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## 2013 Annual Meeting Held At Southeastern College



President Ken Riley opening the 2013 BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting

**D**esiring The Glory Of God was the theme for the 2013 Annual Session of the BMA of Mississippi was held on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel on October 22 & 23. Messengers from around the state assembled to hear reports and plans for the associated work.

The Association was called to order on Tuesday Afternoon by President Ken Riley. Reports were given by each department and commission (with the exception of the Commission on History & Archives). The reports of each of these entities will be printed for our readers. Many of those are included in this issue. Others will be available for the November 15 issue.

The WMA and Brotherhood met on Tuesday morning. The Pastor's & Layman's Conference followed the Brotherhood



David Watkins brought the message for the Pastor's & Layman's Conference

meeting and was a great blessing. Bro. David Watkins, field representative for the BMA of America, was the speaker.

Each of the department heads from the Baptist Missionary Association of America were present for this year's meeting. They were available to the messengers and shared their individual work with messengers on a personal basis. Their attendance was greatly appreciated.

Each BMA of Mississippi church planters was able to share the work on their field at various times during the meeting.

The annual message was brought by Bro. Dewitt Bain, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive. He spoke from Psalm 118:8 on Desiring The Lord's Glory and Not This World's.

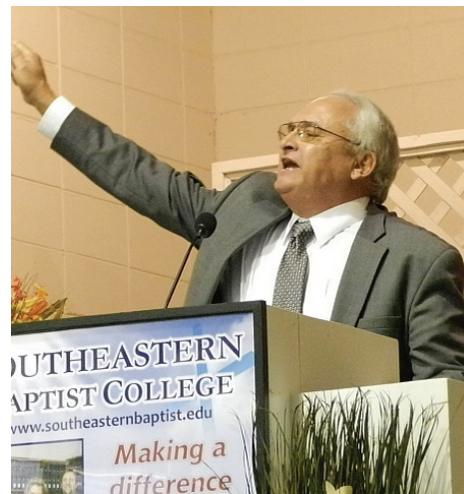
Heart Deep, a Gospel Music group consisting of Charles Lee, his family and Bryson Haden, brought

special music for the evening service.

### Southeastern College

One of the major areas of attention at this year's meeting was Southeastern Baptist College. The trustees did not have a candidate to present for the office of president, but it should be pointed out that they are diligently working toward this goal and have individuals with whom they are speaking.

At the May 2013 midyear meeting the College Trustee Board asked the Revolving Loan Fund to do an assessment of the college. This report was finished during the Summer of 2013. The report was not read during this



Bro. Dewitt Bain bringing annual message

year's annual meeting, but has been made available by College Trustee President Matt Hudson. During the college report Hudson said he would send a copy to those interested if they would contact him personally.

The report lists a number of areas of concern that are being addressed. During the college report Hudson stressed the need for growth in student enrollment and for a solid financial supporting base.

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## Adams to Pray at U.S. House of Representatives

Cadley Burns, Outreach Coordinator for U.S. Congressman Alan Nunnelee of Mississippi, announces the nomination of Dr. John M. Adams by Congressman Nunnelee to be the Guest Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives. This event is to take place the week of November 18th – 21st. Dr. Adams will lead the U.S. House in prayer on Tuesday, November 19th 12:00 noon E.T. (11:00 Central). This event will be covered by C-Span.

Dr. Adams is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Mantachie, Mississippi, since 2000. He also serves as Executive Director of Moral Action



Dr. & Mrs. Adams

of the Baptist Missionary Association of America, 1400 Baptist churches throughout America. He is married to his wife Darla Fuller and has two grown children and one granddaughter. The Adams are natives of Yazoo County, Mississippi. He has pastored churches in Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi.



Larry Geraldson  
Director



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## Annual Report to BMA of Mississippi

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.* Jeremiah 33:3

Truly God has shown Himself faithful to this promise made to Jeremiah and to all of his people. We have prayed and God has blessed. We are so grateful for His blessings.

BMA of Mississippi churches are directly supporting 11 men through the State Missions Department and 8 men indirectly through our coordinators. We have 16 active works that we are presently involved in. We have 4 new projects developing. We added one new church to the list of churches committed to reproduce, bringing the total to 13 churches waiting to become mother churches. Our missionaries reported 4973 contacts made in 2013 and 3425 times they shared the gospel. Over 447 people trusted Christ and 52 of them were baptized and 30 joined by letter. Average weekly attendance at all of our mission works, as of the end of August, was 569 as compared to 391 the year before.

Giving in 2013 has been outstanding. Some churches that had suspended their giving in the past have begun to give to State Missions again. Many of our churches have increased their giving to State Missions and we pray others will do the same. We have worked hard to improve efficiency so that now .82 of every dollar given to State Missions goes directly to the missionaries this is a 300% improvement in efficiency. Our goal is to reduce overhead cost to .10 per dollar given. Our 2013 annual audit is complete and we ended the year in the black.

I am so thankful for our local associations. Our partnerships are critical to the ongoing work of missions throughout the State. There are 13 local associations of BMA churches across the State of Mississippi and all but one of these associations is actively involved in some support of our missionaries through the State Missions Department. Praise the Lord!

BMA of Mississippi people and churches directly support, through the

Revolving Loan Fund, our missionaries and churches with loans to purchase property and build facilities. In addition to the number of loans made to churches, we witnessed the purchase of property and the completion of 2 mission project buildings. The outpouring of support both in volunteer labor, to help with construction, and the response to our campaign to reduce indebtedness on these mission projects, is nothing short of amazing. You helped mitigate costs and reduce debt to these mission congregations. After receiving over \$42,500.00 in matching funds in addition to the countless number of volunteer man hours of labor, South Forrest Baptist Mission is debt free and Caledonia Baptist Mission's indebtedness has been reduced by \$70,000.00. Another new mission project building was begun this year at Burnsville, MS for Freedom Baptist Mission. Progress is good!

