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## Annual Association Set for Southeastern College

by Ken Riley, President - BMA of Mississippi



Ken Riley

October is here and this means we are approaching a time that we all look forward to. The annual meeting of the Baptist Association of Mississippi will be held once again at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. The meeting will be held October 21-22, 2014. Words cannot express the gratitude we have as an Association to the college for inviting us back again. Each year they continue to strive to do whatever they can so that our meetings can be effective and flow smoothly. Pray for the college as they prepare to hold this very important event. We all look forward to this meeting with great anticipation of seeing our friends from across the State and hearing from our departments and how God is working immensely.

Let me encourage you to do all that you can to attend and invite others to this

special event. I believe this can and will be one of our best meetings concerning attendance if we will do our part in encouraging others to come. This year we have made some changes to the schedule and will have some breakout sessions after our

Hebrews 11:7 "By faith Noah.....Prepared an ark to the saving of his house..." Every one of us faces an immense amount of discouragement each day, but we must be determined to do the work of the Lord. When we gather in a few weeks let us come with an attitude of determination - determination to help advance the work that is going on in our State in any way we can and determination to work alongside one another so that we can be most effective in everything we do.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you and ask that you continue to pray that we may experience the best meeting ever. May we be strengthened, motivated, and encouraged by everything that takes place. May God bless you!

pastor and laymen's conference. The classes that will be available to you during this breakout session will help in key areas in each of our ministries. Please look over the schedule that will be posted in the paper.

Our theme for our 2014 meeting will be "Determination". The text will be

## Seminary Dean Earns Second Doctorate Degree

The Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary would like to recognize the outstanding accomplishment of Dr. Philip Atteberry. Dr. Atteberry has completed all requirements to earn his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Leadership Studies from the Gary Cook School of Leadership at Dallas Baptist University.



Dr. Philip Atteberry

His dissertation was a qualitative research project entitled "Describing the Assimilation Experiences of New Converts: A Phenomenological Study". The project focused upon adult converts recently baptized by churches in the BMA. In addition to research findings, the study included recommendations for churches and pastors.

This degree is in addition to his other great accomplishments with a Master of Divinity, BMA Theological Seminary, 1990; and Doctor of Ministry, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1995.

Dr. Philip Atteberry, Dean of BMA Seminary, is continuing Seminary excellence through education, discipleship and leadership.

## DiscipleGuide Sets Sights on Getting Personally Involved with Churches in 2015

Every pastor takes home the burdens of his congregation. Most of the time, because of confidentiality, he has no one to talk to about the pain he feels on their behalf. Who does he call when he feels like he's at the breaking point? Where does he turn when he's the one who needs to get things off of his chest? Who will serve as the pastor's pastor?

What if there was a network of experi-

enced pastors who could serve as a sounding board to men on the field? What if there was a pastor's hotline where any pastor, anywhere, at any time can call and get help?

Do you see the possibilities?

Imagine a team of trained and experienced leaders who could walk into a church that was experiencing decline and help a pastor discover solutions to the challenges they face. And, instead of just offering suggestions, this team would walk with this church as they push through to becoming healthy again.

Can you imagine how many pastors might stick it out and refuse to quit – if only they had someone to talk to, some-



Scott Atteberry

one to help? Can you envision the churches that would be spared the agony of losing yet another pastor and as a result feeling like they can never get out of "rebuilding" mode?

That's the kind of personal investment we want to make. By the end of 2015, DiscipleGuide aims to provide every BMA pastor with a pastor's hotline and the availability of an onsite ReNew Team to invest in churches that want to turn around. We want to make a difference in the lives of the men who invest their lives into Christ's body. Of course, such a bold endeavor will require great resources.

For most churches, this is the season for budgeting. While you are planning your church's associational giving for the upcoming year, would you consider including DiscipleGuide in your budget? Consider it an investment into pastors.

### Annual Meeting Schedule

The schedule for the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi is listed on page 8 of this issue.

The meeting will be held on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. October 21-22 are the dates of this year's meeting.

### Notice From RLF Office

The BMA of Mississippi Missions and Revolving Loan Fund Office has had problems with its voice mail. The system has been repaired so all voice mails should now be received. If you leave a message and do not receive a call back in 24 hours, please call back as this may be an indication that the system is down.



Larry Geraldson  
Director



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*"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works."* Ps 145:3-5

### Looking Forward

As I round the corner and prepare to begin my third year in this position, I must tell you that I am as excited as I was the first day. God has so richly blessed us with opportunities and challenges. He alone is responsible for the blessings and benefits that we have enjoyed. His kindness and goodness has been so mercifully poured out upon our churches and our missionaries and we have so much to be thankful for.

