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Hillcrest Building Destroyed by Tornado Church Plans for Future

by Rayburn Freeman, director
BMA of Mississippi Missions

God through Jeremiah reminds us to call upon HIM. Jeremiah 33:3, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. New blessing



Hillcrest Church member Dale Thrasher found safety under the church communion table

every day, blessings that we ask for and blessings that are new for us, He just keeps adding marvelous things to our everyday comfort and joy. Even in the midst of the storm we can truthfully praise Him for his presence.



Only rubble remains after tornado ravaged Hillcrest Baptist Church in Yazoo City. Although 10 people lost their lives across Mississippi, no one was seriously injured at the church site.

Since the disaster hit Yazoo City on March 24, Bro. Lee and I have been in contact with the people of Hillcrest Baptist Church. The tornado hit the Hillcrest building and completely destroyed it. Prior to the storm,



Ray Freeman

church member Bro. Dale Thrasher, had arrived for some chores and upon realizing the situation found cover under the Lord's Supper Table. The tornado destroyed the Hillcrest Baptist Church building completely, but Bro. Thrasher remained unharmed though covered with debris. The Lord was surely with him in the storm.

On Monday evening, March 26, Faye and I were privileged to visit with several of the Hillcrest people at the site as they were looking through the rubble. We listened to their stories of how the

Lord had blessed in so many ways. One member shared with us that as they were gathering on Sunday morning someone found a songbook open to the song "Till the Storm Passes By." That song was used in worship and praise. Our visit was concluded with those present

National Meeting Marked By Cooperation, Continued Service and New Leadership

The 2010 meeting of the BMA of America held last month in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was marked by a spirit of cooperation, new mission fields, new churches, and new leadership in the Missions Department.

Messengers from across the nation gathered in Ft. Smith to hear reports, worship, plan and make plans for the future. Six new churches petitioned membership - Lifepoint Church, Hernando, Mississippi (a former state mission project); Rock Creek Church, Union, Mississippi; Lifesong Church, Greenbrier, Arkansas; Anchor Church, McAllen, Texas; Centro de Vida, Hous-



Arthur Smith (left) comes to lead in prayer as his son, Dr. John David Smith, was presented to the Association as the new Executive Director of Missions

enjoying a time in devotional thoughts. In that meeting a decision was made to conduct a midweek service on Thursday evening, April 29 at 7:00 P.M., and Sunday worship May 2 at 2:00 P.M.

A number of churches, organizations and individuals have contacted Hillcrest members asking how they can help. Presently, Hillcrest is planning the charter of their course concerning the removal of debris, location, construction and ministry. Their insurance company has advanced funds to begin preparation of a new structure, but has not given them any idea on a final figure. For those who are interested in helping financially, please call the Bank of Yazoo City at 662-746-5421 and ask for Mrs. Anita and share with her that you would like to make a contribution to the Hillcrest Baptist Church Special Fund. Bro. Dale Thrasher's name will be on the account.

For other reasons please contact one of the following: Bro. Dale Thrasher at 662-590-3369 or 662-571-4909; and Charles (Bud) and Janice Adams at 662-571-3578 or 662-673-2681.

ton, Texas; and New Found Church, Straw Plains, Tennessee.

Coming as no surprise, Dr. John David Smith, a native Mississippian, was elected the new Executive Director of Missions. Dr. Smith and his wife Kim are both graduates of Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel. Smith served a number of years as missionary to Cape Verde, and as a staff member in the national missions department.

Grady Higgs stepped down after 7 years as executive director. A number of coworkers spoke about the blessings Bro. Higgs has been to them and to the work of BMAA missions. A surprise visit by the Higgs' three children was a highlight to the evening. They shared their memories of growing up in a pastor's home and some personal information about their parents.

The Higgs were presented a 'sur-

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BMAA National Meeting Report

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prise' two week Hawaiian vacation by the Association.

Good reports were given by each department and all recommendations were approved as presented in the 2010 Recommendations Book that was



James Schoenrock moderates the Missions report

mailed to each church.

Over 850 messengers and visitors were registered. Only 275 churches were represented by messenger with another 217 by letter only. The officers for 2010-2011 are President Paul Bullock, I VP Ed Stephenson, II VP Jason Aultman. James Ray Raines was reelected to serve as one of three clerks. The 2011 annual message will be brought by Bro. Grady Higgs with John Adams of Mississippi serving as the alternate.

The 2012 meeting will be in the new convention center in Jackson, Mississippi.

During the DiscipleGuide report the attendance was extremely high - probably the largest



crowd at any one report. DiscipleGuide had messengers register for one of two items to be given way during their report. An Amazon Kindle 'book reader' and a new Apple iPad.

