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Korean War Veteran Sgt. Kenneth Flynt Takes Honor Flight

Editor's Note: *The following article appeared in our local paper telling the adventure taken by Bro. Kenneth Flynt with the aid of his daughter Krystal Smiley. I spoke to Bro. Flynt about running this article and received his permission. He shared with me some details not in this article. He commended the Honor Flight Network and all the volunteers that make it a success. God bless our veterans - they are our national heroes...*

from Laurel Leader-Call

The Honor Flight Network states there are at least 38,000 veterans on its waiting list. The program will eventually take each of these veterans to Washington, D.C., stopping at each war memorial and Arlington National Cemetery to provide long-awaited closure. Oddly enough, when Krystal Smiley of



Bro. Kenneth Flynt at Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Soso, Mississippi, sent her application to the network's Baton Rouge office, the coordinator replied immediately—even before a confirmation email was sent.

Smiley and her father Kenneth Flynt, a Korean War vet-

eran, were soon set to travel to D.C. "When I told him about the Honor Flight, he was apprehensive," Smiley said. "He wasn't sure if he wanted to go or not." One month after his return, though, Flynt doesn't have any regrets.

"It was heart-touching," Flynt said. "We saw every monument, the names of the walls, the people who died. The Korean War memorial was amazing."

Flynt, 88, lives in a cozy house nested among the caroming farmland of Soso. He spends his free time with his daughter Smiley and his grandson, having retired from pastoring churches in Texas and Mississippi for 60 years. He served in the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division during his military career.

As he served in Korea, the Honor Flight Network prioritized Flynt's trip; the program aims to fly its oldest veterans while it still can.

"Everybody bonded together during the trip," he said. "We met people from Minnesota, Montana — the oldest person

Gift Annuities Provide Dual Support

Grimsley Charitable Gift Annuity Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grimsley of Springdale, Arkansas, recently secured a two life \$1,000,000 charitable gift annuity through the BMA Foundation to benefit Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas, and BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. The Grimsleys are long-time BMA church members and have been generous donors to other BMA entities through the years. He has served as deacon at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Springdale for approximately fifty years and also served as church clerk, song leader, and adult Sunday school teacher for many years. Mrs. Grimsley is currently serving as organist, assistant pianist, and church clerk.

They funded their annuity with highly appreciated stock which allowed them to avoid capital gains tax on part of their gift, receive a significant income tax deduction the year of the gift, and part of their income from the annuity will be free from federal income taxation.

Charitable gift annuities provide a set amount of income to the donor and/or another specified person for the remainder of their lives, and after the Lord has called them home, the amount remaining from their gift plus earnings goes to the beneficiaries specified in the annuity contract.

Bro. Charles Attebery, BMA Foundation Executive Director said, "In giving permission to announce this gift, the Grimsleys made it clear they were not seeking recognition for themselves, but wanted to encourage others to consider taking advantage of what a charitable gift annuity can do for them and at the same time help BMA ministries."

Charitable gift annuities offer very favorable rates which are based on the donor's age at the time of their gift. For example, a single life annuity is currently paying 5.10% for a 65 year old, 6.20% for a 75 year old and 9.50% for a 95 year old.

For more information about charitable gift annuities available through the BMA Foundation, please contact Executive Director Charles Attebery by email, charles@bmaamerica.org or by telephone 501-472-2183.

was 94 years old from Hawaii. It felt like everybody was there for the same reason."

The bus ride through Washington, D.C., he and Smiley said, was quite something. A police escort led the group.

"They had horns and lights going," Flynt said. "Traffic was going to the right and left, getting out of our way. We ran every stop sign and traffic light."

The Korean War Veterans

Memorial, located near the Lincoln Memorial, was funded by a board of veterans appointed by former President Ronald Reagan. From 1950 to 1953, more than 36,000 Americans died in combat. About 103,000 were wounded.

The memorial consists of 19 stainless steel statues, each

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

by Corbey Jones
Alumni Association Chairman

These four good looking guys are the Southeastern Baptist College quartet from 40 years ago. There is a college president, a private school administrator, a college professor, and a neurologist. At least two of them are also pastors. Do you know these guys? We're mighty proud to call them alumni of our college and members of the Alumni Association. I know that you cherish your days at SBC and want to help bring that to a new generation of students. If you wish to join the Alumni Association email me at cjones@southeasternbaptist.edu. I'll get the information right out to you. By the way, we will reveal the names in a later issue of the Mississippi Baptist. GO CHARGERS!



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Please allow me to introduce you to Restoration Ministry, an outreach of the Missions Department's role of Church Ministry to our churches as outlined in Article VIII of the Missions Department By-Laws, "The purpose of this ministry is to be a resource in strengthening and stabilizing churches." To this end, this new ministry will help any interested church restore her rightful role of serving imprisoned persons, focusing on ministering to her local county jail.

We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts in this arena so that prisoners' lives are changed through Gospel preaching and other church ministries brought to them and so that, county sheriffs and local law enforcement are aided, as well. As we begin this new service to our churches, we want to thank all those involved with the former New Directions Prison Ministry that faithfully served. If your church would like to be involved with this new ministry, feel free to contact Paul Spurlin, Coordinator of Restoration Ministry, via email at paul.restoration.ministry@gmail.com. He certainly values your prayers as this ministry is beginning and during its continuation. If you have supported prison ministry in the past or if you would consider doing so in the future, please send your donation to the BMA of Mississippi Missions Department marked for this ministry. Everything received will be designated for this ministry.

Paul Spurlin and his wife, Julie, live in Bay Springs, Mississippi, where they are members of First Baptist Church. Jesus Christ saved Paul in March, 2003, and the Lord called him to ministry in October, 2007. After being licensed to Gospel Ministry by First Baptist Church of Bay Springs, he has continued teaching and occasionally preaching within his home church and has been used in pulpit supply by churches within Mississippi.