### Annual Meeting of the State Association

The annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi is fast approaching and our missionaries are preparing to share brief reports throughout the meeting. A missionary report will be given at the beginning of each department report. We will saturate the meeting with an emphasis on missions. Our missionaries have tremendous testimonies to share and I hope every church will make plans to attend.

### Freedom Baptist Mission Matching Fund Campaign Has Ended

Bro. Bobby Elliott and the Freedom Baptist Mission have successfully raised the full amount of matching funds made available to them. They raised \$50,000.00 which will be matched to reduce their loan by \$100,000.00. First, I want to Praise the Lord for making this happen. Secondly, I want to thank each and every person, church or group that contributed to this cause. I know I speak for Bro. Elliott and the folks at Freedom when I say, "Thank you so much for your help."

### Update on Clinton Property

The contract for the purchase of the 5 acres on Pinehaven Drive has been signed. We are now involved in a period of due diligence. We are having a survey of the property done, plans prepared and hope to be able to submit our plans to the City of Clinton for approval soon. Please keep us in your prayers as we go forward with this project.

### BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund Report (As of Sept 26, 2014 and since August 1, 2014)

Gross Assets .....	\$19,207,790.00
Increase In Gross Assets .....	\$611,969.00
New Loans .....	2
Total of Loans Made .....	\$275,000.00
Loan Rate .....	4.25%
Shareholder Rate of Return .....	2.67%
Reserve .....	18%



Bro. Bob Burch holds baptism service at Caledonia

Bro. Bob Burch reported that Caledonia Baptist Mission held a baptism service recently and he baptized 6 people. Bro. Burch said they had others to baptize who are waiting for family to attend. Caledonia continues to grow, averaging routinely in the 60's in attendance on Sunday morning. Bro. Burch also leads a number of small group meetings during the week with emphasis on discipleship. Bro. Burch has done an outstanding job assimilating himself into the community and reaching unchurched people in the area. Please continue to pray for this work.

### Update on South Forrest Building Project



Raising The Building  
At South Forrest

The Master Builders arrived on schedule and South Forrest has moved forward with erecting the beams, exterior walls, and roof panels. There is still a lot of work to do but so much progress has been made in a very short period of time. The planning, organization, and execution that have made this project move at such an amazing pace should be attributed to the grace of God, the leadership of Bro. Farmer, the hard work of the fine folks at South Forrest, and all who have volunteered time to come out and help. Please keep them in your prayers as they go forward.

FROM THE MIND OF CHUCK LEE

## Eye of the Bee-Holder

I've always been told the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. However, the other side of our fence holds about fifty Angus cattle of various sizes and genders, so it IS sometimes greener. Get this, the cows eat the grass and then do their part to contribute to the green-ness of the grass. This is sometimes called the circle of life. On the other hand, you may not want to dwell on this philosophical phenomena, especially if hamburger is on the menu for supper tonight.

It makes me wonder where some of these old wise sayings come from? I attribute most of it coming from the flower power, bell-bottom culture. When you look at the history books those pages are just a smudge and old videos of this Woodstock generation are all blurry and hazy. I'm a direct result coming from this era in time. I was born in 1967 and my full name is Charles Maurice Lee. Seriously...Charles MAURICE Lee!!! But I'm not bitter. That was probably before mom and pop knew Jesus. Every time my kids think I am too hard on

them, I just remind them that at least I didn't name them MAURICE! Works every time.

Another saying that is questionable is "Beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder". I think a more fitting saying would be "Crazy is in the head of the Bee-holder". That would make more sense.



Chuck Lee

My childhood neighbor had bee houses and he never held the bees. In fact, he dressed from head to toe in a getup so the bees couldn't reach any part of his body, much less his hand. For years I thought he was an astronaut that just liked wearing his clothes home from work. "Honey, I'm home! I just went to the moon and checked out the craters. Do you know the moon isn't really made of cheese? Anyway, while I'm still in my work clothes, I'm gonna go check on the bees". I think it made the bees angry, because every chance they got, they came over to our house and stung me. I

by The Editor

Around 150 individuals were on hand for dedication services on Thursday, September 25, 2014, for the newly renovated building that now houses three national departments of the BMA

never did hold a grudge though. I was a wee bit leery of astronauts.

It seems we should stop trying to come up with cute sayings and get down to the business of teaching our children hard but relevant truths. They should know that everybody has issues and every place has problems. They should realize that taking care of business and responsibility at home goes a long way to making the place where they live better. They need to understand that even though life looks better everywhere else, they need to be thankful for what they have. It needs to dawn on the young people of today that the grass is not always green...Hmmm!?

