadcast. It was during this time that Donny shared his vision about the Cloud and asked if Jon would lead its development. Since June of 2017, Jon and his development team have been building the Cloud, and in June of 2018, he will become Lifeword's new Director of Digital Broadcasting and Marketing.

The Cloud platform will take Lifeword in an exciting direction and into areas it has never been. The Cloud will eventually offer churches and Internet listeners a 24-hour online radio feed of Lifeword gospel broadcasting. When the Cloud platform is live, it will offer Lifeword the opportunity to experience exponential growth as never before.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

2000 Years or So

I have come to the half century mark of my time on this earth. When I was a whipper-snapper, (I feel I had better start learning the language of the elderly, or geezer-speak as some call it), I thought fifty was a far away number that was a distant mythical age only achieved by descendants of Methuselah. In fact, I always felt sorry for the feeble old people. Then one day I woke up and I WAS one of the feeble old people. My mind and my thoughts had tricked me into thinking my body was still able to do things reserved for the youth, so much so that I decided to take up running again. That was the worst ten yards of my life. Thankfully, one of the children was handy and was able to lend me a hand and lead me back to the recliner. Took me a week to get over that.

When I turned forty, I began to lose things. It started off small, but eventually snowballed into a full-scale avalanche of decrepitness. The first thing I noticed was that I was getting taller, in fact, I was gaining so much height that my head was growing past my hair. I preached a revival at a church that videoed the service with the camera angling down toward the pulpit from the back of the church and later saw a portion of the video and wondered who the bald guy was preaching. Turned out that it was me. Treacherous camera!!!

Next my eye sight began to betray me. Feeling that time was a well so deep that it would never dry up, I put off memorizing the entire Bible in the event I ever reached that far off age that it would be necessary for me to preach the scriptures from sheer memory. Deceit-

ful well!!!

From there went my hearing, my endurance, my teeth, and...one or two more things, but I forget what they are. My wife said it was all in my mind and that I was just full of hog-wash. (I guess she was practicing the language, too). I told her that I would remind her of those kind words when she reached this time in her life, but she stopped counting birthdays at 35, so I guess she will never know. Besides, I would probably never remember to tell her.

They say with time comes wisdom. You would think that after so long a time, I would have gained a little bit of knowledge and learned how to apply it. I hope that in some ways I have grown in that respect. However, watching the news, it seems that many never do mature as they grow older. To me, that's sad.

The church was established some 2000 years or so ago. It would seem that after that long of a time, we would have gained a little maturity. But, I wonder if we thought the well would just never run dry and decided we had plenty of time to grow up. The Apostle Paul could very well wonder why we are still preaching, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14). Redeeming the time may have been a great idea after all.

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Bro. Chuck Lee

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Trump-led DOE praised for pro-faith review

(OneNewsNow.com) U.S. Department of Education has announced plans to review restrictions on religious colleges and universities.

The Department of Education's goal is to eliminate unconstitutional restrictions placed on religious colleges that prevent students from getting grants or loans, or from participating in certain federally funded programs.

"This is huge for religious colleges and universities," says Dr. Jameson Taylor, vice president for policy at the Mississippi Center for Public Policy (MCPPE). "In particular, the Trump administration is signaling that they're going to continue to protect religious liberty."

The announcement by the DOE, says Taylor, complements the Trinity Lutheran case ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"That says that religious schools should have equal access to government funding," he recalls, "that is also made available to non-religious schools."

While there is an attempt under way to ensure equal opportunity for students who attend religious-based colleges and universities, Taylor stresses that the rule making notice is only a first step and he encourages the public to speak out.

"Colleges, parents and students need to get involved and submit comments," he explains. "Submitting a comment is as easy as making a Facebook post, and really a lot more important."

MCPPE can also help people submit comments if they contact the organization for assistance.

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"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

On the evening of May 17, 2018, our graduates will walk the stage and receive their well earned degrees. Having done so myself four times, I can attest that these students have spent many long hours in study and research. They have sacrificed many leisure activities and special time with their loved ones. There have been triumphs and tears. They have had long work hours followed by long school hours. There have been many moments of new understanding and some in interesting debate and they have each finished the race that the Lord had set before them. These happy and triumphant students have crossed the finish line in victory! .



Dr. Scott Carson
President

Quite frankly, whenever I have had a difficult school task before me, my greatest challenge was starting! Once I began the work, I found myself so engrossed that it seemed time flew by. I enjoyed the challenge of the work and the gleaning of knowledge. But, oh the personal struggle just to get started! Having engaged in the toilsome task, I was always determined to finish it.