We continue to promote professional development for our missionaries by providing practical training, through our relationship with the BMAA Seminary, which can be used to advance their education. President Charley Holmes continues to take a personal role in teaching our missionaries. While seminary education is not a prerequisite to becoming a missionary, those who have labored to acquire an advanced degree should be commended.

Discretion prevents me from routinely reporting on the burdens associated with praying for and caring for our churches. Nor do I now wish to expound on the details of our involvement. But suffice it to say that we grieved with the folks of Creston Hills as they disbanded and turned their property over to the Revolving Loan Fund. We have been successful in finding a Baptist group to use the facility and for this we are thankful. God blessed us to navigate cautiously through challenges that could have resulted in the closure of three other churches but by His grace, we have been able to help those churches pull back from the brink and all of them now report progress.

This year we experienced changes in our office. However, even with the challenges of personnel changes, we

were able to achieve needed internal reorganization and improved operational and administrative efficiency. This has resulted in higher quality service at a reduced cost. Sister Brandy Riley and Sister Kim Parker are to be commended for their willingness to embrace change and greater responsibility by cross training and adopting new methodologies. With the historical walls of division removed, we have been successful in improving efficiency by lowering the cost of supporting missions and operating the Revolving Loan Fund.

In addition to these things, I have tried to be faithful to preach the gospel and be an encouragement to our people. I want to express my appreciation to all the churches that have extended opportunities to me to preach. I remain available to visit any of our churches and share about the work of the BMA as a whole, the work of Missions and Revolving Loan Fund or simply preach the Word.

I want to express my appreciation to the Missionary Committee, led by Bro. Dennis Knight and our Revolving Loan Fund Trustees, led by Bro. Kenneth Lott, for all the time and attention that they give to our work. Special thanks to Bro. John Miller and Bro. Harold Floyd who are departing the Missionary Committee and to Bro. Sam Oglesby who is leaving as a Revolving Loan Fund Trustee. We appreciate your service.

Ultimately, our work is the work of the Churches of the BMA of Mississippi...you have caught the vision...you have seen the possibilities...you have embraced the future...you have welcomed the challenge...you have graciously stepped forward onto this, "Journey of Faith."

### Revolving Loan Fund

A full report of the Revolving Loan Fund will be presented by Bro. Lavell Lee, Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
Larry Geraldson  
Director of Missions and RLF  
Baptist Missionary Association  
of Mississippi

## 2013 Revolving Loan Fund Annual Report

*"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."* 1Co 3:7

This passage of scripture reminds us that at all times God gives the increase. I give God the glory and praise as He continues to bless His Revolving Loan Fund ministry, which is a vital part of the Missions Department ministries.

It continues to be my privilege to serve as manager of the RLF and I am thankful for this.

I want to thank the churches that send contributions for the general expense of the RLF and I also thank those that continue to invest shares with us as well as the churches that come to us for your loan needs.

This fiscal year brought about substantial growth in share and loan accounts which has resulted in our ability to reduce variable loan rates to our Baptist Missionary Association of Mis-

issippi Churches. We are also continuing to pay 2.67% to share accounts and charge 4.25% on BMA of MS variable rate loans.

Our annual audit by Horne, LLP is complete and they made their report to our RLF Trustees October 11, 2013. They found the RLF function and condition satisfactory. Their report is a part of our information material.

Some audited financial statistics for your RLF as of July 31, 2013 are as follows: Gross Assets are \$17,390,846.00, an increase of \$2,077,696.00 or 13.6% over 2012. Net unrestricted assets are \$3,161,393.00, an increase of \$189,253.00 or 6.4% over 2012. Investor accounts stand at \$13,954,378.00, an increase of \$1,762,211.00 or 14.5% over 2012. Loan receivables, net of allowance for loss stand at \$12,344,018.00, an increase

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# DiscipleGuide

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Scott Attebery

## We Hate Answering Machines Too

Recently I tried to call my local bank. For about ten minutes I was routed and re-routed to menu after menu of automated voices. I don't know about you, but if I wanted to talk to a machine, I would just stand in front of my microwave and start a conversation!

Seriously, nobody wants to talk to a machine or navigate through confusing menus. That's why it pained me to hear that many of you had to talk to our answering machine at DiscipleGuide last quarter during ordering time.

If you had trouble connecting with our customer service department last quarter, please accept our apology. We were experiencing some technical difficulties due to new technology.

We want you to know that you are important to us. So, we are adding new personnel to help assist you when you call. Our goal is for you to spend less time listening to our answering machine and more time talking to a real person. Your time is valuable—and we don't want to keep you from the more important things in life.

Again, we apologize for the difficulties you may have experienced last quarter. Our goal is to serve you better—and that shouldn't require you to "press nine for more options."

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SOAR:lit is a downloadable curriculum for junior high and high school students. Lessons are delivered in PDF format for churches to print, copy, email and/or hand out in a way that best suits the needs of each group. Lessons can even be viewed on tablet devices.

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To get started, simply purchase your annual subscription based upon the number of students you have now. If the size of your group increases during the year, just make more copies! There is no penalty for growing.

The winter quarter of SOAR:lit will include improvements such as additional leader's resources and commentary. Plus, each student lesson will contain more content this quarter.

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### The quick order form is back

Your time is valuable. That's why ordering literature for your church should be easy. Our goal in revamping the DiscipleGuide website over the past few months was to make ordering curriculum and registering for camps and conferences easier.