Paul is looking forward to working with local churches in an effort to minister to jailed people and is excited to see what the Lord will do with this ministry opportunity with our Missions Department. Paul has attended several universities, earning a Bachelor of Science from Delta State University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a PhD in Business Administration, majoring

in finance, from the University of Mississippi. Before earning his doctorate, Paul worked in the private sector as a computer programmer and database manager. Moving to higher education, he worked two years as a visiting assistant professor of finance at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. In 2008, the Lord provided Paul the opportunity to come home to Mississippi where he currently serves as an Associate Professor of Finance at Mississippi State University's Meridian campus.



Dr. Paul Spurlin
Coordinator of Restoration
Ministry, a ministry to the
imprisoned

Report from Midway Baptist at Batesville, Missionary Dr. Kenneth Pollock

Greetings from Midway Baptist Mission. We continue reaching out to surrounding communities seeking to present the gospel of Christ and to encourage people to be faithful in membership and attendance in a New Testament Church. The responses we get are not always what we desire. Some are members of a church already and some are not interested at all in church. Most people are polite but have little concern about spiritual matters. Of course, this is not unique to our area; we understand the times we are living in, and we are not discouraged. We are committed to the task of establishing a church here and even in the face of resistance, we move forward drawing strength from Bible passages such as Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Membership at Midway is currently 11, with 4 others attending frequently. The average morning service attendance for the last three months is 10. Just as with large congregations, work schedules, family matters, and illness hinders attendance. We are continuing to get

first-time visitors; having three attend in the last couple of months. While numerical growth is slow, Spiritual growth is much greater. The members are attentive during worship and are eager to learn. Disciple Way training is underway with seven people divided into two groups. Everyone is excited to learn discipleship skills they can use in their personal outreach efforts. Thank you, individuals and churches of the BMA of MS, for your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for us daily, as we endeavor to establish a church in the Batesville/Oxford area in North Mississippi.

Hispanic Missions Report – Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Hispanic Missions Manager

The month of October was a good month in the Hispanic missions sharing the gospel, reaching the lost with the gospel of our Lord Jesus. El Camino Mission Hattiesburg reports two people accepted Christ as a personal savior and three additions by baptism in the first weekend in October. On Sundays, they have an average of 48 in Sunday School and worship service. Bro. Leo Adan continues to develop his plan for training leaders in the Hattiesburg mission and praise God they've already reached their goals. They have shared the gospel to 75 people in the last 10 months; 20 people accepted Christ as personal Savior and 10 were baptized.

El Camino Mission, Biloxi reports 10 in worship services on Sundays and two new families have started to attend the meetings. El Camino Hispanic Church at Laurel reports good news. In the month of October, they lead the Annual Hispanic Ladies Retreat having a great attendance of 60 women from the El Camino Church and Hattiesburg Hispanic mission. They had two marvelous days sharing Bible studies, fellowship and five women were baptized. They had a sweet time in this activity.

In the month of October, El Camino Church at Laurel reported 115 in worship service with two additions by baptism in the first weekend on October. Bro. Lucas Gomez from Canton Hispanic Mission reports an average of 15 people in Sunday School attendance. Bro. Lucas reports that the missions meeting continues in his home and they continue praying for a new place because the space

is small for all the people who attend the meetings. Please pray for this necessity in Canton Hispanic mission. Thanks for your continued prayers and support for the Hispanic Missions in our BMA of MS. May God Bless every one of you, and have a great and blessed Thanksgiving Day, in Christ.

Report from Missionary Jason Howard at Canaan Baptist Mission in Waynesboro

To the churches composing the BMA of Mississippi, thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. The work in Waynesboro continues to be strong. Over the past couple of weeks, the Lord has opened the door for me to be able to meet, witness to and get to know



Clearing land for Canaan Baptist Mission

several new people in the area we will be planting a New Testament Church. I am actively trying to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The members of the Mission Church remain committed and faithful to the work there. As of writing, the property donated to the Mission Church has been surveyed and partially cleared. A couple different men have donated their equipment and time to assist us with clearing the property. As we continue toward providing the Mission Church with a permanent home, the members commitment, excitement and faithfulness grows. Each member appreciates tremendously the churches

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MINISTERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

by Anders Lee

Let's Talk about Smart Phones!

Do you remember the TV show from the 90's "Saved by the Bell?" Zach Morris, who was one of the stars on the show, was the first teen on TV to use a cell phone. The popularity of Morris catapulted the idea that teens should have phones. Previously television only showed executives with cell phones. It took a while for cell phones to take off, but in today's world teens have never known life without them! I'm jealous because I had to wait for my party line to clear off in order to make a simple phone call to a friend! LOL!

Smart phones are pretty amazing! We can take better pictures with them than our parents Polaroid every thought about. We connect with people around the world on social media. I watch Pete Etabag at Tangub on Saturday nights when he is preaching in the Philippines. That's pretty cool! We can video message anyone on Marco which is far better than texting. We can set the temperature in our house from another state. I can open my garage with an app and let my son in the house. The technology that we have is, in the words of President Trump, HUGE!

However, it has become a problem. Since we can do ANY-

THING with them, we are addicted to them. They stay in or near our hands 24/7. Smart phone addiction is a real thing today! We obsessively check our smart phones when we're talking to people in front of us, when we are working, walking, and driving, even though we know we shouldn't. We just can't help it! I drive a



Anders Lee

There'll Be No Escape in Future From Telephones

PASADENA.—*P*—The telephone of the future? Mark R. Sullivan, San Francisco, president and director of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., said in an address Thursday night: "Just what form the future telephone will take is, of course, pure speculation. Here is my prophecy: "In its final development, the telephone will be carried about by the individual, perhaps as we carry a watch today. It probably will require no dial or equivalent, and I think the users will be able to see each other, if they want, as they talk. "Who knows but what it may actually translate from one language to another?"

bus. Just last week while I was loading kids at a school, a teen came out of the school headed to

a bus. He looked at his cell phone all the way down the side walk, bumping into kids as he went. He turned the corner and promptly ran into a bus mirror. I'm telling you, we have an addiction!