Of the degrees I have received, I never dropped a single course and passed them all. There were many times I thought I might not, but the Lord was gracious and granted me strength to push through the tough assignments and then to go on to the next. One by one, each was com-

pleted until a degree was earned. What joy and sense of personal accomplishment to have completed a major task wherein God had called me.

These Southeastern Baptist College graduates are to be commended for their dedication and determination! Congratulations to each one! Their families should be proud of their loved one's accomplishment!

Are you up to the challenge? Do you have a sense of God's calling to earn a Bible college degree? Many are. We are nearly doubling our student body this fall! Come join them as they embark on a remarkable journey of Christian studies. The Lord will empower and enable you to become a graduate of our highly reputable institution. You just need to get started! Begin your journey today by contacting SBC at 601-426-6346.

Dorm Renovation

Our new recruiter will fill our dorms with new students! Because many of the rooms and common areas have been unoccupied for a while, there is great need to bring them back to acceptable standards. Can you be of help? Do you have materials, or talent, or monetary donations to designate toward this project? Give us a call at 601-426-6346 or send Justin Rhodes a note at pastorjustinrhodes@gmail.com.



SBC President Scott Carson welcoming the Laurel-Jones County Community to the campus for the Annual Prayer Breakfast.

Free Tuition?

Yes! And if I were you, I would not hesitate to take advantage of God's gracious gift of a college education at one of the finest Christian institutions in the United States! Thinking about taking courses in the Fall? 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 that are available for you! Our recruiter, Brad Phillips, has all the information you need to sign up for classes or contact Ginny Singleton regarding financial aid. Both can be reached at 601-426-6346.

Carson's Army

Brother Chris Floyd "Wants You!" He invites you to enlist in Carson's Army! This enlistment includes a pledge at various levels of rank representing their ability to give toward Southeastern Baptist College. If you feel led of the Lord to

enlist, call 601-426-6346 today! Please refer to the "Carson's Army" giving chart in this publication.

A Golden Opportunity!

SBC possesses the 2018 Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! And remember, many benefits are now fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Alumni Association

We are reorganizing our Alumni Association and reaching out to identify and contact every alumnus who has ever taken courses at our great school. One of our primary initiatives in the months ahead is for our Alumni members to consider giving \$56 per month in an effort to raise \$58,000 over the next 12 months. We have many infrastructure issues that must be addressed. Will you allow God to use you? Alumni Sam and Judy Oglesby have graciously accepted to lead this effort. Please contact them at 601-550-8513 or pastor_1@comcast.net to verify that your current contact information is correct. See the photo of our recognizing the alumni at the annual BMAA in Jackson.

Have Bible, Will Travel

"Preach the word..." 2 Timothy 4:2. I am ready to fill your pulpit! If you are in need of a guest preacher or request a personal report on the college, contact me at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

Dealing With Problem People

by Dr. Allen Tilley
from Baptist Progress

Every pastor has critics. They come with the call. They always have a better way to do things. They expect you to visit them regularly. They speak up at busi-



Dr. Allen Tilley

ness meetings, always negatively. Just know, they won't ever go away. You can either leave ministry because of them, or you can deal with them. Here are six ways to deal with problem people.

churches doesn't work. Just the names of the problem people change. The Lord didn't promise it would be easy or that He would remove the problem people from your ministry.

Ignore them. When problem people know they're getting under your skin, they become more aggressive. Most of the time, the issue almost always goes away. When you look back, you will wonder why you acted like it was a major crisis. If the threat is real, enlist the help of trusted leaders. Exercise discernment to win the battle.

Focus on the Lord. If you focus on problem people, they can take you down. If you focus on those things God has called you to do, you will forget about the critics. Never waste your time on prob-

lem people. Invest yourself in people who genuinely want to see God's will done in their lives.

We must not only accept them as a part of ministry, we must also learn to accept, pray and love problem people

Pray for them. Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). Giving them over to God is the best use of your time. Jesus dealt with problem people throughout His earthly ministry. Just remember, He can deal with them better than you ever can.

Look for joy. Problem people enjoy stealing your joy, faith, and strength. God gives you a limited supply of each, each day. Don't be like the pastor who couldn't find joy in his ministry because he was too busy dealing with the small bites of problem people. Be the pastor who finds joy in doing the great things

God is unveiling in his church.

Invest in a godly counselor. Since all pastors have dealt with problem people, seek out a mature pastor who still has his joy. Ask now he dealt with such people. Solicit his advice and perspective. Resist the temptation to talk about problem people with people in your church. You don't need allies, creating factions in the church. You need an outside friend who can walk with you, offering practical solutions.