Well, I still think Bee Holders aren't the only ones with beautiful eyes. After all, what one person sees as ugly, another might see as beautiful.

of America.

Ceremonies began at 2:00 pm with an introduction of the program by BMA President Dr. Jason Altman. The invocation was led by Todd West, pastor of Oasis Church, Maumelle, Arkansas.

Directors of the three departments located in the building each spoke concerning their particular ministry and how they each are complimentary of each other and the overall mission of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Lifeword Director Steve Crawley, Missions Director John David Smith

and DiscipleGuide Director Scott Attebery each presented a brief look at their respective departments.

Many individuals and companies were thanked for their work and making this project a success. Mr. Jack Bell, Chief of Staff for the City of Conway was also present and spoke concerning the contribution that the new building and the departments of the BMA made to the city of Conway.

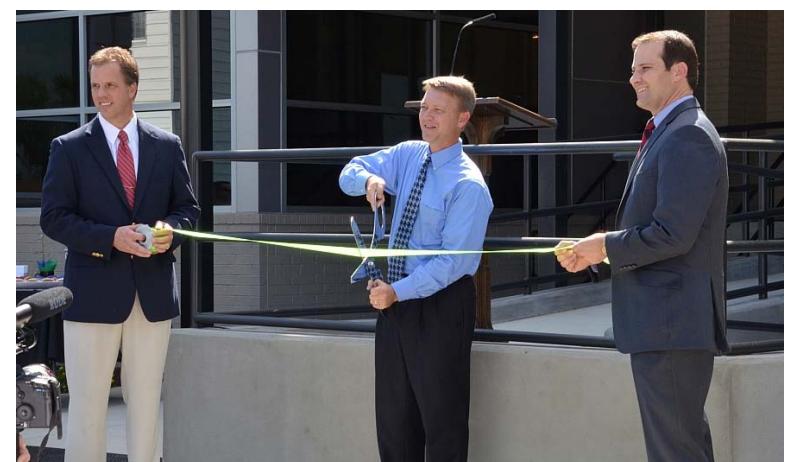
After the ceremony the building was open for self guided tours of the facilities.



Exterior Front View of BMA Building



Lifeword Director Steve Crawley addressing crowd



Directors Steve Crawley and Scott Attebery hold ribbon as Missions Director John David Smith "cuts" the ribbon

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# Opinion Page

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## Important Items To Note

### Annual Meeting

The annual business session of the BMA of Mississippi will meet in Laurel in a couple of weeks. See the article from President Ken Riley on page one and on page 8 you may view the schedule for this year's meeting.

The Program Committee has worked hard to make this meeting a success. You will notice that on Tuesday morning the WMA, Brotherhood and Pastor's & Laymen's meetings are scheduled. The Pastor's & Laymen's Conference will provide an inspirational speaker as well as "break out" sessions in various areas. We encourage our pastors and laymen to take advantage of these offerings.

### Photo Directory

LifeTouch will be with us during this year's meeting photographing all pastors and ministry staff members who



are present. Those getting their photos taken will receive a packet of wallet size pictures along with a copy of the BMA of Mississippi Minister's Pictorial Directory.

Pastors and wives may also have their photos taken together.

### On-line Registration

We are asking our pastors and workers to sign up in advance. Go to the Mississippi Baptist website and click on the icon on the top of the right column. This will take you to a site to reserve your time.

### Friends Gone Home

It saddens us to hear of the deaths of two individuals: Bro. Tim Loden and Mrs. Shirley Thornton. You can read about these two in the articles below. May the Lord bless their loved ones in this time of their loss and their loved one's gain!



Shirley M. Thornton

### Mrs. Shirley Thornton Passes Away

Shirley M. Thornton, 84, of Soso, Mississippi, died Friday, September 26, 2014 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel. Funeral services were held September 29, 2014 at Parkview Baptist Church in Laurel. Pastor Shane Singleton and Rev. Tony Blanchard (the Thornton's son-in-law) officiated. Burial was in Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery.

