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## World Missions Offering renamed in honor of Jerry Kidd

Jerry Kidd has been serving the BMA for 62 years. First as a pastor, then as missionary, church planter, assistant director of international missions, director of international missions, and director of missionary care.



Sue & Jerry Kidd

Known as "Pastor of Missionaries", his pioneering spirit and faithfulness to share the gospel to indigenous people has created a legacy of multiplying disciples and churches worldwide. With Sue, his wife and ministry partner by his side, he continues working to change lives and point people to Jesus.

With this legacy of humble service in mind, BMA Missions Executive Director John David Smith announced on October 28 that the annual World Missions Day offering is now the Jerry D. Kidd Missions Offering.



Jerry Kidd presented helmet by Missions Director John David Smith

Smith presented a combat helmet to Kidd, explaining that, "This combat helmet, to countless men and women serving in world missions who have found life-saving protection in a raging battle and encouragement to fight on in a foxhole with Jerry Kidd, symbolizes his faithful life-long ministry of sharing the sufferings of fellow soldiers."

World Missions Day 2021 is February 28, and BMA Missions invites BMA churches and their congregations to celebrate this emphasis day by showing the World Missions Day video, praying for global missions, and giving to the Jerry D. Kidd Missions Offering.

## 2021 National BMAA Meeting Plans Set

by BMA President Jeff Swart  
We would all acknowledge that 2020 has been a year that we will never forget. Although we were not 100% positive at the time, cancelling the national meeting in 2020 turned out to be the correct decision. Now, it is time to consider the 2021 meeting and we are again facing a great unknown. So, after spending time praying and considering the various alternatives, we have decided to schedule the national meeting in 2021 practicing social distancing with no close contact of messengers.

Therefore, as of now, the BMA of America national meeting will be held Monday April 19 thru Wednesday April 21, 2021, at

the Farley Street Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas. The meeting will be conducted with the same format as the 2019 national meeting with the exception of the breakout sessions normally held on Tuesday morning. We will not be having the breakout sessions so as to comply with social distancing requirements. And, should the health department regulations change between now and the



Jeff Swart  
BMAA President

meeting, we will comply with all state and local regulations and may need to modify the format of the meeting.

In the January 2021 editions of our state papers, the hotel information and a draft of the schedule for the meeting will be printed. The hotels available will be the same as last year.

Please pray that we will be able to host the 2021 national meeting as there is a great need for all of us to be together as we conduct the Lord's business. Please pray for your officers and the national meeting production team as we plan a meeting that will glorify the Son and edify the messengers and guests of our churches.

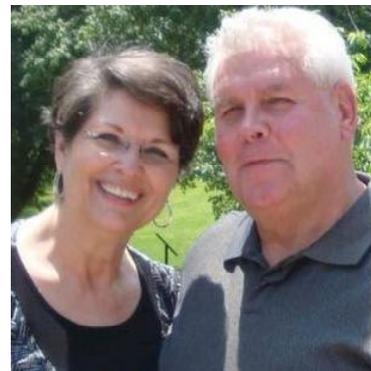
## WHEN YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT CAPABLE OF YOUR CALLING

**Editor's Note:** This editor worked with Diane for over 40 years - the last few years while she was editor of the Trumpet. Diane was a joy to work with and always seemed to have a godly positive attitude. She was professional in all of her dealings with the ministry God gave her and very friendly in both business and personal relationships. I know she loves the Lord, all beamers (BMA folks as she called them), and the business of sharing the Lord's work through the pages of the Trumpet. She was always cooperative in sharing news, suggestions, and especially photos when we needed them. God bless her and her husband Pat as they enjoy retirement and their family.

by Diane Spriggs  
retired editor of the  
Arkansas Baptist Trumpet

Have you ever been called on to do something that you knew without a doubt you weren't capable of doing? Well, that's exactly what happened to me fifteen years ago!

Although I had been at the Baptist Trumpet (the weekly religious newspaper of the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas) for over 25 years and was serving as assistant editor, I never even dreamed about be-



Diane & Pat Spriggs  
ing the editor/boss. But that was exactly what I felt like I was being called to do.

I struggled with the idea for

almost a year and had some long (and short) conversations with God about it. Those "conversations" mostly consisted of me telling God why I "couldn't possibly" be the editor and him answering back. (In my head of course, not audibly, and in words that I could best understand.)

My first reason was simply that the editor had always been a man and a preacher — and I was neither one! God's answer? "I know; I pretty much made you!" He convicted me that he

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# MINISTERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

by Anders Lee

## What Topics are You Avoiding?

It's been a long time ago, but I was asked to do a youth revival at a little church in the middle of nowhere when I first surrendered to preach. I agreed and I was excited. It was my first youth revival... YOUTH. So, I prepared four messages for YOUTH. The first night I got there and there were only four teens there. Two of them were 13 and one 15 and the last one 18. The rest of the church was literally old gray headed folks. I preached on David the first night and the famous story of killing Goliath. The second night I had scheduled to preach on Joseph. Now, you know one of the main points of Joseph's life was sexual temptation (Gen. 39). I had preached the message once at my home church which at the time had around 25 teens. That made sense. But this??? I began arguing with God on the way home



Anders Lee

about why I wasn't gonna preach that. Why would I preach on sexual purity when the place was full of old folks and FOUR teens?

All through the next day I poured over a new sermon. It was a good one too! Half way to the church... the "hound of heaven" ... the Holy Spirit... made it clear that I had to preach on Joseph. I had left my sermon at home. So the argument with God continued. During the song service (singing songs about heaven from the Heavenly Highway Hymnal—no that's not a dig - but providing the context of this event...you see my debate...), God pretty much nailed me to the pew and I had to submit. Was it awkward? YES!!! I mean... goodness... a message about sexual purity with 35 old gray headed folks looking at you!!! To top it off only three teens had made it that night. You guessed it... the 18 year old from the night before did not show up... had to work!