In my younger years, I tried to make the problem people go away. Now that I'm older, I realize they are part of ministry. We must not only accept them as a part of ministry, we must also learn to accept, pray and love problem people.

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Men's Discipleship

by Larry Barker

Much is being said today about a vacuum that has been created by the missing father in the home and rightfully so. We see a leadership shortage not only in the home, but also in the church. There is a great need to raise up godly men of courage who will step forward and be who God has called them to be. It should sadden us to know that all too often if we ask men in our churches to tell us what it means to be a man of God they struggle to give a clear and concise answer. Churches need discipleship, but maybe they need men's discipleship the most.

Robert Lewis, one of the founders of Men's Fraternity, says that if God were giving out the 10 Commandments again there would be 11. The eleventh would be, "Thou shalt raise up godly men!" He reports that a study revealed several years ago that if you reach a child you have a 25 percent chance of reaching the entire family. If you reach the mom you have a 29 percent chance of reaching the family, but if you reach the

dad you have a 95 percent chance of reaching the entire family. Churches need to make sure their men are going beyond the normal surface relationships.

Solving the problem of the absentee father begins by training up men to be the spiritual

leaders of their families. For that to become a reality they must have the spiritual walk that is necessary to be who God wants them to be. A life of godly integrity challenges us to have a one-to-one correlation between our Bible, our beliefs, and our behavior. The key is making Jesus Christ the priority of your life through devotion and study of Him. Pat Morley describes a life of devotion as loving Him more and more while a life of study is getting to know Him more and more.

In *Seven Seasons of the Man in the Mirror* Morley says,

"There is a God we want, and there is a God who is. They are not the same God. The turning point of our lives is when we stop seeking the God we want and start seeking the God who is." Are we willing to spend the time necessary in devoting our lives to Him and discovering who He actually is? That commitment to a closer relationship with Him is required, but well worth the effort and the journey. The question must be asked, "What do men need?" Robert Lewis offers six things men need for them to be able to be God desires for them to be.

First, men need a "safe place" where they can discover someone understands them, and they are not alone. The temptation is to go it alone and accept a Lone Ranger approach, but that is not the focus of community in the Word of God.

The second thing men need is a clear and compelling vision of biblical manhood they can take hold of. Men need a discipleship process that challenges them beyond their comfort zones. Safety in the brotherhood is crucial, but it must also address the need to risk and step out in faith. We must be willing to practice a tough love.

Third, men need time with

other men to effectively process their manhood. All too often discipleship has an event focus, but we need much more than just a pep rally. Who will make sure you follow through on your commitments at the event you attended? Who will hold you accountable? Event driven discipleship takes men to the mountaintop and exhorts them, but does not provide the most needed component for actual growth, which is time with other men that make sure we do obey. We need other godly men speaking into our lives.

The fourth need is the practical how-tos of tasting success in our progress as we grow. There must be an implementation plan for men to grow and learn from the successes and failures of other men. Nothing encourages us like success. When we step on the scale and have lost weight that encourages us to keep working on it.

Fifth, men need male cheerleaders. Do not underestimate the importance of finding two or three other men who will affirm their accomplishments and cheer their godly efforts. There are not many cheerleaders out there for godliness and noble things.

The last thing men need in a solid discipleship process are sacred moments where you know you have become the man God wants you to be. Those moments can be some kind of ceremony at big moments in our lives at a certain age, graduation from high school or college, marriage, or some other worthy accomplishment. Your band of brothers can develop very simple cer-

emonies of "manhood" that can take on a very epic proportion. What accomplishments are deserving of a ceremony and what might that ceremony look like?

Men's discipleship should seek to study the word to discover the God who is not just the God we desire

So, where do you start? Look for other men who have a heart to put Christ first in their lives, desire to make that journey with other men who have that same passion, and want to hold one another accountable to that journey. Pat Morley asks this question, "Have you really wanted to know God, or have you just wanted Him to know you?" The difference can determine whether we see ourselves in charge of our lives or that God is in charge. Unfortunately, all too often, Christians seem to have a respect of the scriptures but no knowledge of their contents.

Men's discipleship should seek to study the word to discover the God who is not just the God we desire. The focus must be to make Him King of our lives as we seek to advance His kingdom. The kingdom of God can be defined as what the world looks like when King Jesus gets His way! It is surrendering to His rule and reign in our lives!