Unfortunately, the redevelopment of the website took longer than expected. As a result, all of the revamped features of the web store were not yet implemented during the ordering period for the fall quarter—including the quick

order form.

Thank you for being patient during our website overhaul. Like an inconvenient detour on a highway construction zone, sometimes progress causes unintended delays. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused our churches. Hopefully, all of the inconvenience of remodeling is finished and our churches can now begin to enjoy the new, improved site.

We are excited to announce that the DiscipleGuide web store redesign is now complete with user-friendly features such as the quick order form. The quick order form displays every literature product for the quarter on one page so that the user can scroll through items and input the number of items needed per product. No more searching through page after page of products to find what you are looking for. Everything is in one easy-to-use form.

Please let us know if you need help navigating the new website. We think it is going to be quick, easy, and better than ever, but we also want to be available to serve you should you ever need us. Thank you once again for your patience and continued support.

## 2013 Revolving Loan Fund Annual Report

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of \$2,048,880.00, or 19.9% over 2012. Also, during this fiscal year we made 12 new loans totaling \$3,055,948.00.

Our Available for use cash at August 31, 2013 was \$1,028,477.00 which is encouraging. This represents 5.9% of our gross assets and 7.2% of our investor accounts. Both of these percentages represent a good cash position. Our Reserve funds at August 31, 2013 stand at \$2,193,700.00, an increase of \$264,889.00, or 13.7% over 2012. These reserve funds consist of a strong portfolio with Hancock Bank Investment Department along with good interest bearing CD's with Hancock Bank and Jones County Bank. These reserve funds represent 15.4% of investor accounts. Our cash position together with our reserve position total \$3,221,177.00 which equals 22.7% of our investor accounts. All of these figures represent a strong RLF financial position for which we give God all the glory and praise. At the time of writing this report, actions have been initiated to further increase our reserve margin. Yes, God has

given the increase and we are thankful.

I am thankful for the continued good leadership of Bro. Larry Geraldson. We continue to be blessed with the service of Sis. Brandy Riley as office manager and RLF accountant along with Sis. Kimberly Parker who is our missions accountant.

I continue to appreciate our RLF Trustees as they exercise wise oversight and decision making. I want to express particular appreciation to Bro. Sam Oglesby for his faithful service since his term as RLF Trustee has expired.

On a very personal note, most everyone knows that I am under treatment for cancer. I do thank each one for your prayers and for the many words of encouragement. I am grateful to be under the medical care of Christian physicians and nurses. I am grateful for the loving care of Myria, my dear wife of over 55 years. I am also thankful for praying children and grandchildren and for the prayerful support of my Mill Creek Baptist Church family. I am encouraged to have the prayerful support of our office

staff and the encouragement and prayers of the BMA of MS. I am glad to be among God's people. Most of all, I look to Him for ultimate healing through Whose stripes I am healed. There will come a great time when we will be made new forever and there will be no sickness, death, sorrow or parting for all these things will be left behind when we live with God forever. But for now, we live in the here and now with all the frailties of this life. So, let us be faithful to love and serve Jesus Christ who loves us and has washed us from our sins in His own blood. Let us love one another and edify each other rather than tearing each other down. We are strangers and pilgrims here among this worldly system but there is coming a better day for God's children.

Let us know if you have loan needs of if you would like to open a share account with the RLF. Pray for us.

Thank you and God bless you. Respectively submitted, Dossan L. Lee, RLF Manager

## AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

### Dwight Lindsey

The Lindsey family is grateful for the Lord's supply of Stephen and Jenny Bennett to lead Bethel Baptist Church of Fulton, Mississippi, forward in Music and Education. After serving multiple years as in-



Dwight Lindsey & family

terim this progress now allows Dwight, Lindsay, Reid, and Phillip to be available for service as the Lord leads. To contact Dwight call 662-397-6832 or email [dwrightlindsey@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightlindsey@gmail.com)

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**Giving God The Glory  
Editor's Report to  
2013 BMA of Mississippi**

Revelation 21:21-23 speaks about Heaven and all its majesty. It presents to us a place that we are eagerly anticipating. Verse 23 shares the fact that this eternal place is lightened by "the glory of God". God's glory is shown to us daily in both this world and in the lives of His believers. I am thankful that as God's children we can know the 'glory of God'.

Some other things that I am thankful for are listed here:

God's continued blessings on the work of Publications.

142 churches who share the Mississippi Baptist with their membership.

The 40 churches who are not currently on the family plan, but who are potential ministry fields.

The 66 churches and individuals who gave \$14,778.35 to this department in 2012-13 as donations.

The 66 individuals, churches, and

auxiliaries that gave \$5,8090.88 to our Special Emphasis effort this past January.

The numerous individuals who subscribe to the Mississippi Baptist on their own.

**People**

I am thankful for some important people: Tony Cleaver, Chuck Lee, Barbara White, Travis Plumlee, Thomas Tapp and Gary Thomas. These people write and donate their time and talents to this ministry.

We are thankful for the churches, local associations and auxiliaries who continue to report on their activities. We are very thankful for those who take the time and effort to send in digital photographs of their activities.

We are thankful for the other BMA departments and the three commissions who continually keep our readers informed about their work.

Of course we are thankful for those loyal and faithful readers who look forward to hearing about the work of the Lord through the Baptist Missionary Association of America and Mis-



Don Brown  
Editor

issippi.

**Needs**

We need 40 more churches to join the Family Plan and provide the Mississippi Baptist to each of their church families. The cost is still only \$1.30 per month per family. This is ministry money that is well spent.

We need more of our subscribing church to add this work to their regular monthly support. The cost for each subscriber for the church is \$1.30 per month. OUR cost for production is \$1.77 per subscriber per month. The more subscribers we have the lower the cost per subscriber. Most of our expenses are set and increasing the number of subscribers we mail to will only slightly raise our expenses.