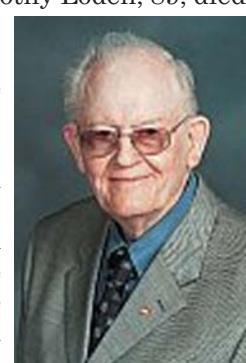
Mrs. Thornton was preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Maggie Musgrove; brothers, Paul Musgrave, Jennings Musgrove, Charles Musgrove, Eric Musgrove, Raymond Musgrove and sister, Evelyn Musgrove.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Ray H. Thornton, Soso; son, Sherrell Ray Thornton (Lea), Ridgeland; daughter, Rachel T. Blanchard (Tony), Isola; sister, Lounette Perrett (Marvin), Soso; grandchildren, Lindsay Blanchard Glover (Porter), Temple, Texas and Kristin Thornton, Ridgeland, Mississippi; great grandchildren, Porter Hudson Glover Jr., Temple, Texas and Hayes Anthony Glover, Temple, Texas and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Thornton was a faithful pastor's wife during her husband's ministry. The Thorntons were involved in every aspect of church ministry and associational work. Pray for the family and for Bro. Ray Thornton in this time of loss.

### Bro. Tim Loden Passes Away

Bro. Noah Timothy Loden, 89, died September 13, 2014, at Sanctuary Hospice House. He was born June 18, 1925, in Itawamba County to James Allie Loden and Rennie Mae Clayton Loden. He married Ella Dean Wallace on September 18, 1945. He was a graduate of Jacksonville Baptist College, Jacksonville, Texas,



Bro. Tim Loden

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## News from Evangelistic International Ministries Invitation to Join us in 2015 in Overseas Mission Trips

by Michael N. Goodwin  
President

What a year this has been for E.I.M! We have seen thousands of souls saved and countless lives changed because of the amazing things God has done and continues to do through our ministry. We provided food and shelter to victims in the Philippines after a devastating typhoon. We have been able to spiritually feed many young, hungry pastors in Tanzania with God's Word through our pastoral training program. We have stirred hope and love in the hearts of children in Honduras through our Shepherd's Bag™ ministry. We traveled the mighty Amazon in Peru to take the Gospel to a people who had never before heard the name of Jesus. God has blessed the preaching of his Word in drawing many unto Himself and saving souls. What a privilege and a blessing to be a part of the work of God and the spreading of the Gospel!

In Matthew 28:19, Christ has given ALL believers the mandate to make His

glory known by taking the Gospel to the nations! As 2014 is drawing to a close, we are looking for volunteers to help us continue to fulfill the Great Commission that Christ set forth!

Pastors, we want to encourage each of you to prayerfully consider joining us in training pastors in Tanzania as well as on evangelism trips. We also want you to encourage your church! We want to put as many adults as we can on the mission field. On many occasions we have been asked, "What are the trips on which adults may participate?" Please encourage adults of your church to join us on any of the Shepherd's Bag™ trips or Overseas Bible Schools. Below you will find a list of dates and locations we have scheduled for 2015. Partner with us as we fulfill our call to spread the Gospel! To sign up, just visit our website [www.eimworldwide.org](http://www.eimworldwide.org) and click on the "serve with us" tab.

See Schedule on Next Page

## Loden

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and attended BMA Theological Seminary. He served his country during World War II in France and Belgium.

Bro. Loden was a Baptist minister who served the Lord faithfully for over 50 years. He pastored churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. At the time of his death, Rev. Loden was a member of South Green Baptist Church in Tupelo.

Services were held September 16, at 2 p.m. at Holland Funeral Directors Chapel in Tupelo with full military honors. Rev. Gary Smith officiated.

He is survived by one son, Jerry Tim Loden (Judy) of Tupelo; one granddaughter, Tiffany Ann Moffett of Smithville; two grandsons, Jason Patrick Loden (Beth) of Dallas, Texas, and Justin Samuel Loden (Stacey) of Tupelo; one step-grandson, Brent Robert Teneyck (Megan) of Laurel; eight great-grandchildren, Tyler, Drake, Connor, Ethan, Charlie, Katelyn, Kylie, and Landon; two sisters, Jeane Robinson (caregiver) of Tupelo, and Janie Breeding of Houston, Texas; two daughters-in-law, Purney Loden Lee of Amory and Patricia Loden of Laurel; longtime friends, Patsy Grimes of Tyler, Texas and Joe and Peggy Arick of West Point; several nieces and nephews.

Bro. Loden was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 67 years, Ella Dean Wallace Loden; two sons, Larry David Loden and Danny Keith Loden; two sisters, Maelene Rescke and Jan Breeding; two brothers, John Loden and James Loden.

### 2015 Shepherd's Bag™, OBS, and Evangelism Schedule

Feb 16-20—Honduras (SB Team)  
March 23-27—Honduras  
(SB Team)  
June 12-20—Honduras  
(OBS Team)  
July 6-10—Honduras (SB Team)  
July 24- August 1—Romania  
(OBS Team)  
August 17-24—Peru  
(Evangelism)  
October 12-20—Ghana  
(Evangelism)

These trips have been endorsed by the BMA of America Missions Department. We are looking forward to another fruitful year, and we give God all the glory!