The drawing held the messengers attention. Bro. Carl Willis of Texas was the winner of the Kindle and Chaplain Bo Bankston of Mississippi won the iPad. Bankston had been honored the previous evening at the BMA Seminary Dinner as the recipient of the 2010 Kellar Award. This award is given to a graduate of the Seminary each year for outstanding service and accomplishments. Bankston recently has been named the Chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard. He currently in the head chaplain at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg.

New Missionaries
Alicia Ramshur, of Columbia, Mississippi, was approved



Alicia Ramshur

as a Creative Access Nation missionary. She is a member of Good Hope Church, Columbia, where Denny Patterson is pastor and as a nurse will be working in a hospital.



Nikky Prickett

Nikky Prickett, of Paramount Church, Perkinston was approved to go to the nation of Indonesia. Dennis Knight is her pastor.



Margaret Bean

Margaret Bean, who will be working with Alicia Ramshur

as an English teacher, was also approved. She is a member of Bethel Church, Fulton, Martin Jameson, pastor.



Sarah Hebert

Also from Bethel Church, Fulton, is Sarah Hebert. She will be working in the Philippines.

Ashraf Sara, of Iraq, who will be graduating from BMA Seminary this month, was approved to work in North America with Arab speaking people.

Leo Longmiller, of Jacksonville, Texas, will be joining Brad Faulk in the state of Washing-



Leo Longmiller

ton as a support missionary in the area of music and worship. Michael Cross, who was approved to go to Scotland in 2009, was granted a change of field to Asia Pacific.

Fiodor Baraniuk was reassigned from International Russian Coordinator to North American Russian-speaking Coordinator.

David Dixon of Puerto Rico, was approved to serve as a field consultant for Latin America and Anthony Penington was approved to serve as a associate missionary to work with Merritt Youngdeer in New Mexico.

Missionary personnel were given a 3% raise in salary.



Bro. & Mrs. Grady Higgs' children surprised them with their presence

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Ashraf Sara and family



Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

M-U-S-I-C

I attended a meeting a while back that was a wonderful experience. The music was led by young, very talented musicians and they asked the audience to stand during the entire song service. There's the rub! There was some complaining by a lot of arthritic knees, hips, back, etc. Made me wonder if any arthritic knees, hips, backs, etc. were in attendance when Ezra read the Word for four hours and the people stood for that.

I love to worship and I love music of all kinds! I just happen to like it better from a seated position!

I often wonder what kind of music we will use to worship in heaven. Will it be Southern Gospel, Bluegrass, Celtic, Symphonic, traditional hymns, Sacred Harp, Praise Choruses, seven-eleven, hoot 'n nanny? Whichever mode is used, it will praise and worship our Savior and Lord!

Go read Psalm 150 and start practicing.

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*Serving Christ With a Biblical World View
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Spring Festival

The spring festival, when prospective students are invited to come to the campus for a day to become more acquainted with the college, was done on April 27. It was a day to gather more information about the college, good food, fun, as well as attending a special chapel service planned for the occasion. It seemed that those who attended enjoyed the activities.



Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Memorial Gifts

Two contributions have been given to the Southeastern Baptist College Foundation in memory of Dr. Jasper Fail and Bro. James Savell. We are praying that God's comfort and blessings will be with these families.

SBC Choir Goes to Ft. Smith

Most of the Southeastern Baptist College Choir members were able to go to the BMAA in Fort Smith,



SBC Choir Director Glen Padgett directs the combined choirs of the three schools of the BMA of America. SBC choir members enjoyed the trip and represented the college well.

Arkansas. Their performance with the other college choirs, Central Baptist and Jacksonville, was well received. We got a lot of good compliments and were proud of them. Mr. Glenn Padgett and the choir did a good job. We appreciate them going and representing Southeastern Baptist College. I think it was good for each of them and the college.

I also appreciate those who gave contributions to pay their expenses. The amount given was almost exactly what it cost. The following list are those who gave designated offerings for their trip. Thanks so much.

Calvary Baptist Church, Taylorsville
Capitol Baptist Association
First Baptist Church, Bay Springs
Bro. and Mrs. Vern Holifield
Mid-Central Baptist Association
Paramount Baptist Church, Perkinston
Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis
Bro. and Mrs. Howard Rhoden
Bro. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Fulton

Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Wiggins
Vardaman Street Baptist Church WMA, Wiggins

Tiger Creek Baptist Church, Ovett, let the choir used their bus. This was a big help financially as well.

2009-2010 Graduation

The commencement services will be May 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. The following list are those who have been approved to received degrees and certificates, provided they complete all work satisfactorily for this spring semester.