Without adult guidance, most teenagers would spend almost all of their waking hours behind a screen, whether they're texting, watching videos or playing a game! At times it ruins worship. I get it, many have a Bible app on their phones, and that's perfectly fine, but not all them folks out there have that app open when the Word is being preached... I'm just saying! Somebody say Amen! LOL! What can we do in family life and church life to make sure our minds and hearts are focused where they should be? Here are a few suggestions.

Make clear rules for your kids & teens about their phones

Most teens, especially younger teens, aren't mature enough to handle freereign with their phones. Establish rules so that they are clear about your expectations as a parent or youth pastor. At our house, Siera Lee well knows her rules. In fact, we printed them for her and put them on her dresser. Our youth pastor at Central often reminds our youth of his one rule, which is, if your phone is out, it better be on that Bible app or it's mine til you leave! LOL I love that! As with anything in teen life, kids need to have clearly defined rules to guide them.

Make meal time a phone free zone!

Obviously this applies to home life more. Meal time is one of the most important family events of the day. As parents it's our opportunity to have quality time with our kids. Silence those things so you can! I know some families who have a box in the middle of the table. When they sit down the phones get put on airplane mode and placed in the box so that family time isn't violated. Great idea! Some wireless services even offer the capability of shutting off the Wi-Fi to achieve the same! I double dog dare you to DO IT!

Mandate not using phones in a vehicle!

There are two important reasons for this and one is obvious. The driver needs to pay attention to the road, not to text mes-

sages coming in or music apps! We had a very serious accident here in Desoto County at a major intersection near our church in May of 2018. The boy nearly lost his life from texting. The other is like the previous one, driving thru town or on trips is great family time and talk time! Take advantage of it!

Turn off notifications during important times!

Here are some examples: When they are at school, in



youth group, in church, or with family. It's really simple! Taking this step just teaches them what's more important in life, their education, family, and of course WORSHIP!

Put up the phone for one-on-one time!

Have you ever been at an event that was designed to interact with others and you look around the room and everyone is on their phone talking to or messaging other people somewhere else? They might as well NOT be where they are or with whoever they are with! People go to lunch and sit across from each other looking at their phones. I've seen teens on dates like tha

We have taught & allowed this generation to totally modify human relationships. I am all for technology and using it to further important causes like church ministry and spreading the Gospel, but not at the sacrifice of personal interaction with people! Teach your teens to put those phones down and talk to each other. Our youth guy did

an event recently where they all had to sit with each person of the youth group and tell them three things about themselves that others did not already know. WOW! It turned out to be a huge relationship connection for most of them.

Create screen free days!

Yes! You read that right. If you are truly gonna have a family day, you need this rule! It's a huge commitment given our culture, but boy is it worth it! We did this on vacation in the summer time! WOW what a blessing it was to have a complete day with no outside interruption from the cell world! Our youth guy has done this at camp! Yeah... try it!!! Those kids hate it at first, but it WORKS! They have fun with each other. They can interact and hear from God! Yep... there was a couple of Nancy Moms who thought they needed constant - every 30 minute - texts from lil' Johnny. They had to decide before they signed up for camp to abide by this rule, because they couldn't go if they wouldn't cooperate on "phone free day!"

Be an example!

It's kind of hard to set these standards for your house or youth group, if YOU don't follow your own rules! Set the rules for them, and model them yourself!

This won't be a popular subject in your house or youth group. I think you know that already. By the way, if you set rules for teens, have some consequences lined up if they break them.

Thanksgiving is coming. I dare you to have a phone free day. Man! That's two dares in one article. Happy Thanksgiving from the yankee BMA paper guy. We love you all!

Lee is a church planter in Southaven, Mississippi. He is a pastor and former youth minister and may be contacted at anders.lee571@gmail.com

Grover Laird Endowed Scholarship

To BMA Theological Seminary
Jacksonville, Texas

An endowed scholarship is being established to honor the memory and ministry of Bro. Grover Laird. Bro. Laird served the Lord for over 70 years as pastor, evangelist, prison ministry worker and a number of others areas.

Send donations to the address below and made payable to:

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Don Brown
Editor

Another Late Issue

In our last issue I shared that I had surgery on my hand and was hindered by that in publishing on time. Healing is taking place but slower than expected. To further complicate things I have broken a toe due to the problems with my hand. Something slipped from my hand and crashed into the toe causing me to react with the hand and (ouch) causing a setback with the healing of the hand. Both are healing nicely and I share this only for explanation purposes.

Price Increase

At our recent Annual Meeting the Association voted to approve a rate increase for the paper. We have not had a price increase in over 12 years. We operated at a deficit last year and must raise additional revenue. Our rates are currently \$1.30 per month. In January 2020 the rate will rise to \$1.50 per month. This should allow us to continue to publish twice each month. Your understanding is appreciated.

Honor Flight

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about 7 feet tall. They represent the breadth of American ethnicity, standing among granite strips that represent Korea's rice paddies. Their reflection in an accompanying granite wall makes them 38 soldiers.

"It was amazing," Flynt said. "I'd seen pictures before, but standing there and seeing all those faces, it felt like a cemetery. On the (Vietnam War Memorial Wall), I recognized some of those names."

After visiting this and several other memorials, including Lincoln's, Smiley and Flynt attended a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington. All of this was at no cost to the veterans, as the Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit.

After the tour was over, the bus guide stood up.

"And he said, 'In the military, one of the most important times is mail call,'" Flynt said. "He handed everybody an envelope. I had no idea what was going on. The first card I pulled out was from West Jones High School, then various people from churches."

The stack of envelopes is book-thick. Greetings were sent to Washington, D.C., from all over the Pine Belt. Smiley had discreetly told a few people about



Bro. Flynt with his daughter Krystal

the Honor Flight and word had spread. Many of these cards thanked Flynt for his service, as had many civilians and younger veterans during his tour through the city.