Larry Barker is the pastor of Cornerstone, Jacksonville. He also serves as the operations director for North American Missions. For more information or to contact him, visit www.bmamissions.org.



Some random thoughts from Malachi

Malachi 1.5 "The Lord is great, even beyond the borders of Israel."

We Christians are sometimes provincial and territorial in our view of God, the works of God, and His involvement in our small planet. At times Baptists might think, "God is a Baptist and deals only with Baptist interests." The same can be said of Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, even Independent Churches of all stripes.

The Lord is great, even beyond the smallness of our denomination. He is great beyond our city, state, even our nation with all its peculiar nationalistic views and policies. God is at work. He has many servants. This multitude of servants might not be of our denomination, culture, or nationality.

The hand of God is at work in our world--in real time--though we might not accept it as His greatness. History is replete with His work. Current, right now kind of time, shines with His greatness beyond the borders of my little world. After all it is His world. He created it. He acts in it today.

Malachi 2.7 "For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should desire instruction from his mouth..."

Aaron was God's priest. He was faithful in his work for the Lord. Not so for the priests of Malachi's day! They did not guard knowledge nor did people receive instruction from their mouths. Then let us ask this question of today's pastors, ministers, and ordained clergy: Do your lips guard the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and do people receive good, positive, and Christian instruction from your lips?

You are the messenger of the God of Heaven! For the sake of Christ and His Church, treat your job as of sacred calling! It is not a career like any other. It touches and brings the things of heaven to the needy people of this earth.

Clergy, keep your heart pure in repentance by falling on His grace. Keep your hands clean from evil. Let your ears hear from your congregants with a heart of compassion, yet your tongue be silent in repeating what the ears heard with your people. Guard your steps as you go in and out among your congregation.

Leave It To Cleaver



Dr. Tony Cleaver is a retired U.S. Army Chaplain and Director of Distance Learning for BMA Seminary. You may contact him at jstmcleaver@embarqmail.com

Texas Church Seeks Youth Minister

Red Springs Baptist Church just north of Tyler Texas is looking for a youth and childrens minister. For more information please call pastor Collin Jones 903 363 8434.



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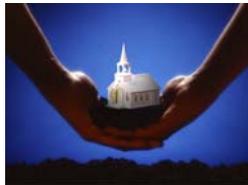
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Special Emphasis Offerings

Our Special Emphasis is April and May but to date, we are tracking a good bit behind where we were at this same time last year. I realize that there are many demands for financial resources on our churches, but I am praying that our folks will come through with a good Special Emphasis offering for State Missions.

1.4 Million People are Unchurched or Unsaved In MISSISSIPPI

State Missions Special Emphasis April - May

Our budget is built upon the expectations of consistent support by our churches throughout the year and a healthy Special Emphasis offering. Special Emphasis is not extra, for us, but rather it is a part of our normal

operating needs. I want to commend our churches for the regular and routine financial support and encourage you to help us with a good Special Emphasis offering.

Will you help us reach them?

Missions Building Going Up—May 19th
The foundation is in and it is time to raise the building. That is the plan for May 19th at Sumrall. If enough people show up, we plan to raise the new building for Day Star Baptist Mission, in one day. Come one, come all! Turn off Hwy 49 N just north of Hattiesburg onto Hwy 42 toward Sumrall. Just past the Mississippi Power Substation you will see the property. Call Bro. Phillip Burns to coordinate team participation, food support, tool needs, etc. It's sure to be a great time of work and fellowship. The last time we did this, at South Forrest, we had 93 people show up. Let's break that record and give the community something to talk about. Bro. Phillip Burns' phone number is (601) 670-6191. I am including a schedule of work, provided by Bro. John Prickett, who is heading up this event.

Day Star Property prepared and ready for construction



SCHEDULE FOR RAISING DAY STAR'S BUILDING SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