Bachelor of Science - Church Ministries

Jerry Allen Bolton
Timothy Buchanan - High Honors
James Caleb Martin
Jacob T. McKenzie - High Honors
Donald E. Miller - High Honors
Percy Pollard, Jr.
Marcus Stanley Raymond
Jared Bo Stockman
Trent Warren

Associate of Arts - Bible

George C. Grund, Jr.
Courtney R. Messemore
Mims Orlando Rankin
Marcus Stanley Raymond
Michael A. Walker
Mark Orian Williams

Associate of Arts - Business

George Lamkin, III
Jacob T. McKenzie - High Honors
Vivian Lysette Niblett - High Honors
Faris Renee Walker - Honors
Wanda White Walker - High Honors

Associate of Arts - General Education

Christopher Ryan Myrick
Sarah Grace Vanbuskirk

Diploma in Bible

David Edwards
Marvin D. Mathis

Diploma of Christian Leadership

Annie Clayton-McLean
David Edwards
Marvin D. Mathis

Certificate of Christian Leadership

David Edwards
Marvin D. Mathis
Tracy Warren

Summer Class Offered

We are offering the following courses this summer. They will meet June 7 through July 1 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for those four weeks.

Morning (8:30 - 12:00 a.m.)

College Algebra
Psychology

Afternoon (1:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

Old Testament Survey
Sociology

Night (5:30 - 9:00 p.m.)

New Testament Survey
English Composition I

Anyone interested in these courses should contact the admissions office as soon as possible.



A good crowd was on hand for the day's festivities, including a lunch provided by the school and prepared by State Brotherhood President Roger Jefcoat



2010 Southeastern Baptist College Commencement Service

Thursday, May 13, 2010



Having a 'western' theme for the day, students and guests were challenged to "ride the bull"



Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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State Meeting Near

The midyear meeting of the BMA of Mississippi will be held on May 17 & 18 at Oakland Church, Vicksburg. The WMA and Brotherhood will meet on Monday evening at the church. The business session of the Association will begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday morning.

Each church is allowed three messengers and should make every effort to be sure they are represented.

Reports will be heard from each ministry of the BMA of Mississippi. The midyear message will be brought by Bro. Dewitt Bain, pastor of Shiloh Church, Mt. Olive.



Don Brown
Editor

Mississippi's Son

In 1973, The Brown's moved to the Gulf coast of Mississippi, and found our way to Parkview Baptist Church in Gautier. A few years later this writer would come to know Christ as his personal savior and then surrender to God's call to the ministry.

For the first month of our tenure at Parkview Church, Bro. Arthur Smith was our pastor. We had joined the church is part because of the pastor and his family. The church was a state mission project and had recently been able to transition to 'self-support' status. Bro. Arthur felt the call to begin another church in Purvis, so he and his family left and headed to a new field of service.



Dr. John David Smith accepts position as his wife Kim looks on

I remember the children, but especially a little 'cotton topped' boy named John David. That young man grew into manhood and spiritual maturity to be used of the Lord in missions. Last month in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, that young man was elected as our new Executive Director of Missions. God has prepared Dr. Smith for this time in his life by his calling, his experience and his personal education. Congratulations to Dr. John David Smith, his wife Kim and their two sons, Josiah and Seth.

We are praying for success of our National Missions Department and for the Lord to lead you as you lead in this ministry.

School Year Ends

Southeastern Baptist College will hold graduation services on Thursday, May 13.

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Joseph Bain

Bro. Joseph Bain has surrendered to the ministry and is willing to be used wherever the Lord needs. He is the son of Dewitt and Brenda Bain of Mt. Olive, Mississippi. He may be reached at 662-315-2982 or through his pastor, Bro. Gary Smith of East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton, 662-322-6974.

Bryan Williamson

Bro. Bryan Williamson is available for pulpit supply and pastoral work. He has been in the ministry for 22 years and is a member at Biloxi Creek Baptist Church in Perkinston. He may be reached at 601-528-0642 or 601-928-4176.