The trip had come to an end. Flynt flew with his daughter back to Mississippi and soon arrived home in Soso, only about 30 miles from where he spent his childhood. As he walked to the porch, he found one more show of respect: four American flags hanging from the post of the porch, swaying in the October breeze.

Jane Julian is the Honor Flight program director in Shreveport, Louisiana. She can be contacted at 614-558-6220 or eagle@honorflight.org.

-by Jack Hammett
Laurel Leader Call

Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White



The thought came to me the other day, that if God had really wanted to plague the Egyptians, he could have sent them COMPUTERS!!!

The ones I have had have been a plague to me!!! I've owned 5 over the past few years and at this point in time they have all refused to behave!

I've learned though, that if you punch the wrong I-con you don't get your email - but the emails pile up. The phone company employee discovered this and found that I have 180,000 plus emails piled up and I was told that I must delete them one at a time. So if you wonder what I'm doing for the next year or two, I'll be deleting emails.

It would be a real plus if computers could be made to last as long as other appliances. I have a 50 plus-year-old freezer that is still chugging away! Oh, Well!!!

The scripture in Ecclesiastes came to mind: "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit."



Ann Ham, daughter of Dr. Medrick Savell, passes away

Aleatha Ann Ham, 59, of Laurel, Mississippi, died Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Funeral Services were held Monday, November 18, 2019. Her father, Bro. Medrick Savell, and Bro. Glen Shoemake will officiate.

Ann was a member of Riverside Baptist Church in Ellisville. She played the piano and helped teach Bible school. She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Savell, father-in-law, J.L. Ham, mother-in-law, Ora Nell Ham, sister-in-law, Linda Hopkins, and nephew, Blake Savell.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Kenneth E. Ham, son, Joseph Ham (Carrie), daughters, Stephanie Livingston (Jason), Rachel Ham, grandchildren, Cady Ham, Abigail Ham, Dax Ham, Clarissa Ingram, Savannah Ingram, Waylon Livingston, Kaylee Livingston, Zoe Livingston, Kade Livingston, Maelee Sumrall, Sophia Rodriguez, father, Medrick Savell, sister, Doloise Holloway (Terry), brothers, Timothy Savell (Carmel), Kenneth Savell (Laurie); sister-in-law, Teresa Holder (Roger) and a host of nieces and nephews.



Ann Ham

Missionaries ask for Christmas Offering for Bible College

by Doug & Diane Lee

Missionaries to the Philippines

We traveled to the U.S. for a very short furlough (6 weeks) but have returned and are back on the field. Our feet hit the ground running as there was much to do. We are grateful for the churches that invited us to share our ministry and for the funds you provided through your generosity. However, our funds for the BMA Bible College are still low and have declined steadily in the past year.

Knowing that the college is a vital part of the Philippines work and the center of training for our Filipino pastors and workers, we are asking that you send a special Christmas offering for the BMA Bible College. Please partner with us in the future of the BMABC. The work here continues to grow and so do our financial needs.

Funds may be sent to the BMAA Missions Office, P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033 or send to our home church, Mill Creek Baptist Church, 11 Old Kiln Road, Picayune, MS 39466. Specify "Doug and Diane Lee, BMABC" offering.



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President's Perspective

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

It has been stated by our accrediting agency that we are the only accredited Bible college in Mississippi. There have been others in the past, but they have since, and sadly, closed their doors. Southeastern Baptist College is the only one remaining!

This speaks of the testimony of God's provision and grace toward the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi and their dedicated understanding of His will to keep our doors open! I have said it often at public forums, God is doing great things for our school. The Lord is on the move on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College and we must keep up with Him!

When I have stated to others that SBC is the only remaining accredited Bible college in the great state of Mississippi, they were quick to question that statement's validity. Some have mentioned other accredited Christian liberal arts colleges and universities throughout the state and asked what qualified SBC as a Bible college while other Christian liberal arts schools were not.

The answer is this: A Bible college requires a baseline minimum of 30 hours of Bible course study for earning a bachelor degree no matter the major, while a Christian liberal arts college requires lesser hours, or

has no requirement in the study of the scriptures. So the difference is found in the description of the college. A Bible college emphasizes and requires more hours in Bible education though it may offer courses in liberal arts, while a Christian liberal arts college emphasizes the study of liberal arts with lesser hours required in the study of the Bible.

Southeastern Baptist College is mandated by our accrediting agency to require our students to take a minimum number of hours in the Bible. We would not have it any other way. SBC is indeed, first and foremost, a Bible college. Every person taking courses with SBC must take Bible courses. We currently have two divisions of study on our campus in order to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. We offer a four-year ministerial degree that focuses entirely on Bible

and ministry education. The other four-year degree is in Business Administration. We are pursuing a third four-year degree path in Elementary Education. There will be a formal announcement when we will field this newest opportunity for a total of three, four-year degree programs.

We also offer three, two-year Associate of Arts (AA) degrees. Our AA in Bible is entirely focused on biblical education. Another is our AA in General Education, and focuses on the core liberal arts courses required as foundational education for the student before moving on to other four-year degree options. The third AA degree we offer is in Business Administration. Much like the AA in General Education, this degree focuses on the core baseline requirements in business studies. No matter which degree path a stu-

dent pursues at SBC, each must also take the minimum required Bible courses in order to earn their degree. A minimum of 12 hours in the study of the scriptures is required to earn an AA degree at Southeastern Baptist College.

The required minimum studies in the scriptures (12 for an AA; 30 for a BS) makes us a Bible college. We are indeed, the only accredited Bible college in the entire state of Mississippi! In fact, we just earned a recognition from collegefactual.com as being in the top 15% of colleges across the United States with the Most Focused Studies in Bible for 2020. You, your family, friends and neighbors, should all be encouraged to consider an accredited Bible college education that emphasizes the study of God's Word, with other options in education being included.