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home:

We send you greetings in the name of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ to whom we give all the glory that is due to His Name! 1 Corinthians 10:31. We would like to express to you our thankfulness and gratitude for your continued prayerful and financial support of the ministry of the Children's Home. Only God knows and Heaven will reveal all the good and impact on the lives of the children that the ministry of the Home has had on meeting the needs of the precious boys and girls the Lord has entrusted under our care.

And what are some of those needs that come to mind? How about going to bed at night with the security of being tucked safely in the covers after having said bedtime prayers for a good night's sleep? How about having sufficient clothing for a new school year and an ample amount of food to help meet daily nutritional needs? How about getting up on Sundays and driving to church where the truths of the Word of God are being taught and the Lord is magnified in worship?

It is sad to say, that there are many children in our surrounding communities today who are not having these basic needs met. Instead of bedtime prayers, they have sleepless nights because of an unstable environment. It is hard to believe that in America and even in our own communities and cities there are still children who live in fear of not having the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter met.

This is where the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home comes in. A Home where the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children are met. Will you help us continue to provide these basic needs? We are asking you to help us in meeting these needs by participating in this year's Special Emphasis during the months of October and November. We would like to suggest to you to consider designating November 16 as "Children's Home Emphasis Sunday." We would like for you to have special prayer for the outreach and ministry of the Home. Also, we would like for you to prayerfully consider receiving an Emphasis Offering for this ministry.

Thanking you in advance for helping us meet the needs of children.

Caring for Children in Need,

Sidney D. Davis  
Director



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# Memories That Last A Lifetime

Do you remember every gift you ever received as a child? You can remember a special birthday or Christmas present. You might be able to even remember quite a few if you have a good memory. But for most of us, we do not remember every gift our parents or grandparents gave us. And that is normal. But what can you give as a gift to your children or grandchildren that they will never forget? What are the memories that last a lifetime? The things that are eternal.

God's Word is eternal. It endures unto all generations. Psalm 100:5. So, if you do a



## Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

Bible reading or devotion with your children/grandchildren, they will never forget that.

Psalm 119:33,  
52. Most little

kids today have an overabundance of material gifts. In our desire to give our children a better life than we had we saturate

them with material wealth. They have so many toys - they play with them for a little while and then get a whole new bunch of toys at the next occasion. While they may remember a favorite toy or they may remember something like a new bike, these gifts for the most part fade from our memory.

Something that will never

leave their memory is if you pray with them. Not for them. WITH them. They will remember you reading the Bible with them. They will never forget you taking them to church. They will not forget your actions in

## Central Baptist College Awarded Military Friendly® Schools

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Central Baptist College to the coveted Military Friendly® Schools list. The 2015 Military Friendly® Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service member, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

Central Baptist College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college founded in 1952 by the Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. For information about CBC, go to [www.cbc.edu](http://www.cbc.edu) or call 501-329-6873.

church. They will remember if you went to the altar during a revival. They will remember if you cried one night at church. Worshiping God, praying to God, studying the Word of God are things that kids will never forget. Even if they reject their upbringing. Even if grandkids are not being raised in an active Christian home. Even if they renounce their faith and go on to live a very wicked life.

God does not allow people to

forget the scripture that was laid into their heart by parents and grandparents. The Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all of these things from time to time for the rest of their life. You may have an adult child someday who doesn't go to church, and who isn't living for the Lord. They may not ever admit it, but those memories of you reading the Bible to them

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## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

### The Football Game

The other day, I heard about some Mississippi State fans who lucked up on some tickets to the MSU-LSU game. Well, this seemed like a fine thing until they learned that the seats were on the LSU side. Some of them had the forethought to at least wear yellow shirts, but they still had a hard time blending in. They couldn't cheer for LSU and they certainly couldn't cheer for Mississippi State, given their location. This just shows to go ye what lengths a bunch of Mississippi Red Necks will go to attend a big game!

Well, this set my brain to spinning when I got to thinking about some Christians who get off into some worldly territory where they can't stand up and cheer for Christ and neither do they want to stand up and cheer for the devil.

We all need to heed the admonition to "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord..... II Cor. 6:17.

## Brotherhood Annual Meeting Set

The BMA of Mississippi Brotherhood has had a wonderful year and we are already looking forward to what God has in store for next year. We will be having our annual meeting on October 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. God has also blessed the Galilean ministry in so many ways. We are so thankful for all He has done.