**Wants**

Content is vital to the success of any publication. We seek out contributors continuously to provide good content for our readers. We encourage pastors and others to submit short devotionals, commentaries and thoughts for publication. We can not guarantee all will be published, but we do encourage submissions.

**Blessings**

God continues to bless this ministry and has provided for its continuation for the past 35 years. We thank Him for that.

Time is shorter today than it was yesterday and last year at this time. We cannot slow down. We cannot get discouraged. We cannot get distracted by small disagreements. Our foe is on the outside and not across the aisle.

May God grant us the wisdom to know His will, the desire to do His will and victory in following His will.

**Letters From  
Our Readers**

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

**Speaker Extends Appreciation**

Brother Don,

Thanks to you and the program committee for inviting me to preach at the Pastors and Laymen's conference. I appreciated the opportunity, and enjoyed visiting with the preachers and friends who attended the BMA of Mississippi. I really appreciated the nice love offering too. God bless you. Thanks again!

Bro. David Watkins

P.S. If anyone asks, I would be glad to represent the departments and agencies of the BMA of America in any of the churches in Mississippi.

**Editor's Note:** Bro. Watkins currently represents all departments of the BMA of America and may be reached at 870-234-4292 or 870-904-3800.



**Editor's Disclaimer** - Being a "grandpa" myself I am not offended by this cartoon and our intent is only to entertain and amuse.

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John Adams

**“Desiring the Glory of God Through Morality”**  
Annual Report 2013  
Dr. John M. Adams  
Executive Director

In Exodus 33:18, the theme text is “Show Me The Glory.” Moses felt, perhaps, as if he had not yet fully beheld the glory of God. He longed for that great, awe-inspiring blessing of a full beatific vision. Moses craved for a close communion with his Lord.

Born-again believers know that no one can truly know God and walk with Him without diligently attempting to live a life of good morals. The guilty conscience cannot bear the near presence of the Most High God. Sinners shrink from the keen inspection of the all-seeing eye. But, the true follower will want a life of righteousness.

### Moral Action of Mississippi Schedule and Highlights

2006-07	Religious Freedom
2007-08	Gambling
2008-09	Abortion and Pro Life
2009-10	Homosexuality and Gay Rights
2010-11	Muslims and Sharia Law
2011-12	Value Voting
2012-13	Political Involvement
2013-14	Separation of Church and State

The highlighted theme for our 2013-2014 Associational year will be teachings on “Separation of Church and State.” I will be presenting these thoughts during speaking engagements and writings.

The liberal media and educators wish to silence the Christian churches, pastors, and workers with the threat of

“separation.” “Not so” cries out God’s Word and our United States Constitution.

Please pray for Moral Action of Mississippi that we have clarity and protection. We have an awesome and challenging work before us.

### Moral Action Service

During the October 2012-September, 2013 Association year, your Director has traveled to the Mississippi State Capitol for seven visits. I’ve had the distinct privilege to meet with Governor Phil Bryant and Secretary of State Delbert Hoseman. I presented to Mr. Hoseman the book “Personal Faith and Public Policy” by Tony Perkins. I have spent time working with Mr. Cadley Burns, Coordinator for Mississippi 1st District U.S. Congressman, Alan Nunnelee.

Our own BMA Deacon and State House of Representative for District 19, Randy Boyd has been so inspirational. He has worked on the traditional marriage legislation and the amendment to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in MS.

### Moral Action Success

I have enjoyed the “God and

Country Rallies.” We have held two already in the South Mississippi areas. Our next Mississippi Rally will be in the Hattiesburg area, November 14, 2013. I have held five rallies outside the state and have two others scheduled in the future.

### Moral Action Promotional Video

Our new video which is used as a promotional tool, has made our work more visible. Some videos are still available if desired. Feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Adams and I have had the opportunity to visit with Mississippi United States Senator Roger Wicker, and Mississippi 3rd District Representative Greg Harper. Our focus has been saving the two words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

### Moral Action Selection

In November, 2013 the Moral Action Ministries and Director has been selected to represent the BMA of MS and America in Washington, D.C. I will serve as Guest Chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives November 18-21 with House Chaplain Rev. Patrick Conroy. I will lead in prayer before the U.S. House as an honored guest of United States Congressman Alan Nunnelee. Praise the Lord!!!

### Moral Action of Mississippi Support

We wish to thank each church, association, and organizations for your continued financial gifts. We also need your prayers. Your faithfulness to stand with this State agency has been the strength upon which we have drawn from this past year.

Surely, we Christians still tremble at the mighty hand of God. Isaiah stated in Isaiah 13:9, “Behold the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay

the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” Then in verse 11: “and I will punish the world for their evil...”

Things to pray for and to act upon:

1. Pray for this ministry
2. Promote Moral Action in your church and Association
3. Support financially
4. Share your needs, ideas, concerns
5. Pray for the National Moral Action

### Moral Action Contacts

We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding this ministry. We are dedicated to spreading the message of morality through God’s word. Please feel free to contact us at: Telephone (662) 231-3863 Email fbcjdmaj@yahoo.com Website w

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Thank you and God bless each of you.

Dr. John M. Adams

## Annual Meeting Report

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On Wednesday, a motion was made to open further discussion concerning the college. The rules were asked to be suspended for this matter to be discussed. The messengers agreed to suspend the rules.

After a discussion of the importance of Southeastern College to the BMA of Mississippi and the current problems the school faces, Don Brown, a trustee of the BMA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas, made a motion that the three trustees of the BMA Seminary who are from Mississippi and the Executive Committee of the SBC Trustees form a committee to “evaluate the possibility and feasibility of establishing a satellite or extension campus of the Seminary in the facilities of Southeastern Baptist College.”

