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The Great Escape Youth Leaders Cruise

January 19-24, 2013

The Great Escape Cruise is designed as a getaway and growing experience for paid and volunteer youth leaders and their spouses. The Great Escape is also an opportunity for youth leaders to fellowship, refresh, and learn new ministry skills.

The Carnival's 5-day Western Caribbean Cruise departs from Galveston, Texas, on the



Carnival Ship Triumph with ports of call in Cozumel & Progresso Yucatan, Mexico. Cabins start at \$356 inclusive for Interior cabins with options for exterior cabins which include a window and/or balcony at a higher rate. These prices are not guaranteed and are subject to increase as sail date nears. However, you will receive the lower price if rates go down.

This is a holiday date and the ship is expected to sell out so secure your cabin promptly to guarantee your spot and to receive the best rate by calling Gil Wilson at 800-819-3902 ext. 82690 or GWilsonjr@carnival.com and identify The Great Escape Cruise Group #21GJD8 with your \$100-\$200 per person deposit. Optional vacation protection is available for \$49 in the event you have to cancel or leave the cruise.

Final payment is due November 20, 2012 and cancellations after that date will be assessed with appropriate penalties. These rates are based on double occupancy and will double if you book a single occupancy cabin. Cost includes all taxes, port charges, meals, entertainment, lodging and ports of call. Be sure to request the 6:00 pm early dining so all cruisers can sit, eat, and fellowship together.

Registration for the Great Escape with DiscipleGuide Conference Ministries is \$50 per person and will be expected by the December 19, 2012 cut-

off date. Register and pay online or download a form and mail to DCM with your check. The Great Escape Cruise would make a great appreciation gift for a church or youth group to present to their youth leader and spouse. In support of youth leaders and spouses, Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas is proud to be a co-sponsor with DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry in offering Great Escape 2013.

Visit the Carnival Cruise site at www.carnival.com to

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Recognition Given at Recent Annual Meeting

The Missions and Revolving Loan Fund recognized two individuals for their years of service to the BMA of Mississippi at the 2012 meeting.

Bro. Frank Panzrino and Bro. Billy Huffmaster were both honored for their years of service as trustees on both the Missions Committees and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Bro. Huffmaster served on both committees as well as Clerk of the State Association. Bro. & Mrs. Huffmaster have retired and now live in Cabot,

Arkansas. (see letter to the editor on page 4 of this issue)

Bro. Panzrino lives in Neely, Mississippi and pastors Wash-



Bro. Larry Geraldson (left) accepts plaque for Billy Huffmaster from RLF Manager Lavelle Lee (right)

ington Baptist Church, Neely. He has served faithfully on both committees.

Missions Director Larry Geraldson presented Bro.



Missions Director Geraldson presents plaque to Bro. Frank Panzrino

Panzrino with his plaque and RLF Manager Lavelle Lee recognized Bro. Huffmaster's service. Huffmaster was not at the meeting, but Bro. Geraldson received the plaque in his name.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the children in Micronesia and Cambodia, I extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas to each of you. BMMI would like to express sincere thanks to the thousands of individuals and churches across the BMA of America for your



generous support of the Christmas Shoebox project, "Making Everlasting Smiles" and helping to make it a success again this year.

I am so thankful for the gifts this year, as each one would be a Christmas present that you would be pleased to give to your own children or grandchildren. All of the staff, both volunteers and employees, of Baptist Medical Missions International, wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Southeastern Baptist College President Search

The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Baptist College, Laurel, Mississippi, is seeking candidates for the position of President. All those interested in applying for the position should send their resumes to the Board of Trustees Chairman, Richard Welborn, 811 CR 31, Heidelberg, MS 39439 by January 30, 2013.

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The Black Panthers

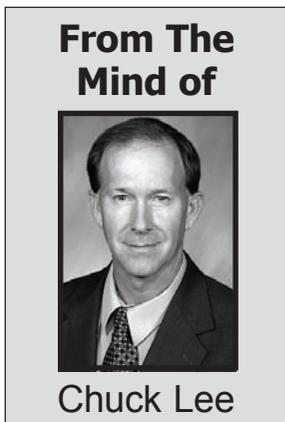
When my oldest son was just a child, even up into his early teens, we would drive around at night looking for critters. The highlight of our night was when we would spot a nicely antlered buck deer. I explained that this was way funner than going to the mall, the skating rink, bowling alley, or some other such pit of decadence and den of Satan. It was also cheaper. We always had hope of seeing a black panther. Even though we have probably traveled several hundred miles along the back roads of Mississippi, never once have we spotted the elusive animal.

I know they exist. In fact, I heard tell two were spotted at the polls during the last presidential election, but after wasting a few hours watching the news, all I ever saw were these two militant looking guys hanging around a voting precinct up north somewhere. Talk about having your hopes built up to soaring heights just to hear the pilot say that now engine two was also not working.

Anyway, my son and I haven't given up hope. After all, despite the fact that Wildlife and Fisheries is trying to cover up what is apparently a government secret by saying that there has never been any proof given to verify that a black panther exists, most every neighbor and hunter that I have been associated with has spotted one "with my own eyes. Scariest thing I ever saw. Screamed like a woman and made the hair stand up on my head."