Please continue to pray for all of the work God has laid before us which can be described as 'Following Christ - Leading others.'

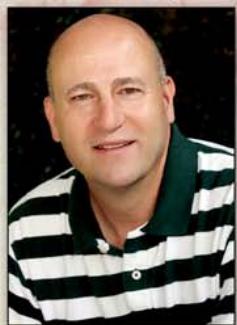
# NATIONAL SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE

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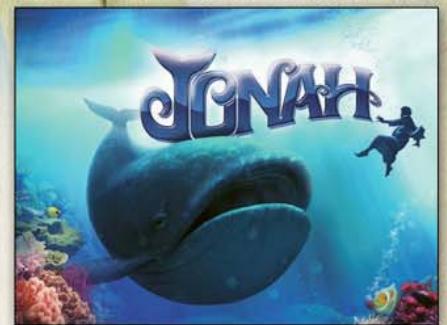
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Aaron Wilburn



Branson Show  
Sight & Sound Theater

## Sunbeam Project 2013-2014

by Sherry Laminack  
National Sunbeam Promoter

The Sunbeams of the BMAA collected \$2,904.05 for the National Sunbeam Project for the year 2013-2014. Our project was Shepherd Bags. Trophies were given to the top three contributors at the National GMA Camp in Gary, Texas in June.

We feel this is a very worthwhile project. EIM reports that 1 in 3 bags results in the salvation of a soul. We are excited to be involved in such a ministry. Our project for the year 2014-2015 continues to be Shepherd Bags. If your group of Sunbeams would like to get involved, please start collecting for this goal. Your offerings need to be received by May 31, 2015. Trophies are given to groups raising \$500.00 or more and certificates are given to groups raising \$100.00 or more. Please make your checks payable to the National WMA and designate National Sunbeam Project in the memo of your check. Send your money to Mrs. Pat Duncan, P.O. Box 30, Hardy, AR 72542.

I am challenging 50 Sunbeam groups to raise \$200.00. Our goal is \$10,000.00. Please accept the challenge and help us meet this goal.

If you do not have Sunbeams and would like information about the material, please contact me at jaslaminack@cox.net. I would be happy to share this information with you.

### 2013-2014 Trophy Winners

*First Place* - Myrtle Springs Baptist Church,  
Quitman, Texas - \$952.52  
*Second Place* - Lynchview Baptist Church,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas - \$803.57  
*Third Place* - Denver Street Baptist Church,  
Greenwood, Arkansas - \$516.50

## Plumlee

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are still there. The seeds of truth are planted. While the seeds may be plucked out by the enemy or by the birds – as spoken of in the parable of the seeds – the memory of you reading the Bible to them will never escape their memory.

If you are an older parent and your adult child is rejecting the way they were raised, but you read the Bible to them and prayed with them when they were little and still at home, take heart. Those memories are still there and have the potential to always turn their life around. Don't ever give up on your prodigal children and remember there is always hope in Jesus. Colossians 1:27. If you are raising your children still in your home, I beg of you to please do devotions with your kids. It is the only thing that last. We live in a crazy, hectic, ever changing world. But giving them the Word of God and praying with them gives them something that endures all the times they go through. Good times and bad times. Sickness and health. These are the two most important gifts you can give your kids. Bible study and prayer. If you teach them how to do these two things you will have helped them their whole

life whether you are around or not.

Even when you are already in heaven someday, if you have taught them how to cry out "Abba", to call fire down from heaven, to do spiritual warfare praying - you will have helped them all their life. If you have taught them how to dig into the Word and find hope when all seems lost, you will have given them a greater gift in life than all the money you could ever leave them. It is more important than a college education or paying for a wedding.

It would be best if you did a devotion every night with your kids. However, if that is not possible right now in your family life, then don't feel guilty. Just start. Even one night a week would make an enormous difference. Make it a habit. Pray for God to give you a desire and the time to do the devotions. He will definitely answer that prayer. If you are a grandparent, it doesn't matter if you didn't do this when your kids were growing up. It's never too late to start. Every time you are around your grandkids or adult children take the opportunity God has given you and do a devotion.

If your adult children say, "gee you didn't do this when we were growing up" you will answer and say, "yes, but I am still growing and learning new things. This is important and I

## COMMISSION ON Senior Adults

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### Greetings to our readers

2014 has been a good year for the commission and 2015 promises to be the same. Excitement is in the air as we anticipate a banner year in 2015.

Our seniors have responded in record numbers in attendance at our Heaven's Jubilee Conferences.