Team Name	Goals	Target Start Time
Saw Crew	Start layout on Thursday, Chalk line wall locations, drill and layout floor plates, build window/door frame inserts, corners and tees, set bracing nailers on floor	Thursday, Friday 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Assembly	Opening Prayer (TBD) Starting Instructions (John Prickett)	6:30 AM
Wall Assembly Team Saw Crew	Assemble north 12' end wall Assemble 12' 2 x 4 center walls Assemble 8' 2 x 6 exterior walls Assemble end walls Assemble interior walls	6:35 AM
Prebuild Team	Build overhangs for roof Build porch roof assembly	7:00 AM
Truss Team	Start as soon as both 12' center walls are raised and braced - Will have two rolling scaffolds and boom truck Start installing trusses at South end and work to the North Install truss bracing as you go Trusses will be marked for wall locations Notify Lath teams when finished.	8:00 AM
Break	Morning Devotional (5 min by TBD) & Break (15 min total)	9:00 AM
Side Truss Teams (one for each side)	Start as soon as one 8' side wall is raised and braced and truss team has started. Set these trusses by hand or use boom truck as available. Match Joists with trusses, and install with joist hangers Install scabs to lap center truss and side truss Install eave boards.	9:15 AM
Sheathing Team	Start as soon as end truss is up. Use front end loader with platform for high areas. Sheath exterior walls with 7/16" wafer board, attach with #8 nails 12" on Cut out windows and doors after sheathing is up.	10:00 AM
Strap Team	Install hurricane clips	as possible
Lath Teams (2 teams)	Start after all trusses up and braced. Trusses pre marked for locations. Screw on with two deck screws at each rafter. Add short blocks to the sides of the rafter at lath ends. Install roof laths first then South Wall last	10:30 AM
Lunch	Lunch Devotional (5 min by TBD) & Lunch (35 min total) Need 3 or 4 food lines to get through quickly	11:30 AM
Roofing Teams (2 teams)	Start as soon as Lath team finishes roof Pre-drill screw holes and pre-bend top edge. Square up to ridge line, Pop check lines at 12' and 27', Start at North End. Install Eave Trim Install ridge cap, rake trim	12 Noon
Break	Afternoon Devotional (5 min by TBD) & Break (15 min total)	2:30 PM
Special	Install Electrical Wiring Install house wrap Install windows, doors	as possible as possible as possible
Closing	Closing Prayer (by TBD)	5:00 PM

Mississippi State Missions

2018 Special Emphasis

Together We Can Reach Mississippi For Christ

National Brotherhood Annual Report

by Richey Hester-Editor and Promoter

The National Brotherhood of the BMA met on April 17, 2018 at the Jackson Convention Center in Jackson, Mississippi. The Brotherhood met at 8:00 AM in room 210 at the Convention Center with 62 present. Dr. Kenneth Pollock opened in prayer. President Mark Jones declared the Brotherhood in business. The first order of business was the election of officers. Officers were elected as follows: President Mark Jones, 1st Vice President Van Widger, 2nd Vice President James Laminack, 3rd Vice President Chris Hamilton, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Bynum, Editor/Promoter Richey Hester, Music Leader Bill Thornton, Asst. Music Leader Matt Hudson, Galilean Director Kenneth Colvert, and Asst. Galilean Director Dan Williams.

The Brotherhood project for 2018-19

is the Bible College in the Philippines and Missionary Bryan Risner. 35% to Philippians Bible College Jimmy Walker Work Fund, 30% to Missionary Bryan Risner, 25% to Galileans, and 10% General Fund

Brother Kenneth Covert gave the Galilean report. He first thanked the Brotherhood for their support. Bro. Covert said that they are giving the boys a purpose in life. National Galilean camp is set for June 28-July 1, 2018 at Stoneridge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Arkansas. This year's Galilean theme is "Separated" from II Corinthians 6:17 and Eric Johnson will be the camp pastor.

Bro. Stan Scroggins thanked the Brotherhood for the support of the Philippines Bible College. The support equaled 100,000 pesos, 100 pesos =



National Brotherhood Officers

\$1000.00, so 100,000 pesos = \$1,000,000. Bro Jimmy Walker gave thanks for the continued support of the Bible College.

Bro. Bryan Risner, Missionary to Romania brought our message from Acts 1:10-11. He asked the question,

"Are you salting, are you going where God leads you?"

Bro. David Lawrence led in closing prayer. Overall it was a great meeting. Remember to support the Brotherhood and our projects.

BMA of Mississippi Youth Department

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Kelby Johnson
Director

"ABIDE"

BMA of Mississippi State Youth Camp 2018

We have many churches signed up for camp already but there is still room for you! Whether you have a couple of kids who need a camp experience this summer or a large group that you would like to bring, we can still fit you in. Our focus, as always, is to have a Christ-centered, Bible-saturated, family-oriented time together. Check out all the information below and let me know if you are interested. Thanks!

General Information...

DATE...Camp will be May 31-June 2 (Thursday-Saturday)

SPEAKER...Dr. John David Smith

THEME...ABIDE

*Our theme is ABIDE and is taken from John 15:5 where Jesus says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

LOCATION...Waukaway Springs Christian Retreat Center

The address to Waukaway is 189 Co Rd 2351, Vossburg, MS 39366

You can read more about Waukaway at their [website: www.waukawaysprings.com](http://www.waukawaysprings.com)

They do have a camp store where you can buy T-shirts and another souvenirs.