When you are describing what God is doing on the campus of your college, you can proudly and without reservation, promote SBC as the only accredited Bible college in the state of Mississippi!

Thank you for your continued support. Pray for our staff and faculty as we hurry to keep up with what God is doing for SBC! SBC is not only surviving, SBC is thriving!

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," Ephesians 3:20

Equipping the Saints!

Dr. Carson

Big Screen Television

Thank you to the BMA of Alabama for providing a new 65-inch screen TV! We are in need of an additional large flat screen television (50 inch or larger). If you can help us with one of this much needed item, contact SBC at 601-426-6346.

Pew

We are looking for a used pew to be utilized as a waiting area in the café. The pew needs to be no shorter than five feet. Please contact Dr. Carson at 601-426-6346 if you can help us with finding one.

SBC Choir

Does your church or ministry want to host the SBC "Cornerstone" Choir? Now is the time to reserve dates for their performance during the Spring Semester. Hurry, their schedule is filling up quickly. Contact Krista McKenzie at 601-426-6346.

Year End Giving

Are you looking for a worthy cause to donate toward? At the end of the calendar year, many look for organizations where they can contribute in order to impact the world for Jesus Christ and at the same time help in their personal or business annual tax deductions. Southeastern Baptist College is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donations to SBC are

fully tax deductible. Donate today! You can do so by going to our webpage at <https://southeasternbaptist.edu/> and using your credit card. Simply select the "donate now" button on the right side of the page. Or, you can send a check to Southeastern Baptist College, 4229 Hwy 15 N, Laurel MS 39440.

Ice Machine

Praise the Lord! Thank you Bethel Baptist Church of Louise, Mississippi, for purchasing for us a brand new commercial grade ice machine! The Lord continues to bless SBC with donors at just the right time for our needs.

SBC Foundation

The Southeastern Baptist College Foundation is a fantastic way to support your college well into the future. Interest from the Foundation helps sustain the financial needs of the college. We currently have \$750,000 in the Foundation. Our goal is to grow this amount to one million dollars. If you are interested in transferring assets or including the SBC Foundation in your will planning, contact Dr. Carson for more information on how to invest in the present and future sustainability of SBC.

More College News
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The SBC gym is near full capacity for the Chargers first home game



Cheerleader squads from Northeast Jones High School and Glade Elementary School cheer for the Charges at this year's first home game



Veterans Benefits

SBC possesses the 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! SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Available to Preach

Thank you for the many churches providing Dr. Carson an opportunity to preach the Word of God to your congregations! Dr. Carson is available to fill the pulpit for preaching or to make a presentation about the great work and vision of Southeastern Baptist College. You can reach him at 601-433-4736 or at scarson@southeasternbaptist.edu

Southeastern College News

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Professor Sharon Howard provides instruction to the SBC Arts Class



Leon Carmical, Pastor of 1st Baptist Church of Calhoun and Chairman of the SBC Board of Trustees, provides a prayer before the meal is served at "TNT" for our students. Thank you FBC Calhoun for supporting our students!



Shane Singleton, Pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, is the "Voice of the Chargers" at this year's home basketball games



Admissions Director and Assistant Athletic Director, Rhonda Sims exhibits the many tasks she performs as she takes pictures and livestreams the Chargers Basketball games



SBC Athletic Director Buddy Duke speaking at the civic organization Sertoma Club of Laurel, Mississippi, while Coaches Jenone Bell and Broderick Hall await their turn as they promote the Chargers basketball program.



Photo to right - Student Ambassadors representing SBC at a college and career fair in Hattiesburg



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Fostering Faith...in Giving

We are entering a wonderful time of year. Celebrations of faith and family are just around the corner. We celebrate thankfulness in God's provisions. As if that was not enough, we are ever closer to celebrating the arrival of the Messiah. What could be more wonderful? God cares for us and gives us the greatest gift of all.

As I think of these joys, I am reminded of Paul's words to the Ephesian pastors in Acts 20:35. "I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." These words inspired by God's Holy Spirit weighed greatly on the mind of Paul and his audience. This was Paul's last address to the Ephesians before he faced arrest in Jerusalem and he told these pastors, "that they should see his face no more."

Parting words that you know are your last should carry a great deal of conviction. As we continue through our SPECIAL EMPHASIS here at the Home and approach these wonderful holidays we have been asking you to give. We don't intend to lose sight of our end of this ministry. Giving is not your responsibility alone. The Home has the goal of "giving" the love and care of Christ to children in need. We need your monetary giving to see to our needs, but most of all we need your giving of knowledge. We need your help in pointing us to those in need or pointing those in need to us. Please be in prayer about how you can give, and about how your giving helps us give.

Thank you to those who have already begun helping us with our SPECIAL EMPHASIS. Thank you for those who are on the lookout for children in need of our help. Together we can display the love of Christ.

Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

Luke 12.1... "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

The word hypocrite is rooted in a word which means stage actor or pretender. Older stage plays had people hold up masks to pretend to be the person they were portraying. So a hypocrite is a person who pretends to be a certain way, but in reality is the total opposite.

The leaven of the Pharisees can be translated yeast. Yeast is what makes the dough rise in baking. The Pharisees (Pharisee means the "separated ones." In the time of Jesus, there were only about 6,000 of them.) Jesus said of the Pharisees they pretended to be something - they held up a mask in front of themselves to pretend to be a "good and deeply religious person." Yet all the while their hearts were not pure or even righteous.

Good Reader, it is easy for us today to have the same leaven (yeast) as the Pharisees whom Jesus so condemned. We hold up the mask of religiosity and false goodness and churchliness, yet our hearts are not the least bit good nor even a little clean. The mask of a wolf pretending to be a sheep does not change the wolf. The mask of a devil play-acting to be an angel does not convert the devil.

Be on your guard about this. These are "red letter" words of Jesus.