I got up and preached about what Joseph went through as if the room was filled with 200 teens. That night nothing happened. Yes... a big whopping nothing! The handshakes at the back door of that lil' country church when everyone was leaving... yeah that was awkward too! They never invited me back after that week. Hmmm. Oh well, "I did what God told me to do" I kept saying to myself.

Years later, in fact, almost 10 years later, Bro. Windham (the former youth director here in Mississippi) invited me to take part in planning and preaching at the teen camp in the State of Mississippi. By that time I was married and a youth pastor at Calvary in Horn Lake. I was thrilled to be part of it. The camp was about halfway done when a young man in his early 20's came up to me and introduced himself. "Remember me?" he asked? I said no. He said you preached a youth revival at our church, called the churches

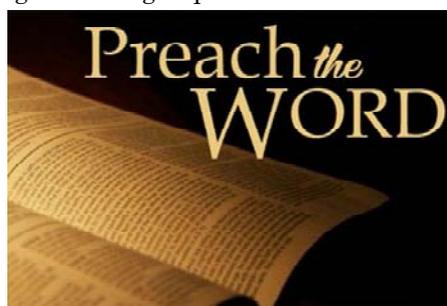
name. I of course remembered then. He had grown up and moved on from that lil' church and was a member of another BMA church by then. He was there at camp in Wiggins as a sponsor for his youth group. He said he could not let the week go by without talking to me. "I appreciate what you preached. He said, "I don't remember the other messages you preached that week, but I never forgot that one about Joseph." He related to me that he played football for his high school and "all the guys were doing their thing." He continued; "that night you preached I told the Lord I would wait for marriage" and he said, "I did!" His pointed across the way to a young lady holding a baby. He said that's my wife and our first born. WOW!

Youth Pastor... NEVER AVOID the tough topics!!! NEVER! If God gives you leadership to share about them from the WORD... do it! You may never know the impact that you

make, but you ARE making one! You might have to have that Genesis 39 talk like I have through the years. It may be that in today's day and time you need to discuss what the Bible says about racism and address the racial issues facing our youth today. Perhaps you need to confront this generation's mindset toward doctrine and biblical principles that are ignored today. Maybe you need to help them understand that tolerating the sin in this immoral society is not what a follower of Christ does. It could be you need to share with them how a believer impacts America and politics. The list could go on and on... you get the point! We learn from the prophets of old that they hit issues head on! It may be awkward, and some may not like it at all. That's ok! You obey the Lord not men!

On a personal note; I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to all of you in the BMA of Mississippi. I am thankful for the opportunity to write these articles! I hope you are blessed, encouraged and helped by them!

Lee is pastor of Central Church, Southaven, Mississippi and may be contacted at anders.lee571@gmail.com



# Diane

from front page

was indeed calling me and that it was something a woman like me could do. After all, they wouldn't want an editor of "few words," and I certainly had a lot of words and used them with great regularity.

So I went to the second reason: I only had a high school education and had never even taken a journalism course. God's answer: "Do you want to do it, or do you want me to do it?"

When I answered, "That would be you if it's going to be done at all."

God's response was, "Then I could get a monkey to do it!"

To which I responded, "If you get me, you'll have one!"

Well, I came up with a few

other flimsy excuses, but the bottom line is that God won. I applied for the position still thinking I'd never be chosen for the job; but sure enough, I was, and I have been serving in this position since then. Of course, I've made some mistakes, but I hope I have finished well overall.

I will retire next month, (Diane retired November 2020) which has caused me to reflect on some lessons I've learned along the way and the Bible verses that go along with those lessons:

- Those God calls, he equips. No general would send his soldiers into battle without the proper equipment, and neither would God, our Commander-in-Chief! If God has asked you to do something, you might not have everything you need to do the job right then, but he will make

sure you have what you need when you need it.

"He will equip you with everything good that you may do his will" (Hebrews 13:21).

- Don't sell yourself short. You are capable of a lot more than you give yourself credit for, so tap into your hidden strengths and trust in yourself. If your friend had the same talents and expertise you have, would you think they could handle the job you're about to tackle? Probably so, right? Then why can't you? After all, you're the one who has been called to do the job!

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me... and without him, I can do nothing" (Philippians 4:13, John 15:5).

- Be willing to get more training if needed. Just because you've never done it before

doesn't mean you can't do it. If it means taking an online course, a correspondence course, or just reading and studying at home on your own — go for it! The only person who can't learn something new is in the cemetery.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, and workman that doesn't need to be ashamed..." (2 Timothy 2:15).

- To achieve a goal, just keep doing the next thing. Sometimes we short-circuit ourselves by looking too far down the road. We've all heard that every journey begins with the first step, and it continues with each step we take toward our desired destination. The secret is to just keep on keeping on, no matter what the obstacle is.

"Do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

- Don't be discouraged if you take two steps forward and one step back. That will happen sometimes, so don't be surprised when it does. Just remember that even then you'll still be one step forward. Being knocked down isn't the end — staying down is!

"No matter how many times you trip them up, God's people don't stay down long" (Proverbs

24:17).

- Give it your best shot! No matter what you do, do it full out with nothing held back. If one way you try doesn't work, try another way! Never retreat from a problem; just do what the Marines do — "back up and regroup!"

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

- Don't think you have to do it alone. Surround yourself with supportive and truthful people who aren't afraid to "tell it like it is." If you're in a supervisory position, hire people who are smarter than you and don't be intimidated by that fact. The old adage of "iron sharpens iron" is true — nothing gets sharper by rubbing against a marshmallow!