Silsby to face trial in Haiti; charges dropped against 9

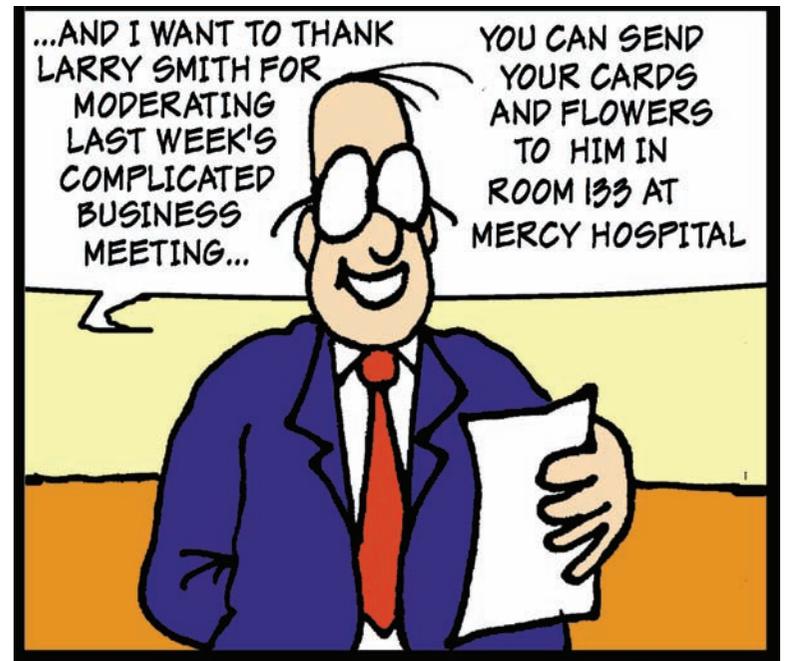
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (BP)--A Haiti judge dropped kidnapping and criminal association charges against jailed Baptist volunteer Laura Silsby and nine others April 26 but ordered Silsby to face trial on another charge, meaning she will remain in prison.

CNN reported that Judge Bernard Saint-Vil ordered Silsby to face trial on an "arranging irregular travel" charge, which carries a sentence for those convicted of six months to three years in prison.

But CNN said Saint-Vil dropped all charges against the other nine volunteers, all of whom were previously released and allowed to fly back to the United States with charges still pending.

The 10 Baptists were arrested January 30 because they allegedly did not have the proper documents to cross the border and take 33 children to an orphanage being set up in the Dominican Republic. The Baptists say they had the documents Haiti officials told them to have. Saving children orphaned by the earthquake, they said, was their goal.

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



A good pastor has to know when to delegate his authority.

BMA Seminary Dinner



Above, Dr. Charley Holmes, president of BMA Seminary, addresses the guests at the annual Seminary dinner as Dean Philip Attebery and Chaplain Forrest 'Bo' Bankston look on.

Below, Bro. Grady Higgs, a recent recipient of the Kellar Award, presents this year's award to Chaplain Lt. Col. Forrest Bankston as Mrs. Bankston and Dr. Holmes look on.



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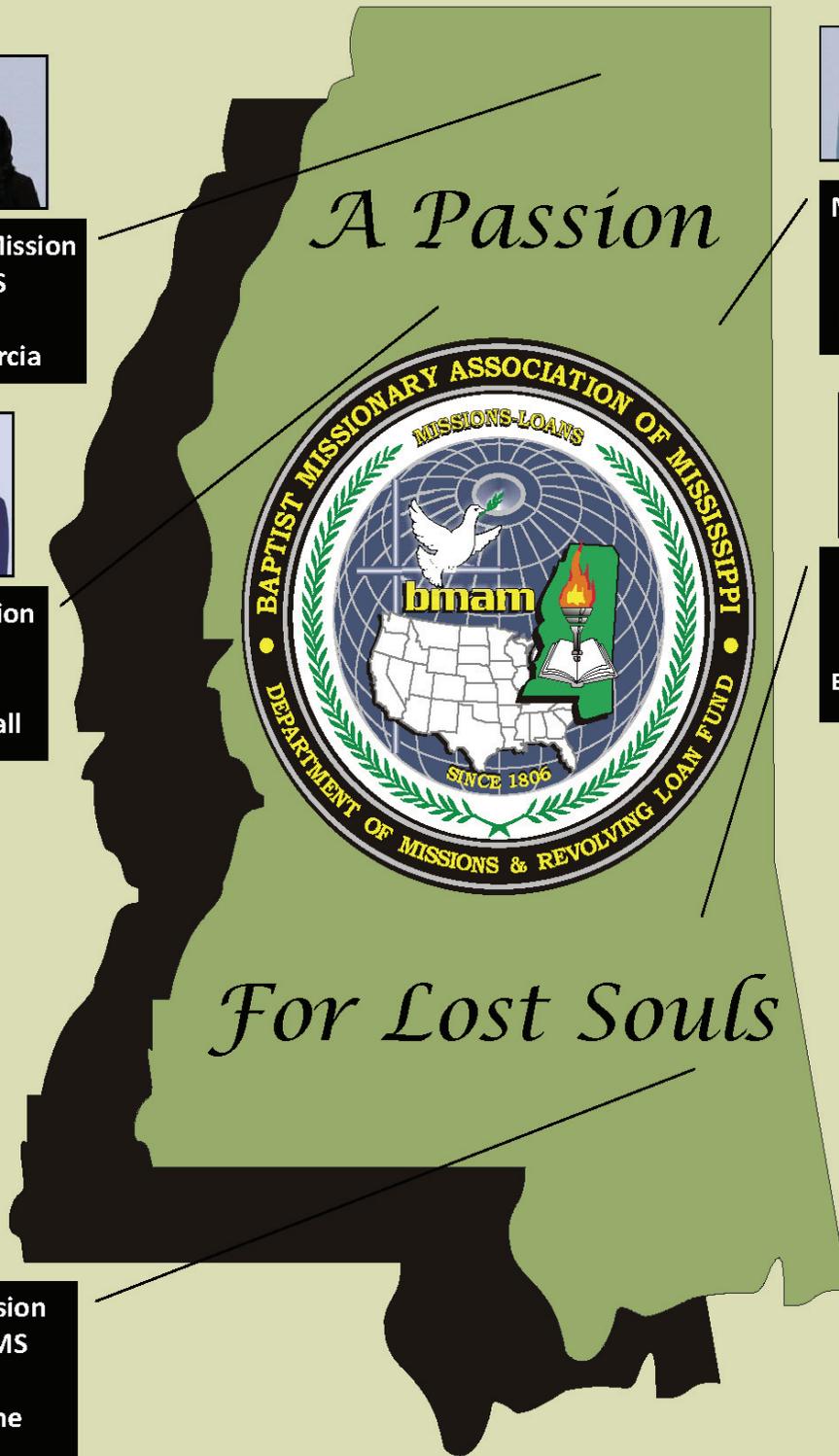
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**Working Together...
To win more souls to Christ in**