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Tony Cleaver

2019-20 Southeastern Charger Basketball Schedule

Men's Schedule

October 21, 2019	@ Dillard University	New Orleans, LA	6:00pm
October 26, 2019	@ Loyola University	New Orleans, LA	TBA
October 28, 2019	Edward Waters College	HOME	7:00pm
November 2, 2019	@ Life University	Marietta, GA	4:00pm
November 5, 2019	@ Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain, MS	7:00pm
November 8, 2019	Loyola	HOME	TBA
November 9, 2019	MUW	HOME	4:00pm
November 10, 2019	LSU Alexandria	HOME	5:00pm
November 12, 2019	@ Jackson State Univ	Jackson, MS	7:00pm
November 16, 2019	@ West Alabama University	Livingston, AL	4:00pm
November 19, 2019	William Carey	HOME	7:00pm
November 22, 2019	Trinity College of Florida	HOME	7:00pm
November 23, 2019	@ MUW	Columbus, MS	4:00pm
December 3, 2019	Mississippi College	HOME	6:00pm
December 5, 2019	Blue Mountain College	HOME	7:00pm
December 7, 2019	@ Tougaloo	Tougaloo, MS	TBA
December 10, 2019	@ William Carey	Hattiesburg, MS	7:00pm
December 12, 2019	Webber International Univ	HOME	4:00pm
December 14, 2019	University of Mobile	HOME	4:00pm
December 16, 2019	@ Jackson State University	Jackson, MS	TBA
January 9, 2020	Pensacola Christian College	HOME	7:00pm
January 11, 2020	@ LSU Eunice	Eunice, LA	4:00pm
January 16, 2020	@ University of Mobile	Mobile, AL	7:00pm
January 24, 2020	Johnson University of Florida	HOME	7:00pm
January 25, 2020	Trinity College of Florida	HOME	3:00pm
February 13, 2020	@ Pensacola Christian	Pensacola, FL	7:00pm
February 18, 2020	@ LSU Shreveport	Shreveport, LA	7:00pm
February 21-22, 2020	Oakland City Univ (2 games)	Oakland City, IN	7:00pm

Lady's Schedule

October 28, 2019	Edward Waters College	Home	5:00pm
November 1-2, 2019	@ Faulkner University Classic	Montgomery, AL	TBA
November 5, 2019	@ Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain, MS	5:00pm
November 7, 2019	@ Judson College	Marion, AL	6:00pm
November 9, 2019	Ms College for Women	HOME	2:00pm
November 16, 2019	@ West Alabama University	Livingston, AL	2:00pm
November 19, 2019	William Carey	HOME	5:00pm
November 22, 2019	Trinity College of Florida	HOME	5:00pm
November 23, 2019	@ MS College for Women	Columbus, MS	2:00pm
December 5, 2019	Blue Mountain College	HOME	5:00pm
December 10, 2019	@ William Carey	Hattiesburg, MS	5:00pm
December 14, 2019	University of Mobile	HOME	2:00pm
January 9, 2020	Pensacola Christian College	HOME	5:00pm
January 11, 2020	@ LSU Eunice	Eunice, LA	TBA
January 18, 2020	@ Coastal Alabama CC South	AL	2:00pm
January 24, 2020	Johnson University of Florida	HOME	5:00pm
January 25, 2020	Trinity College of Florida	HOME	1:00pm
January 28, 2020	Judson College	HOME	6:00pm
January 31, 2020	Coastal Alabama CC North	Monroeville, AL	TBA
February 3, 2020	@ Coastal Alabama CC North	HOME	TBA
February 7, 2020	Coastal Alabama CC South	HOME	6:00pm
February 13, 2020	@ Pensacola Christian College	Pensacola, FL	5:00pm
February 18, 2020	@ LSU Shreveport	Shreveport, LA	5:00pm
February 21-22, 2020	Oakland City University	Oakland City, IN	TBA

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Kelby Johnson
Director

2019 Annual BMA of Mississippi Youth Department Report

Good afternoon. It has been great to be here today. Our churches make a difference. Your church makes a difference.

I can't help but think as I stand here at Big Creek that this is the first place I remember hearing the gospel preached. I was baptized in this baptistery. I was discipled by this church, particularly through its youth ministry. I was trained for ministry here. I preached my first sermon in this very spot. I was licensed to preach and sent out from here. It's a special place to me. But I'm reminded that I don't deserve any of the good things God has done in my life. I don't deserve salvation. I don't deserve to be a part of the family of God. I don't deserve to be a minister of the gospel. But God was and is abundantly gracious to us. And I'm thankful.

You never know the young person in your church that may be the next pastor, missionary, youth leader, music minister, or associational worker. We should seek to disciple all our young people so that they might

go on to accomplish much for God's kingdom.

We had another great Summer camp at Waukaway Springs Christian Retreat Center.

Approximately 130 attendees from 12 different churches enjoyed a time of relaxation, fellowship, and worship.

Our theme this year was "Jesus is Greater Than" and our goal was to remind students that Jesus is greater than anything or anyone else!

Dr. John David Smith brought inspiring messages from various texts in God's Word to emphasize our theme. He told the students that Jesus is greater than Satan and sin, guilt and shame, me and religion, and fear and death.

Following our services, students spent time with their own groups to discuss the sermons, ask questions, and have prayer.

We are blessed to have pastors, youth pastors, and other adults who invest in the young people in our churches.

Each year at our camp, the speaker plants the word.

The leaders water the word.

And we trust that God will bring about the increase.

In our music time this year, two students from Temple Baptist Church in Laurel helped lead the group in worship through song. The two young ladies were Kate Hyatt and Brenna Clark.

It was such a blessing to have these ladies take part in our worship services. They were a true joy. We are still saddened by Brenna's passing and continue to pray for the Clark family and Temple Baptist Church. Bro. Cliff Jenkins reminded me that it was at our camp in 2017 that Brenna was saved. Brenna's precious life is a reminder of what we should be doing for our young people. We must tell them the gospel and encourage them to use their gifts to serve God. Brenna will forever be a reminder to me to keep those things in the forefront of our ministry.

