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2018 Lifeword Sunday

by Holly Meriweather

Although some churches have scheduled Lifeword Sunday celebrations for the month of November, most 2018 Lifeword events and emphasis days are in the books. Regardless of when your church learns about, prays for and gives to Lifeword, we want to sincerely thank those who participated in this season of giving.

Your ministry partnership is not something we take for granted. Without it, we could not take the gospel to the nations and in the languages that need the message of hope. The Lifeword Cloud is now two months old, still in its infancy, but it is already being heard by people who speak the five languages that have been loaded to it so far: Arabic, Swahili, Garifuna, Spanish and English.

In the coming months, more languages will begin to be accessible on the website. By the end of 2019, the

goal is to add at least ten more. In addition, our Jesustoyou project will continue: Lifeword.org will have gospel presentations in 200 languages of the world, well beyond our current 43

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broadcast languages.

So don't forget to send in Lifeword Sunday contributions, or at least a portion of them, by December 10th. Meeting that deadline will make your pastor eligible to win an iPad Pro. The Facebook Live drawing for it will be held on Wednesday, December 12th. The only other requirement is your Lifeword Sunday registration. (If you're not sure about that, email holly@lifeword.org to find out.)

It's an exciting time to be a part of Lifeword, so if you would like to hear more about who we are and what we do, please contact me to schedule a visit or receive more information.

Lifeword is unique in the world of media ministry. You won't find another one doing what we do. God has blessed us with more than 53 years of spreading the gospel through the most advanced technology available, and we are excited to continue helping you and your church fulfill your Great Commission calling.

As Lifeword's first executive director Harold Morris challenged BMA churches back in the 1960s, "We need to make full use of the best technical means of communication...Not to take advantage of these opportunities will be tragic, not only for us, but for a lost and disillusioned world. Advances in technology are revolutionizing the entire world in our time. We are under orders: Go! Preach! Make disciples!"

Former State Youth Director Latrelle Windham Passes Away

by Editor Don Brown

Bro. Latrelle Windham passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2018. He had been under dedicated nursing care for an extended period of time due to illness.

No arrangements were available at press time. More information will be shared in our next issue.

Bro. Latrelle served as the Mississippi State Youth Director for a number of years. He was a dedicated servant, former music director and a deacon. Prayers for his wife Linda and their daughters Jennifer (Barry) Robinson and Becky (Jonathan) Wells, and family.



Latrelle Windham

Ohio House votes to ban nearly all abortions with heartbeat bill

COLUMBUS, Ohio (LifeSiteNews) – The Ohio House of Representatives voted Wednesday to pass legislation that would ban the vast majority of abortions upon detection of a fetal heartbeat.

House Bill 258 would ban committing an abortion on any preborn baby with a detectable heartbeat, except in cases of a "substantial and irreversible" physical threat to the mother. Any physician that violates the statute would face up to a year in prison. Preborn babies' hearts finish forming around 7-8 weeks into pregnancy.

HB 258 now goes to the overwhelmingly Republican state Senate, where Senate President Larry Obhof says he has the votes to pass it, the Cincinnati Enquirer reports. He hasn't decided whether or not to hold a vote, however, because the bill is opposed by Ohio's ostensibly "pro-life" Gov. John Kasich.

Kasich vetoed a heartbeat abortion



ban in 2016, instead signing a late-term abortion ban and arguing the state would only lose an inevitable lawsuit defending the stronger law, gaining nothing but legal bills. He's expected to do so again, and the bill's 58-35 margin isn't large enough to override a veto.

If the outgoing governor again vetoes the bill and lawmakers can't muster enough votes to override it, pro-lifers will have another chance when Governor-elect Mike DeWine, previously the state's attorney general, takes

over in January. DeWine, who in his previous role defended the states' efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, has already pledged to sign the bill.

"Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati has supported Ohio's human heartbeat protection strategy since efforts began in 2011. In the years since, these efforts have educated many on the true nature of abortion's toll on women, men, and their unborn children," the group said Wednesday. "Establishing human heartbeat protections in Ohio is a historic opportunity for those committed to the cause of life."

Currently, the strongest state-level protections for preborn babies are Iowa's heartbeat abortion ban and Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban, both of which are currently tied up in the courts. The Ohio measure is all-but-certain to face a similar legal challenge, but several pro-lifers, such as Rep. Steve King of Iowa, argue that

now is the time to press such a legal battle.

The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld *Roe v. Wade* since 1973 and has not yet upheld any pre-viability abortion bans, but heartbeat supporters argue that President Donald Trump's nomination of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to replace the pro-abortion Justice Anthony Kennedy has shifted the court's ideological balance to the point where the pro-life case has a fighting chance.

It's not known how Kavanaugh or Trump's first nominee, Justice Neil Gorsuch, will vote on *Roe*. Both alarmed some pro-lifers by expressing significant respect for *Roe*'s status as "precedent," though other pro-lifers argued they were merely phrasing their answers diplomatically to navigate a narrowly-divided Senate confirmation process.