And most important of all, remember that you are never alone if you're a child of God. He will be your best cheerleader and coach at the same time. God believes in you, so believe in yourself and remember his promise — "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Could I do this job? Absolutely not! But could God do it through me? He could and he did!

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## Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



Lindsey

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Dwight Lindsey - Director

There have always been times that make me want to quit. This year in particular it can feel like a daily theme (I'm imagining you amen as you read that sentence). In all my human frailties I am so glad I serve the God who is in no way frail. Ephesians 3:20-21 says, "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, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." He is able. He is abundant. He is worthy of praise.

We presented you with a plan

last October to help abused, neglected, and/or needy children. This plan aimed at helping children with the Christian family atmosphere and guidance we provide at The Home. This goal was not a complete indictment of the state systems that attempt to do the same thing in a secular fashion. We appreciate what the state attempts to do, but we are convinced the Christian approach is best. What God has accomplished since last October is different than what we envisioned - go figure. Instead of reaching these children prior to the state, we are now helping children that are in this secular

system. We give them the Gospel, some times for days, weeks, or months, and we identify those that are in need and available for long term care.

After nearly a year of working on a particular case we have seen what God is able to do on a case. On Wednesday, November 3, 2020, Isaac Housley was relieved from the state's care and durable legal custody was granted to us. I plan to do a biography piece on him in the coming days, but I couldn't wait to get this wonderful news to you all. While at the courthouse I was approached by a case worker over a young man who stayed with us during a transition early in the summer. We have asked for your prayers over his possible return in the future. I don't like counting chickens before they hatch, but the case worker asked if we would be willing to take him on a long term basis beginning in December. It is exciting to see God doing more than we think.

## Many have asked about Special Emphasis and Christmas Gifts. Here is the compiled list

<b>Favorite Candy:</b>	Pajama Set (Women's Small)
Kit Kat	Sweat Pants/Joggers (Women's Small)
Snickers	Sweat Shirt (Women's Large)
3 Musketeers	Deodorant
Caramel Apple Tiger Pop	Comb
Brownie Brittle	Shampoo
<b>Favorite Activity:</b>	Boots (Cowboy/Work) (10.5, 11, 13)
Hunting	Playstation 5
Fishing	PS4/5 Video Games
Basketball	PS/5 Accessories
Going to the Beach/Swimming	Nintendo Switch Games
Singing	Nintendo Switch Accessories
Video Games	Spy School Books
Riding Bikes	Epic Zero Books
<b>Favorite Stores:</b>	Survival Books
Walmart	Wildlife Books
Thrift Store	Who Is/Was Books
American Eagle	What Is/Was Books
Bass Pro	Adventure Books
Hibbett Sports	Classic Books
<b>Items (Need/Want/Wear/Read):</b>	Blue Jeans - 16-20 husky, 36x30, 32x34
Colorful Markers/Pens	Shirts - Adult Small, Adult Large, Adult XL
Devotional Books	Sweat Pants/Joggers - Adult Medium, Adult Large, Adult XL
Chapstick	Shorts - Adult Small, Adult Large, Adult XL
Rain Jacket (Women's Small)	Shoes (Crocs) - 5, 10.5, 11, 13
Face Masks	Earbuds (Cheap wired or bluetooth)
Gift Cards	Fishing Rods/Reels
Crimper Hair Tool	Fishing Tackle
Nail Polish	Camo/Hunting Gear--
Perfume/Lotion	
Lip gloss	
Fuzzy Socks	
Earrings	



## Mississippi Baptist Children's Home

### Special Emphasis

#### Projects:

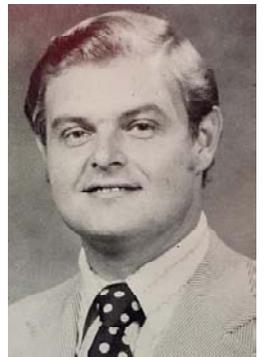
1. Christmas gifts for the kids
2. Funds to meet the daily needs of the house  
-9/1/19 - 8/31/20 our daily expenses averaged \$491.67 covering Utilities, Child Services, Insurance, Maintenance, & Payroll
3. Remodel the South Children's Wing Bathroom
4. Car/College expenses for this year's Senior
5. Re-plumb a drain line in the South Parents Wing
6. Payroll to add a Respite Care couple to the staff
7. Long range goal to build or remodel wings of the house to expand our ability to help more children.

## Former BMA Seminary Professor

### Dr. Joe Pendleton Called Home

In the early morning hours of November 9, 2020, God called home Dr. Joe Pendleton, Jr. from a life that included over 50 years of ministry, teaching, and service to the Kingdom of God.

Joe Charles Pendleton, Jr. was born on May 6, 1942 in Lubbock, Texas, as the first child of J.C. and Kathryn (nee Betts) Pendleton, and was raised on the farming plains of West Texas. He attended Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Carolyn Sue Wright. They both graduated in May of 1962 and then married on August 17, 1962.



Dr. Joe Pendleton

They went on to graduate together from Texas Tech University in 1965, and he attended Southwestern Seminary earning a Masters in Divinity degree in 1972 and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1977. Joe and Carolyn were happily married for nearly 40 years before her passing in 2002. They were blessed with three children, Jody, Kathryn, and Joshua. Joe and Carolyn were not only partners in marriage, but also in ministry throughout the years.

Brother Joe served as pastor for seven churches in Texas and Arkansas during his ministry, and Professor of Church Ministries at the BMA Seminary in Jacksonville for 24 years. He also served as Dean of the Seminary, Chairman of the Religion Department of Jacksonville College, and President of the Columbia Baptist Bible School. Later, God opened a door of ministry to the Hungarian speaking Romanian people and a partnership of mission work began with his brother-in-law Larry Burleson establishing a ministry training school in Romania. He traveled to Romania several times a year for the next 20 years to train pastors and raise church buildings.