COST...\$100 per person

WHAT TO BRING?

Bedding...(Waukaway just provides a mattress so you'll need a pillow, sleeping back, sheet blanket, etc.)

Clothing...You'll need clothing for our worship services, for play time, for swim time, and for night time. We leave this to each church group to decide how their students should dress but we encourage everyone to be modest at all times. Please no 2-piece swimsuits.

Bible

Toiletries (deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels, etc.)

Medications (Each church group leader is responsible for their students' medications.)

Snacks

Money (This is optional for those who may want to buy from the camp store.)

Hat/Sunscreen

EACH attendee needs a YOUTH DEPT. release form filled out when you come to camp.

EACH attendee needs a WAUKAWAY release form.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any further questions, contact Bro. Kelby Johnson at kelbyjohnson@yahoo.com

'Downward spiral' of Scouts self-inflicted, says LaBarbera

(OneNewsNow.com) A major faith group representing almost one-fifth of the Boy Scouts' membership has decided to cut ties with the organization. It's about time, says one pro-family advocate.

The Mormon Church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) announced on Tuesday it's pulling out of the Boy Scouts of America effective December 31, 2019, representing 19 percent of boys in BSA troops. The LDS Church is the biggest participant in American Scouting, according to The Salt Lake Tribune. The announcement came one week after the Boy Scouts announced a more "inclusive" name change.

"It's been just an incredible downward spiral for the Scouts, to the point where they now have to take the word

'Boy' out of their name," says Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality. "And it's just unfortunate that the Mormon Church is only realizing now that this is an untenable alliance with this corrupt organization."

Almost a year ago, the LDS Church decided to pull just its older boys from the Boy Scouts. LaBarbera argues Mormons should have completely pulled out long ago when the Boy Scouts – or "Scouts BSA," as it will be known come February 2019 – made its first mistake.

"What the Scouts did is reprehensible," he explains, "and it really boils down to the corporate CEOs who lead the Scouts first to accept homosexuality; then adult [homosexual] Scoutmasters, which is unbelievable because it means camping trips with open homosexuals and boys on camping trips; and then transgenders; and then finally allowing girls into the Scouts."

LaBarbera says boys in America have been hurt the most by the Scouts' self-destruction – a period during which the Christ-centered groups Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls have grown rapidly.

*You always reap
what you sow.
You reap later than you
sow, and you reap more
that you sow.*

Church Seeks Info on Former Pastor

As is the case at many churches, we at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove in Laurel, have a wall honoring our former pastors with a photograph and stating years of service. In 1896-97, we were served by a pastor who probably served more than just our church and may have lived in another city. We have failed to find information needed to support his time with us.

If you have a photograph or any information about Rev. C. W. Rayborn, please contact the First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, Mississippi, 4514 Highway 15 North 39443. You may also call the church office at 601-426-6098 or Bobby Lowe at 601-580-9553.

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A Word From WMA President Beth Caldwell

Ladies,

I want to encourage you to attend the "Ladies on a Mission", our WMA mid-year meeting on May 21, at Central Church in Southaven, Mississippi. Second Vice-president Elaine Smith has a great program planned and I know you want to be there. Officers will meet at 5:30 and our program will begin at 7:00.

See you in Southaven!

National WMA Project Selected for 2018-19

by Kelly Williams, Chairman
National WMA Project Committee

The National WMA met in Jackson, Mississippi, recently and what a great time we had! A big Thank You goes to Charlotte Johnson and Jodi Rhea for having the Outrageous Courage to make a change in our meeting plans. We conducted business on Monday afternoon with about one hundred women present, and then enjoyed a retreat on Tuesday that was wonderful! We heard from Kim Crabill,

founder of Roses and Rainbows Ministries, we enjoyed a wonderful time of lunch together and then had four break out sessions to pick from in the afternoon. Again, thank you to Charlotte and Jodi for this great retreat day.

During our business meeting Mrs. Diane Lee of the College in the Philippines, thanked the National WMA for the funds we raised during the last year. Our ladies and churches raised approximately \$33,000, 80% of which went to the college. The other twenty percent is designated to the WMA General Fund and the Youth Auxiliary Fund. Mrs. Lee sends a big thank you to all who helped!