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President's Perspective

God doesn't owe me anything! But I owe Him everything! For me, the most important thing to be thankful about is Jesus who saved me. Without Him, I would have nothing! The Bible says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Without the Lord reaching out to me by sending Jesus, I would be a lost sinner with no hope whatsoever. In regard to the Lord's love for me:

1. I am thankful that God keeps His promises. 1 John 2:25 states, "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." He has promised us eternal life and he will never break his promise. The Lord does not lie and what He says He will do, He will! Paul tells us in the book of Titus 1:2, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

2. I am thankful that I am in His Hands and not my own! In John 10:27-30 Jesus promises, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them

me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." He holds on to me and not the other way around and He will never let me go! I am comforted by the thought that I am secure in the hands of the Lord.

3. I am thankful that I am saved by His grace. Titus 3:7 tells me, "That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Jesus went to the cross for me and paid for all my sin by his perfect sacrifice. As the old hymn says, "Jesus paid it all. All to him I owe." God's Holy Word gives us this promise. The old hymn does not say, "Jesus paid part and I'll pay the rest myself!" No, He did it all! And by grace alone by faith alone and in Jesus alone am I a child of God.

4. I am thankful that I possess eternal life! Jesus promises me in John 3:15, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." How great is that? I have everlasting, eternal, never ending life



Dr. Scott Carson
President

through my faith in Jesus! It's a promise. I can count on it. The Lord keeps his promises, therefore I already have, right now, eternal life! How long is eternal life? Some say until I sin again. No! That is temporary life. It is not eternal life! God will never take it away. He cannot lie and I possess everlasting life in Jesus!

5. I am thankful that Jesus did it all. The writer of Hebrews explains about Jesus, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified... Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." Hebrews 19:12-14, 18. I could never pay for my own sin. Only hell was in my future if left to myself. But God intervened through the perfect blood sacrifice of my Savior! Jesus, with one sacrifice, paid for all my sin.

6. I am thankful that I am saved. 1 John 5:13 gives me this assurance which says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of

God." God promises it, therefore I know it! All my trust rests in the finished work of Jesus and in no one else and in nothing else! Yes, I know I have eternal life because of what Jesus died, was buried, and rose again... for me!

7. I am thankful that Jesus is the only savior. Oprah Winfrey famously once said that she believed it was impossible that Jesus is the only way to heaven and that she believed that all religious paths are valid for entry into heaven. Oh the terrible deception! This is a lie. It is in total disagreement with God's Word. Read the Word found in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The name of Jesus is above every name and all other religious founders or leaders will eventually acknowledge that Jesus is the very Son of God, the one and only Savior of the world.

Thank the Lord that He keeps his promises and cannot lie. I have total confidence that, "...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1:12.

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

Thank You!

Praise God for 1st Baptist Church of Midway, Sumrall, Mississippi, for answering the call to help with food for our students. They donated \$1,000 worth of long shelf life food for the student food pantry! The students are extremely grateful for their generosity! In addition, they have scheduled a hot meal in the near future, ministering to our student body. If your church family is moved to also help in provid-

ing a one-time hot meal for 50 students, or on a routine basis, contact Coach Phillips at 601-426-6346 to coordinate.

Need CDL Drivers for Games

We are in immediate need of volunteer or paid CDL drivers to drive our team bus. We have numerous away games both in state and outside of Mississippi. We have a 30 passenger bus without air breaks. If you can help please contact Coach Phillips at 601-426-6346.

Seeking Volunteer Handyman

Having been blessed with 56 students living in our dormitories, and the infrastructure being old, we often have minor plumbing, electrical, window, door, and miscellaneous other items needing repairs. We are offering an opportunity for someone to bless us with their handyman skills to assist us with these needs. Please contact Dr. Carson at 601-426-6346 if you would like to help.

The Chargers Basketball Schedule Changes!

We have added two home games to the season. The Charges will take on the visiting Taylor Made Prep School November 16 at 6 p.m. and also play Thomasville Prep School at home on November 17 at 2 p.m. In addition, take note of the special away game to be held the Smoothie King Center in

New Orleans on November 26 at 11:30 a.m. Discounted tickets are available for the Pelicans game later that evening. See the flyer in this publication for more details. The season schedules for the Men's and Women's Varsity Games and Men's Junior Varsity Games can be found adjacent to this article and also is posted on our sports website: <http://athletics.southeasternbaptist.edu/>



President Scott Carson visiting with former SBC Basketball players at first home game. Left to right are Ronnie Shoemake, Ricky Stringer, and Ronnie Shows and Dr. Carson.

VA Educational Benefits Accepted!

Thank you for your service! SBC possesses the 2018 Gold Award level as a military friendly college. Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can

use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! And remember, many benefits are now fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Available to Preach

Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to provide an update about the great things the Lord is doing at Southeastern Baptist College. You can reach him at 601-433-4736 or scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

SBC Basketball Schedules

Next Men's Varsity Games

- Nov 16 vs Taylor Made Prep @ Home 6 p.m.
- Nov 17 vs Thomasville Prep @ Home 2 p.m.
- Nov 26 vs Louisiana Prep @ New Orleans 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 30 vs Tougaloo College @ Tougaloo, MS 7 p.m.
- Dec 1 vs Trinity College @ Home 2 p.m.
- Dec 7 vs Covenant College @ Look-out Mtn, GA 6 p.m.