Save these dates:

#### March 24, 2015, Tuesday,

South Senior Conference  
Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso,  
Pastor Justin Rhodes

#### May 12, 2015, Tuesday,

North Senior Conference  
Unity Baptist Church, Guntown,  
Pastor Eddie Boutwell

Registration fee will remain at \$15.00 per person.

### Grandma's Apron

Grandma's apron will remind us of by-gone days and I hope will produce a laugh or two, especially from our senior ladies who no doubt can relate to the article.

## The Blessed Hope

by Bro. Grover Laird

"*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*" (Titus 2:13)

Hope is "a feeling that what is wanted will happen." It is to look forward to something that we have reason to believe will take place. The Christian Hope is a looking forward to something which God's Word has assured us will be ours. While some things people hope for will not happen, the Christian Hope will happen because it is based upon the promise of God "that cannot lie." (Titus 1:2) The Christian Hope is "both

want to pass on a legacy." It would be great even if you could make it a habit just a few times each week. I would be happy if all Christian parents just started even one night a week to have a family meeting and hold a family devotion. Just this simple act could change the course of American society. You must believe, as a Christian, that prayer and the Word of God are powerful and create change, miracles, help and hope for the Christian home. It is a truth you can live with. Make memories that can never be erased out of their mind. The things of God in their memories will endure unto all generations!

sure and steadfast." (Hebrews 6:19)

### What The Christian Hope Is

God's Word has promised the child of God that one day we will be delivered from earth's troubles. (Proverbs 11:7,8) It promises us that one day we will see our Lord Jesus in all of His beauty and glory and be made like Him. (I John 3:2) It promises us that one day we will be rewarded for our faithfulness here and live with Him in eternal peace and joy. (Matthew 16:27; John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-5) This is what God has promised us. This is what we are looking forward to. This is the Christian Hope.

### We Are Blessed By Looking For The Blessed Hope

Consider some of the blessings that will come to the child of God who keeps his mind on the better day, and stays excited about it. First, it will help him to live right-- "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I John 3:3) It will give him strength to endure the trials of life. Looking for a better day gave Jesus strength while on the cross-- "...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2; See Romans 8:18)

### The Blessed Hope will also help to fortify us against evil

"Put on the whole armour of God,

### Grandma's Apron

The principal use of Grandma's apron is to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it serves as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven, it is wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion it is even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

When company comes, those old aprons are ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather is cold, Grandma wraps it around her arms.

Those big old aprons have wiped many a perspiring brow bent over the cooking stove. From the garden it carries all sorts of vegetables. After the peas have been shelled it carries out the hulls.

In the Fall it is used to bring in apples that have fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drive up the road it is surprising how much furniture that old apron can dust in a matter of seconds.

It will be a long time before anyone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that serves so many purposes.

-Author Unknown

that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11) Part of this armour is this blessed hope. (Verse 17. See also I Thessalonians 5:8) It will bring us much joy-- "...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2) It will keep us steady in the storms of life-- "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;" (Hebrews 6:19) It will also give us comfort in times of sorrow. After talking about that glorious day when Jesus returns for us Paul said, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thessalonians 4:18)

Do you have a better day to which you can look forward? If not, turn your sin problem and future over to Jesus. (II Timothy 1:12) If you are a child of God, keep your eyes on that better day. This will make you a better and happier Christian.

## Gospel Concert at Meridian Church

Broadmoor Baptist Church will host Pianist Andrew Ishee on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Andrew was the pianist for the Kingsmen Quartet and the Palmetto State Quartet. Broadmoor is located at 5312 Highway 39 North (just north of North Hills Street – Hardee's) in Meridian. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

# Pastors Oasis

September 29 - October 1, 2014

Hilton Convention Center, Branson, Missouri

Registration through September 5 - \$75 per person

Hilton Room Rate - \$131 each @ 1-800-445-8667

To register go to [discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis](http://discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis)

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## CHURCH NEWS

News articles should contain information that will be of interest to the general public who are not members of the church that is reporting.

### Arkansas Church Seeks Pastor

South Main Missionary Baptist Church in Malvern, Arkansas, is seeking a pastor. Anyone interested should contact Gene Clements at 501-844-5822 or email their resume to gdolem@gmail.com. You may also mail one to the church at 2027 South Main St, Malvern, AR 72104.

### Florence Church Plans Homecoming Service

The members of Trinity Baptist Church would like to invite all former members, pastors and our many friends to Homecoming and Revival services on October 26-29. Services are as follows: Sunday at 11:00 am and Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Bro. Harold Floyd, a former Pastor. Everyone is invited to join us.