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4: 34-35
Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21

**As Handy
As a Button!**

**Charles Reddin
Adult Editor, DiscipleGuide**

When old-timers used a labor-saving tool for the first time, they would say, "Now, that's as handy as a button." When you read the adult Sunday School materials from DiscipleGuide Church Resources for the summer, you may resurrect that old expression. Not only is the material itself as practical as a button (maybe even Velcro), but it also recommends some extra "buttons" you can obtain.

The title of the quarter is "Many Members, One Body." It progresses in three stages. (1) The first lesson focuses on the Bible's comparison of the local church to a living human body. (2) Lessons 2-4 outline the "steps" to becoming a church member: salvation, baptism, and fellowship. (3) The remaining nine lessons offer guidance in following New Testament instructions to treat "one another" in specific ways in the church.

The normal Compass Curriculum products include Bible exposition in Compass, interactive Bible studies in Compass Point, teaching plans in Compass Teacher, printed teaching visuals in Compass Resources, and electronic versions of these products in the Compass E-Kit.

One of the extra "buttons" is the DiscipleGuide tract "The Roman Road." Compass Teacher suggests that teachers give copies to students with lesson 2, on salvation, for personal reading and for passing on to others.

Another extra tool is DiscipleGuide's booklet containing The Doctrinal Statement of the Baptist Missionary Association of America. It is recommended as a handout with lesson 4, on church fellowship, since doctrinal unity is an essential part of fellowship.

A third "extra" is a spiritual gifts inventory. At least two are available as free downloads, and you can find links to them at DiscipleGuide.org. (On the home page, type links in the search box, click on links, and scroll down to Spiritual Gifts Assessment.)

This study in "Many Members, One Body" emphasizes the Bible's practical teachings about the church throughout. It spells out:

- How a new church comes into being
- How to become a member of a church
- How to be saved
- How to be baptized and why
- How, in extensive and specific detail, to relate to one another in the church

The tract and booklet mentioned above can be ordered along with church literature or separately. All these products are listed on the "Quick Order Forms" linked to www.DiscipleGuide.org's home page, or you can call 1-800-333-1442.



Shall I Give Another Chance?

Luke 9.51-56

Samaritans were nasty people according to the Jews of Jesus' day. In fact a good Jew would not travel through their area. He would travel around it. This is why Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well was so mystifying in John's Gospel. Here again Jesus is dealing with those who were considered unworthy to be dealt with by any upright religious person. He is directing His disciples to get things ready as He traveled through this Samaritan area with singular purpose to Jerusalem for His death.

I would never give my son or daughter a foreign sounding name. I would want it to be a name from my own culture, race, and ethnicity. Who would want to burden a child with a name from an unfamiliar if not inferior class of people? Lots of people move out of a

neighborhood when "they" begin to occupy the buildings. You know those kinds of people are not desirable for our neighborhood. After all they are not like "us." Some congregations choose to move buildings as neighborhoods change from one culture to another. The congregations choose to abandon their old building and move to a neighborhood where people are more in line with their own cultural expectations, language, traditions, or skin pigmentation.