He pointed out that this would depend on the administration and trustees of the Seminary being open to such discussions.

The motion was met with two amendments. First, Larry Geraldson, director of the Revolving Loan Fund, presented

an amendment to include the Executive Committee of the RLF on this committee. This passed with no objection.

The second amendment was presented by Dr. John Adams to include the entire SBC Board of Trustees. He stated that the Trustees were the governing board of the college and all of them should be included. This also passed.

The amended motion passed with overwhelming majority support, but with some opposition.

The motion as passed is located on page 5 of this issue.

### Committee Activity

The committee elected to investigate a joint effort with BMA Seminary has already begun work and will hold its first meeting soon.

### Individual Reports

As stated earlier in this report the reports of the various departments are printed in this issue. Our readers are encouraged to read each of them carefully and thank the Lord for His blessings on our work this past year.

## Meeting Statistics

### Representation

70 churches by messenger  
45 churches by letter only  
156 messengers registered  
32 visitors registered  
Minute Fund \$6,695.00  
Program Fund \$1,998.00  
No Petitionary Letters

### Officers

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### 2014 Annual Meeting

Southeastern College  
Brian Atwood,  
Annual Message  
Bob Conrad, Alternate

### 2014 Midyear Meeting

Lebanon Church, Laurel  
Donnie Loan,  
Midyear Message  
Elvis Garcia, Alternate

## CONSIDER THIS

**Happiness** is like a thermometer,  
it registers conditions.

**Joy** is like a thermostat,  
it controls them.

## Motion Passed Concerning Southeastern Baptist College

The motion as amended that the three members of the BMA Seminary trustee board from Mississippi, the Southeastern Baptist College board of trustees, and the Executive Board of the Revolving Loan Fund trustees serve as a committee to investigate the possibility of a joint effort between Southeastern Baptist College and the BMA Seminary carries with opposition noted.

# Mississippi W.M.A.

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## State WMA Annual Meeting Report

by Jessica Haden, WMA President

The Mississippi State WMA met at 9:00am on Oct. 22, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel, MS. The meeting was opened in song and prayer. A devotion was given by Mrs. Celia Broom from Matt. 28:18-20. Mrs. Broom encouraged us to remember the Great Commission. Our main focus is to spread the gospel.

Mrs. Marilyn Welborn introduced our speaker, Mrs. Jean Knight. Mrs. Knight spoke with us about her trip to the Ukraine this past summer, which was sponsored by the WMA. Mrs. Knight used a slide show presentation to help tell about their experiences and ministry in the Ukraine. The theme for this trip was Live, Love, Laugh. Mrs. Jean said they definitely did these there! They had the opportunity to work with girls at a camp, visit an orphanage for handicapped children, and help at a gypsy village. May the Lord continue to bless these ladies and their efforts in reaching others for Jesus.

We had the privilege to hear from Mrs. Sarah Hamilton from the BMA Missionary Care Ministry about her work with the Asia/Pacific Women's Conference. Please pray for this ministry as they not only minister to the women at this conference, but also the work they do for the missionary wives and their families. Mrs. Barbara White presented Mrs. Donna Lawrence with a bouquet of pink roses in appreciation for her faithful years of service to the WMA. Please continue to remember Mrs. Donna in your prayers, that the Lord will give her healing.

The floor was declared open for business. We had 54 messengers, 23 churches, and 1 mission present. Mrs. Frieda McNeese read our minutes and recommendations. A treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Shirlene Smith. The money raised for our 2012-2013 project was \$5,932.11. Our 2013-2014 project will be the Ladies Fellowship Ministry in Ghana, Africa. This is a ministry of Bro. Dale and Mrs. Celia Broom our national missionaries in Ghana, Africa.

The 2013 - 2014 officers were elected as follows: President Jessica Haden, 1st Vice President Linda Smith, 2nd Vice President Marilyn Welborn, 3rd Vice President Blinda Lee, Corresponding Secretary Shirlene Smith, Assistant Barbara White, Recording Secretary Freida

McNeese, Assistant Jeanelle Burkes, Historian Bonnie Brown, Editor Helen Pitts, Song Director Dawn Burns, Pianist Anita Akers, Director of Youth Auxiliaries Beth Caldwell, GMA/YLA Promoter Becky Farmer, Sunbeam Promoter Linda Dertinger, Project Promoters Lynn McCoy and Dianne Rainey, Retreat Coordinators Sharon Lindsey and Chris Smith, Advisory Council - Bro. Bryson Haden, Bro. Don Brown, and Bro. Roger Akers.

Installation of officers was done by Marilyn Welborn using the theme 'The Amazing Race', Heb. 12:1. Mrs. Marilyn encouraged us to be faithful in running our race for God. To ask others to join in, to be prepared, to dress appropriately putting on the armor of God, to run with patience, to follow the course God puts you on, to not get sidetracked with the things of the world, and to finish well. Mrs. Shirlene led our installation prayer.

After hearing prayer requests our meeting was dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Barbara White. Please pray for your state WMA, that we will be effective in reaching the lost, and bring others closer to Jesus. That we may finish our race well.



Jessica Haden giving WMA report

## As I See It

by Rayburn Freeman - rsfree39@gmail.com

### Jesus Said, I Will Build My Church

Matthew 16:13-18, "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The subject of the New Tes-

tament church is a very interesting one. Matthew 16:13-20 is a good launching pad for productive insights into her beginning/origin and foundation. In this passage three questions are to be answered. 1 - Who is Christ Personally? 2 - Who is Christ Descriptively? and 3 - Who is the New Testament Church built upon?