# Southeastern Baptist College

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

## President's Perspective

"For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations." Psalm 22:28

The national election results are in review and the media has prematurely announced the next president of the United States. If this holds true, then a major shift in philosophy toward governmental support of independent Christian colleges and universities is about to take place.

During the Obama administration, Brother Danny Pitts, president of SBC at the time, received a letter from the U.S. Department of Education warning Christian colleges that they

would have to make changes to their admission and hiring policies that would support the L G B T Q + agendas or they would lose all federal funding.



Dr. Scott Carson  
Brother President

Brother Pitts and I knew that if Hillary Clinton was elected president in 2016, that the policy would go forward and we would have to seek legal advice. SBC does indeed receive federal funding through participation in the Pell Grant program. Without Pell Grant funds, well over half of

our students would have had to drop out of SBC because they could not afford one of most economical colleges in the nation.

As it turned out, Hillary Clinton was not elected and Christian colleges received a reprieve from the Obama administration threat. Under the Trump administration, religious institutions received equal favor along with secular schools. However, if Joe Biden is our next president, I foresee the threat from the previous Obama administration reinstated in quick order. There could be tremendous pressure for conservative Christian schools to either compromise their statements of faith, or be faced with a signifi-

cant reduction in revenue.

Southeastern Baptist College has been on the verge of closure ever since I came on staff four years ago. I have described our situation as still being in the woods, but near the wood line. We can see the clearing, but we were not in the clear yet. Most recently, we have moved out of the wood line and into the clearing, but right on the edge of the wood line. With any loss of revenue, we will once again become fiscally challenged and, if the Biden administration takes away our Pell Grant funding, we may find ourselves deep in the woods of financial troubles.

Please pray for our country and for Christian schools everywhere as we anticipate a significant financial challenge in the near future. Pray for SBC, that the Lord would intervene and make miraculous things happen on behalf of the future of the college.

We are excited to be

partnering with the Timothy Group. This is a Christian organization that has a tremendous track record of helping Christian colleges find and maintain new avenues of revenue. Both the Board of Trustees and the Community Advisory Committee will meet with the Timothy Group on November 23 in order to find a way forward for financial stability for SBC. I believe this partnership is at the right time as I project fiscally difficult times for SBC in the years ahead.

Perhaps you as a reader of this column have been blessed with monetary resources. I ask you to pray about the needs of SBC's future and how you may be able to help the school fulfill its mission of equipping young adults as Christian witnesses to our lost world.

*"The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens."* Psalm 114:4

Equipping the Saints!  
Dr. Carson

## Golf Cart Needed

Our on campus security volunteers need convenient transportation for making rounds about campus, especially at night. A golf cart would be ideal. If you would like to donate a golf cart, or similar transportation to the college, give us a call at 601-426-6346.

## Newly Created Scholarship

We are grateful for Teresa and Diane Gavin creating the Alton Gavin Scholarship. Brother Gavin was a former Board of Trustees member whom the Lord motivated to support and promote SBC. The scholarship will be awarded to two students each semester for a total \$250 per student. If you are interested in creating a scholarship for SBC students, please contact us at 601-426-6346.

## Home Basketball Games

Knowing the scheduling of our home basketball games has been a challenge under COVID 19 conditions. Many other colleges wait until a day or two before a game to inform us whether or not they will participate in a previously scheduled game against the Chargers. We have no control over the other school's decision making. Therefore, we can only project if the next scheduled games will actually occur. Currently, under the Governor's directive, we are only allowing SBC student spectators into the gym. You can view all games live on the Facebook Southeastern Baptist College Athletics page. The next scheduled home games are:

Monday, Nov 16, 7 p.m. – Men's Varsity vs. University of Mobile

Tuesday, Dec 1, 7 p.m. – Men's Varsity vs. Blue Mountain College

Saturday, Dec 5, 3 p.m. – Lady's Chargers vs. Blue Mountain College

## Lighthouse Café is OPEN!

There are COVID 19 protocols in place, however, the café is open Tuesday through Friday, 11-2. Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

## Amazon Smile

Anyone shopping on Amazon can select Southeastern Baptist College as your charity. When you do this, a portion of your purchase price will go directly to SBC as a donation from Amazon! Thank you for those who are already using this unique method to benefit SBC.



Dr. Carson, in his Mississippi State Guard uniform, delivers the Veteran's Day message during chapel

Charges take the home court for the first time this semester.  
COVID 19 restricts attendance to only SBC students



Thanks to the CARES Act, SBC has acquired two 15 passenger used vans for our growing student transportation needs.

# Christian Women

by Dr. John Adams  
Moral Action Director

*"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* I Timothy 2:12-15:

Is the church behind the times in its attitudes toward women? A growing number answer, "yes". They say we have restricted women. What should the Bible-believing Christian say about equal rights for women within the church? How should church leaders respond, and what should be the attitude of Christian women?

## 1. The World and Women's Rights – a controversial issue.

The battle for women's rights has touched virtually every aspect of our national life. Now it is touching the church, and it

brings up a difficult question – are women underprivileged in the New Testament Church?

The tensions concerning the role of women in the church is great in some churches. As women remove the barriers to once-forbidden secular occupations, some liberal church leaders are upset because they believe the church is lagging far behind.

Critics argue that churches are steeped in prejudice and that it is high time they became enlightened. On the surface, arguments may seem convincing. Why should women not serve as pastors? Many church women equal or outstrip the men in spiritual gifts and abilities. The church, we are told, is missing out by not letting them use their talents.