As always, I invite you to our camp in 2020. We will send out information at the end of the year. Contact me for more information.

Many of our churches are doing great in youth ministry but, as always, if I can help you or your church in any way, please contact me.

Thanks to Mrs. Brandy Riley and to our trustees.

Thank you to the churches of the BMA of Mississippi.

Thank you most of all to our Lord, who called us, justified us, sanctifies us, and will glorify us.

To Him be the glory.

Kelby R. Johnson

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Annual WMA Meeting Report

By Theresa Reus, President

The 2019 WMA Mission Banquet was a success. Angela Rice was our speaker this year, and she did a wonderful job. The meal was delicious also thanks to Justin and Christy Rhodes. I'd also like to thank the ladies of Big Creek Baptist Church for decorating the hall for us. We felt very welcomed.

We had 31 ladies present at our annual meeting. We started the meeting by singing the new National WMA song. It's very lovely and the message is just as meaningful. I hope you will all give it a try.

Dr. Carson gave a report on the renovations to the college café. Our state WMA was able to raise \$20,000 for this project. Our new project will be the renovation of the BMAP printing building into a training center. Our goal this year is \$25,000.

Alicia Sampson brought our devotion on John 11:1-4. She also gave an update on their mission status.

Your 2019/2020 WMA state officers are: President Theresa Reus; 1st Vice-President Stacy Smith; 2nd Vice-President Lynn Brown; 3rd Vice-President Frieda Merchant; Treasurer Shirlene Smith; Assistant Treasurer Barbara White; Recording secretary Diane Rainey; Assistant Recording Secretary Beth Caldwell; Historian/Media Ginny Singleton; Editor Rita Clark; Pianist Pat Davis; Song Director Mary Sprayberry; GMA/YLA Promoter Jessica Hayden; Sunbeam Promoter Linda Dertinger; Assistant Sunbeam Promoter Tara Little; Project Promoters North-Elaine Smith, Central-Marilyn Welborn, South-Jean Knight; Advisory Council: Bryson Hayden, Donald Brown, Joey Reus; Retreat Chairman Kathy Walley; Co-Chairman Theresa Reus; Registration Beth Caldwell.

2019-2020 Project: Renovation of BMAP Publication building in the Philippines into a BMAP training Center.

STATE WMA TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER 30, 2019

Churches Receiving Certificates for contributing \$100.00 or more to the WMA Project:

Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso
East Amory Baptist Church, Amory
East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton
First Baptist Church, Bay Springs
First Baptist Church, Calhoun
Homestretch Baptist Church, Cleveland
Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurel
Lebanon Baptist Church, Laurel
Movella Baptist Church, Lucedale
Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel
Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive
Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl
Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale
Ten Mile Baptist Church, Perkinston
Vardaman Street Baptist Church, Wiggins
Washington Association District WMA

Top Five Churches in Contributions

First Baptist Church, Calhoun	\$ 8,670.0
Skyway Hills Baptist Church, Pearl	3,050.00
East Fulton Baptist Church, Fulton	2,550.00
Parkview Baptist Church, Laurel	1,500.00
Temple Baptist Church, Lucedale	1,240.00
Total Received for the 2018-2019 Project:	
75% Cafeteria at Southeastern College	\$20,000.00
25% General Fund	3,056.36
Total received	\$ 23,056.36

The project selected for 2019-2020 is:

75% Remodeling the Publication Building in the Philippines,
25% General Fund.

Please send all offerings for this project to
Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443

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supporting the work being done in their community.

Recently, the East Central Association meeting was held. I was excited and pleased to have a member from the Mission Church attend the Association Meeting. We continue monthly financial support of the State work at 10% and will soon add local support at 5%. We desire to be a mission minded and missions supporting church. In addition to needed work funds, we presently have a need for funds we could be using toward further work at the property in anticipation of beginning a building project. These funds would be used for completing the clearing at property, temporary power, water, etc. Again, we want to thank you for your love and support.

Report from Missionary Wesley Martin at Redemption Baptist Mission at Diamondhead

What a blessing it is to do the ministry of the Lord! I'm thankful for all that God has done and has continued to do in Diamondhead. We have now been meeting in our building for a month. Our weekly attendance has doubled since moving in. We are meeting new families and see some who have been gone for a while come back. We have continued discipleship and are now plugging new families into small groups. I want to thank you for all of your support and prayers. I'm looking forward to seeing what God does next.

Report from Missionary Johnny Williams at Salt Light Baptist Mission in Waveland

Salt Light Baptist Mission has been blessed here lately with a couple of ladies who came on profession of faith and as a can-

New Salt Light Members



Above: Thomas and Amanda Lambert, Below: Tony and Darlene Web



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COMMISSION ON History & Archives

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Jason Howard
Director

Why is Baptist History and Heritage important!

Deuteronomy 32:7, "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee." One of my favorite authors, J.R. Graves, had this to say concerning the study of Church history, "Excepting the Study of the Bible, the life and teaching of Christ, the teachings and Acts of the Apostles, what study can or should be more delightful or more intensely interesting to the Christian than the study of the history of the churches which succeeded those planted in the days of the Apostles, and which have existed, preserving a pure faith and practice through centuries of the fiercest persecutions and martyrdoms, unto this time?" Studying our Missionary Baptist History and Heritage is something that I enjoy, and I am honored and excited to serve as your Director for the Mississippi Baptist Commission on History and Archives.

What is the difference between History and Heritage? History is an account of facts; it is a narration of events in the order in which they happened. Heritage, on the other hand, is our inheritance. Our Heritage is that which has been passed down to us from our Baptist ancestors. The connection between Baptist History and Heritage then is

this - it is difficult to appreciate our Heritage without some understanding of Baptist History. Studying Baptist History then helps me to understand and appreciate the great Baptist Heritage that we have!