Leave It To Cleaver

Tony Cleaver

Sometimes the leaders of a church, group of churches, even a denomination, can be wrong in their views regarding modern day Samaritans. The fact of the matter is Jesus moves through all cultures to welcome evenly to the Kingdom. Uniformly the Samaritans of this century are welcome. They have a place in His Kingdom's plan, purpose, and most of all progress as we come to the Day.

I can spit, sputter, and spew venom about those Samaritans. I can probably call on statistics to show, even to prove, how inferior they are compared to my own standards. I can go to passage after passage of research on the subject to more than once-over, cover all aspects of my position. The poignant thing is the Samaritans are doing this same thing regarding me and my kind. Each keeps building barriers to coming to the Kingdom's work together. Neither side is willing to move toward the level ground in front of the cross.

The first time I saw a "picture" of Jesus as a non Caucasian, I was astounded. The second time I saw another non Caucasian representation of Jesus I was greatly perplexed. I got to thinking Jesus might have dark skin. He might have other than my own kind of eye features. He might speak a different language. Yet, He is still the Christ of all the ages to all peoples.

I like the phrase in the New Testament book of worship, that last book, Revelation, that speaks of every kindred, race, tribe and language assembled in worship of the Lamb. I would venture a guess that at that point I will not notice the Samaritans on either side of me as I worship the One on the Throne. Furthermore, I would speculate they won't notice my Samaritan tendencies—that is as I might have appeared to them—either. Maybe I need to ask myself: "Why does it bother me to worship with the Samaritans in my church house today?"

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

GMA Girls

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National GMA Project 2010 by Kelsey Fagala National 1st Vice President

Greetings from Kelsey Fagala, National GMA 1st Vice President. GMA Camp 2010 is right around the corner and I hope you are all as excited as I am! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Daniel Springs June 15-18.

Our national project is 90% Philippine Bible College, 10% General Fund. The officers have set a goal of \$25,000. Please remember to send your project money as soon as possible to our national GMA treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Poteet: 8303 Middle Warren Road, Pine Bluff, AR. 71063 (870) 879-1378 rwp8303@aol.com I would like to challenge each girl and/or GMA group to create a rocket for our project promotion. Fill this up with your spare change. You may use a 20 ounce or a 2 liter coke bottle, or you can use your CREATIVITY! These will be judged at camp. Other project fundraisers for camp will include our officer competition, candy grams, grab bags, quarter folders, and buttons. Our most popular fund-raiser at camp is our silent auction. Please help us by bringing gifts to put in this auction.

Tuesday night at camp is always national camp T-shirt and blue jean night. I would like to encourage everyone to buy one of these shirts! They are going to be SO cool! They will be royal blue with a yellow shooting star on the front left right chest area. The back of the t-shirt will have a planet with the theme "How Great Is Our God" across it along with our theme verse, 1 Chronicles 16:25. Order forms for these shirts can be found on our GMA website www.nationalgma.com. The cost is \$12.00 and order forms and money should be sent to Mrs. Ruby Poteet no later than May 15.

Afterglow will be held again this year on Wednesday night. If you have girls who would like to participate with a song or skit, please contact Sarah Hebert, Adult Song Leader as soon as possible at sarah_h_2006@hotmail.com.

We want to encourage everyone to participate in the project and to get involved at camp! Hope to see you all there!

Daniel Springs Camp Work Retreat Set

When May rolls around, it is time for repairs and new projects at the camp to begin. There have already been several crews working to remodel some of the older cabins and they are really looking good. We have our annual Work Retreat May 10-12 and are looking for a good number to show up for a lot of work, good food and fellowship. We have carpenter work, concrete work and just grunt work. We will be tearing off at least one roof and maybe 2 depending on how many laborers show up. 6 of the old cabins have had the old shingle roofs replaced with metal roofs and we still have several more that will be getting new metal on them in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

New Flagpoles are being installed and this could be a financial project for some who can't come and contribute physically. The flagpoles are 30 feet tall and will be a great replacement for the old hand made pipe poles that have served for the past 30 years. The new poles costs just over \$4,000.00 and should be in place within the next week.

Some old windows in the cafeteria are being replaced this week and the public restrooms are getting a fresh coat of paint. Dirt work is being done around the new dorms and grass seed planted so that it will really look nice when the campers arrive. Most of this work is being paid for with monies from our building fund and we need help with that.

Chose an area that you can help in and get involved. You can have a part in ministering to over 4,000 kids every summer. Where else can you have more fun and be rewarded so bountifully that providing a clean, safe environment for our kids?