Some theologians hold that the requirements for pastors outlined in I Timothy 3:1-7: *"This is a true saying, if a man*



Dr. Adams

*desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."* Have been grossly misinterpreted – that they merely reflect cultural prejudices of Paul's day. How should the Lord's church respond to such pressure? What shall we say to sincere dedicated young women who truly want to serve the Lord?

## 2. God's Word and Women's Rights – A clear answer.

The Bible answers several basic misunderstandings. First, there is a basic error in understanding the scope and nature of the differences between the sexes. The Bible nowhere teaches that men are superior to women, but it does teach that they are different. In creating woman, God did not make a carbon copy of what He had already made. He fashioned a personality and spirit that would complement men and supply some qualities that man lacked.

Today's tendency is to assume that except for physical differences, men and women come from the same mold. Therefore

they are to be competitive. That is not God's intent. God created male and female to work together, not to compete.

We commit a basic error when we try to sweep the differences under the rug. It may appear to succeed for a time, but in the end we violate something elemental in our inner structure. Let's evaluate the Word of God on this subject. – I Timothy 2:12: *"But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."* The New Testament makes clear that administration is a man's calling. Early church leaders were called elders and deacons. Qualifications spelled out for both offices to be made of men.

I Timothy 2:13-15: *"For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."* Paul gives two reasons why the woman cannot scripturally usurp authority over the man. First, woman was not created to be independent; second, the woman had been first to give place to sin.

The man's office on the church and home is not just a badge of honor; it is a mantle of responsibility. Men make a mistake to think that their headship makes them far superior and women inferior. But God has set the guidelines for men and women. Women matter as much as men to God, but we are called to different tasks.

In a "His" magazine interview, Elizabeth Elliott made an interesting point. "Positions of

leadership in the church are not rewards of competence alone. They are not earned or assigned purely on the basis of ability. They are assigned sovereignly by God. Those who take positions of authority in the church must be ordained of God". Do not be misled by secular arguments that the Scriptures are influenced by cultural bias---for God's Word is inspired and adaptable to all ages.

## 3. Christian Women and Women's Rights – A consecrated attitude.

Christian satisfaction comes not from title or position, but from faithfulness in service. Since apostolic times, women have found fulfillment in the church. We list such lovely Christian Women as "Phebe" of Romans 16:1: *"Commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea"*, Mary, Martha, and the certain women of Luke 8. They found honor in faithful, effective service. Paul mentions Tryphena, Tryphosa, Persia, Eudias, and Syntyche as *"fellow workers in the Lord"*.

God has planned for women to teach where authority over men is not involved, to pray powerfully during church discussions, to witness to family and neighbors. The gifts and insights of women can help and encourage the Christian men in leadership roles.

The world has its ideas of who should lead the church. Those who do not understand Bible teachings will wave banners of new equality. They will minimize and rationalize. But the true Christian understands and knows that God's way is best.

## 2020 Compensation Survey Results

Ministers Resource Services and BMA America Information Services recently partnered to conduct the first BMA Salary and Benefits Survey. The purpose of the survey was to provide churches with benchmark data to inform and assist in the establishment and maintenance of viable compensation packages for their pastor and staff. As part of the study, state-specific comparisons were made between full-time senior pastors in the BMA to their counterparts in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) for churches of various sizes.

Over 1,500 emails were sent out to pastors and ministry leaders based on information available in our databases. We received a total of 120 responses from 11 states. Approximately 43% of the participants were from Arkansas, 28% from Texas, 14% from Mississippi, and 10% from the other states combined. While we hope to see an increase in the number of responses in the future, this year's study provides a good starting point and baseline for further research.

A small abstract of the results for Mississippi participants is as follows:



### 2020 Salary and Benefits Survey Analysis

MISSISSIPPI Comparatives - BMA vs. SBC						
Attendance Range	Employment Status	Staff Position	Salary + Housing			Percentage Difference
			BMA	SBC*	Difference	
0-25	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	\$ 38,600	n/a	n/a	n/a
26-50	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	43,600	42,663	937	2%
51-75	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	50,000	50,388	(388)	-1%
76-125	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	47,000	57,676	(10,676)	-19%
126-250	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	62,333	67,764	(5,431)	-8%
251+	Full-time	Sr. Pastor	77,726	81,162	(3,436)	-4%

\* Based on the 2018 compensation study performed by LifeWay Research.

A detailed analysis of the full survey is available at [www.ministersresourceservices.com](http://www.ministersresourceservices.com) under the Resources tab.

## Unity Church, Guntown Seeks Pastor

Unity Baptist Church of Guntown, Mississippi, is seeking a pastor. Inquiries concerning this position should be directed to the Search Committee. The contact person is Tony Holcomb and he may be reached at 662-891-1325.

## Youth Minister Position

Greenwood Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, is searching for a part-time youth minister. Internship could also be an option. Any interested candidate should send their resume or experience history to Pastor Joseph Bain at the following email address - [josephbain77@gmail.com](mailto:josephbain77@gmail.com).



Contact BMA Foundation Executive Director Charles Attebery for more information.  
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# FOREIGN MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

## Philippine Missions by Stan & Donna Scroggins

While things seem to be opening up we are still not able to return. We pray our visa type will be next on the list.

We received word from the Bible College of the need to help with providing food for students during the weekends. Due to the lock-down students are not able to go to their respective weekend work locations and are quarantined on the campus. Thank you Northview Baptist Church and Pastor Mike Cantrell for helping us with funds to purchase food to feed our students over the week ends.



The Scroggins

### Who Are the Ati People?

The Ati people are an indigenous group of tribal people living in the mountains of our island Negros Occidental. These are groups of indigenous tribes isolated in the mountains and islands throughout the country. These people predate modern "Polynesian" Filipinos and genetically are related to Australian Aborigines.