Some very reputable people would gladly take a sworn oath in a court of law declaring that they had seen one several times in their back pasture. According to my statistics, which were meticulously kept on a napkin up until the cold and flu season, seventy five percent of Mississippians have witnessed a black panther sighting. In fact, I've had a couple of preachers, a few deacons, the Pope, and Ray confirm their existence.

Therefore, I have concluded that the state of Mississippi is overrun with black panthers and that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries must have some ulterior motive for not giving in to popular opinion. We'll just keep driving the back roads until one slips up and runs in front of the truck. In the meantime, I must settle my disturbed thoughts with a time of quiet and meditation with my Bible. At least I know that it is completely true. Despite what the majority of people believe.



From The Mind of

Chuck Lee

They Have A Good Home Life Series

Part One - Unconditional Love

This is a series of articles written to help us focus our passions and priorities on what makes a good home life. I hear people talking in church about other people's kids or their marriages and they all agree that these people have a "good home life". What characteristics make up a good home life? What are the common threads in the family fabric of Christian homes that are healthy, holy and work well? Hopefully through this series of articles, it will help you learn, focus, and increase your efforts on these traits that are found consistently in homes that are a nice place to grow up in, or grow old in.

Unconditional Love

This is the foundation that a good home is built upon. Exactly what is unconditional love and what does that look like? Unconditional love means simply that there are no conditions you have to meet for me to love you. There are no strings attached to my love for you. The best way for me to describe this love is when people have a baby that has just been born. Instantly, you are in love with this baby. When people get married, they fall in love first. They meet. They date. They grow to love each other over a certain time period. But, when you see that little baby for the first time, it is instantaneous love. That little baby did not

have to do one thing to get you to love him or her. This is unconditional love.

Every person in every home has the capacity to do this. I'm not saying they do. I'm saying



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

they have the potential to. In some homes it is evident. In other homes it is there some of the time. Still in dysfunctional homes, it is often times absent. In abusive homes, it does not exist. Unconditional love cannot exist apart from God.

I have heard some people say, "My parents are both lost, but they love each other". They have "eros" or "philia" love, but they do not have "agape" love. A couple can live in marriage under one roof, work to provide income, share hopes and dreams, physical intimacy and even have children. But it is impossible to have true love without God. This is not my opinion. This is a fact out of the Bible. Please read carefully the words of I John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." There is your unchangeable definition of love. God is love. How do two people truly love each other if

they don't have God? God is love. If you don't have Jesus in your heart, you don't have God in your heart. And remember, love only comes from God, for He is love.

In the same passage of scripture read verses 9-11. The Bible describes unconditional love. God first loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us and forgive us. This is love. And then verse 11 states that we are to love each other that same way. What way? Unconditionally. There are no strings attached to God's love for us as Christians. We didn't receive this love because of our behavior. We didn't get this love because of something we do. Regardless of our actions and behavior, Christ died for us. This is love. This is how you ought to love your family.

Spouses should love each other regardless of behavior or actions. Parents and children should all love each other, and it not be dependent upon meeting certain standards of performance. I don't have to do anything for you to love me.

Please understand that just because I love you does not mean that I can't be upset with you, mad at you, disappointed in you, hurt by you, etc. It does not mean that I can't set boundaries with you. There should also be consequences for wrong behavior. If a spouse hurts their spouse, there should be some consequences for the behavior. Not sick, dysfunctional consequences like pouting, shouting, withdrawing, withholding etc. But communication and things that serve to rebuild the relationship. Kids should have consequences

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Great Escape Cruise

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view a layout of the ship, excursion options, cabins and amenities, ports of call information, pregnancy policy, etc. You will need a US Citizens passport OR original birth certificate (Not a COPY) and a photo ID. Watch your e-mail and our website at www.discipleguide.org/thegreatescape for updates and new information.

Brandon Cox is the featured speaker for this year's Great Escape Cruise. Brandon Cox has been a Pastor for fifteen years and is now planting Grace Hills Church in northwest Arkansas, which launched in January of 2012. He also serves as Editor and Community Facilitator for Pastors.com, the online leadership community of Rick Warren and Saddleback Church. Brandon's wife, Angie,

is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and counsels foster families in northwest Arkansas. They live in Bentonville with their two kids, Ella and Sam.

The Great Escape Cruise promises to be just what you need to start the year off with some fresh ideas. Although there will be scheduled sessions, you will have plenty of free time for onboard activities and ports of call. More details will be available as the cruise date nears. You may e-mail triciak@conwaycorp.net or call the DCM office with any questions at 501-513-3726.

Get ready to set sail for the Great Escape Cruise 2013. You will cherish the time with your spouse and the many friendships you will develop at The Great Escape.

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Keynote Speaker
Brandon Cox






DiscipleGuide Accepting Resumes for Camp Director

DiscipleGuide Church Resources is accepting resumes for the Camp Director position at Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment in Gary, Texas. Applicants must have two years camp administration experience and will be subject to a background check. Resumes may be mailed to DiscipleGuide Church Resources, Attn: Sandy Garner, Human Resources, 4613 Loop 245, Texarkana, AR 71854. Resumes will be accepted through December 1.