Next Women's Varsity Games

- Nov 15 vs Blue Mountain JV @ Home 4:30 p.m.
- Nov 30 vs Tougaloo College @ Tougaloo, MS 5 p.m.
- Dec 3 vs Centenary College @ Shreveport, LA 7 p.m.
- Dec 4 vs U of AR @ Monticello, AR 5:30 p.m.

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From The Mind of Chuck Lee

Climbing Trees

I'm not real sure how my fascination for climbing trees was instilled in me, but early on in childhood, I loved to climb trees. I'm sure I started out with smaller bushes and then worked my way up to greater heights, but as a small child, even the little trees looked big and tall. Also, I wanted to be like Tarzan swinging from limb to limb.

Having passed the half century mark of life, my tree climbing days are long gone. In fact, my climbing tall ladder days are gone as well. Solomon men-

tioned something about that happening to a person as they aged, but used a different way to get his point across. He had a better way with words than I do.

However, when I was young, there were no trees too tall or big around. It didn't matter if the tree had lower limbs to help get me started or if they required a squirrel-like ability to manage them. For some reason, I wasn't even afraid to swing from limb to limb or drop from a higher limb to a lower limb twenty feet in the air. I was somewhat more nimble in those days. Nowadays I require help



Bro. Chuck Lee

getting off the floor, but you don't need to know that.

Every tree that was of the appropriate size in the woods across the road from our house was bent over as if a strong wind had passed through. My brother and I would size up a tree that we felt was sturdy enough to climb, but limber enough to bend and then we would shinny up until our weight would cause the tree to bend over and lower us to the ground. Sometimes we would misjudge the tree and it wouldn't bend far enough and the one on the ground had to climb up to provide extra weight. Even then, sometimes we would still be left hanging too far above the ground. The secret was to let go on



two instead of the count of three because you knew your brother was going to do the same just to see if the tree would slingshot you through the air. But enough about that.

I sometimes look at a tall oak or sycamore and reminisce about those days, but not enough to attempt climbing one. There are some things that are simply left behind as youth fades away. It's probably better that way. Who wants to see a fifty year old man swinging from limb to limb anyway?

Lee serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Purvis. He may be reached by email at leecharles47@yahoo.com

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For part of our Gym renovation effort moveable bleachers were donated to the college. **BELOW** - Volunteers from Mission at the Cross deliver donated bleachers to the SBC Gym.

To the right Brother Hubert Dyess shares his personal testimony and leads the Men at the Cross in prayer after delivering donated bleachers



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 John Adams

Happy Thanksgiving from
 Darla and I to all our
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Your support of
Moral Action Ministries
 and our recent
Moral Action/Dr. John Adams Scholarship
 for our BMA Seminary
 is so appreciated.

May our sweet Lord bless you!



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Don Brown
Editor

FORMER MISSIONARY, PASTOR & EVANGELIST

Jurl Mitchell Passes Away

Bro. Jurl Mitchell passed away on November 15, 2018. Bro. Mitchell was a former BMA missionary, pastor and evangelist.

Arrangements were unavailable at press time. This editor had the privilege of knowing Bro. Mitchell and hearing him preach. He preached a revival at Parkview Church, Laurel a number of years ago when we were members there. What a gift God gave him to bring His word.

Bro. Mitchell was the guest speaker at the Mississippi Pastor's Conference the year the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded. That tragedy happened during our conference. His words at that time were very profound and comforting.

I have included some words from Bro. Tom Mitchell, who is married to Bro. Jurl's sister Karen.



Bro. Jurl Mitchell

Karen's brother Jurl Mitchell received his heavenly promotion at 5:35 this morning after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. We rejoice that he is no longer ill and is now in the presence of the Lord and family in heaven.

Jurl was quite a man. In his

84 years on this earth he did many things. He married the love of his life, Mary Ann, when they were teenagers. They were blessed with one son, Dwight, who gave them 2 granddaughters, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Jurl was an amazing evangelist and pastor. With Mary Ann, he was a missionary in Bolivia where he used his skill as a pilot often. He was an author, writing two books about his missions endeavors: "En La Mañana" and "Chiquitano."

Jurl was a canoeist who, at age 76 became a kayaker! I cherish the river trips with him. Memories that are treasured!

Jurl was more than a brother-in-law to me...he was a brother this only child never had.

Your prayers for all the family are greatly appreciated! Remember Mary Ann, Dwight, Gene & Arlyn Gambill, and Karen.

Missing our Friends and God's Servants

As you read elsewhere in this issue, we are reporting on the deaths of two of God's loyal servants. To the right you read about Bro. Jurl Mitchell. What a great preacher of the Word he was.

As he was preaching at Parkview Baptist Church in Laurel a number of years ago he shared a story on preaching. He told of a conversation he had with a lady after he had preached a message on salvation. Evidently he preached the word and left nothing out about sin and salvation. This lady told him after the service that "He could catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." Bro. Jurl told us, "I didn't get her point - I wasn't trying to catch any flies".

Of course his point was that he was trying to win the lost and you cannot sugar coat the Gospel.

