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## Making Everlasting Smiles

Ralph Izard, M.D.

On behalf of Brother Rigoberto Jimenez Cruz in El Salvador and Brother Asatur Nahapetyan in Armenia, I extend heartfelt thanks to each of the hundreds of churches and their members across the BMA of America for your help in "Making Everlasting Smiles" a success again this year.

Pictured to the right is the last box that was placed on a pallet to be shipped. Since Jim Brewer had worked so tirelessly preparing the boxes for shipment, the ladies decided to send him along with the last box!

Please pray with me that the shoeboxes will open many doors in

El Salvador and Armenia and through "Making Everlasting Smiles" many will come to Christ and new churches will be planted.



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By Bobby Hudgens

Research and Development Officer

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## Mississippi Native James Blaylock celebrates 50 years of ministry

James C. Blaylock was honored for his 50 years in the ministry at a reception October 17, at the Corinth Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas, where he is in his 25th year as pastor. He was born near Guntown, Mississippi and is the son of Carl and Katie (Pugh) Blaylock. He was saved at the age



Blaylock

of 13 (1951) and joined the Oak Grove Baptist Church (Mantachie, Miss.). He attended Centerville Grammar School (Mantachie) and graduated Itawamba

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*May God's Blessings Well Up In Our Hearts And Cause Us To Fall Before Our Maker In Humble Adoration*



*Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.*

1Chronicles 16:8

Thanksgiving 2010

# Feeding The Hand That Bites You

You have probably heard the old saying about biting the hand that feeds you. It is talking about hurting someone that is actually helping you. This is a reversal of that phrase. Sometimes, it is amazing to watch someone who helps someone who has bitten them. In other words, this person is loving and helping someone who has hurt them. I recently found such a person. Her name is Julie (not her real name). Julie has had a horrible life. She has been through nothing but abuse by everyone she has come in contact with. Her life story is one of incredible faith in the Father. It could fill a book. I can only share a brief synopsis of her life story.

Her parents never loved her. Her mother was mentally ill and persecuted her all of her childhood days. Her mother and father both had multiple episodes of adultery and her mom had abortions while she was growing up. Her mother gave her herpes of the eye because of her adultery when Julie was born. Years she spent in anguish getting medical treatment and losing vision in the eye. Her sister abused her. Her relatives hated her. Most

of her family told her to her face that they hated her because she was the child of an illicit affair of her mother. (This was recently proved wrong when a DNA test was performed to show she was her father's child).

After escaping an abusive home life, Julie was abused by her husband. He knocked her out within the first week of marriage. She left his abuse after several years and married another abusive man. He not only beat her, but beat her child and later her grandchild. She divorced him. She tried to find Jesus only to get involved in a Christian cult where the members of the church through legalism emotionally abused her again.

The story goes on. It is much worse than this. But I am amazed at her faith and actions. She now takes care of a father who abused her. She cleans his bed sores and 24 hours a day helps him. He is even incontinent and yet she prays with him and helps him. One of the aunts that always told her how much she hated her is now in a nursing home. Julie visits her every week. She prays with her and takes her

little gifts to brighten her day. She has given money to her relatives and children who



## Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

won't even speak to her. Her son calls her a monster and she openly tells him to his face that she hopes God blesses him abundantly.

Julie is living out the scripture of loving your enemies. These people have been so mean and cruel to her. Some would say she was crazy to let people walk over her. Julie has established boundaries and no longer allows people to abuse her. But she turns to those who abused her and shows the love of Christ. In this I am impressed.

She is living out scripture. This hard to find expression of love is found in scripture throughout the four gospels. I have selected the passage in Matthew 5: 43,44. "Ye have

heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Jesus is establishing His kingdom with some different ways of behavior. The world expects you to hate those who hurt you. The world says stomp those who stomp you. But Jesus tells us to love our enemies. This is one of those scriptures that is easy to agree with, but very hard to put into action for many of us. Just think of someone in your own family, or someone at work or church that you actually can't stand. This person has hurt you in some way. And you are to bless them! When they cuss you out, you bless them. If they do things that show hatred to you and they even say how much they hate you, you in turn do good things for them. And if they do horrible things to you on purpose, and they actually enjoy causing you pain, then you pray for them and bless them.

Now do you see how hard this is? Actually, it goes against our human nature. We want to hurt them back. We want to seek revenge. We want to avoid

them at all cost. We may want to say mean things back to them. There are many Christians who absolutely hate someone in their life who has hurt them. Yet, it is our new spiritual nature to love them. Our beautiful savior has told us to do this. If he has told us to do this behavior, then he expects us to do it. He also will give us His spirit which will cause us to keep his statutes and do them. What a remarkable way of showing someone Jesus. The world expects people to not be nice and to not pray and bless their enemies.

Jesus wants people to stand amazed at His followers. They will see something so different in our spirits, it will cause them to see our good works and glorify the Father in heaven. They will even marvel at our great faith and ask what is this hope which lies within us. The answer we give for this hope that lies within us is Jesus Christ. It almost seems impossible for any of us to be able to bless, pray, serve and love our enemies. However, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Let us all be challenged to live this scripture out as my friend has. What an example of a follower of Christ she is for me.