Southeastern Baptist College

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Emphasis on Recruiting

Two recruiters are now scheduling events and collecting names of prospective students. Recruiting efforts have more than doubled this new year over last year with only five months into the year. One part time recruiter is Charlie McNeil, a current student at SBC and he is pictured with this article. The other recruiter is Matthew Hillman, a graduate of SBC and he will be pictured in a future report. Robyn Strickland began this new academic year as recruiter, but she is now the Executive Secretary. Names of prospective students have been gathered from the following events attended by our recruiters as well as the future events scheduled:

2012

1. Pensacola Youth Camp - July
2. Gulfport Senior Camp - July
3. Jones County Home Educators Annual Meeting - August
4. Rankin County College Fair - September
5. Pearl River Community College Career Fair - September
6. Quitman High School College Fair - September
7. Stringer High School College Fair - October
8. MS Gulf Coast Career/College Fair - October

9. Pine Belt College Fair, William Carey University - November
10. Harrison Central High College Fair - December

2013

1. Youth Conference, Pascagoula - January
2. Youth Meeting, Baxterville - February



Joseph Harris
Interim
President



Recruiter Charlie McNeil

Various Youth-In-Harvest meetings are being scheduled for 2013. More than twice as many events have been

attended and more recruiting contacts have been made the first six months of this year than all of last year's recruiting combined. There is currently a prospective list of 325 names collected. More of these are from BMA churches than in previous years. A pastor's prospective student list has been mailed to four local associations and recruiters are now following up to retrieve these lists.

Reestablishing ties and connecting with the pastors and churches is crucial for the future of SBC. Since June, I have visited and preached in 20 churches in a Sunday or Wednesday service. So far, four churches and one Bible conference are scheduled for November and December. This is extremely important since I have been able to present the ministry of the college and answer questions. I have also been able to collect some names of prospective students during this time. I am thankful for the invitations from all the pastors and churches visited. Please contact me for a time to come to your church on a Sunday or Wednesday evening at jharris@southeasternbaptist.edu or

601-426-6346 or contact our recruiters to attend your event at cmcneil@southeasternbaptist.edu or mhillman@southeasternbaptist.edu.

Recruiting has been broadened to



Math Counts Class

include beginning early with prospective students. The Laurel Christian Home Educators rent the use of our gym for the Knighthawks to use for practice and for games. The home educators also sponsor a class on campus every Tuesday called MATHCOUNTS which is taught by one of the home school moms, Brenda Broadhead. Brenda is a member at Big Creek Baptist Church and her class is also pictured with this article. According to the website, www.mathcounts.org, "MATHCOUNTS provides fun and challenging math programs for US middle school students to increase their academic and professional opportunities." It also provides a "foundation for success in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers."

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placed upon them when they do wrong. But it doesn't affect the love.

I told my daughter that if she came home pregnant in high school, that I would still love her because my love for her doesn't depend upon her behavior. And I would love the baby. And she would be grounded for 18 years! Because there is a consequence for wrong behavior and she would take responsibility for raising the child. I told my son that if he called me from jail with a DWI, I would still love him. No matter what. And because I love him, I will visit him daily while he stays in jail because there is no bail. You have to be responsible and accept consequences for wrong behavior, but I still love you.

Love has to be shown people! Your family shouldn't have to guess if you love them. Tell them. Show them. Never give up on them. Be there for them. Pray for them. Hug them. Hang out with them. Do things for them. Treat them nicely. Smile at them like you do when you see a new baby or a puppy. Nothing is greater than love.

Prisoners Bible Crusade Report

Free Bibles to Chaplains for Inmates in the USA

This praise note - In the month of October 2012, PBC reached another milestone. 200,096 KJV Bibles into prisons! Plus 13,725 Spanish Bibles; total 213,821.

This update on the project of printing the Gospel of John/Romans bilingual English/Spanish books for Spanish speaking prisoners in the USA. Victory Baptist Press in Milton, Florida is now set up to print them. I hope to have some in hand to send into prisons before the end of year. The cost will be about \$2,000.00. Any help will be appreciated.

Report YTD 10/31/12

4,876 KJV English Bibles; 520 Spanish Bibles; Bibles totals 5,396; 350 New Testaments; All Study Books 2,600; 1,048 Study helps, totals for all Bibles and materials to date in 2012 is

9,010. These were sent into 42 prisons. Chaplains report 975 people saved (21,264 since 1/1/2000). 4 new Chaplains requesting Bibles for the first time in 2012. PBC's Evangelistic Team has conducted 15 worship services in prisons in 2012. (Since 1973, 213,821 Bibles; 58,449 New Testaments; Total Bibles & materials: 628,723.)

On a personal note

Again I want to thank each and every one for your prayers and thoughts during my recent bypass surgery. I had a triple bypass on October 8th and now I am getting better each day. Doctor tells me it will take time.

Our thanks for your prayerful support of this Bible Ministry to people in prison!! God blesses through your prayers and support to give the Holy Word of God to Prisoners. Isaiah 55:11 inside prisons!