Verse 13 sets the direction of study in this passage of scripture when Jesus asked his disciples, "Whom do men say that I the son of man am?" It is clear that Christ is the subject and remains to be so in this passage of scripture. Therefore, throughout this passage all eyes and minds are upon Christ who is the subject and not Peter. Who is Christ? Verse 14 reveals there were different views. In verse 15 Jesus refines the question for a more pointed and clarifying answer



Bro. Ray Freeman

### Big Creek District WMA News

The Big Creek District WMA has changed its quarterly meeting times. The meetings are currently scheduled for first Monday for each quarterly meeting. These are as follows: August - First Monday in the month (our annual meeting) November - First Monday in the month February - First Monday in the month May - First Monday in the month

Please note these date changes and share this your local WMAs.

Bonnie Brown, President  
Big Creek District WMA

### Hobolochitto District WMA Report

The Hobolochitto District WMA met October 26 at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Picayune, with six churches represented. We opened with a song and prayer by Nicole and Beverly, with Claudette at the piano. Devotional was brought by Judy Henderson. Reports were given. The president read a "Thanksgiving" poem from an old "Focus" magazine.

Bro. Scott Downs brought the message taken from Revelation 8. Prayer requests were given Benville Church received the attendance banner.

All enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by host church ladies. Jean Overton, Reporter

by asking his disciples, "... But whom say ye that I am?"

### Question one - Who is Christ Personally?

In verse 16 Peter emphatically gives the answer, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." In this passage it is established that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God personally and not another. He is also the subject of this passage/conversation and remains to be so throughout its entirety.

### Question two - who is Christ Descriptively?

Paul answers that question in I Corinthians 10:4. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. Christ being the rock is not only found here, our Lord is

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Annual Harmony Association

The annual meeting of the Harmony Association was held Saturday October 12, at Forked Oak in Boonville. Eight (8) churches were represented with 53 present. New officers were elected for the year 2013-2014. The minutes and financial reports were read and approved.

The Association voted to give Southeastern College a gift of \$500.00 and \$300.00 for the minutes. The next annual meeting will be held at Unity with Dr. John Adams bringing the message and Dr. Kevin Clayton as alternate. The Association approved a motion that the new minute book be dedicated to Bro Randal Phifer, a faithful and true friend of the Harmony Association and its work.

A motion was made by the Missionary Committee and approved to reallocate funds, taking 10% of funding received each month from Bro. Elvis Garcia, and adding the 10% to the Moral Action support. Highlights of letter from Dr. Charlie Holmes president of BMA Seminary was read, motion made and approved to accept the letter. Reports were given by Bro. Elvis Garcia, Bro Bobby Elliott, State Missions Director Larry Geraldson, and Bro. Mark Johnson from the Galileans. The annual message was brought by Bro. Larry Geraldson, entitled Food For Thought, from Acts 10: 1-18. After announcements the meeting was adjourned, followed by a time of food and fellowship provided by the host church.

Bro Mike Smith - moderator  
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### GMA State Recording Secretary

Hey girls! This is Brianna Bond, your Recording Secretary. GMA camp this year is going to be on March 14 and 15th! Our theme this year is going to be "In God We Trust". We have made many plans for camp this year! I hope God will bless you for attending. Please be in prayer as we continue to make preparations for this years camp! I hope to see you all there!



## As I See It

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identified as the "Rock" in Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18, 30, 31 and numerous other scriptures. Therefore, Christ remains to be the subject in this conversation, and referred to descriptively in this same passage as the Rock upon whom he would build his church.

### Question three

When Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18), we naturally, and in respect of language, direct our search to the personal activities of Jesus Christ during His personal earthly ministry. He did not say, "I will direct the Holy Spirit or others to build my church, but said, "upon this rock (speaking of himself, the subject) I will build my Church." The words "I will build" do not properly indicate future tense, but as Jesus spoke He used the perfect present tense, which meant from that time until the close of the Church Age he would be continually building his Church.

A very popular concept/doctrine places the origin of the church in Acts chapter 2 on the day of Pentecost, a doctrine of which I cannot find satisfying scriptural support for when using scripture to interpret scripture (reasons given later). There is one unsurmountable problem with that doctrine, Pentecost is too late. The day of Pentecost was the time designated for the Jewish observance in commemoration of the Wave Offering of the first fruits of harvest (Leviticus 23:15-16). The feast was held 50 days after the wave offering. The word Pentecost means fifty. The day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2 follows the 40 days between the resurrection of Christ and His ascension from Mount Olivet (Acts 1:8-11), plus the ten days of the upper room prayer meeting and "tarrying" in obedience to Luke 24:49. It was indeed an appropriate time for all that took place that day in Jerusalem, but too late for the origin of the New Testament Church.

Based upon scripture and the strength of language, the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 2 upon the Church on the day of Pentecost was the Empowering of the Church and certainly not her origin. The great event in the Upper Room was as imperative for the Holy

Spirit to empower the church, as it was for the glory of God to fill the temple, II Chronicles 5:14.

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it," and "apart from me ye can do nothing." But it is wrong to add to scripture (Revelation 22:18). The following facts stand as sentinels asserting the pre-Pentecostal origin of the Lord's New Testament church. She was alive and well before the Acts chapter 2 day of Pentecost.

The following is 16 of several evidences that the New Testament Church existed before the Acts chapter 2 day of Pentecost.