## James Blaylock celebrates 50 years of ministry

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Agricultural High School (Fulton, Miss) in 1957. He enrolled at Southeastern Baptist College, (Laurel, Miss.) in 1960 and graduated in 1962 with an Associate of Arts degree.

While attending Southeastern College, he surrendered to the gospel ministry and was licensed October 16, 1960, by First Baptist Church of Shady Grove (Laurel, Miss.) He was married to Jo Ann Enlow May 3, 1962, by Pastor Milton Wright at Emmanuel Baptist Church (Tupelo, Miss.) where both held membership.

The Blaylocks moved to Jacksonville, Texas in September 1962 and James enrolled in North American Theological Seminary where he earned a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1964. He has also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Texas-Tyler in 1976, a Master of Religious Education degree from BMA Theological Seminary in 1977; and a Master of Library Science degree from Texas A&M-

Commerce in 1980. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church (Jacksonville) in 1962.

He has been a Texas bi-vocational pastor for the past 48 years at the following churches: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Bedias (1962-64), Buena Vista Baptist Church, Timpson (1964- 1970), First Baptist Church, Maydelle (1970-1986) and Corinth Baptist Church, Jacksonville (1986-present).

James is in his 45th year with BMA Theological Seminary library: assistant librarian (1966-72) and Library Director (1972-present). He worked for Baptist News Service for 30 years: assistant director (1966-88) and director (1988-1999) and was assistant editor of the BMAA Directory and Handbook (1966-88) and Editor (1988-1999). He was editor of the Mount Olive (Association) Evangel (1965-70) and is the clerk-treasurer of the Cherokee Baptist Association (since 1992). He holds membership in the American

Library Association, American Theological Library Association and Texas Library Association. He has written histories of three of the churches he has pastored.

The Blaylocks have lived in Jacksonville, Texas their 48 years of marriage, except the first three months in Tupelo, Miss. Jo Ann is a Registered Nurse, and worked two years at North Mississippi Medical Center (Tupelo) and 37 years at East Texas Medical Center (Jacksonville), retiring in 1998. They have two children: Jacquelyn Ann Bryan and husband Jeffrey (Pfeffelbach, Germany) and John Thomas Blaylock and wife Holly (Longview, TX). They have five grandchildren: David Austin Bryan and wife Amber (Curryville, MO); Laura Abigail Bryan (Cedarville, OH), Wende Suzanne Bryan (Pfeffelbach, Germany); Harrison James Blaylock and Jackson Thomas Blaylock (Longview, TX).

James and Jo Ann live at 1105 Robs Rd., Jacksonville, TX 75766.



### Tombigbee Association

The Tombigbee Association met November 11, 2010, at Ballardsville Baptist Church. There were 52 present. The host church blessed us with a wonderful meal. The welcome and prayer was given by C.G. Franks. The special music was brought by Linda Oliver & Matt Hudson. We also honored our Veterans with the song "America The Beautiful". Bro. Joseph Oyeleye gave a report on the work at Maple Street and Bro. Dwight Lindsey gave

a report on the State Youth Department. Bro. Hugh Dusza, pastor of Oak Grove, brought a great message from Genesis titled "To have the peace of God can only come from God".

Moderator Bro. Gary Smith  
Reporter Debbie Franks

### Bethel, Fulton

The Men's Ministry had a Skeet Shoot on November 6. Bethel is having the 3rd Winter Clothes giveaway on November 20 from 8 a.m. till noon for those in our community who are in need. This is in conjunction with our food pantry ministry. The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, November 21 at 6 p.m. We have had 2 additions since our last report. You are always welcome at Bethel. If you are in the area, please stop by for a visit.

Pastor Dr. Martin Jameson  
Reporter Martha Duncan

*O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

Psalm 136:1

# Southeastern Baptist College

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Dr. Medrick Savell  
President

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

Greetings again from Southeastern Baptist College.

## Update on Special Emphasis

The following list is those who have given offerings this year. The total is \$18,491.38.

### Churches

Antioch, Soso  
Berean, Soso  
Bethel, Seminary  
Centerville, Mantachie  
Community, Poplarville  
East Fulton, Fulton  
First Baptist, Bay Springs  
First Calhoun, Laurel  
Forked Oak, Booneville  
Good Hope, Ovet  
Harmony, Hurley  
Hopewell, Fulton  
Grace, Perkinston  
Lee's Chapel #2, Picayune

Liberty, Isola  
Little Creek, Perkinston  
Magnolia Heights, Forest  
New Bethany, Ellisville  
New Hope, Collinsville  
Oak Grove, Lucedale  
Oakland Grove, Sandersville  
Paramount, Perkinston  
Ramsey Creek, Saucier  
Riverside, Ellisville  
Rock Hill, Meridian  
Spring Hill, Laurel  
Ten Mile Baptist Church Ladies Sunday School Class, Perkinston  
Union, Bay Springs  
Washington, Neely  
Westlawn, Picayune  
Zion, Angilla

### Associations

Big Creek District WMA  
Capitol Baptist Association

Harmony Baptist Association  
Oak Grove Baptist Association  
Washington Baptist Association

Note: The Big Creek Association and East Central Association have given good contributions to other projects during this Special Emphasis time. That is special to us.