Paul E. Lee, Director PBC,
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Worldly Pleasures Cannot Satisfy

Worldly pleasure does not bring satisfaction to any life. You cannot satisfy the flesh. Feed the flesh you increase the appetite. Passing through a national park recently I saw signs everywhere. "Do not feed the bears. The trouble with feeding bears is that they get unreasonable. Give a bear that sandwich you had left from your picnic lunch and then if you have nothing else left he wants you. Feed the flesh and it wants more and more and more until the very being is aflame with the passions of hell.

— Selected

Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP

Getting Older, Making Changes and Paying The Price

Life has a funny way of sneaking up on us and sending us in new directions. I remember so many of those changes - leaving school, getting married, the birth of children, changing jobs, accepting Christ as Savior, the call to the ministry, full-time service as editor, pastoring churches, grandchildren (one of the best experiences), etc.



Don Brown
Editor

Change has once again come to the Brown family. After 32 1/2 years as an employee of Southeastern Baptist College, Mrs. Brown has retired. Yes, she is old enough and she has made the move.

One of my doctors told me that in order to preserve and enjoy my life that I should 'lighten my load' and 'reduce the stress'. After many months of contemplation and prayer, I have taken his advice, and what I feel is the leadership of God, and left the pastorate of Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, Mississippi.

I have had many wonderful experiences in life and pastoring this good church is right at the top of the list. I think I understand in part what the Apostle Paul felt when he told the Corinthian church "...I am jealous over you with godly jealousy..." In Chapter 11. I

already miss those dear people. I continue to serve as editor of the Mississippi Baptist and enjoy the work and contact with the people of the BMA of Mississippi.

The Browns are slowing down, but we are not out, by a long shot. We look forward to the future and are certainly enjoying the present. To quote the late Mrs. Ruby Wilson (Bro. A.M. Wilson's mother), "Getting older is not too bad, but at times it is awfully inconvenient."

We are getting older (but it ain't all that bad). We are making changes (they are not too bad either). We are paying the

price (physically). It is hard on this old man to have to move from the church parsonage back into our home. Where did all this stuff come from?? Where are we going to put it??

Trustees Recognize Years of Service

At our recent annual meeting, the Publication Department Trustees presented the editor with a plaque for 35 years of service in this position. They have gone by so fast and they have certainly been eventful. A heartfelt 'thank you' to the trustees and to the Association for your kindness. It is a joy to serve in this position.

Letters From Our Readers

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

Thank You From The Huffmasters

Dear Mississippi Baptists,

It is with much gratitude that I write this note to say "Thank you" for all the wonderful fellowship we had with you during the almost 44 years Jean and I had with you. We are now in Cabot, Arkansas, close to our 3 grandchildren where we can help spoil them. Even though we have found a wonderful BMA church here to worship with, you folks will always be near and dear to our

hearts.

You honored me while there with the privilege to serve as clerk of the state association for 25 years. Thank you for recognizing that privilege with a special plaque upon my resigning from that position.

As if that wasn't enough, I understand that at this past state association meeting, even though I am gone and was not present, you did it again, as you recognized my privilege of serving as a trustee of State Missions and the Revolving Loan Fund over the past 20 years. Let me assure you, it has all been an honor and a privilege to serve.

Jean and I will always treasure our time with you. Anytime you are coming this direction, please stop by and visit with us. Cabot is located north of Little Rock, between North Little Rock and Searcy, on



Highway 67/167. It is not that much out of your way when you go to visit Branson. We would love to hear from you. Call us, come see us or write us.

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Retired pastor offers book "Truth for the Mind"

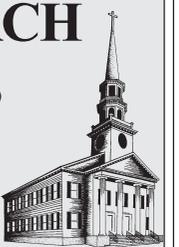
Dear Editor,

For a number of years sermons have been preached and many souls have been saved. I have produced a book of sermons that have not only been a blessing to me by many other ministers that I have supplied these sermons with. They will be a blessing to you, pray as you read, word by word, that God will inspire you and be blessed as I am.

For more information contact our home at 1530 Gaywood Avenue, Yazoo City, MS 39194, or call 662-746-4143 or 662-571-1658. All proceeds are going to defer medical expenses.

Bro. Ralph Fuller
Yazoo City, MS

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.

East Central Report

The East Central Association met on November 8 at Midway Church. After a call to order and a song, prayer was led by Bro. George Rogers. Bro. Jerry Overstreet brought the evening message with special music by Terrill Eaton.

There were eight church representatives. Reports were given by Missions Director Larry Geraldson and Children's Home Director Sidney Davis. Bro. Jerry Overstreet reported on the work of the Senior Adult Commission.

Henry Lott, reporter

Tombigbee Association Report

The Tombigbee Association met November 8, 2012 at East Amory Baptist Church. A meal was served by host church. There were 38 messengers present with 7 churches represented. The message brought by Bro. Roger Akers from I Corinthians 14:19, "Five words that can change our lives". Special music was brought and a report was brought by Bro. Bob Burch.



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Missions! Now More Than Ever!

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy,



Larry Geraldson
Director of Missions
and RLF

and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate..." Isaiah 6:8-11

A right understanding of Is 6 must take into account the song of judgment in chapter 5 which is summarized in verse 7, "...he looked for judgment, but

behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry."