The Philippine government protects the culture of these tribal people by restricting outside contact with them. Access is by invitation only. About

two years ago Donna was invited to do ministry with the tribe and we began a work with them. The BMA of America Missions Department supports a Filipino missionary who works directly with the tribe. We now have a church in their village and our first Ati student, Roter Enario, at the Bible College.



Ati tribe Rice distribution



Students unloading rice at the Bible College Church and Pastor Dan Wisely and Kewanee Baptist Church who have helped us get food to the tribe.

Let me introduce to you our newest hero. Pastor John Rey Vallejera, (Pastor JoJo), is a graduate of our Bible College. He is also our BMAA Filipino missionary serving as church planter in Hong Kong. Recent unrest in Hong Kong forced him and his family to return to the Philippines. Because of the lock-down in the Philippines Pastor JoJo has not been able to return to Hong Kong. With that being said his delay has allowed him to serve as a conduit to distribute food to the Bible College students and to the Ati Tribe in the mountains of the Philippines. Also, Pastor JoJo has been able to get a travel pass which allows him to freely travel across quarantine lines. Thank you Pastor JoJo for your love of your people and for working to help us get food to them.



Pastor Jojo & Darlyn Vallejera

## Crisis in Honduras for the Garifuna

by Holly Meriweather

### The People

Centuries ago, African slaves were forced from their homeland then endured a perilous journey, one that often ended in death from disease. The late 1700s was the peak of trans-Atlantic slave trade and shipwrecks were another cause of those deaths. But the story of a shipwrecked people group, the Garifuna, is about new life . . . the eternal kind.

In 1797, they were deported to Honduras by the government from a small Caribbean island called Saint Vincent. Some seventy years before reaching Honduras, these West Africans had been rounded up from the modern-day countries of Nigeria, Congo and Ghana and put onboard two Spanish slave ships bound for plantations in the "New World."

But their journey ended near the West Indies island of Saint Vincent when they were shipwrecked and had to swim for their lives.

Once ashore, survivors blended into the indigenous Caribbean people group and tried to avoid detection by the British, who controlled the island. But in 1796, the Garifuna surrendered to them, and their captors put them in prison where many died from disease. A year later, they were released to the Honduran government and allowed to settle there and on neighboring islands.

### The Language

Fast forward two centuries to the fall of 1980 when BMA Missionary David Dickson and his family went on holiday to the Atlantic Coast, an hour's drive from their home. As they were enjoying a day at the beach, they overheard two boys speaking in a dialect they had never heard. As Bro. David conversed with them in Spanish, he learned about a people group called the Garifuna.

God placed a burden on his heart about them, and his research on the Garifuna led him to the national library of Belize where he found an English-



Garifuna members with some BMA Missions personell

Garifuna dictionary and copied its pages. His next stop was Guatemala and the Wycliffe Linguistic Institute where he met Lillian Howland, who shared his interest in this people group.

In the two years following his meeting with Lillian, she passed on her knowledge of the language and coached him as he learned to read, speak and



Garifuna Church and Service

preach in this strange tongue that had no alphabet, no written record, and no Bible.

Garifuna is the heart language of these people, and the older ones, who are usually illiterate, had virtually no record of its written form. Young children learn Spanish in school and become bilingual, but the only way to reach the older generation with the gospel is to preach in Garifuna and teach them to read, beginning with the Bible.

### The Gospel

In September 1982, Bro. David preached his first sermon in Garifuna and a twelve-year-old boy was saved. His message to the Garifuna was that "Jesus can speak and understand your language, your culture and your needs."

Since that time many Garifuna have surrendered their lives to Christ, been trained and disciplined, and have planted churches all over Honduras and beyond. Bro. David's sermons and teachings have

been recorded and archived by Lifeword, and they are still being used on current broadcasts now produced completely by Garifuna. In fact, their quality and biblical soundness qualified them as "starter languages" for Lifeword's Cloud.

In 2018, five language broadcasts were chosen to be the first ones uploaded to the Cloud, Lifeword's new initiative to expand its media ministry to more languages, more people groups and more lost souls. Since 1992 the Garifuna broadcast has been producing high quality gospel programming in the Garifuna language, so that's why it was chosen (along with English, Spanish, Arabic, and Swahili).

Thanks to the burden God gave to Bro. David Dickson 36 years ago, many of these people once bound for slavery have a new kind freedom because of a new life in Christ.

### The Current Crisis

Garifuna history is an incredible one, and their story continues to be tumultuous. They live on the ocean and their livelihood comes from it, but the Honduran state has never been happy with the arrangement and continues to encroach on Garifuna ancestral lands.

Even though they own the title to beachfront property, their rights to it continue to be in dispute, and now it appears that there has possibly been retaliation: The recent (July 2020) kidnapping and disappearance of four Garifuna men is thought to be another attack against the community and its struggle to protect their way of making a living.

Please pray for Garifuna churches in Honduras who are understandably concerned about what could happen. There are questions about how this will affect them and their church members.

# MORAL ACTION

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Adams

It is our privilege to write again about this great work of God. As I represent the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association I see the responsibility as great. I ask for your prayers personally and for this agency. May I share:

1. Mrs. Adams (Darla) and I continue to contact Representatives and Senators in the Mississippi State House and via letters and texts to D.C. and U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. We humbly ask for their allegiance to an awesome God.

Prayerfully, we request that we keep God in our Pledge of Allegiance to our U.S. flag and to keep on our coinage and paper money "In God We Trust". We ask our political leaders to thwart liberals from rewriting our Christian/American history. Antifa desires to completely eradicate God from our history books. Urge your elected officials to be aware of this. And on and on!