Bro. Latrelle

On the front page you read about the death of Latrelle Windham. What a good loyal servant he was. He was loved and he had such a positive influence on so many lives - especially young people while serving churches and as the State Youth Director of our Association. I write this just a few hours after receiving the news of his death.

I have taken the privilege of sharing some of the comments posted by a few folks who loved him and were blessed by his life. His wife Linda made this comment about him to me in a private moment years ago. In reference to her husband she said, "He is a good man". True words from one who knew him better than the rest of us.

Comments From Facebook by His Friends...

Sure did spend a lot of my teenage and college years with Bro. Latrell. Sure did love him a lot. Bro. Latrell set such a good example for the young people in the BMA while he was the state youth director. He had learned from one of the best, Bro. Ray Thornton.

Latrelle Windham has always been a treasured friend of mine, I pray for Linda and family!

Such a precious servant of God. Praying for this dear family!

Great guy! Praying for the family

I didn't know Bro. Latrell very well except through the Baptist Association. However, to this mother, he was an angel early one morning on I-59 when he noticed two young girls stranded because of car trouble. He recognized them from Big Creek Baptist Church, stopped to give assistance and found they were on their way to Nursing School at USM. He gave my daughter, Staci Jefcoat, and her cousin, Alisha Todd, a ride to the School of Nursing. He was a true servant of God and a great blessing to this mom. My prayers are with his precious family.

Praying for his family! He was a special person. We sure loved him a lot!

What a difference he made on so many of our lives!!

OH MY... WOW how I love Bro Latrelle ... my heart grieves to hear this - what a prince of a man.... glad he is with the Lord... I haven't seen him in years...

Many other comments were posted. God bless the family. He certainly was a good man and one of a kind.

Music Professor Position Open at Southeastern

Southeastern Baptist College is in need of a Professor of Music for the Spring 2019 semester. The candidate must possess at a minimum a Master's Degree in Music Education from an accredited institution. In addition, the candidate should have extensive practical musical experience, one who understands and is able to educate others in various musical genres with emphasis on sacred works. A preferred candidate should have a connection to the Baptist Missionary Association of America; however, other qualified candidates will be considered. The candidate must possess a strong Christian character, with an excitement to join a rapidly-growing, Christ-centered educational institution. Interested candidates may send their resume' to Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Hwy 15 N, Laurel, MS 39440. For more information, call 601-426-6346 or stop by the SBC campus during our Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday office hours.

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 reply by email at welbornrl390@gmail.com.

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"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5

I am thankful for the rich blessings which God has poured out on us. The flow of His rich blessings will continue as long as we remain in the perfect will of God. To remain in His perfect will, we must remember who we are in Christ. He is the vine and we are the branches. Anything we do apart from Christ is an offshoot and deserves to be broken off and cast away. Remember what Colossians 1:19 says, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;..." The fruit of our labor is not a reflection on us but a testament to the goodness of the Son. We are blessed! We are full! So, we pause, during this special time of the year, to say thank you to our God.

Thank You for Opening Doors

We recently purchased a property in Waveland, Mississippi, for our newest Missionary, Johnny Williams, and the folks of Salt Light Baptist Mission. The facilities consist of two buildings located at 100 Jeff Davis Ave in Waveland. The property will require some minor clean up and touch ups, but all in all, we are blessed.

**Thank You for Your Provisions**

Your regular and special giving is always a blessing to Johnny & Neta Williams inside the State Missions. The sanctuary at 100 Jeff Davis Ave in Waveland Trustees have approved a matching funds campaign, from proceeds designated for missions, to help offset the debt of Salt Light Mission. From now until January 15, 2019, every dollar received at the Missions Office, earmarked for Salt Light's Matching Fund Campaign, will be matched, up to \$50,000.00. Please prayerfully consider helping with this campaign.

Thank You for the Organization of Another Church

On November 3, 2018, I traveled to Olive Branch, Mississippi, and met with Bro. Ed DuVall, Pastor of Homestretch Baptist Church and our Coordinator of African American Missions, and others, to help with the organization service of Harvest Baptist Mission. The service was good and the fellowship sweet as we walked through the meeting. Harvest Baptist called their Missionary Pastor Bro. James Cook to be the pastor and, after a complete reading of the Doctrinal Statement of the BMA of Mississippi, adopted it as their own. This marks the eighth mission organized since March of 2012.



New harvest organization service

Thank You for Faithful Missionaries

On October 28, I attended a special service held by Day Star Baptist in Sumrall. This was their first time to meet in their newly finished building. It was



Day Star attendance at first service in new building a wonderful service! I counted 73 in attendance with several first-time visitors. Bro. Phillip Burns did a great job reflecting on what it had taken to get to this place and encouraged the folks going forward. It was very special to have Bro. Harold Floyd and his wife Shirley and their grandson Ben in attendance. Bro. Floyd led the music and sang specials with Bro. Phillip. After the message the Mission hosted everyone for a meal. Bro. Burns is working to get the steeple and sign up, and a few other finishing touches. They have scheduled their

Missions Director Geraldson
addresses Day Star Mission

organization service for Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. I hope you will make plans now to attend.