The word judgment means that the writer is looking for a verdict. The same verdict he had requested in verse 3, "...judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard." It's the age old argument between right and wrong. Joshua said it this way, "...choose you this day whom ye will serve; ..." Joshua 24:15

I believe we can say with some certainty that the verdict is in and our country has chosen to reject the righteous law of God as a foundation upon which her liberty rests. Regardless of which man people preferred to be president, the platform that was adopted for our nation's future includes these specific points (these are quotes): 1. "...a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay." 2. "...marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples." 3. "...the full repeal of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act and the passage of the Respect for Marriage Act." 4. "Recognizing that gay rights are human rights, the President and his administration have vowed to actively combat efforts by

other nations that criminalize homosexual conduct or ignore abuse....American diplomats must raise the issue wherever harassment or abuse arises, and they are required to record it in the State Department's annual report on human rights. And the State Department is funding a program that finances gay rights organizations to combat discrimination, violence, and other abuses."

In summary, this means 1. No Defense of Marriage; 2. No Defense of the Unborn; and 3. Full-on promotion and funding of gay rights and gay rights' organizations at home and abroad.

At this point you may be asking yourself if I should be discussing these things. Well according to 1 Samuel 8:9, when Israel rejected God and the warning of the men of God, God told Samuel, "Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them."

Pursuant to our country's decision is the dismantling of Biblical principles and precepts, which for so long have undergirded the law of the land, and replacing them with human reasoning and secular rationale. We are witnessing a rejection of God's moral law. This was done, for the first time in our history, by the endorsement of a majority of the people.

Biblical law is necessary. The ungodly are acquainted with God's holiness through the demands of law. By and through the demands of law, a right respect for morality is maintained. The absence of law means immorality and ungodliness reign. The natural way of depraved man according to Romans 1, is to reject God and

live immorally. The things of God are rejected as undesirable. The wrath of God is certain.

The only hope has always been and will continue to be a clear, concise, correct, Christ centered gospel. Notice the last part of Is 5:7...God's response to the wrong decision by His people which resulted in the oppression of righteousness and righteous influence on the land, is found in Is 5:25, "Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still."

God's response was to pronounce swift and immediate judgment and at the same time, reach out His hand to save. His unsearchable love, kindness and mercy, explode into our awareness as chapter 6 introduces us to the calling of Isaiah. He will be sent forth to a nation in crisis, to preach the gospel. As his message unfolds in chapter 7 we hear him proclaim, "...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

I believe God's response to our nation in crisis will be to call men to go and preach the gospel. The gospel is powerful and can convict the vexed soul as well as quicken the "dead in spirit" to repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We must preach the gospel where we are and send others to preach it where we cannot go. We need missions now more than ever.

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Children's Home Special Emphasis

2012 Goal - \$25,000



*Helping Young
People Grow*

Luke 2:52



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GMA CAMP 2013

Hey Everybody,

We are all excited for GMA Camp this year! It is coming up so fast I can't believe it! We are all working very hard to make this year's camp as much fun as possible, but we also want everyone to go home with their souls right with God.

This year's camp will be held at Camp Garaywa, in Clinton, Mississippi, on March 15th and 16th. Brother Sydney Farmer will be our camp pastor and our theme is "How Great Is Thy Name" found in Psalms 8. This year we will be trying something a little different. Not only will our GMA girls be at camp this year, but the Galileans will be joining us also!

I hope you all show up, girls and guys, to serve Christ at Camp this year. Please be praying hard that camp will be fun and change the lives of those who don't know Jesus!

Thank you,
Kimberly Mitchell

Former Mission Church Members Hold Reunion

by Editor Don Brown

former member of Parkview Church, Gautier, Mississippi

About 30 individuals who were members or had some connection to Parkview Baptist Church, Gautier, Mississippi, held their first reunion recently. The church was established by Missionary Pastor Arthur Smith with the help of the State Missions Department. Mrs. Shirlene Smith and daughter Lisa Hudson were able to attend.

These individuals gathered at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, Mississippi on the second Saturday of November 2012. A 'pot luck' lunch was provided by those attending. What a great time it was. A devotional message was brought by Bro. Dewitt Bain, pastor of Shiloh Church, Mt. Olive. Bain surrendered to the ministry while at Parkview and was sent by the church to Kosciusko, Mississippi, near his home town, and began Shiloh Church, Kosciusko.

The church saw 8 or 9 men surrender to the ministry. Members came from as far as Illinois and from all parts of Mississippi. The group plans a reunion each year on the 2nd Saturday of November. The 2013 meeting will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive. All former members are urged to make plans to be at next year's event.



Pictured above are those attending the 2012 reunion.

Sofilthy's Attic



by Barbara White

The Yellow Bucket

Several years ago my children decided that I needed to get a cell phone in case I ever had any trouble while I was out and about. And so I did, but I told the Lord that my getting that phone didn't mean I didn't need Him any longer.

Well, after all these years the only time I felt like I needed it was one night I was driving along, meeting a long string of traffic when all of a sudden I saw a big yellow plastic bucket in the middle of my lane. Well, I didn't know if it was empty or full of concrete. Didn't matter, all I could do was hit it. It got stuck under the car so I pulled over on the shoulder and backed up and then drove forward, backed up and then drove forward, backed up and I still had that bucket. So I punch in the number for the Mississippi Highway Patrol and then I think, "I'm going to have to tell them that I have a bucket hung under my car and they are out there watching for speeders and arresting narcotics peddlers, etc." So I hung up real quick like.