### Individuals

Mrs. Louise Crawley  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis  
Mrs. Marjorie Harper  
Mr. and Mrs. James Moore  
Mrs. Odell Stephens  
Wayne and Vivian Parker  
Anonymous

The total amount received is getting close to that received last year. Thanks. Wouldn't you like to have your name on this list?

### Memorial Gift

Two more memorial gifts have been given to the college since our last report. One was to the Southeastern Baptist College Foundation in memory of Mr. Jimmy Dale Phifer. The other was given to purchase a book to be placed in the A. R.

Reddin Memorial Library in memory of Mrs. Lela Tiner Ervin. May the Lord bless these families.

### Projects

We have two small projects that we need help to complete. We need \$2,000.00 to finish repairing the parking lot, which is needed before the winter rains come. Also, we need about \$500.00 to complete the remod-

eling of the faculty lounge, or someone who can lay tile to donate their labor. Those projects are almost finished, but will have to be done with offerings designated for them. We trust the Lord to use someone to provide the needed funds.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of Southeastern Baptist College.

## Search for BMA of Mississippi Missions Director Information

Dr. Rayburn Freeman, the Director of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund for the State of Mississippi, submitted his resignation to be effective March 1, 2011.

Brother Freeman will have given over 16 years of faithful service together with his loving wife Faye Freeman.

Brother and Mrs. Freeman served in a pastoral capacity in Mississippi, then served 18 years as BMA of America Missionary to the Philippines before returning to their work in Mississippi. They raised three boys, Ted, David, and Sam while missionaries in the Philippines.

Resumes for the position of Director of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund may be submitted to:

The Director Search Committee  
c/o Brother Harold Floyd  
19 Pat Holifield Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

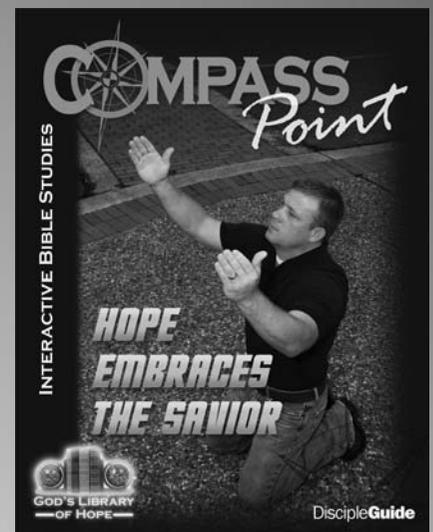
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# Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

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## Thanksgiving

Thankfulness seems to be a lost art today. Warren Wiersby illustrated this problem in his commentary on Colossians. He told about a ministerial student in Evanston, Illinois, who was part of a life-saving squad. In 1860, a ship went aground on the shore of Lake Michigan near Evanston, and Edward Spencer waded again and again into the frigid waters to rescue 17 passengers. In the process, his health was permanently damaged. Some years later at his funeral, it was noted that not one of the people he rescued ever thanked him.



Don Brown  
Editor

Let us not be negligent in offering daily thanks for the blessings God has given us. May we continuously remember what Christ did for us. He was the ultimate 'lifesaver' and deserves everlasting praise and thanks.

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving Day! *"Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."* Psalm 97:12

## Group Available for Ministry Opportunities



### Stubborn Love

*A group dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ*  
Visit Their Web Site at [www.stubbornlove.org](http://www.stubbornlove.org) for more information and to hear a number of their original recordings.

This group will be a blessing to you and your church and come highly recommended by this editor.

They may be reached by email from their site or by calling 601-323-7070.

## Letters From Our Readers

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

### Pastor rallies to help Plumlee Ministry

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the wonderful ministry of Bro. Travis Plumlee. As you know, Bro. Plumlee has devoted his life to helping our churches by healing our families. His regular articles to the Mississippi Baptist are a storehouse of biblical wisdom concerning our relationships with others and with God. He travels well over 55,000 miles a year speaking at conferences, revivals and youth camps. Through his ministry hundreds of relationships have been transformed and thousands have come to know Christ. Bro. Plumlee does not charge a minimum fee for coming to our churches and sharing his expertise and biblical wisdom. He simply does this out of his love and dedication for the Lord and the families of our churches. Bro Plumlee depends totally upon the Lord and His churches to provide for his needs. His entire income consists of love offerings and CD sales.