Thank You for What Is Ahead

The 2019 Missions & Evangelism Conference has been scheduled for March 29, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Next year's program will be somewhat abbreviated, allowing us to hear some good preaching before lunch and after lunch, we will dismiss. The Conference Theme is, "Missions 101" and our speakers are as follows:

- The Mission* – Justin Cameron, Pastor at Good Hope, Columbia
- The Message of Missions* – Vernon Watts, Pastor at First Baptist Henleyfield
- The Mandate for Missions* - Brandon Burge, Pastor at College Heights, Poplarville
- The Missions Minded Church* – Jason Howard, Pastor of Canaan, Richton
- The Call to Missions* – Blake McCain, Pastor of First Baptist Midway

The Conference will be hosted by First Baptist Midway. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. More information will follow. Please keep checking back in future issues for details.

Thank You For Giving Churches & Missions

Below is our Top 25 list of churches who gave to State Missions last fiscal year (Aug 1, 2017- July 30, 2018):

1. Paramount, Perkinston, Dennis Knight, Pastor
2. Evergreen, Seminary, Chad Cummins, Pastor
3. Midway First Baptist, Sumrall, Blake McCain, Pastor
4. Canaan, Richton, Jason Howard, Pastor
5. Mt. Gilead, Columbia, DeWitt Bain, Pastor
6. Bethel, Fulton, Kevin Clayton, Pastor
7. South Forrest, Hattiesburg, Sidney Farmer, Pastor
8. Good Hope, Columbia, Justin Cameron, Pastor
9. Redemption Baptist Mission, Wesley Martin, Missionary Pastor
10. Big Creek, Soso, Justin Rhodes, Pastor
11. Tiger Creek, Ovett, Jerry Overstreet, Pastor
12. Campground, Gulfport, Bryan Atwood, Pastor



Missionary Philip Burns

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BMA Missions Around the World - Sharing the Good News in Thailand "Pastor Jo"

by Jackie Ricks, National WMA Editor

Siripong (Pastor Jo) Yaebeang and his family recently visited the BMA Theological Seminary and spoke about their work in Thailand. While Pastor Jo showed the video that his wife had put together, Jessie took their two children, Titus and Noah, out to play and burn up their excess energy. Although they are used to being in services weekly in Thailand, perhaps they are not used to the structure of a chapel



service at the Seminary.

Pastor Jo, however, is very familiar with that structure, as he attended the Seminary from 2011 to 2014, after having attended Central Baptist College, where he met Jessie. Before coming to the United States, someone in Thailand had tried to discourage him from attending seminary. He was told that thousands would die in their sin while he was off studying. However, Pastor Jo felt God wanted him to learn more so that he would be able to answer the questions that would inevitably come during his ministry.

The country of Thailand is almost 100% unbelievers. Most people consider themselves Buddhist, with only 3% Islamic and about 1% Christian. In approximately 7000 provinces, over 6000 of them do not have a single church. However, in spite of that, the North Bangkok Church is gradually growing. They have between 15 and 20 adults who meet, along with their children, each week in homes. Once a month, they choose to meet at a hotel where they are able to have more space and the children can be more energetic.

Most of the so-called churches in Thailand promote a prosperity gospel. People do not hear the Truth of the Word. Therefore, one thing that Pastor Jo is doing is answering questions about the Bible and Christianity in his Ask Pastor Jo videos. People sometimes tell him to "Stop wasting your time." However, he realizes it's not a waste of time when he sees people come to salvation, such as the young doctor who was recently baptized after being saved while they visited in a coffee shop. There are many doors to share the gospel.

Pastor Jo and his family have many prayer requests. One is to pray for a change in attitude that many in Thailand have; the people often believe that Christianity is not for them. Pray for open doors and for his preparation to share the gospel even when few show up. Also pray for the devotional book that

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13. Lebanon, Laurel, Ken Riley, Pastor
14. First Baptist Bay Springs, James Sprayberry, Pastor
15. First Baptist Calhoun, Leon Carmical, Pastor
16. Grace Baptist, Clinton, Danny Bartlett, Pastor
17. Buffalo, McLain, Don Brown, Pastor
18. First Baptist Mantachie, John Adams, Pastor
19. Berean, Soso, Wayne Rice, Pastor
20. Wilderness, Vicksburg, Zach Rogers, Pastor
21. Temple, Lucedale, B.J. Hudson, Pastor
22. Midway Baptist Mission, Batesville, Kenneth Pollock, Missionary Pastor
23. Skyway Hills, Pearl, (Currently without a pastor.)
24. Pine Ridge, Laurel, Branson Wilson, Pastor
25. Ten Mile, Perkinston, Tim Parker, Pastor

Time of Transition

In mission work, transition is a normal thing. From the day a mission begins, we are working

Pastor Jo wrote to help people that he may never even meet. It's in the Thai language, but would be called "Walking with God: 365 Days in the Word of God."

The Yaebeang family is enjoying their time in the United States, but look forward to returning to their home in Thailand where they work alongside Brandon Lingle and his family. Remember the North Bangkok Church with your prayers and offerings when possible.