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WMA News by Anita Akers II Vice-president

WMA ladies,

It is almost time for our midyear meeting at Oakland Baptist Church in Vicksburg. May 17th is close at hand and we should be thinking about our feet! Remember that our theme for this year is "Beautiful Feet . . . Bringing Salvation." Working on our program, I have been amazed at the many precious scriptures that speak of "feet." Our theme scripture is just one example. Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation."

I have also had a renewed appreciation for the good old hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus." Many of you have seen the "Family Circus" comic strip that shows the footprints of one of the children. He has a destination, but is constantly sidetracked and his feet take him everywhere but where he should be. As we consider where our feet are taking us, we should remember that our "tracks" should be taking us to where there are lost people who need a Savior! We should be following the footsteps of Jesus. The Bible then calls our feet "beautiful!"

We hope to have a special treat for our program! Pray for all of those involved in any way. Pray for each other and . . . please attend our meeting! The state officers will meet at 5:00 p.m. and the WMA meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The church is also supplying a light meal at 6:00. We look forward to seeing you!

State Brotherhood News

by Roger Jefcoat,
Mississippi Brotherhood President

Galilean Camp

Mark Jones did a great job organizing and conducting the Mississippi Galilean Camp that was held at Lake Tiak O'Khata near Louisville. Larry Tramel was the camp pastor. He brought messages on "Being a Faithful Soldier in God's Army" and "The Six 'S's' of Faithful Soldiering". These messages were inspirational, motivational, and timely. Our BMA churches need this program to train our boys and young men. If your local Galileans did not attend camp this year, begin now to plan and prepare to be at the 2011 camp. If your church does not have a Galilean Program, contact Mark Jones and start one. Please continue to pray for and support our Galilean leaders.

Used Literature

The state brotherhood is still collecting used literature. You bring this to the midyear meeting or carry it to the Mississippi Mission Complex in Laurel. This is a great ministry so please help us with it.

Midyear Meeting

Our Midyear Meeting will be held May 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at Oakland Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Brother Bryson Haden has a good program lined up. I am looking forward to seeing our brotherhood members from across the state. I hope that you will make every effort to attend this meeting. We are anticipating a great meeting and hope to see you there.

Pray for our BMA men that God will use them in His work.

Your State Brotherhood Officers: Roger Jefcoat (601-428-7848), Bryson Haden (662-251-0443), Adam Sloan (601-428-7354), Roger Akers (662-257-9839).

2010 National Brotherhood Officers



2010 Officers of the National Women's Missionary Auxiliary



CHURCH NEWS



News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

Bethel, Fulton to commission missionaries

Bethel will recognize her graduates on May 16. A Missionary Commissioning Service for Margaret Bean (Laos) & Sarah Hebert (Philippines) will be held at Bethel on May 23 at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. John David Smith, Executive Director of Missions of the BMAA. Bro Tracy & Michelle McMillen will be taking several teens on a mission trip to the Philippines May 23-June 4. They will be working with Missionary Robert Murphy. We have had 18 additions since last report. You are always welcome at Bethel. If you are ever in the area, please stop by for a visit.

Pastor, Dr. Martin Jameson
Reporter, Martha Duncan

Arkansas church seeks pastor

Denver Street Missionary Baptist Church in Greenwood, Arkansas, is seeking a full-time pastor. Resumes may be sent to the Denver Street Missionary Baptist Church Search Committee, c/o Kenneth Colvert, 2326 Skye Road, Fort Smith, AR 72908 or you may call Kenneth at 479 - 649 - 6122, or e-mail at krcolvert@cox.net.

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Recent Church Visit

We were with the First Baptist Church of Louin on March 28 where Bro. Tim Shelby is the pastor. It was good to be at this church for their morning services to report on the ministry of the Home and also bring a message from God's Word. After the services we enjoyed a good meal provided by the ladies of the church.



SIDNEY DAVIS
DIRECTOR

Student of the Month

Our third grade student at North Jones Elementary School was recently chosen as student of the month by her home room teacher. We are grateful and thankful for the academic achievements our boys and girls are having during this school year.

Homecoming Services

On Sunday, April 18, we attended the Homecoming services of the Hopewell Baptist Church near Fulton where Bro. Matt Hudson is the pastor. It was a great homecoming for the many in attendance. Former pastor Vern Holifield was the guest speaker for the day. Hopewell was my home church during my growing up years and had a huge impact on my life. It was there that I was saved and later surrendered to the ministry. Many memories were reflected upon in days gone by, but our faith was challenged to look ahead to the bright future that is before us. After the morning services we enjoyed a time of food and fellowship with family and friends.

Prayer

Continue to remember the Home in your prayers.

Surprise! Surprise!



Bro. and Mrs. Grady Higgs react as Donny Parrish presents them with a Two Week Hawaiian Vacation during the Missions report at the recent meeting in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Higgs resigned as Executive Director of Missions after seven years of service.

