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## Children's Home Annual Emphasis



Greetings from the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home  
by Sidney D. Davis, Director

There has probably never been a time in our nation's history when it is of utmost importance to do what we can in expressing our faith to others concerning the things of the Lord than today. Proverbs 14:26 states, "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge." The loving, caring ministry of the Home continues to provide children with teaching and training that instills in them a life of confidence in the Lord as they grow in Him. The Lord is indeed a place of refuge to those who fear and reverence Him. Because of God's goodness and grace it is a joy to report that two of the girls came to know Christ as their personal Savior this past year. This ministry as a refuge for children in need continues to fulfill its mission which is to help provide children with a life of stability and structure in a Christian atmosphere that is honoring to God and true to His Word.

Once again, it is that time of the year when the months of October and November are the Special Emphasis months for the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home. We would like to convey to you our supporters our sincere thanks for your support of the Home. Last year you

helped us reach our goal for this special emphasis period. We are asking you to respond in the same way for this year's Special Emphasis. It is because of your generosity in giving extra that we are able to report that we did not have a deficit in the budget this past fiscal year.

As we stated last year cutbacks were made in the overall operation of the Home. There is still a need for an increase of regular giving from the churches and a good response from this year's Special Emphasis in order for us to balance the budget again this year. Will you help us in reaching our GOAL of \$25,000? We would like to suggest to you to consider designating November 13th 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 and Emphasis offering for this ministry.

Continue to pray for this ministry that with the Lord's help and leadership He will provide the physical and spiritual needs of the children He has placed under our care.

**Providing a Refuge for Children in the  
Fear of the Lord, Proverbs 14:26**

## Come to the Meeting

by Matt Hudson, President

The churches of the BMA of Mississippi will be meeting October 18, 19, 2016, on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College. Bro. Danny Pitts and his staff are working hard to make our stay a pleasant experience.

The theme for our associational year is "Our God Reigns." 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 says, "for He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet." This theme reminds us to be encour-

aged in these  
uncertain  
times because "Our God Reigns."

*Our God Reigns*



Matt Hudson  
President

The BMA of Mississippi meets annually to hear reports from each of our departments and commissions. Directors and trustees report directly to the messengers of the churches and vision is cast for the coming year(s).

Your church, through your messengers, is vital to the success of our cooperative work. Please join me for an exciting time of fellowship, preaching, singing, and hearing about what God is doing in His work through the the BMA of Mississippi.

### State WMA Meets Earlier Than Normal

The state WMA meeting will begin this year at 8:30 instead of 9:00 to accommodate the Solemn Assembly at Southeastern. The WMA will meet at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel.

## WalkfortheWorld vs. Lifeworld Sunday

Beginning in 1980, Harvest Gleaner Hour/Lifeworld's flagship fundraiser has accounted for one third of the ministry's annual budget. First called a Walk-A-Thon, then Walk-of-Faith, WalkfortheWorld has been a way for churches around the BMA to partner in Gospel programming that reaches one third of the world's population.

Thirty-six years later, churches have found their own unique ways to fund-raise through garage sales, bowl-a-thons, auctions, youth pastor pie-in-the-faces, Scripture memory contests, Sunday night

fellowship meals, and fishing derbies. We are humbled by the churches who contribute to Lifeworld's global initiatives that are crucial to the work of indigenous pastors, church planters and missionaries. The message we have for our churches is this, "We want your congregation to know about our unique media ministry and partner with us in fulfilling the Great Commission."

Lifeworld Sunday October 23 is that opportunity, and learning about, praying for, and giving

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*“Now he that ministereth seed to the sower...multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;...:2 Cor 9:10*

God continues to enlarge our coast by multiplying your seed sown. God is good and has blessed us with a tremendous group of hard working missionaries. I look forward to sharing my full report with you at the annual State Association of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi which will meet on October 18-19 at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. Missionary reports will be given throughout the meeting and I can tell you, I have already read their reports. They will bless your heart. We are presently supporting (directly or indirectly) 20 men who are involved in missionary activity across the state. Fifteen new church plants are ongoing. Here is just an excerpt from each of their reports. Please make your plans to attend the meeting to hear the full report and join us in rejoicing in what God is doing.

**Caledonia Baptist Mission – Missionary Robert Burch**

“The Lord moved us to Caledonia, Mississippi, in March of 2012, and our journey of faith began on the mission field. We did not know a person when we



Caledonia Baptist Mission

arrived here and started knocking on doors and introducing ourselves as a new pastor and church in the area. We now have a membership of 68 and a morning attendance in worship of about 100 every week. God has blessed in so many areas.”