Ten Mile District WMA

Ten Mile District meeting was held in July at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. We elected officers for the coming year, they are as follows: President Dena Ellzey, 1st V. Pres. Cathy Rhodes, 2nd V. Pres. Jean Knight, 3rd V. Pres. Paula Prickett, Sec./Treas. Julia Lee, Asst. Sec./Treas. Gayle Diamond, Reporter Pat Johnson, Song Leader Alana Woods, Pianist Jean Knight, Historian Lorna Shoemaker, District Project Promoter Joy Anderson, State Project Promoter Yvonne James, Sunbeam Promoter Dianna Williams, Asst. Sunbeam Promoter Caitlin Dalrymple, GMA Promoter Jerrica Kirkland, and Asst. GMA Promoter Nikki Prickett.

We held our October meeting at Temple in Biloxi where we enjoyed a wonderful meeting followed by delicious food and a time of fellowship with our fellow churches ladies.

Pat Johnson, Reporter

Broadmoor Church hosts Christmas Program

Broadmoor Baptist Church, 5426 Highway 39 North, Meridian, Mississippi (just north of Hardee's) will host a Christmas program on Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m. The program will feature award winning Southern gospel singer and songwriter Mark Lanier and several members of the Grand Ole Opry Band from Nashville, including pianist Andrew Ishee and Newton County's own Glen Dickerson. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. A love offering will be taken. For more information call 601-323-4400 or 601-482-2229.

Springhill Church To Hold Sing

Springhill Baptist Church in Laurel will host a Thanksgiving Sing on Saturday, November 17, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Magnolia Boys and Foxfire will be the featured groups. For more information call the church at 601-729-8019.



Pastor Philip Burns and Harold Floyd presenting special music

toward organization and self-support. It's a good thing! In September and October, Bro. Anders Lee, Bro. Bobby Elliott, and Bro. Danny Bartlett rotated off support.

Sometimes transition is not so welcomed, but we respect people's decision and try to support them as best we can. In July, Bro. Dale Broom resigned to accept a position as pastor of Calvary, Purvis. In October, just after annual reviews, Bro. Will Hutchinson resigned as a State Missionary, and Bro. Daniel Palonco moved his membership from Way, Truth & Life at Ripley (His Mother Church) to Calvary, Horn Lake in anticipation of a staff position to lead in a Hispanic ministry.

Transition is a dynamic of missions that I have long since learned is a part of the day to day process of doing missions. We sincerely pray for all of these men and hope that their journey forward is richly blessed as they follow the Lord's will for their lives.

Holiday Schedule

The office will be closed the of Thanksgiving and the day after. We will also be closed from Christmas Eve - New Years and will reopen on January 2nd. Please make a note of this.

Reports for Oct 2018				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planting Coach)				
Dr. Robert Burch (Caledonia)	109	132	\$6,200.00	Missionary Coach
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest)	65	57	\$5,300.00	Missionary Coach
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planters)				
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	73	20	\$4,507.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	40	27	\$4,987.00	Campground
Dr. Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	13	9	\$1,266.00	First Baptist Mantachie
Johnny Williams (Waveland)	9	11	\$400.00	Campground
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin - Manager) <small>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	135	142	\$6,330.00	Mother Church
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	36	19	\$1,150.00	El Camino
Jorge Galicia (Biloxi)	16	4	\$435.00	El Camino
Lucas Gomez (Canton)	9	2		El Camino
Luis Huchin (Oxford)	90	10	\$2,224.00	Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall - Coordinator) <small>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	17	56	\$1,795.00	
Our Missionaries reported, collectively, 108 new contacts made during October. They shared the gospel with 59 people. They reported 4 professions of faith and 1 baptism and 2 joined by letter.				
Total Number of Missions Organized As New Testament Churches <small>(Since March 2012)</small>				
8				

Join SOAR Prayer Teams

"I feel like God would like us to be intentional in praying for our kids and our leadership: youth, pastors, and leadership of SOAR." – Kristen Riddle, SOAR Prayer Teams Leader

Sign-ups have opened for those who are passionate about praying for the hearts of those who will attend SOAR 2019. Two prayer teams are available to join: Prayer Warriors, who will attend the conference, and Prayer Partners, who will pray over the conference from home.

Those who register to become Prayer Warriors will have their SOAR registration fee waived. They will gather before each session to pray over attendees, then will pray throughout each session for the hearts of those listening to the teaching.

"A handful of sponsors from last year prayed before the sessions, and you could feel the Spirit moving in our group," said Kristen Riddle. "It could be felt in the entire room. It was powerful."

Prayer Partners will also pray before and during each session from home, and they will receive prayer requests throughout the conference, including a list of churches to pray for, and specific prayer requests from those attending SOAR.

To sign up for either of the SOAR Prayer Teams, visit gosoar.com/soarprayerteams.

Westover Baptist Church honors Veterans

Our veterans, their wives and the wives of veterans who have gone to their eternal homes already. We very much appreciate and love our veterans and their families who have sacrificed parts of their own lives to protect us here at home. God bless our veterans, their families and especially their wives. Left to Right: Veteran Bill Gore, wife Tommie not pictured; Mrs. Millie Bustin, wife of veteran Paul Bustin (deceased); Veteran Dan Breland and wife Gail; Arthur Breazeale and wife Joni; Mrs. Shirley Pace, wife of veteran Louis Pace; and Mrs. Bobbie Williams, wife of veteran Roger Williams (deceased). Not pictured, Daniel Baggett, active military and Mrs. Rose Farlow, wife of veteran Les Farlow (deceased).