There were three nominations this year for the 2018-19 National WMA

Project. They were We Are Free, LifeWord Cloud, and the BMA Moral Action Committee. We heard from all three organizations. The ladies voted to choose We Are Free as the National WMA Project. Angelyn McMurray, the Founder of this organization, shared some facts with us about human trafficking. Angelyn is the granddaughter of Silas McMurray, a BMA Missionary to New Jersey in the 1960's and 1970's. Her dad is now the pastor of that church. Their website is www.wearefree.us and I urge you to visit that website for more information.

Ms. McMurray, who is an attorney, was so moved by the facts of human trafficking that she started this organization. She speaks so passionately about the people affected by human trafficking and she speaks to groups about ways to avoid being pulled into any relationship that can lead to human trafficking.

The National WMA Project Committee met with Ms. McMurray and other officers and interested parties after the retreat to discuss how best to promote this project this year. Ms. McMurray has offered to visit any church, WMA District meeting, or state meeting to share about this ministry with no cost to the churches. The committee is also



Christian Women's Retreat Information *My Cup Runneth Over*

Psalm 23:5

Sponsored by BMA of Mississippi WMA

August 24-25, 2018

**Camp Garaywa Conference Center
Clinton, Mississippi**

We are thrilled about our upcoming retreat! It will be a time of spiritual renewal, relaxation, and fun.

Mrs. Sabrina Clayton is the speaker with special music by the Shiloh Trio.

T-Shirts will be available.

Fee is \$45.00 per person and includes 3 meals.

For more information call Jessica Haden at 662-251-0455 or 601-797-4597 or email at jessicahaden3@gmail.com.

-More information will be available in the next issue-

willing to travel to your meetings to share about the great need of We Are FREE.

We are stepping out in faith with our goal for this project. Ms. McMurray shared at the meeting that the first building has began and they have funds to finish that building, but no funds to furnish it. She asked that the WMA help her to make this building into a home. The cost to furnish the home, kitchen, bedrooms, living room, conference rooms, etc. is approximately \$60,000. We considered that as our budget but because we take 20% of the funds received for the general fund and youth auxiliary, we decided to set a goal of \$80,000, so that her portion is the \$60,000 needed. She will be sending me some information on how much each room would cost so that if your church or district or state wants to take on a particular room, we will know what that looks like.

Last year was my first year to serve as a National Officer on this committee. Here is what I learned: **IT ONLY TAKES ONE PERSON DECIDING TO HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** No amount is too small! If your church (or

even you you) want to give toward this worthy cause, please understand that every dollar helps!

Here are some things from We Are FREE's website:

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- There are roughly 27 million slaves in the world. There are more slaves now than at any other time in human history.

- More than 17,500 persons will be trafficked into the United States each year.

- Every year, approximately 100,000 U.S. Citizen children will be trafficked within the United States.

- In the United States, forced prostitution (trafficking) begins at an average age of 13 for girls and 12 for boys.

- And in the United States alone, human trafficking is a 9.8 Billion dollar industry. More specifically, in major urban areas, a pimp will earn as much as 1.7 Million dollars every year.

My prayer is that some day this facility will not be needed because we have eradicated the problem of human trafficking, but I'm realistic enough to know that Satan is alive and well, and seeking whom he may devour. Let's all get behind this project and make a difference this year!

You can contact me at kelgirl0805@gmail.com or call me at 214-534-9875 to ask for a visit to your WMA.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



1.4 Million People are
Unchurched or Unsaved In

MISSISSIPPI

Will you help us reach them?

French Missions in Quebec, Haiti, and Africa

BMA Missionaries - The Poirier's Canada & Haiti

We praise the Lord for all his goodness and blessings he has given to us on the mission field. During the past three months our work in Quebec has been blessed with new visitors and we have 2 people waiting for baptism. We have been consistent in our attendance in



Construction in Onaville

both the Sunday and mid-week services with an average of 30 faithful people. We are preparing for our Maximum Impact (gospel outreach), which will take place during June and July. Again we will flood the town of Levis and surrounding area with the gospel and compel the people to come to Christ. We always



The work in Douela, Cameroun Africa

look forward this time of the year and to the see fruit of the labour that has been put in to sowing the seed of Gods Word. We will be trying to reach another part of our province with the gospel during this summer. With that in mind and from the results of this outreach we pray for open doors to begin a new work. Lord willing we will be able to find someone who is interested in the gospel and then build on that to start a study group with them.