1. A body had been called out. Matthew 4:18-22
2. Apostles had been set in the body. I Corinthians 12:28; Mark 3:14
3. The church ordinances of the Baptism and the Lord's Supper had been set in her.
4. The church was commissioned. Matthew 28:19-20
5. The church had observed both ordinances. John 4:1-2; Matthew 26:26-28
6. Jesus called it "a little flock." Luke 12:32

7. The keys of the kingdom had been given, her authority was already in her hand before Pentecost. Matthew 16:19

8. Officers had been set in the church. Matthew 16:19; 18:18; John 20:23; Mark 3:13-14:1

9. They had a rule of discipline. Matthew 18:15-17

10. They had a church role. Acts 1:15

11. They had an ordained ministry. Mark 3:13-14

12. They had the same gospel and the same baptism before Pentecost that they had after.

13. They already had the promise of Jesus to be with them until the end. Matthew 28:19

14. They had His promise that He was coming back again. John 14:1-4

15. They were a complete functioning organization before Pentecost. (Chose Matthias)

16. They were added to on the day of Pentecost. You cannot add to something that does not exist. Acts 2:41

Therefore the subject being considered in the text was Christ the Son of God, not Peter, and that He personally organized his Church upon himself during his earthly ministry.

## Former Mission Church To Hold 2nd Annual Reunion

Former members of Parkview Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi, will hold their second annual reunion on November 9, 2013. They will meet at Shiloh Baptist Church, 785 Highway 532, Mt. Olive, Mississippi. Bro. Dewitt Bain, pastor of Shiloh Church, is a former member of Parkview Baptist Church. The meal will be 'pot luck'. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dish.

Parkview Baptist Church was a mission project of the BMA of Mississippi. Founding Pastor Arthur Smith began work in the early 1970's on Ladnier Road in Gautier, Mississippi. The church bought property and built the church building and a parsonage. God blessed this young church with growth and a good ministry in the community.

A number of young men surrendered to the ministry and were used by the Lord across the state of Mississippi in service.

All former members and friends are invited to attend this reunion meeting. A "pot luck" lunch will be served. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The first reunion held in 2012 was well attended as former members from around the state, and as far away as Illinois, gathered to enjoy fellowship and remember the blessings of God on this church.

Parkview Church no longer exists as a local church, but her continuing influence is felt through the lives touched by the Lord through this former mission project.



## CHILDREN'S HOME

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### Desiring the Glory of God

This year's theme of the BMA of Mississippi's annual session is, "Desiring the Glory of God." Exodus 33:18 states that the one desire Moses had of the Lord was, "show me thy glory." As he submitted himself to God's will for his life the Lord shared His glory with him and it was evident to others. May we as God's children look into the Word of God and allow it to show us the glory of God so that we may be better equipped to be thankful servants who have separated ourselves from this world to see God work in our very own lives as we surrender ourselves to His leading desiring that the glory of God shine forth.

### Financial Review

The financial review for the past year reveals that offerings and receipts this year fell short of expenditures. Cutbacks were made in salary reduction during the year as well as other areas of day to day operation of the Home to offset

the decline in

revenues. While expenditures were substantially lower this year, receipts were also lower as well. We want to thank you for your continued financial support of this ministry and would like to encourage you to consider increases as the Lord leads you to do so.

### A Ministry To Children

You are having a direct influence on the lives of children through the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home. One of the greatest things we can do for children in the world today is to involve ourselves in seeing that young lives are exposed to the things of the Lord and that they too might desire the glory of God in their lives as well. I'm thankful that the churches of the BMA of Mississippi are engaged in providing children



SIDNEY DAVIS  
DIRECTOR

with a life of stability and structure in a Christian atmosphere that is honoring to God and true to His Word that will endure for a lifetime and for all eternity.

### Special Emphasis 2013

Your help during our Special Emphasis months of October and November are always important to the ongoing operation of the Home. This year is no exception. Last year's emphasis received a good response. We want to thank those who participated and encourage you to once again help in this year's emphasis. Our goal is \$25,000. If this goal is met it will go a long way in helping us in balancing the budget for the coming year.

### Rallies for Home

A number of associations continue to host food and miscellaneous rallies for the Home. Our thanks goes out to each association, church, and individual who participated in these rallies.

### Christmas Sharing

Christmas is just around the corner, so to speak. If you would like to help this year at Christ-

mas time in sharing gifts with the girls and boys you can contact us about your desire to help. We want to express our thanks to those who have shared with the children in past Christmas holiday seasons. Your generosity and thoughtfulness indeed brightens their lives at this special time of the year.

### Staff and Trustees

I would like to express my appreciation to the dedicated staff serving the Lord and you as they fulfill the calling of the Lord in their lives though the ministry of the Home. I would also like to express my gratitude to the board of trustees for their service and dedication in this important ministry of the Lord's work.

### Remember In Prayer

Continue to remember the Home in your daily prayers. May it be our prayer that each of us would have a burning desire to see the glory of God exemplified in our lives and ministries.

Glory to His Name,  
Sidney D. Davis

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

## Southeastern College Annual Report

**This report was prepared and delivered by Matt Hudson, chairman of the board of trustees of SBC.**

I have been asked about the outlook of the college. The outlook of the college is “yes, we really need it and yes, we have to fix it.”

Dr. Gerald Kellar, former president of Southeastern Baptist College, always preached with a three point sermon and closed with a poem. Today I give you my three point report with a story at the end. Keys are very important. 1 - A key to your house is important. 2 - A key to your car is important. 3 - A key to your job is important.

There are three keys to the success of Southeastern Baptist College.

### 1. Students.

Our #1 goal is to increase the number of students at Southeastern. In talking with our auditor I asked, “What is the key to having an audit stating a positive financial operation?” He said we must raise our strategic operational funds and increase financial assets. In order for us to do this we must get more students. We must be recruiting now for the fall semester of next year. I believe we can have 60 to

65 students by next fall. A larger portion of our operating funds come from FAFSA (pell grant) funds. Most of our students who come to Southeastern receive money from the government (pell money). When we have a larger number of full time students we get more assistance from the federal money. Our biggest recruiters are our pastors. I want to thank Bro. Brian Atwood and Campground Baptist Church for bringing two students from their church to enroll at Southeastern College this summer. I met Bro. Atwood during the summer and had the privilege of showing Jeremy Wilkerson and Wesley Martin around campus. These two guys are fun to be around. Thanks Bro. Atwood for your help to this college.