Bro. Plumlee recently conducted a marriage conference at our church. At my request, he shared some of his ministry needs with a few of our church leaders. One of his greatest needs at this time involves transportation. Since he travels so many miles a year, he must have a dependable vehicle. Due to the recent economic downturn, his love offerings have fallen off drastically. However, the miles have continued to accumulate on his car. Due to the mountainous area of his home, he really needs a four-wheel drive vehicle, especially in the winter months. There were a couple of occasions last year when he could not return home from a conference due to the road conditions near his home. This, of course, required even more expense to stay in a motel for the extra days.

## Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

In response to this need, some of us in the churches that have benefitted from Bro. Plumlee's ministry are seeking to raise enough money to purchase a truck suitable for his ministry. Since this truck will be used in his ministry travels, a \$3,000 hunting truck will not do. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase a new four-door, four-wheel-drive truck before the winter weather sets in. This will also allow him to get out from under his current smothering car payments on his high-mileage car. We have currently located a dealer who can provide such a truck for approximately \$30,000.

As a friend and fellow laborer of Bro. Plumlee, would you or your church be willing to give a love offering to help provide him with a brand new truck with no payments? You may send this to the "Family Ark Ministries Truck Fund" of Brister Baptist Church. In order to purchase the truck in a timely manner, we really need your as soon as possible. However any offerings in the weeks ahead will definitely be applied to the truck expense! Detailed records will be kept and Bro. Plumlee will get a list of all who have donated to provide this truck. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank

you for your friendship and support of Bro. Travis Plumlee.

Sincerely,  
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## AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

### Adam Sims

Adam Sims has surrendered to preach the Gospel. He is a member of Biloxi Creek Baptist Church of Perkinston, Mississippi. He is the youngest son of Bro. Donald Sims of Wiggins and may be contacted by calling 601-716-5952.

### Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick is available for pulpit supply wherever the Lord leads. He may be reached by calling 228-474-8886.

### Chris Beshea

Chris Beshea, a member of First Baptist Church, Springhill, Louisiana, is available for preaching appointments as the Lord leads. His contact information is 720 10th Street N.W., Springhill, LA 71075. His cell phone number is 318-218-5965.

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## BMA of Texas signs agreement with Southern Baptists of Texas

During the 109th Annual Session (2009) of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, a motion was made by Vernon Lee, senior pastor of First, Jacksonville, to "request that our new president, Bro. Jerry Fulton, officially express our [BMA of Texas] appreciation to Dr. Jim Richards and our sister churches of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention for their generous support of Jacksonville College and the Texas Baptist Home for Children, and that our new president also be authorized to select the members of, and continue the work of the Committee of Five Task Force to dialogue with the SBTC, if the SBTC desires to continue dialogue with us." Messengers approved the motion.

Following the meeting, Fulton named Vernon Lee; Dr. Allen Tilley, BMA of Texas first vice president; Charles Johnson, BMA of Texas second vice president; and Jerry Burnaman, BMA of Texas executive director to the Task Force. As president, Fulton also serves on the Task Force.

After a series of meetings of the BMA of Texas Task Force and in consultation with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention an agreement of cooperation was reached.

### Related Ministry Agreement

The parties in this ministry relationship are the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas (BMAT) and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC). This relationship is one of cooperation with neither party having control over the other's ministry activities. This does not create a partnership as that term is used in the Texas Business Organizations Code. Nor is either party the legal agent of the other.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish guidelines

### Skyway Hills Baptist Church Seeks Pastor

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, is seeking God's leadership in the selection of a new pastor. Any minister who feels God's direction to apply for this position, should send a resume to "Pastor Search Committee, Skyway Hills Baptist Church, 3790 Highway 80 E., Pearl, MS 39208" or email at "larry.welborn@comcast.net"

and parameters for a working ministry relationship between the BMAT and SBTC.

Baptist Missionary Association of Texas commitments include:

- Continued affirmation of a high view of scripture and basic Baptist distinctives.\*
- Pursuing joint ministry opportunities with SBTC.
- Allowing SBTC to exhibit at the BMAT annual meeting.
- Providing materials about BMAT ministries to SBTC churches upon request.
- Cooperation between the BMAT Baptist Progress and SBTC Texan.
- Including information about SBTC and a link to SBTC on the BMAT web site.
- Providing an annual report to the Facilitating Ministries Committee of the SBTC concerning BMAT ministry activities.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention commitments include:

- Continued affirmation of a high view of scripture and basic Baptist distinctives.\*
- Pursuing joint ministry opportunities with BMAT.
- Allowing BMAT to exhibit at the SBTC annual meeting.
- Providing materials about SBTC ministries to BMAT churches upon request.

• Cooperation between the SBTC Texan and the BMAT Baptist Progress.

- Including information about BMAT and a link to BMAT on the SBTC web site.
- Providing an SBTC Annual and Book of Reports each year to the Administrative Committee of the BMAT.

\*A high view of scripture would include but not be limited to the position that the Bible is factual in character and historicity in such matters as: 1) the supernatural character of the biblical miracles which occurred as factual events in time and space, 2) the historical accuracy of biblical narratives which occurred precisely as the text of Scripture indicates, and 3) the actual authorship of biblical writings as attributed by Scripture itself.