Many special guests were present, including the Higgs' three children and words of gratitude were spoken by many who worked with Bro. Grady in the missions office. Another surprise was a video made by the Higgs' grandchildren.

The occasion was a sad one, seeing a dedicated servant leaving a post that he held so well, but a joyous one in thanking him for a job well done and wishing him well in future ministry. Higgs has agreed to stay on in some capacity to help in the transition to a new director.

Four Types of People

Sometimes, adults have issues in their life that were actually created back when they were growing up at home. In a dysfunctional home there are four major behaviors that the children live out in order to survive and cope in this family. These behaviors are often times carried on throughout the lifetime of these people. In a dysfunctional home, everyone is just trying to survive and be heard. Kids create certain adaptive behaviors in order to exist in this home. What if there are not four kids in a home? Kids can take on more than one of these behavior types. You might, for example, be a mix of two. Are there more than four types? Yes, but these are the major four types. These encompass most people. What if I didn't grow up in a dysfunctional home? You may not



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have any of these personalities. However, even in the best of homes, there are periods of time when the family is not functioning well and people learn how to cope with the situation. What I want people to learn from this is to recognize that these are not healthy skills in relationships. We have to become aware of our growth opportunities as people, and ask God to help us grow to a healthier and holier concept of who we are in Christ. No one is perfect so don't get upset if I describe you. We have to recognize our areas in our life where we need to grow stronger. We have to reject the lies we have been taught about who we are, that were given to us from other people. The Bible tells us who we are in Christ. I have to replace these lies with the truth found in the Word of God. That is

the only truth that should define us. Then, I have to start living out these new truths. Philippians 4:9 encourages us to Learn - Receive - Do!

The Hero Child

This child chooses to cope by trying to be perfect. The child thinks that if they can be perfect, then the family will be perfect. In other words, things will go better for them if they perform well. Sadly, in many of these homes, it doesn't matter how well you do, you will never be able to receive the acceptance you so desperately want from one parent or the other. This child will be driven. They will excel at everything they do. They will make excellent grades. They will be great at sports or any endeavor they attempt. While it is good to strive and do the best you can, these kids go too far. Their whole sense of self-worth is wrapped up into performance. The better I perform, the more people will like me. They become obsessed with being a perfectionist. They become workaholics in all areas of life to try and prove how good they are for acceptance by others.

The Loner Child

This child learns to cope by holding it all in. They tend to be more depressed about life in general. They blame themselves for the unhappiness they see at home. If the parents argue, it upsets them. They think if I could just be a better kid, this wouldn't happen. They hold in their anger, their fear and their depression. They go to their rooms and shut the bedroom door during an argument because it bothers them so much. They become conflict avoiders and hate arguments. Their self-worth is wrapped up in trying to gain acceptance by others through being quiet and not stirring up trouble.

The Clown Child

This child learns to cope by trying to be funny all the time. The child thinks

if they can get everyone to laugh, then we can be from a happy home. They hate all the sadness they see in their home life. They try to make things better with humor. This acting out behavior is evident in all social situations - at church, school and work. At least their parents notice them when they make them laugh. It is striving to be noticed in this family and gain some acceptance by getting you to notice how crazy and silly I am. These kids often times grow up and become co-dependent personalities. They are people pleasers. They will say or do whatever it takes to have other people like them.

The Scapegoat Child

This child is the rebellious one. They see the misery in the home and rebel against it. Even in a dysfunctional Christian home, they will see the hypocrisy of what their parents say they believe versus how they live at home. If there is an alcoholic parent (or something like that) this kid hates what they see in this parent. Yet, sadly, this is the kid who grows up to be just like the parent they hate. This is the child that may hate an alcoholic parent's behavior, but ends up becoming an alcoholic themselves. They give up on trying to get acceptance. They find a peer group who accepts them and throws away a lot of potential because of this need.

Acceptance is an incredible thing. All humans need and want this. Yet, the only way to get true total acceptance is from God. He will always love and accept you no matter how much you mess up once you are found in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:37-39.

We need to reject these adaptive behaviors and learn to live out our lives according to the truth of who we are found in God's Word. It's a long healing process and a journey towards wholeness. But we can all grow better through the power of God.

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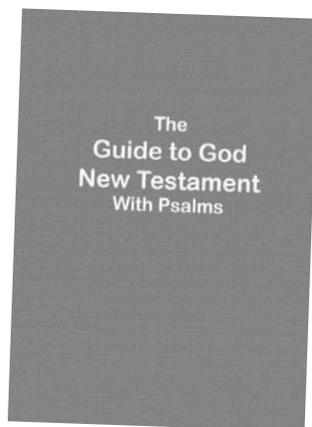
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