I have also asked Bro. Ronnie Kitchens to attend B.R.A.G., the youth conference sponsored by Berean Baptist Church, Soso. Two years ago, there were about 80 students attending this conference. This is an area where we are lacking in leadership. This is a MUST for the college if we want to be successful.

### 2. Finance

Our audit for the year ending June 30, 2013, was not too favorable. Because of some accounting areas over the past few years, certain things were

not being depreciated. Library books were one of those areas. The cumulative depreciation on our library books hurt us. We took a big loss on a dwelling that was donated to the college years ago. The house is no longer feasible for use, so it has been written off the books. We also encountered some bad debt that was written off. The combination of all these things, with the normal depreciation of our main buildings and property, has brought us to a point of being \$130,000 in the red. We hope that we have made some significant progress in cuts and spending. With some advice from our auditor, we hope our audit for this fiscal year will be better. Thanks to Greg Vaughn and Kevin Walker with Barlow, Walker & Company, PA for all their help in conducting this audit.

Now for the other news concerning finance - Have you considered helping the college to become financially strong in future years? One way to do that is through estate financial planning. I am sorry to say that we do not have anyone on staff, or within our departments, that has any great knowledge in this field. In planning for your final plans and family estate, why not consider the Southeastern College Foundation. The foundation is a place where money is invested and interest is used for college general operational funds. Bro. Larry Welborn, our financial advisor for the foundation, does an outstanding job in investing these monies for your college. At the present time we have approximately \$747,454 invested in the money market and mutual funds. Our return on the investments this past year was \$30,000 from the foundation. The investment amount of the foundation needs to be increased by \$252,546 to help the college with long range finances. This

would give us a \$1,000,000 investment for the future of students at Southeastern College.

Another way to help your college financially is to invest in scholarships. At the present time there are 11 different scholarships totaling approximately \$41,000. These are monies given in honor or memory of a loved one to help students with tuition. The money is invested with the interest being used for the scholarship. Some of the great leaders in our work have been memorialized through scholarships (such as Arnold Knight, Harold Leytham, Jentry Bond) who have given of their time and ability to further the work of the BMA of Mississippi. Other scholarships include: Milton Wright, Marie Rarick, Medrick Savell, and several others. You can give to the existing scholarships or set up one for yourself or someone in your family to help a student in need.

### 3. Beautification

When I started visiting the campus as a trustee, I was heartbroken at the condition of the campus. I know there has been a lack of funds to do some jobs, but it seems that the buildings were not up to par on maintenance. There are jobs that are left unfinished, dorm rooms in need of repair, outside maintenance on the septic system, leaking roof over the stage, etc. I began to make notes of these repairs and called on some friends to help. Bro. Dennis Rankin and the classic builders have graciously agreed to do some work for us on the campus. As students come to the campus we want their first impression to be a great one. The library building and the sign in the front of the school is the focal point of our campus. The rest of the campus needs upgrading to those standards. I know it takes money, but eventually we will get there.

### Moving Forward:

More than 350 years ago, a ship full of travelers sailed to the northeast coast of America. It's been said that the first year they established a town. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year, the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Their question was, “Who needs to go there anyway?” Think about this: Here was a people who stepped out on faith and traveled over 3,000 miles across an entire ocean, but now they were blind to the vision they once had – to move forward. Vision is never satisfied, but is always moving forward.

If we are going to be successful at what we are doing, teaching and training young students for ministry, we must work hard and build new roads to areas of ministry. Pray for us as we make plans for the new year.

## Football, Prayer, Hypocrisy

Fall is a special time of year. The weather cools and the land finds relief from the sweltering days of summer. More importantly, football season begins. Stadiums are filled to capacity, body paint is prevalent, and prayers spike as last minute field goals win games.

In fact, I believe that if it wasn't for football, many people would never pray at all. A devout atheist, (an oxymoron, I know) can often be seen with head bowed or hands lifted up while pleading to a God he at every other moment of his life vehemently denies. Patient wives, who never could understand why men would willingly put on pads and run into each other, often find themselves caught up in the frenzy. “Dear Lord, so I don't have to hear Ray complain for the next year, please let the quarterback person hit a home run, or kick the ball into the basket, or whatever he does!”

Overweight wannabes and skinny nevergonnabes go around boasting how “we” won and what a tough match it was, “I ate a whole bowl of nachos with extra guacamole in the third quarter alone. If it wasn't for that, ‘we’ would have lost!” Men that couldn't make the bench squad strut like a peacock for a week because they have bragging rights over their sad, loser co-workers who couldn't hold their bean dip.

The television camera pans over the front row of beer cup

holding, mohawked, face-painted, revelers as they are all reverently closing their eyes while praying, “God, if you let him make this field goal, I will be in church in the morning!” A timeout is called. “Lord, I will sit on the front pew if you only let us win this game!” A penalty backs their team up five yards. “Lord, I will sing in the choir, just let us have this one, pleeeaaassee!” Many have even gone into the ministry, but that's another story.

In short, football makes liars and hypocrites out of many people. How do I know this? Because I see hundreds of thousands of fans every week praying to God that their team would win. Some of them have to be bargaining with God! I'm just not seeing the front rows of the church filled after a close win.

Which begs the question, why do people desire front row seats at a ball game or a concert, and the front pew of the church often goes untouched? Questions, questions, questions!

### From The Mind of



Chuck Lee