Basic Baptist distinctives would include but not be limited to 1) salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone [inclusive of security of the believer], 2) baptism by immersion of believers only, and 3) the Bible is the final rule of faith and practice.

The term of this agreement will be for the 2011 calendar year, to be reviewed annually. No part of this written agreement shall be construed as a

contract. Either party may withdraw from this ministry relationship at any time, without cause and without notice to the other entity. All terms and conditions stated in the "Related Ministries" section of the Policy for Ministry Relationships are incorporated herein by reference.

Vernon Lee, who served as president of the BMA of Texas when the original motion was approved to enter into dialogue with the SBTC said, "It has been a rewarding experience for me to have the privilege of serving the churches of the BMA of Texas during the past five years of dialogue with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. Our friends in the SBTC have been gracious, cooperative and generous during this process." He added, "I am very pleased with the progress we have made concerning an official working relationship

with the SBTC which will enable us to expand our efforts to work together here in Texas to further our commitment to our mutual efforts of evangelizing our state and serving our Lord through our cooperative ministries. It is my hope that this official relationship is just the beginning of greater things to come." Lee concluded, "I applaud everyone who has contributed to our success in reaching this historic milestone, and especially commend Dr. Jim Richards and his staff and fellow ministers who have so patiently labored with us to make this relationship a reality. We do not yet know the full impact of the potential benefits of this agreement, but I am excitedly optimistic and confident that the manifold benefits will be eternally beneficial."

NOTE: The majority of this report was obtained from the Baptist Progress web site.

## BMATS Student Council

The 2010-2011 BMA Theological Seminary school year has begun with an incredible opening month and the seminary has completed the election of this new student council, chosen by their peers: president, Jacob Waller (Arkansas); vice president, Jordan Tew (Texas); secretary treasurer, Amanda Erickson (Texas); Master-level representative, Will Hutchinson (Mississippi); Bachelor-Level representative, Milan Bulak (Czech Republic); and Associate-Level representative, Jonathan Jones (Texas).

The Council has several innovative projects planned, including a new state-of-the-art seminary beautification expansion program, numerous fund-raisers, luncheons and a revitalization of student life. The newly elected president, Jacob Waller, stated that he wanted to see the "churches of the BMA become more involved in seminary life."

One of the main goals for the new Student Council is to make life a little better for the students of BMA Seminary. Vice President Jordan Tew made one immediate change by making coffee free for students. More transformations will come under the banner of "StuCo Gives Back." The Council also stated that their main objective of the Fall 2010 semester is to revamp the wireless internet system on campus.

Since taking office, many fresh programs have been seen on campus, like Student Led Evangelism. SLE is hosted on Saturday afternoons and the students gather to go out and share the gospel. Some of the new programs are still in the developmental stages.

There is a fresh and optimistic feel in the air. God is using BMA Seminary to disciple men and women with the hallmark of the Christian faith being kept at center focus, which is the Great Commission. The new student council has made it their utmost responsibility to strive to assist BMATS in being that disciple making station.



## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

### Singing "Specials"

You know, it used to be that if you were asked to sing a "special" in church, all you needed to do was get with the church pianist and run over it a time or two and you were set.

Well, now-a-days, you have to find an accompaniment compact disc with the song on it that you want to sing. Then you have to get the person who operates the sound system to play it for you - and then you are set.

BUT I was in a service recently where the machinery didn't work properly so there was no accompaniment music so the scheduled soloist wasn't able to sing his "special".

There was some frustration on the part of the soloist and some disappointment on the part of the congregation.

That set me to thinking about how we may be a disappointment to God when we don't function as God has instructed us.

Reminds me of Proverbs 16:7 "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

# GMA Girls

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**Sunbeam Promoter** - Linda Dertinger  
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## State GMA Camp

by Olivia Erkhart, GMA Secretary

Hello girls, as your State GMA Secretary, I am very excited to share some information about the 2011 camp. Camp is set for March 11th and 12th and our theme is "The Wonder of it All" from John 1:3.

All of the officers will meet for our second planning meeting on December 27 to finalize the plans for camp. We would like to invite all you girls to make your favorite creation and save coins in it to bring to camp. Camp needs lots of prayer, and we hope to see you there.

## 20,000 Plus Shepherd Bags™ Are On The Way!

By Fonda Norris  
EIM Shepherd Bags™ Coordinator

On Thursday, October 28 Bro. Rocky, Mike Goodwin and several men from Emmaus Baptist Church in New Edinburg and Calvary Baptist Church, Warren, Arkansas, loaded 20,021 Shepherd Bags™. They left the EIM storage facility in Warren, Arkansas, bound for Honduras. We hope and pray this is the first of many more shipments. And we are anticipating thousands more Shepherd Bags™ coming in by this time next year.