Dominican Republic mission effort results

from Missionaries Jesse and Rebecca Hales

Wow, what a month it's been! Praise God for His amazing work! So far, we've had 3 of 4 youth camps. In that, we've taken a total of 430 youth to camp and have over 300 registered for the last camp coming up soon. Most of these youth do not attend our churches, but are from the neighborhoods the churches are in. Through these camps God is allowing us to connect with new families in a very positive way and for many to hear the gospel for the first time. Many have responded positively to the gospel either by praying for salvation or asking for the church to contact them.

Prayer has made a big difference! Each camp has had more people praying for it than before. As a result, each camp has had a better response than the last. So, please keep praying for the last camp and for all the follow-up. Thank you!



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The Lord Is Good

Psalm 100 is a beautiful psalm that gives us an insight into why praise and worship should be something that comes naturally from the heart of a child of God. All peoples of the earth are issued a summons to come before the Lord with gladness, singing, and thankfulness as they enter into His presence. There are a number of reasons why we should praise the Lord and give Him thanks. May we allow verse 5 of this Psalm to challenge us to be reminded that the Lord is good, the Lord's mercy is everlasting, His truth endures to all generations. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Expression of Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Bro. Johnny Watts. Bro. Watts was a faithful servant in the Lord's work. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Watts family during their time of loss and sorrow.

Recent Church Visits

I was with the First Baptist Church of Orange Grove near Gulfport and Pastor Chris Flynn on September 16th and the Tiger Creek Baptist Church near Overt and Pastor Jerry Overstreet on October 28th. Recently we were with the New Bethany Baptist Church near Ellisville and Pastor Ricky Owens on November 11th. It was a joy to be with each of these good churches as we worshiped the Lord together in Christian fellowship.

Special Emphasis

There's just a few more weeks remaining in this year's Special Emphasis for the Children's Home. We would like to encourage you to consider giving an Emphasis offering to this ministry. We have already received Emphasis offerings and are appreciative of those individuals and churches for their support.

Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the Home and its ministry in your prayers. "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalm 34:8.

Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

- TATERS -



A friend handed it to me and she had never seen it before and so I thought there might be others who had never seen it before. It has been around a LONG time.

The following was handed to me by a friend the other day. Some may have seen it before but it is still true of most church members. Which TATER are you?

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "**Speck Taters.**" (spectators)

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "**Comment Taters**" (commentators)

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "**Dick Taters**" (dictators)

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "**Agie Taters.**" (agitators)

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing what they promised. They are called "**Hezzie Taters.**" (hesitators)

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "**Emma Taters.**" (imitators)

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "**Sweet Taters.**"

If you know any Sweet Taters, give them a hug, or a call, or even an extra smile today.

Mississippi State WMA Treasurer's Report September 30, 2018 Shirlene Smith

BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	\$ 24,927.80
Total Received 10-1-17 to 9-30-18	35,763.57
Total to Account for	60,691.37
Expenditures (See List Below)	26,349.23
Balance on Hand	34,342.14
General Fund Balance	\$ 9,550.64
Carl Sookraj, Peru Missions	19,787.97
Ladies' Retreat Fund	4,983.53
Printing	20.00
Balance on Hand	34,342.14

EXPENDITURES

CK #		AMOUNT
964	Bonnie Brown, Salary	50.00
965	Shirlene Smith, Salary	50.00
966	Charlotte Johnson, Speaker	400.00
967	Cadence Harrell, Nursery	25.00
968	Christie Rhodes, Banquet Food	250.00
969	Kennedy Goodwin, Nursery	50.00
970	First, Shady Grove, Meeting Place	100.00
971	BMA of MS, Minute Fund	200.00
972	Skyway Hills, President's Award	100.00
973	Temple, Lucedale, Room for Speaker	103.55
974	Beth Caldwell, Expenses	222.51
975	Water 4 Christ, Project, (2 wells)	10,000.00
976	Beth Caldwell, Expenses	300.00
977	Garaywa Camp & Conference Center	100.00
978	Chic Country, Gift for Ruby Poteet	85.89
979	Stacy Smith, Mid-Year Speaker	200.00
980	Bro. Carl Sookraj, Speaker	100.00
981	Jessica Haden, Ladies' Retreat Expenses	1,000.00
982	Nancy Steele, for Beth (SCAM)	1,630.00
983	USPS, Priority Mail (SCAM)	6.70
984	Sabrina Clayton, Ladies' Retreat Speaker	500.00
985	Hopewell Baptist Church, Refund	140.00
986	Janet Estis, Refund	165.00
987	Sheila Sullivan, Refund	15.00
988	Peggy Thomaston, Refund	35.00
989	Doris Robertson, Refund	15.00
990	Shiloh Trio, Ladies' Retreat	300.00
991	Sherrie Taylor, Refund	45.00
992	All-Star Designs, T Shirts	773.08
993	Barbara White, Cookies	40.00
994	Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, L. R. Missionary Philip Burns	9, 137.00
	Service Charges for 2017-'18 (Trustmark Bank)	210.50
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$26,349.23