2. Association wise, we have been to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for the annual BMA of

Mississippi. Our joy was to share about Moral Action's purpose. Later, we travelled to Montgomery, Alabama and shared the annual message for the churches of the BMA of Alabama. Good churches and good people. We shared a video report for President Tom Mitchell and the BMA of Arkansas meeting in Conway, Arkansas, of the great efforts of Moral Action. Allow us to come and be a part of your association or church—662-231-3863.

3. Moral Action will begin to distribute through the mail the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association "How to Pray For Our Leaders", a great pamphlet to stay on your desk or table. We are to pray in great intercession.

4. Via Facebook—John Adams, we are sharing an 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning Moral Action video-live. Many still are un-

able to attend church services, so join us. It is best for all to be in church services if possible, but if not, join us each Sunday at 11:00. Our lowest Facebook hit numbers since August 1st is 373 and the highest is 1,271 hits/friends. Also join us at [www.macbma.net](http://www.macbma.net) or [www.moralaction.org](http://www.moralaction.org) of Mississippi.

5. Once again, the Moral Action trustees (18 men and women of Mississippi and U.S.A.) sincerely thank the First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Mississippi, for the beautiful offices. Mrs. Adams and our local workers make this a viable place to glorify our Lord. Thanks F.B.C.!

6. Moral Action needs your financial support, if we are to do a credible effort. Please consider putting us in your budget. God will honor it!

7. Biblical scriptures for

America:

I Timothy 2:1-4: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Esther 4:15-16: "Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, God, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law, and if I perish, I perish."

I Peter 2:17: "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

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## MISSISSIPPI STATE WMA - Treasurer's Report October 30, 2020

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### TOP FIVE CHURCHES IN CONTRIBUTIONS

SKYWAY HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, PEARL	\$ 4,077.00
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LUCEDALE	1,120.00
PARKVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL	1,000.00
EAST AMORY BAPTIST CHURCH, AMORY	1,000.00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CALHOUN, LAUREL	720.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR THE 2019-2020 PROJECT:	
75% REMODELING THE PUBLICATION BUILDING IN THE PHILIPPINES	\$ 9,935.23
25% GENERAL FUND	1,903.23
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$11,838.46</b>

THE PROJECT FOR 2020-2021 WILL REMAIN THE SAME. PLEASE MAIL YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THIS PROJECT TO SHIRLENE SMITH, 730 HIGHWAY 533, LAUREL, MS 39443. GOD BLESS EACH LADY AS YOU SERVE YOUR CHURCH THROUGH WMA IN THE COMING YEAR.

## The Poirier's Missionaries to the French

What a great blessing to serve the Lord in a place where many don't know the Savior!

We have many opportunities to witness and talk about how great our God is. In the last few months we have had to adjust to the new law of restricting the number of people who can attend church in any given service resulting in splitting the services in 2 in order to allow everyone to be able to attend and hear the Word of God. (Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us).

One Sunday morning a man who has been attending for a year, originally from Africa, asked me to become a member of the church, his background was Church of God. We talked in my office and after looking at the proper authority of the local church concerning his baptism, he asked to be baptized. Knowing that he was planning to return to his country to evangelize relatives and friends for a 3 week stay, I told him when he returned from his trip I would baptize him. Knowing he was flying out the following Tuesday, he told me he wanted to be obedient to the Word like the Ethiopian Eunuch did! So I the next morning he was at my place 8:00 a.m. (the water tempera-



The Poirier's

ture was 26 degrees Fahrenheit). We had some of the church people assembled at the side of the river witnessing the baptism. How refreshing it was to all of us to see immediate desire to be obedient.

We often have new visitors attend our services, African, Haitian, Spanish, Portuguese, and for sure, French Canadian. It makes our meetings very interesting. People love fellowship, but in these times of restriction we miss being able to just "hang out and talk". We thank the Lord for the people He gives us here in Lévis Quebec.

We are glad to have a part in preaching the Word of God and see conversions to Christ through our overseas ministries. In Cameroon our church receives refugees from the northern part of Africa, who have fled their area for their lives, to come and rebuild their lives. Most of them are women and children with only the clothes on their back. We are able to help them financially by sending them love offerings. We hope to return in 2021 to give encouragement and teaching. For now we teach via Skype and

Facebook.

For Haiti our churches are doing well from a spiritual point of view. The Church in Ségur celebrated their 7th anniversary having a total of 600 people who received a hot meal and the gospel. Glory to God for the generosity of his people. Life in Haiti is not easy, street gangs are everywhere ready to steal, loot, and kill to get what their neighbor has. One man was driving



Poverty conditions are great in Haiti

our truck one day and two gangsters tried to steal the pick-up by trying to stop him and started shooting at the truck. The truck was shot through, the windows all smashed, door, fender, mirror all damaged on the driver's side. But by the grace of God, no one was hit by the projectiles.

With God's truck comes God's protection. Pray for our work in Haiti they need our help and most of all The Lord's intervention.

Pray for the Poirier's  
Jer 33:3  
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# Before the Holidays Hit, *Read This*

from LifeWord  
by Katy McCown

Oh boy, they're already showing Christmas commercials.

I love this time of year, I do. But somewhere along with the joy and peace and love, stress creeps in, too. I get a little more tense and my growing list of extra things to accomplish feeds

Her blood boiled a little hotter then finally, "That's it!" she silently screamed.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, 'Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand.'" Luke 10:40

Whoa! Crazy lady alert.

Can you see her standing in

consumed by the reality that man faced. After a few minutes Luke opened his heart to say,

"We need to do a Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. God keeps bringing it up."

So that's exactly what we did. We invited some players and some homeless people and in a little kitchen in the heart of the city, we shared a meal.