The work in Haiti is doing well, during the past three month we have seen 22 people come to Christ and 2 baptisms. We have been teaching and strengthening the churches in their walk and service to the Lord. The

Church of Segur has an attendance of 170 -190 total people including 50 and 70 children and 120 adults on Sunday morning and dropping to about 50 in attendance on Wednesday. As for the work in Onaville after three years of labour, difficulty and opposition from some of the people from the surrounding area, we have a group of approximately 70 people who meet in a small shack in the corner of the property. They are praying to one day have a proper building with light, chairs and fans. We were able to help them with the enough material needed to put some plywood up on the two sides of the building to give a little shelter from the elements. Two sides of the small roof where they meet were the wall of the property the other two sides were left open and they were never truly completely out of the weather. When it is was hot the sun would shine



Church in Levis Quebec Canada

on them or if it were raining they would get wet because of the way the wind blew. The sand storms they get are just awful but Praise God they rejoice now and are sheltered from the elements of nature.

We have another work we started in the Gros Morne area of Haiti, which is located 4 hours from Port au Prince. We are working with a group of men and teaching them church doctrine. They are good students eager to learn and taking in everything we teach them. We know this means we will need to dig a new well in the area and plant a church with keeping in mind to get a school going. The law in Haiti is that if you plant a church you must also have a school for the children. This will of course be the Sunday school we will offer them and down the road if the Haitians continue for a school it will be their job to do so. We are there to plant churches.

We also have a work in progress in the city of Douala, located in Cameroun Africa. We have ten people that attend faithfully the teaching on Skype when Internet is available. They meet on a small porch rented by the group for a few dollars, and they watch

the computer and give attention to the teaching or the preaching of that day. We plan to visit the group in January 2019, Lord willing.



Group in Gros Morne

Prayer requests:

1. We are in great need of the French Ostervald version of the Bibles for Haiti and Cameroun Africa. Every time I am in Haiti the demand is always there.
2. We need to dig 2 wells in Haiti, One in Onaville and the other in Gros Morne.

If you can help in any way for these items please feel free to write me or call me:

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Reports for April 2018				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planting Coach)				
Dr. Robert Burch (Caledonia)	142	120	\$6,000.00	Missionary Coach
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest)	100	55	\$7,156.00	Missionary Coach
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planters)				
Bobby Elliott (Burnsville)	37	65	\$2,073.00	Forked Oak
Danny Bartlett (Clinton)	18	15	\$4,494.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	30	18	\$4,904.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	48	27	\$3,903.00	Campground
Anders Lee (Southaven)	273	160	\$19,415.00	Charity
Dr. Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	18	9	\$1,323.00	First Baptist Mantachie
Dale Broom (S. Hattiesburg)	6	2	\$151.00	Evergreen Seminary
Will Hutchinson (D'iberville)	16	9	\$450.00	Campground
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin - Manager) <i>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</i>				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	144	131	\$7,002.00	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	139	18	\$1,909.00	El Camino
Jorge Galicia (Biloxi)	13	3	\$414.00	El Camino
Lucas Gomez (Canton)	6	2		El Camino
Way, Truth & Life Byron Morales (Ripley)				
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Church Planters				
Humberto Regalado (Tupelo)	24	14	\$1,174.00	Way, Truth & Life
Luis Huchin (Oxford)		9		Way, Truth & Life
Daniel Polanco (Horn Lake)	17	2	\$300.00	Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall - Coordinator) <i>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</i>				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	25	57	\$3,130.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook (Olive Branch)	25	25		Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 414 new contacts, 105 opportunities to share the gospel, and witnessed 22 professions of faiths, and 9 joined by letter in April 2017.				

Pro-lifers: Bring on lawsuit over human lives

(OneNewsNow.com) A pro-life organization welcomes any legal challenges over a new law in Iowa.

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill last Friday that bans abortion after a baby's heartbeat is detected. That's at or around six weeks, marking the strictest abortion regulation in the nation.

It also sets the state up for a lengthy court fight.

Maggie DeWitte, executive director of Iowans for Life, says it's an "almost certainty" that a court fight is coming but pro-lifers welcome it in order to challenge Roe v. Wade in a court of law.

"We're fully expecting any day now," she tells OneNewsNow, "for the Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and the ACLU, and other pro-abortion

entities, to file an injunction to halt the legislation and work its way through the court system."

Last year, Iowa passed a ban on abortion after 20 weeks that and pro-lifers later got behind the "heartbeat bill" that is now state law.

"This is a human rights issue," DeWitte says. "These are living, human beings with their own unique DNA, with their own unique heartbeat, and they deserve protection just like everyone else."

God doesn't love us because we're valuable. We're valuable because God loves us.