James W. Brown, Pastor

### Harmony Association Meets

The September meeting of the Harmony Association was held Friday September 12, at Free-

dom Mission in Burnsville. Those attending were served a delicious meal prepared by the church. The evening message was brought by Bro. Elvis Garcia.

Following the message the meeting went into business session. A roll call of the churches showed 8 churches present with 57 in attendance and 3 visitors. The October meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be held at Unity Baptist in Mantachie. Dr. John Adams bringing the message. Each church is encouraged to attend.

Mission reports were given by Bro. Bobby Elliott and Bro. Elvis Garcia. Bro. Mark Jones and Bro. Tommy Shroad, shared their work with the Brotherhood and Galileans. Bro. Danny Pitts gave a report on Southeastern College.

Mike Smith, Moderator  
Tony Marolt, Reporter

### Oak Grove Association Report

The 56th annual session of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Association met with the

Rocky Branch Baptist Church on Thursday night, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. The service was opened with a devotional by Bro. Daniel Purvis, Associate Pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Twelve churches were represented by messengers. Two new Pastors were recognized: Bro. Blake McCain as the Pastor of Midway First Baptist and Bro. Robert Arinder as the Pastor of Rocky Branch Baptist Church.

Officers elected to serve in the coming year were: Ted Quinby as Moderator, Ed Steele as Vice-Moderator, Sam Oglesby as Clerk-Treasurer, Glen Pace as Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, and Ed Steele as Reporter. Ted Quinby was elected to serve as the National Missions Ambassador and Greg Medenwald as the Moral Action Agency Representative.

Bro. Don Brown was present to give a report on the Mississippi Baptist, Bro. Sidney Davis represented the Children's Home, and Bro. Danny Pitts spoke on behalf of Southeastern Baptist College. Written reports from Bro. Kenneth Flynt from Commission on Senior Adults and Bro. Larry Geraldson from the State Missions Department were read. State Missionaries speaking were Bro. Phillip Burns from Sumrall and Bro. Estuardo

## Meeting Schedule 2014 BMA of Mississippi October 21-22, 2014 Southeastern Baptist College

### Tuesday Morning

8:00 am	Registration Begins
9:00 am	WMA (Shady Grove Baptist Church) Brotherhood (Southeastern College)
10:30 am	Pastor's and Laymen Conference (SBC)
11:15 am	Break out classes <i>Ladies WMA</i> <i>How to reach people through social media.</i> (Larry Geraldson)
Noon	<i>How to be an effective witness.</i> (Dr. Charlie Holmes)

*How to keep our youth.*  
(Tracy McMillan )  
Lunch

### Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 pm	Music
1:40 pm	President's Message and Theme
2:05 pm	Enrollment Committee Initial Report
	Seating of the Messengers
	Election of Officers
	Annual Site & Speaker
2:30 pm	Mid-Year Site & Speaker
2:35 pm	Missionary Bob Burch
3:00 pm	Youth Department
3:05 pm	Missionary Sidney Farmer
3:10 pm	Revolving Loan Fund & Missions
3:45 pm	Missionary (TBD)
3:50 pm	Publications Department
4:15 pm	Missionary Bobby Elliott
4:20 pm	BMA of MS Foundation
4:40 pm	Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer
4:50 pm	Adjourn

### Tuesday Evening

6:30 pm	Prelude Music
7:00 pm	Special Music / Congregational Singing
7:30 pm	Annual Message

### Wednesday Morning

9:00 am	Scripture Reading & Prayer
9:10 am	Commission on Senior Adults
9:30 am	Missionary Kelby Johnson
9:35 am	Moral Action
10:05 am	Missionary Phillip Burns
10:10 am	Commission on History
10:20 am	Missionary Danny Bartlett
10:25 am	Children's Home
10:55 am	Missionary Ed Duvall
11:00 am	Baptist Music Fellowship
11:10 am	Missionary Estuardo Maroquinn
11:15 am	State Brotherhood
11:25 am	Missionary Elvis Garcia
11:30 am	State WMA
11:40 am	Missionary Kenneth Pollock
11:45 am	Southeastern Baptist College
12:15 pm	Salary Committee Report
12:20 pm	Final Enrollment Committee Report
12:25 pm	Nominating Committee Report
12:30 pm	Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer

Maroquin on the Hispanic work in Laurel, Hattiesburg, and Biloxi.

Bro. Denny Patterson, Pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, brought the annual message. The next regular meeting will be with First Baptist Church of

Oak Grove on November 13. The annual meeting in 2015 will be with Good Hope Baptist Church in Columbia on September 17. Rocky Branch provided a great time of food and fellowship at the conclusion of the meeting. Ed Steele, Reporter