This huge undertaking doesn't just happen. Many churches, WMA, GMA, Awana & Youth/children's groups and individuals have caught the vision and passion for the evangelistic tool that the Shepherd Bags™ has become in opening many doors to preach Jesus to thousands of children as well as adults. We've had many volunteers to come throughout the summer and put many, long hours in at the warehouse assembling and boxing Shepherd Bags™.

Much love and gratitude goes to all our volunteers that God has provided; without whom the Shepherd Bags™ Ministry could not operate. Warehouse workers, churches/individuals who pick up and transport bags, our drop off stations, assembly stations, church groups who assemble bags and many supporters whose generous giving allows us to keep those faithful, hardworking volunteers busy.

Please pray that God will use each of these bags to open up the hearts of many precious children and adults to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Also pray for us here at EIM as we have already started on shipment #2. As long as God keeps providing, we'll keep working trying to keep everyone busy!

## MISSISSIPPI STATE WMA CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Shirlene Smith  
September 30, 2010

Balance September 30, 2009	\$10,024.37
Total Received	
Oct. 1, 2009-Sept. 30, 2010	20 664.15
Total to Account for	30,688.52
Expenditures (See List Below)	16,608.26
Balance on Hand	14,080.26
General Fund Balance	\$6,541.78
Project (75%)	5,457.03
Ladies' Retreat Fund	2,081.45
Balance on Hand	14,080.26

### EXPENDITURES

Check No.	Amount
782 Louise Crawley, '08-'09 Salary	\$ 50.00
783 Shirlene Smith, '08-'09 Salary	50.00
784 Amanda Livinghouse, Nursery Worker	25.00
785 Southeastern College, Meeting Expenses	100.00
786 BMA of MS, Minute Fund	200.00
787 Vardaman St., Wiggins, Pres. Award	100.00
788 Ntl WMA, Pastor's Wives & Widows Recog.	350.00
789 Anita Akers, Installation Gifts	34.00
790 BMAM Missions, E. Marroquin's Building Fund	5,617.84
791 Anita Akers, Speaker for Mid-year Meeting	250.00
792 Sandra Matthews, (Prayer Booklets)	43.84
793 Sharon Lindsey, Ladies' Retreat Exp.	300.00
794 Pine Ridge, Laurel, Craft Refund	255.00
795 Janice Ray, Craft Refund	15.00
796 Linda Welborn, Craft Refund	15.00
797 Glenda Owens, Craft Refund	15.00
798 Tina Walters, Craft Refund	15.00
799 Tina Adams, Craft Refund	15.00
800 Linda Holliman, Craft Refund	15.00
801 Kristy Matthews, Craft Refund	15.00
802 Sharon Lancaster, Craft Refund	15.00
803 Sandra Walters, Craft Refund	15.00
804 Angie Mitchell, Craft Refund	15.00
805 Sherry Shows, Craft Refund	15.00
806 Shara Walters, Craft Refund	15.00
807 Rita West, Craft Refund	15.00
808 Bethel, Bassfield, Craft Refund	150.00
809 Wal-Mart, Frames for Certificates	21.40
810 Pine Grove WMA, Purvis, Ladies' Retreat Decorations	130.05
811 Anita Akers, Ladies' Retreat Speaker	500.00
Service Charges for 2009-2010, Trustmark Bank	121.13
WMA Checks, Trustmark Bank	16.50
812 Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Ladies' Retreat	8,098.50
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT</b>	<b>\$16,608.26</b>

### PROJECT FUNDS RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

25% GENERAL FUND PLUS DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$2,127.97
(This amount has already been added to the General Fund)	
75% NEW HEART MISSION, HATTIESBURG, MS	5,457.03
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>7,585.00</b>

### AUDIT REPORT FOR THE MS STATE WMA OCTOBER 22, 2009

October 22, 2009

Mississippi State WMA  
Laurel, MS

Dear Ladies:

I have verified the check register, bank statements, and the journal that is used in making the entries of offerings. All figures are in agreement with the report dated September 30, 2009 that was given to you at the State Meeting.

May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,  
Della Priest  
601-591 0110

BMA OF MS CHURCHES RECEIVING CERTIFICATES  
FOR CONTRIBUTING  
\$100.00 OR MORE TO THE WMA PROJECT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

1. Berean Baptist Church, Soso
2. Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso
3. East Amory Baptist Church, Amory
4. First Baptist Church, Bay Springs
5. First Baptist Church, Calhoun
6. First Baptist Church, Mantachie
7. Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel
8. Lebanon Baptist Church, Laurel
9. O'Neal Road Baptist Church, Gulfport
10. Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel
11. Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis
12. Shiloh Baptist Church, Steens
13. Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl
14. Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale
15. Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Wiggins

### ASSOCIATIONS:

1. Northeast District WMA
2. Washington District WMA

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MS STATE LADIES' RETREAT SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED	
FROM REGISTRATION FEES	\$11,710.00
TOTAL PAID OUT (SEE LIST BELOW)	9,628.55
BALANCE ON HAND	2,081.45

EXPENDITURES	
PROGRAM PRINTING	\$ 300.00
CRAFT REFUNDS	600.00
DECORATIONS	130.05
SPEAKER	500.00
GARAYWA CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER	8,098.50
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT</b>	<b>9,628.55</b>
(ALL EXPENSES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010)	

(PROCEEDS FROM THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE RETREAT AMOUNTED TO \$967.50 - THIS WENT TO THE MS STATE WMA PROJECT) THANKS SO MUCH, LADIES!