PROJECT: MISSIONARY CARL SOOKRAJ, ORPHANAGE IN PERU, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018	
75 % MISSIONARY CARL SOOKRAJ, PERU	\$ 19,787.97
25 % GENERAL FUND	1,670.41
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$21,458.38

BMA OF Mississippi CHURCHES RECEIVING CERTIFICATES FOR CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 OR MORE TO THE WMA PROJECT SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

- BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, SOSO
- EAST AMORY BAPTIST CHURCH, AMORY
- EAST FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH, FULTON
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BAY SPRINGS
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CALHOUN
- HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL
- LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL
- LEE'S CHAPEL #2, PICAYUNE
- MOVELLA BAPTIST CHURCH, LUCEDALE
- PARKVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL
- SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL
- SKYWAY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, PEARL
- TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LUCEDALE

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BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION DISTRICT WMA
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Titus

by Dr. Tony Cleaver

Paul wrote to Titus and also to all ministers living today: Titus 1.4 *"To Titus, my true son in our common faith."*

Titus was one of the disciples of Paul. In fact Titus was so close to Paul that he was regarded as his son. That is a close relationship among Christians. What a worthy goal for modern Christians! This close fellowship is based on the previous verses which has to do with the faith of God's elect, their knowledge of the truth, their godliness in behavior, and with their hope in eternal life.

There is still a common Christian faith. Today

BMA Seminary Alumni and Friends Association Announces Personalized Bricks for Heritage Walk

The BMA Seminary Alumni and Friends Association is selling engraved bricks to line the walkway in front of Dorman Memorial Chapel.

A permanent honor/memorial brick can be dedicated to a special professor, graduate, family, family member, friend, the seminary, or oneself. A special brick could also be created for a church, Sunday School class, or business.

Proceeds will fund Alumni Scholarships that are given each spring. To order the alumni engraved brick go to bmats.edu/heritage. For additional information email alumni@bmats.edu or call 903-721-0622 before the deadline of June 1, 2019.

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Lower Bowl		\$62	
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Parking		\$10	
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- Lower Level seats are subject to limited availability
- Parking will increase to \$20 cash day of game

East Central Association Meets

The East Central Association held its regular meeting on November 8 at Bible Baptist Missionary Baptist Church. Our evening message was rendered by Bro. Darnell Menyard from Psalms 37:1-8 titled 'Being Successful as a Christian. Moderated by Jason Howard, all business was handled in a orderly fashion. It was a very good meeting. Thanks to all the churches that put forth and effort to come out and take care of business.

Reporter Jerry Overstreet

sometimes Christians classify their Christianity only as Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, or many other denominations. That is a constricted view of Christianity in the narrow confines of denominationalism. Christianity has a common faith based on the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is expressed fully in the New Testament through Christ's teachings and the words of Apostolic authority. It is amplified by historic documents such as the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds. It is still a common faith of Christianity even in our day of competing churches in our cities.

Let us be true sons and daughters of a common faith in our day and in our time!

Scripture Thoughts



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

Titus 1.6 *"An elder must be..."*

Wow this is straightforward and

definitive as to what an overseer, pastor, minister, bishop, elder, chaplain, missionary, evangelist, or superintendent in the Lord's church must be! This minister must be socially and legally blameless. Personal habits must be under control of the Holy Spirit. The spouse and children must also be Christian in their deportment. The pastor must love what is good in the faith of Christianity-and there is so much good to love!

When all of the social, moral, and personal habits are listed as "must be" Paul gets to the "therefore" of the listing. The pastor must be able to hold the faithful message as taught so that Christians will be encouraged and those who are at opposition to the faith can be refuted. We don't hear the word "must" in many lists of qualifications for jobs in commerce or industry. It is sometimes "preferred" or words other than "must."

Dear Pastor, the musts of your life are found in focus on His presence in prayerful solitude, and by going in and out among your people to speak the treasured words of the Scriptures to meet their needs of daily living. Be that elder who must be...!

Titus 3.9 *"But avoid foolish debates, genealogies, quarrels, and disputes about the law, because they are unprofitable and worthless."*

Yes, indeed, the Apostle urges Titus to speak to fellow church members about quarrels. Certainly it is evident in some churches today this admonition is not followed. (1 Corinthians 1.10 "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be no divisions among you...")

What would cause a fight over something that is worthless? Worthless has the idea of valueless, insignificant, and rubbish. Worthless arguments in congregations center on "who is in control" of the congregation. Disputes focus on music. Some say, "This kind of music is best." while others say "No, that kind of music is best." Debate happens over versions of English Bible translations, orders of service, bulletin announcements, who is to read the Scriptures, and on and on. Christian Churches are to avoid such things. They are foolish-unwise, imprudent, thoughtless, and even crazy or goofy.

Some Christian history books record a quarrel with some of the "learned" regarding the question: "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" Now that is a debate worth avoiding. It is not unlike some in modern congregations as they decide which side of the building to put the piano, where to put the new water fountain, whether to sing from a hymnal or projections of words on a screen, and even better the width of the stripes in the parking lot.