Then I decided to just drive on thinking that a plastic bucket would soon wear down and fall off. You can imagine the noise that thing caused under the car! The thing never wore out. I drove 20 miles until I came to an unpaved parking lot and I pulled in and straddled a mud hole and it dropped off. I got out and picked it up because that was one tough bucket!

Even though I still have a cell phone it doesn't comfort me quite like the verse in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer thee." Now that's security without a monthly fee!

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2012 - 2013 WMA Officers



The new 2012-13 WMA officers elected at the recent state meeting are President Jessica Haden, First Vice-president Linda Smith, Second Vice-president Marilyn Welborn, Third Vice-president June Holifield, Corresponding Secretary Shirlene Smith, Assistant Corresponding Secretary Barbara White, Recording Secretary Freida McNeese, Assistant Recording Secretary Jeanelle Burkes, Historian Bonnie Brown, Editor Donna Lawrence, Pianist Anita Akers, Song Director Mary Sprayberry, GMA Director Beth Caldwell, GMA/YLA Promoter Becky Farmer, Sunbeam Director Linda Faye Dertinger, Project Promoters Lynn McCoy and Dianne Rainey, Advisory Council Bryson Haden, Don Brown and Roger Akers, Retreat Committee Sharon Lindsey, Chris Smith and all WMA officers.

Hobolochitto District WMA Report

The Hobolochitto District WMA meeting was held at Westlawn Baptist Church in Picayune on October 27, 2012, at 10 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Jean Dunn with an opening prayer. The GMA girls of Westlawn gave a welcome by reciting the GMA song and a video was shown on children receiving Christmas Shoebox gifts. The GMA and Sunbeam children also sang a special song entitled "Our God is an Awesome God."

The sermon was given by Bro. Vernon Watts taken from Revelation 21:1-4 and verses 9-27 on Heaven - New Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God. He also read Mat-

thew 13:44-46.

The next meeting place will be at Benville Baptist Church January 26, 2013, with speaker Bro. Scott Downes. Lee's Chapel #2 was awarded the attendance banner. The closing prayer and blessing on the food was given by President Jean Dunn. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all.

Debbie Lott, Reporter

Oak Grove WMA District

On October 12, 2012, the Oak Grove District WMA meeting was held at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Purvis, MS. At this meeting we elected officers and set the date for our next meeting. It will be held at Good Hope Baptist Church in Columbia, MS, on January 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Kristy Matthews also brought a beautiful devotion before our time of fellowship.

Kodi Atkins, Reporter



John the Baptist looked upon the Lord Jesus and said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." A good guide for the Christian life.



Kelby Johnson
Director

but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, for ever and ever, Amen."

B.R.A.G.

B.R.A.G. (Be Real About God) was a success again this year. About 60 teens and adults gathered at Berean Baptist Church in Soso on November 9-10 for this conference. The theme was "Incredible God." Speakers included Bryson Haden, Chuck Lee, Jamie Wally, Shane Atkins and Kelby Johnson. Music was led by Heart Deep. The praise band from Lebanon Baptist Church led by Justin Bynum also played. The weekend included worship services and times of fun. Many prizes were given away and the B.R.A.G. challenge obstacle course was a fan favorite as well. The Lord blessed and two souls were saved during the weekend. Thanks to all who attended or prayed for B.R.A.G. Plans are already being made for a similar event in 2013.

our Lord Jesus Christ." As you celebrate a time of Thanksgiving this year, remember Jesus with the following prayer found in the seventeenth century Book of Common Prayer: *"ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us... We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips,*

Gratitude For The Gospel

We could all make a long list of things for which we are thankful. Our lists might include our health, our families, our friends, our churches, our jobs, our homes, and our other possessions. The blessings given to us from God are worth daily appreciation and worship. However, there is nothing given to us that should cause as much gratitude as the salvation we have in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

One of the great chapters in the Bible is 1 Corinthians 15. It begins with a simple explanation of the gospel, moves through a grand explanation of the resurrection of Christ, and ends by saying in verse 57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through

Obama may not impact Supreme Court balance

WASHINGTON (BP) -- Social conservatives lamenting a slew of Election Day losses might take solace in this: Barring a surprise retirement, the ideological makeup of the Supreme Court likely will remain the same for the next four years.

So says Liberty Counsel's Mathew Staver, who has argued two cases before the court and whose organization has filed about 30 briefs with it.

Only one of the justices -- liberal bloc-member Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is 79 -- seems likely to retire, but that would not change the court's

balance because her replacement by President Obama likely would be a liberal as well, Staver said.

"Absent some kind of unforeseen health complication" to one of the other justices, he added, "the Supreme Court would likely look the same" ideologically when Obama leaves office.

That would be great news for social conservatives, who view the high court -- and the courts below it -- as integral to their cause. Abortion was legalized by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*, a 1973 case social conservatives hope is eventually reversed. The justices might consider next year the legalization of gay marriage.

The reason the court could look the same in four years is simple: Justices typically time their retirement so that the party that appointed them gets to name their successor. President Clinton, a Democrat, nominated Ginsburg, and her replacement would be named by Obama, another Democrat.