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES RECEIVED CERTIFICATES, ALSO:

16. First Baptist Church, Louin
17. Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton
18. Zion Baptist Church, Anguilla

TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN TO THE 2009-2010 PROJECT	
25% General Fund	\$ 2,325.47
75% New Heart Mission, Hattiesburg	\$ 6,049.53
Total received	\$ 8,375.00

### TOP FIVE CHURCHES IN GIVING TO THE MS STATE PROJECT, 2010

1. Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Wiggins \$ 1,330.50
2. Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel \$ 1,000.00
3. East Amory Baptist Church, Amory \$ 550.00
4. Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl \$ 500.00
5. Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel \$ 350.00

### AUDIT REPORT FOR 2009-2010

10/25/10  
Mississippi State WMA  
Laurel, MS

Dear Ladies:

I have verified the bank statements, check register, duplicate deposit slips and the journal for this year. All figures are in agreement with the report dated September 30, 2010.

This report was given at the annual meeting and copies were available to you.

May God bless our WMA with another good year and each of us as we try to serve Him.

Sincerely,  
Della Priest  
601-591-0110

## 2010 State WMA Report

by Donna Lawrence



2010-11 Mississippi WMA Officers

The Mississippi State WMA convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 18, 2010, for our executive session at First Shady Grove Baptist Church. Please remember ladies that this meeting is opened to all local, district, and state WMA presidents and secretaries or two other officers of your group if for some reason these are unable to attend.

Remember that February is enlistment month for our WMA. The WMA plays an important part in our churches. We are very supportive of our Mississippi State missions across the state. We also support our GMAs and Sunbeams who will be our leaders of tomorrow. The BMA churches of Mississippi now have four of our GMA young women on foreign mission fields. Praise the Lord for their convictions. If your church does not have a WMA and you are interested in starting one, please get in touch with one of our WMA officers and we will be glad to help you anyway that we can.

Our project for 2010-2011 is Brother Joseph Oyeleye and the Maple Street Mission, Columbus, Mississippi. They have struggled, but know that the Lord is in control. Lord willing their hopes and dreams will come to fruition in May, 2011,

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**Winter Youth Event**  
December 28-30  
Daniel Springs Camp  
Gary, Texas  
Speaker-Robert Upshaw  
Worship-Kent Wiles  
Comedian-Bob Smiley  
Registration \$90  
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as they are making plans to organize into a church. Please pray for them and support them in the coming year. I know the economy has not been good, but determine in your heart to help and God will supply.

The title of our 2010 program was "Persistent Feet" and our speaker was Bro. Anthony Hodges from Tombigbee Baptist Church, Mantachie, Mississippi. He was born with Spinabifida, Hydrocephalus and Clubfeet and given a short life span, but with God all things are possible. His motto was never give up. He used Romans 8:18 and II Corinthians 1:4 as some of the key scripture that kept him going. He is now 47 years old, a

faithful worker at his church as deacon, Youth Sunday School teacher, and works with the youth camps of north Mississippi.

Our officers for 2010-2011 are: President, Belinda Lee; First Vice-president, Jessica Haden; Second Vice-president, Christy Matthews; Third Vice-president, Linda Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Shirlene Smith; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Barbara White; Recording Secretary, Freida McNeese; Assistant Recording Secretary, Jeanelle Burkes; Historian, Chris Smith; Editor, Donna Lawrence; Pianist, Anita Akers; Song Director, Cindy Jones; GMA/YLA Promoter, Beth Caldwell; Sunbeam Promoter, Linda Faye Dertinger; Project Promoters, Lynn McCoy and Dianne Rainey; Retreat Committee: Chairpersons Sharon Lindsey and Chris Smith. Remember that the retreat will only be every other year and all WMA officers will serve on this committee. Our Advisory Council or this year consists of Brethren Chuck Lee, Don Brown, and Arthur Smith.

Project for 2010-2011 is 75% Maple Street Mission, Brother Joseph Oyeleye and 25% General Fund.

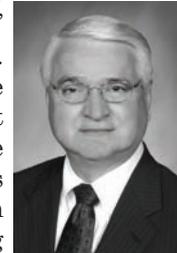
Keep this officer list on hand and call one of us if we can be of assistance to your WMA. We will be glad to help any way we can. Pray for our officers that we would seek God's will in all that we strive to do for Him.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

118 LOWE ROAD, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI 39443 - (601) 426-3928

### Give God Thanks

As we approach this Thanksgiving season may we find time to give God thanks. He has given so much to us we should be grateful for. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." Psalm 92:1. Each day we should make it a routine of life to enter into His courts with thanksgiving and praise. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thessalonians 5:18.