The food eventually showed up. No one seemed to notice it was late. It's as if everyone forgot their empty stomachs, because their souls were so full.

that stress in an attempt to create a great big ball of it.

What I intend to bring fellowship brings frustration instead. What begins with a smile ends with a scowl, and I wonder why we even try. But what if things could be different?

As preparations pile up in my lap, I can't help but think about some feast preps made famous by Jesus.

One feast that two women treated completely different.

One woman loved. The other labored. And in the process these sisters showed us a better way to celebrate.

Gospel-writer Luke recorded the exchange: Martha invited Jesus into her home then went to work. But her labor peeled her away from his presence. Mary, consumed by her Savior, chose to sit at Jesus' feet.

Labor cumbered Martha. Love consumed Mary.

I can't blame Martha. I imagine her chopping away in the kitchen thinking, "If I don't do this, who will? Somebody has to do it!" Her chops grew harder.

the doorway, hand on hip, jaw clenched, tapping her foot? In this story it's easy to spot the girl gone wild and her major misstep. Hello! Jesus is in your living room! And you're complaining about what? Sit down and hush up already!

Then there's Mary who, "sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what He said" (Luke 10:39b).

Martha stands for chaos, frustration, fatigue. Mary points to a calm, peaceful, purposeful presence. I want to be Mary, but when there's much to be done it's hard

to choose love over labor. The key word there is choose.

Love, often mistaken for a feeling, is actually a choice.

As my husband and I drove into the city one night we spotted a homeless man on the corner. It's not that uncommon of a sight in the New Orleans area, but this night we both sat silent

But before all that happiness happened, well . . .

I hustled to the store for some last minute decorations. Given my design disability, this proved quite stressful. I sought desperately for things that matched – or didn't match – because that's the style now, right? I don't know.

I picked wreaths and table-



cloths and candles and threw them in the back of the car. Back at home I ordered folks around and sent Luke out the door for the food. All the food. Casseroles, potatoes and pies. Hot and ready to serve.

Except they weren't ready.

Someone forgot to unfreeze them. So while most of the meal

## Editorial Oops!!

In our last issue we ran an announcement about Bro. Corbey Jones coming on board as an assistant to learn the workings of the Publications Department. Bro. Jones is chairman of the Publications Committee and will be learning all the inner workings of this department.

In that article, while introducing his family, I referred to his wife as the "former Mrs. Cindy Jones". That was in error and made it seem that Cindy was no longer around. My big mistake. I should have said the 'former Cindy Smith'. Cindy is the daughter of Bro. Arthur and Mrs. Shirlene Smith. Bro. Arthur passed away a few years ago. Mrs. Shirlene is still active in her church and the state and national WMA.

We are sorry for our poor choice of words in the first article. As a side note, Bro. Arthur was our pastor for a short time in the 1970s. He was the missionary pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi when we joined.



Cindy & Corbey Jones

cooked across town we unloaded the little we had as our guests began to arrive.

Oh my goodness! My heart screamed. How can we invite homeless men and women to a Thanksgiving food and have no food to serve them?

I paced and sweated and called to check on the food. A fake smile stretched across my face while something much less nice stretched across my soul. But in the midst of the mess something beautiful unfolded on the other side of the kitchen.

With time to spare people introduced themselves. They pulled up chairs and stretched their legs. They took off their coats and got comfortable. Famous men sat down with forgotten ones and talked. Laughed. Loved.

The choice to love helped us

escape the chaos.

The choice to love made the moment easier to manage.

The food eventually showed up. No one seemed to notice it was late. It's as if everyone forgot their empty stomachs, because their souls were so full.

The Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her.'" Luke 10:41-42

Love flows from a heart connected to Jesus. A heart that takes time to sit still with him. Listening to him. Absorbing him.

As the Thanksgiving meal approaches, carrying the holiday rush right behind it, let's stop for a minute to whisper a prayer:

Dear Jesus, may my chore never become greater than your choice to love me first, so that I may love. (1 John 4:19)

## Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

"THE WORDS OF NEHEMIAH SON OF HACALIAH:"

Nehemiah 1.3 "Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. "

It is true that our own land is in great distress because the walls and gates of Godliness have been broken down and burned. Great trouble and disgrace is upon our people because of the removal of God's blessings on our land. The enemies of morality, decency, and rectitude have overrun our populace! Like Nehemiah, we must be in prayer that God will lend an attentive ear as we confess our sins and return to His ways.

Yes, Dear Reader, it is not only that we ourselves have

sinned, it is also our fathers and mothers who have joined with us. We have acted corruptly by not keeping His commands, statues, and ordinances we have revealed in the Scriptures. So let us ask the God of Heaven to give ear to our prayer for we desire to revere His Name.

Lord, grant us compassion so that You will restore our land. Please rebuild the wall and restore the gates so we will honor Your Name in our land. Will-



Tony Cleaver

iam P. Mackay composed these appropriate words: "Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again."

Nehemiah 13.24 "And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people."

What do you get when you have a marriage made in Ashdod? In Nehemiah's day you got children who could not speak their native language. Ashdod was a city of pagans who despised the Lord. What happens in the 21st Century when a believer marries a non-believer? The result is a marriage made in Ashdod. Ashdod today is any

neighborhood where pagans live - they are nice people, pay their taxes, and provide for their families - nevertheless they are pagan.

Children are compromised, unable to speak of God, the things of God, and are not in the way of receiving blessings from God. The Christian Church has many who have Ashdod marriages. One party is a Christian, but chooses to marry someone from Ashdod. Oh yes, it might be she is pretty and it might be he is handsome. But if one is from Ashdod, consider the choice in its consequence: children born of this union will not be able to "speak the language" of Christianity much less be a part of His Grace.

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## Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



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