Republicans nominated all five members of the court who are considered part of the con-

servative bloc. If they hold to tradition, the ones who are eyeing retirement will hold off in the hopes that a Republican will win the White House in 2016. Of the court's four-member liberal bloc, Clinton nominated two and Obama two.

Nothing, of course, is guaranteed, and surprise retirements do happen.

Liberal Justice Thurgood Marshall -- nominated by Democratic President Lyndon Johnson -- was forced to retire in 1991 due to poor health during the administration of Republican George H.W. Bush, who replaced Marshall with a conservative, Clarence Thomas. Marshall died two years later. Marshall had voted with the pro-Roe majority in 1973, and Thomas has since gone on record as opposing *Roe*.

Death also can have an impact. Former Chief Justice William Rehnquist passed away in 2005 while in office, although it did not have an impact on the court's ideological balance because he was nominated by a Republican (Richard Nixon) and his successor (John Roberts) was nominated by a Republican (George W. Bush).

CHILDREN'S HOME

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It Is Good To Give Thanks To The Lord

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, it gives us an ideal time to give thanks to God for His unlimited blessings upon us as His people. It is a time to personally reflect upon our lives and consider if a true spirit of thankfulness is expressed to God on a daily basis and not only at this particular time of the year.

In other words, we should not wait until Thanksgiving Day to bless and thank our God. Each and every day we should make it a practice of life to enter into His courts with thanksgiving and praise. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1.

Special Emphasis Reminder

One month has already passed by as far as the Special Emphasis period for the Children's Home is concerned. If you haven't given a special offering for this Emphasis, it is not too late to do so. November would be a good month to remember the Children's Home in a financial way. We have so much to be thankful for. Allow

the Lord to use you in meeting the needs of the Children's Home. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support.

Association Meeting and Church Visits

We attended the annual meeting of the Big Creek Association in October and the East Central Association in November.

Also, I was with the Good Hope Baptist Church and Pastor Ricky Mitchell in Ovett recently. Then on November 11th, we were with the New Bethany Baptist Church near Ellisville and Pastor Glenn Shoemake for their annual Thanksgiving celebration.

We certainly enjoyed the worship, friendship, and fellowship at each of these meetings and services.

Remember In Prayer

Continue to remember our girls and boys and the ministry of the Home in your prayers each day.



SIDNEY DAVIS
DIRECTOR

Four justices are in their 70s: Ginsburg (79), Antonin Scalia (76), Anthony Kennedy (76) and Stephen Breyer (74).

"That's something that we certainly need to be in prayer about -- for the good health of the justices," Staver said.

Even if Obama doesn't change the ideological makeup of the nation's highest court, though, he'll still have a major impact on the lower court -- the appeals courts and district courts, Staver said.

"He'll have more of an impact on the court system than any previous president -- even if he appoints the same number [of judges as other presidents] -- because unlike any previous president, Obama appoints people who are ideologically in line with him," Staver said.

Other presidents, Staver said, appoint "some people who are ideologically in line with them" and some who "go off in a different direction" ideologically.

If Ginsburg is the only Supreme Court justice to retire in the next four years, then the high court potentially could be a major issue in the 2016 presidential race. That's because two members of the court's conservative bloc -- staunch conservative Antonin Scalia and swing vote Anthony Kennedy -- would be 80 that year. Kennedy, although a part of the conservative bloc for much of his career, has upset both sides of the spectrum. He voted to uphold *Roe* in the 1990s, then a decade later voted to uphold the federal ban on partial-birth abortion. He has sided with the liberal bloc on gay rights cases, but with the conservatives on Ten Commandments cases. This year, he voted with the losing side that would have reversed the health care law ("Obamacare").

"Whether it's Republicans or Democrats, anybody who replaces Kennedy will definitely impact the future of the court," Staver said.

DiscipleGuide Accepting Resumes for Camp Director

DiscipleGuide Church Resources is accepting resumes for the Camp Director position at Daniel Springs Baptist Encampment in Gary, Texas. Applicants must have two years camp administration experience and will be subject to a background check. Resumes may be mailed to DiscipleGuide Church Resources, Attn: Sandy Garner, Human Resources, 4613 Loop 245, Texarkana, AR 71854. Resumes will be accepted through December 1.

Missions Report

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We should not be motivated by an unrealistic expectation of human response, but rather a peace in the providence of God that moves us to obedience to the faith. The outcome was not the motivating factor for the one who beheld the Lord high and lifted up and then surrendered to His call. Isaiah said in chapter 6:11, "Lord, how long?" The Lord's response was, "...Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,..." Obedience to the faith is our motivator. We need missions now more than ever.

We don't know what the end result will be from the most recent decisions of our fellow countrymen. But now, more than ever, we need to be doing the work of missions. Let the cry of the gospel be heard from our lips across the street, across our state, and across this land.

Let me challenge you to do more and give more than ever before, for the cause of missions here in Mississippi.