SIDNEY DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

### Recent Church Visits

On Sunday, September 26, I was with the Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl for their evening service. Bro. Billy Huffmaster is the pastor of this good church. It was good to be with them and report on the ministry of the Home and also have the opportunity to bring a message from God's Word.

On Sunday, October 24, we were with the Bethel Baptist Church in Wiggins for their morning service. Bro. Freddie Wegner is the pastor of this

good church. The Home was presented a check for funds that were received at VBS this year. The children at the Home rendered special in music and I had the privilege of bringing the morning message from the Word of God. It was good to give a report on the ministry of the Home and also enjoy a time of fellowship over a good meal provided by the ladies of the church following the morning services.

### Special Emphasis

Just a reminder that October and November are months that have been set aside by the BMA of Mississippi as Special Emphasis months for the Children's Home each year. Our goal this year is \$25,000. With your help and cooperation this goal can be met.

### Expression of Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Bro. Donnie Boutwell. Bro. Boutwell was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. His presence will be missed. Bro. Boutwell indeed was a faithful servant in the Lord's work. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Pam and the entire Boutwell family during this time of loss and sorrow.

## Army report ignores shooter's religion

**OneNewsNow** - A senior Army strategist and Pentagon advisor says the military has bowed at the altar of political correctness in its recently released Army report on last year's shooting at Fort Hood by not mentioning that the suspect's Islamic faith might have been a motivating factor in the massacre.

Major Nidal Hasan is accused of murdering 13 people and an unborn baby at Fort Hood last November. In response that incident, the 118-page "Army Internal Review Team: Final Report" was released last week, concluding that no single action could have prevented the shooting. It does, however, say the Army must attempt to prevent another shooting by transforming how it protects its soldiers, how it collects information about internal threats, and how it com-

municates with the FBI and terrorism experts.

But Lt. Col. Bob Maginnis (USA-Ret.) thinks the report failed to address the central driving force that motivated Hasan.

"They came out with an Army internal review report, but...it doesn't talk specifically about the suspicions that we must have about those who are associated with Islam and those who are associated even more so with radical fringes of Islam," he contends.

He does not think political correctness should be a factor when dealing with Islam. "It's a bit disappointing that we



Maginnis

don't just plainly state what's obvious...to most Americans, and that is it's a marker -- if you're of the Islamic faith...you deserve more scrutiny than little Caucasian grandmothers," Maginnis laments. "It boggles the mind that we can be so naive."

While he does not advocate banning Muslims from U.S. military service, he does believe the military should take the necessary steps to adequately screen those who might become radicalized.

### Skyway Hills Baptist Church Seeks Pastor

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, is seeking God's leadership in the selection of a new pastor. Any minister who feels God's direction to apply for this position, should send a resume to "Pastor Search Committee, Skyway Hills Baptist Church, 3790 Highway 80 E., Pearl, MS 39208" or email at "larry.welborn@comcast.net"

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# Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



Sidney & Pat Davis



October 1, 2010

Greetings from the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home:

We would like to express to you our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your prayerful and financial support during the past year. Because of your love and concern in helping boys and girls in need you have made a difference in preparing their lives for the future.

First and foremost, the most important preparation one can make for the future is to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. It is a joy to report that three of the boys and girls at the Home came to know Christ as their personal Savior during this past year.

There is another area that is vitally important for one's future life. And that is receiving the proper training in the basic tenets of faith as outlined in the scriptures. You have helped these young people to be placed in a better position to prepare themselves in a good home setting that promotes the building of Christian character that well equips them for their future lives.

As you are aware, October and November are Special Emphasis months for the Children's Home each year. The Lord has been gracious in giving us the ministry of caring for children who are in need. Your help during this Special Emphasis is important to the ongoing operation of the Home. Indeed, "Helping Children Prepare for the Future" has been our goal and continues to be so.

Pray for the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home that we will provide children with the loving warmth of Christian life and upbringing in an atmosphere that will help prepare them for the future.

Helping Children Prepare for the Future,  
Sidney D. Davis, Director

## Special Emphasis - October - November 2010

### Search for BMA of Mississippi Missions Director Information

Dr. Rayburn Freeman, the Director of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund for the State of Mississippi, submitted his resignation to be effective March 1, 2011. Brother Freeman will have given over 16 years of faithful service together with his loving wife Faye Freeman. Brother and Mrs. Freeman served in a pastoral capacity in Mississippi, then served 18 years as BMA of America Missionary to the Philippines before returning to their work in Mississippi.

They raised three boys, Ted, David, and Sam while missionaries in the Philippines.

Resumes for the position of Director of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund may be submitted to:

**The Director Search Committee**  
**c/o Brother Harold Floyd, 19 Pat Holifield Road, Laurel, MS 39443**

*Bryan Wilson, Chairman - Frank Panzrino, Clerk*