Why is Baptist History and Heritage Important? A couple of reasons come to my mind as I think about the question presented that some may appropriately ask. First, the study of Baptist History and Heritage concerns itself with the promise of Christ. Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," (Matthew 16:18). The Study of Baptist History, of necessity, involves the perpetuity, succession, and continuity of the Lord's churches and of a pure faith and practice. Perpetuity is a continued, uninterrupted existence. Perpetuity stands at the point Christ's promise was made concerning His churches looking forward. As perpetuity concerns the promise, succession concerns the chronology and order of the promise as it was and is being fulfilled. Succession then is looking back historically to Christ's promise concerning His Church - seeing it has been and is being fulfilled. Continuity is the unbroken and consistent existence or operation of something over a period of time. Therefore, continuity deals not only with the uninterrupted existence, but

the operation as well. Continuity is the assurance that through perpetuity and succession, a pure faith and practice has been preserved. Therefore, history has a direct connection to doctrine. I.K. Cross stated, "It is not necessary to show from history that the church of Jesus Christ has continued from the time it was founded until the present. His promise alone makes that certain. However, it puts iron in the blood of real Baptists to be able to demonstrate it from history; to witness the progress of that promise as it is kept under all conditions as history progresses." The Battle for Baptist History. Our History and Heritage help to confirm our identity as Missionary Baptists. There is something in a name. The name is part of our Identity. When any people become disconnected from their history and heritage, there is the danger that their identity will become less and less important. Sooner or later, the identity is removed. Once the identity is removed, the biblical doctrines associated with that identity are in danger of being removed as well. Identity, to an extent, binds us to doctrine. And, Identity is in danger of being misplaced or devalued in the absence of History and Heritage. It is an unmitigated truth that the Lord's Church began prior to Pentecost. We know, based on the promise of Christ, and historical evidence, that true Churches of Christ never associated or gave in to the satanic demands of the scarlet harlot Church of Rome or her Protestant daughters. Therefore, Baptists are not Protestant. At least not scripturally or through the eyes of ancient and accurate history.

Secondly, Baptist History and Heritage is important because it provides us with assurance of Doc-

trine and Practice, or, Faith and Order. Not to be misunderstood, I am not suggesting that we derive our doctrine from history; it comes from the Bible. However, the historical application of doctrine shows us how the Lord's churches were practicing the doctrines. It provides us a template of the faith and order of our ancestors, many of which gave their lives for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Therefore, it gives us assurance of the doctrines we believe as we read of our faith being practiced consistently throughout history. The purpose of studying Baptist History then is not so that we simply gain facts, but to gain knowledge as it relates to doctrine, in truth and in practice. The introductory essay to G.H. Orchards Baptist History states, "Nothing can be more becoming a Christian than a general knowledge of Church history. . . . What advantage may not be reaped from it? It teaches religion, it shows us what we are to believe and practice, what errors are to be rejected, what things we are to imitate; it furnishes us with abundance of examples of heroic virtue, and instructs in duty. It is a great abuse that the study of it is so much neglected." This is what we are doing when we deal with Baptist History. We begin with the text of Scripture, we then study history to determine any consistent historical application of the text by Baptist churches, if there is, then it becomes precedent by practice. We do not study History simply to prove the perpetuity, continuity and succession of the Lord's true churches. The promise of Christ makes that certain. However, the study of Baptist History can help us to understand doctrine and the application of it!

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didate for baptism. We've also had a couple of men who recently joined the Mission by transfer of letter. We're excited to start up the Disciple training on Wednesday nights with tonight being our first time to meet. We've also got enough coming who would like to have Sunday School. As of now it would be about 3-4 classes. We will be starting in the next couple of weeks. November 24th we will be having our Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. It's going to be a great day! We thank you for your support and prayers. God bless!

From Bro. Ed DuVall, Coordinator of African American Missions

On November 18-19, Bro. Cook, Bro. Logan and myself will be receiving discipleship training given by Bro. Sydney

Farmer. We are looking forward to the training and feel that it would be a great asset to our



Homestretch Discipleway training

ministry. Homestretch is currently doing discipleship but we feel this training will equip us to develop spiritual leaders.

Reports from Missionary Josh Daniels at Refuge Baptist Mission at Kiln

We are anxiously awaiting our first service on December 1st at 10:30 am in the Kiln Library on Hwy. 603. The last couple of months have been very busy with visiting churches, planning services, meeting people, and beginning some discipleship training with a couple.

We have now added moving into a rental home to the mix of life. We're very thankful for Shiloh allowing us to stay in the parsonage until January to help with the ease of moving.

The last couple of months we have met every other Saturday with a group of people that have become very interested in helping begin this mission project. We have 5 families that have been faithful to these meetings and a few others as well mixed in. Two of these families have helped take on some responsibilities in the music and audio area and another as helping with some outreach projects. One man, Jay Ladner, has also stepped up and has taken on a supporting leadership role with me. Also, as I type, my wife is actually about to meet with a music team to practice. God seems to be putting some things in place and for that we are thankful, excited, and hopeful.

We have a couple of outreach opportunities that we are excited about. One is a turkey give-

away on November 23rd and the other is a laundry mat outreach that is still being planned. Pray for us as we begin to focus more on getting into the community of Kiln, MS, sharing the gospel, & beginning regular services.

I want to finish this report with an extremely big THANKS to all the churches that have allowed us to visit and share the vision of Refuge Baptist Mission. We have been loved, prayed for, and blessed by so many in our work across MS and into LA. I want to thank the Big Creek Association, Hoblochitto Association, & Canaan Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisi-

ana, for their decisions to support us. I especially want to thank our mother/sending church Midway First Baptist of Sumrall and Pastor Blake McCain for their love, support, prayers, and encouragement through this process. Thankful for people in our corner.

Update on New Website

The development of our new website is progressing well. We hope to have it up and running soon. It should be a much better resource for our churches than the previous one; but to do it right, it takes time. So, please bear with us, as we finish this task.

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