This past year, in addition to the ongoing work of First Hispanic in Ripley, El Camino in Laurel, El Camino in Hattiesburg and New Heart in South Hattiesburg, we watched God open the doors for new churches to be planted in Burnsville, New Albany, Tupelo, Oxford, Caledonia, Clinton, Indianola, Holly Springs, South Forrest County, and Biloxi. Your missionaries reported (in October) 420 new contacts made, with 226 of those being presented with the gospel, and 35 people trusted Christ, and 5 were baptized.

New Albany Mission

Bro. Kelby Johnson is our newest missionary and has begun a new church in New Albany, Mississippi. Kelby was approved to serve as a church planting missionary for the Baptist Missionary Association of



Mississippi July 17, 2012. Kelby is originally from Laurel where he was licensed to ministry by Big

Creek Baptist Church in 2001. He was later ordained and has served multiple churches in the areas of associate, youth, and music. Kelby graduated from Southeastern Baptist College in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Church Ministries and received his Masters of Divinity Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2011. His passion is to make disciples by teaching the Bible and mentoring. He is married to the former Jessie Sellas of Lucedale and has two sons, Adin (8) and Andrew (5). Jessie is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist College and an assistant school teacher in Union County.

Recently, Kelby shared the following report:

"FIRST CORE GROUP MEETING - October was a very exciting month for us here at Grace Church. We held our very first core group Bible study on Sunday morning, October 7th. We met at our home and had 18 people present. We have continued meeting each Sunday morning since and have averaged 18 people per week.



Bro. Kelby, Jessie, Adin and Andrew Johnson

WHAT ARE WE DOING? Several people have asked me what we are doing for our Sunday morning core group meetings. We meet at 10:00 A.M. and begin with a time of discussion. We try to ask the following questions to begin: "What has God been showing you lately in His Word?" or "Has God given you any interesting opportunities this week?" The point of this time is to allow people to hear about what is happening in the lives of others and hopefully it will help the group grow closer. Once this time is done, we move into our prayer time. Each week I ask one of our young men to read a passage of Scripture (that relates to my sermon that day) and to give a few comments on that passage. We then begin a time of corporate prayer. We sit in silence and whoever wants to pray out loud does so. We usually pray for 10-15 minutes in this manner. We believe this allows us to make prayer a concentrated time instead of just



something we rush through to begin or end our time together. When the prayer time is over, I begin the sermon. We are currently studying through the book of Romans. We went through chapter 1 in October and plan to cover chapters 2 and 3 in November. We give our people notes to follow along with the sermon. We believe that what we preach on Sunday should be learned and shared. We end with a closing prayer. We then have a lunch and time of fellowship. We continue to meet and invite others as we are in the early stages of developing our core group.

BMA OF MISSISSIPPI STATE MEETING - I was able to be at the state meeting and we had a great time. It was encouraging to talk with several other missionaries and pastors who are excited about the work. The missionaries met at the mission's office for a good time of prayer during the meeting. I was also able to stand and promote our church plant at the meeting. It was great to have Bro. Kevin Clayton stand and pray with me at the commissioning on Wednesday. We continue to be very thankful for your prayers and support. We invite you to come visit us sometime.

God bless you, Kelby Johnson."

Upcoming Event

On November 18th, at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Bob Burch will hold his first service in his completed building at Calendonia. He will also have special revival type services Monday and Tuesday evening at 7pm. We are praying that things will go well and look forward to sharing more with you in the next issue.

I know I speak for all of our missionary families when I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving season. We have so much to be thankful for and one thing we are sincerely thankful for is you.

Planned Parenthood Prosecution Brings Legal Persecution

(OneNewsNow.com) - A former Kansas attorney general faces yet another hearing in an attempt to disbar him. That effort stems from his attempt to challenge Planned Parenthood while in office.

The attempt to disbar Phill Kline has been ongoing for over seven years now. Dana Cody of Life Legal Defense Foundation tells us the next hearing is this week.

"The courts in Kansas have been persecuting -- I think a better word is persecuting -- Phill Kline because he attempted to do his job as a prosecutor, which was to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic and George Tiller's clinic for not reporting statutory rape and not following the parental notification laws of the state," she explains.

George Tiller was a late-term abortionist in Wichita and the Planned Parenthood is in Kansas City.

Kline, whose law license has been suspended indefinitely, was attorney general when Kathleen Sibelius was governor, who refused to cooperate with him in this case.

"Our now fearless leader of the Department of Health and Human Services at the federal level, Kathleen Sibelius, was involved in all this early on, trying to hide evidence rather than cooperate with then-Attorney General Phill Kline to prosecute," Cody tells OneNewsNow.

Records needed for prosecution supposedly disappeared and, although that has been questioned, charges against the abortion giant were dropped earlier this year.

Cody believes politics were involved. Having seen the legal information against Kline, she finds it unbelievable that he was prosecuted at all.

Something For Nothing?

"It wasn't the Goths that defeated Rome-it was their free circuses." Luxuries, Power, indulgence, had made the once tough Roman people soft. To stay popular their emperors gave them more and more of the ease they craved-- free bread, free circuses, easier living. So the Romans softened up themselves for the ambitions, hard working barbarians. And in 410 A. D. The greatest nation the world had ever seen was invaded and destroyed.

The greedy cry of "something for nothing," the stupid whine of "somebody" else should sacrifice not me"-could do exactly the same for this nation- NOW.

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