**South Forrest Baptist Mission – Missionary Sidney Farmer**

“It has been a busy year here at South Forrest. In May, we hosted the Missions and Evangelistic Conference. In June, we partnered with BMATS to provide EE training to 30 people from several



South Forrest Baptist Mission

churches. This is an event that we hope to be able to make available annually.”

**Freedom Baptist Mission – Missionary Bobby Elliott**

“Another year has come and gone and the Lord is still taking care of us. The mission is coming along great with a little help needed in some areas. Our attendance is holding in the high forties. Our visitation teams are still going out and witnessing.



There are so many people that do not seem to care about God. It sometimes gets discouraging but they still go on.”

Dr John Adams Pastor of First Baptist Church of Mantachie hands the keys to a church van for Freedom Baptist Mission to Missionary Bobby Elliott

**Grace Baptist Mission – Missionary Danny Bartlett**

“The Lord continues to smile on us at Grace Baptist Mission in Clinton. On May 22nd, we had our



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afternoon service on our new property and placed our “Future Home of Grace Baptist Church” sign there. There were a number of members and pastors from the local Capitol Association there, as well.”

Day Star Baptist Mission – Missionary Phillip Burns  
“My family and I have been in Sumrall for three years, and the Lord has truly blessed us in many ways. The Lord has blessed me with three men who have



Daystar Baptist Mission

faithfully been going through a one-on-one discipleship study. I have two of these men who have gone out to make visits with me. They are also learning how to share the gospel with others.”

**Redemption Baptist Mission – Missionary Wesley Martin**

“This year has been a wonderful year of ministry.



Redemption Baptist Mission

Many things that we report on, involve a number. I am excited about the spiritual growth of our people and their excitement to reach others. I can’t really put a number on that. I pray that we continue to see that this year.”

**Coordinator Ed DuVall – Pastor of Homestretch Baptist Church in Cleveland**

“I just wanted to let you know how the LORD is blessing us tremendously here at Homestretch. We have had the best year so far and I expect things to



Bro. Ed Duvall baptizing

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# Thoughts On A Philippine Teaching Trip

by Dr. Tony Cleaver

**Editor's Note:** Tony Cleaver recently made a trip to the Philippines to teach in a Bible Conference at the BMA Bible College. He presented the following in three different parts. We are printing them together. Our desire is for our people to be informed about the work that is being done and to accept the challenge by Dr. Cleaver to consider a short term mission trip as a way of giving back and serving at the Lord's table.

It was my privilege to be asked to represent the BMA Seminary at the Second Annual Bible Conference of the BMA Bible College in the Philippines.

I was excited and honored to be able to make this kind of trip. The entire experience was enjoyable and rewarding for me. The students received me warmly. The missionaries treated me royally. The fifty Philippine pastors received the conference teachings with open and eager hearts.

Normally you hear more lighthearted words from me. That you will get in parts 2 and 3. Right now I want to appeal to those of you who are retired to be

at work in His Kingdom! I believe your status as a missionary is right before you. You have retirement income. You have



Tony Cleaver with Bible College Students

the time you did not have in your younger days. You can be self-supporting on a mission field. Perhaps the Philippine field is not your choice, but some field is appealing and calling your heart even as you read these words.

You have always felt the call and spiritual unction to special service, but because of making a living and raising a family, you put this call on the back burner of life. Now that you are retired, you are unencumbered with your children and their provision. Ask the Lord to guide you to His mission field of service. You have talent, knowledge, skills, and abilities that are valuable - yes, you do! You can only play so much golf, attend so many grandchildren sporting events, or go for coffee with the group until it is repetitious. Be at work in His Kingdom! Try a mission trip for a week. Try that trip for two weeks next year. Then go back for longer the next year. Retiree: Be at work in His Kingdom!

Our missionaries in the Philippines are doing real work! Yes, they are certainly modern day

evangels immersed in the work of Christ and His Church among the Filipino people. They have left their home, family, and more importantly, their culture to be found in their calling as the ones to carry His message of salvation, hope, health, and life! It would be good for your congregation to plan - plan with a missionary or the missions office - a mission trip with your church, Sunday School class, youth group or other collection of people. The Filipino people are warm, welcoming, and open to your

is to say "Yes" with your feet and your checkbook (Yes, because of our age we still use a checkbook). "At your age" become a missionary on your foreign field. Retiree: Be at work in His Kingdom!

## Philippine Trip Thoughts Part 2 of 3

Here are some of my "typical" thoughts about my trip to the Philippines to represent the BMA Seminary at the recent Bible Conference at the Bible College of the BMA of the Philippines. I

*"Always say 'Yes' to the Lord's calling."*

visit.

I never thought "at my age" I would make a trip like this to the Philippines to be a speaker at a Bible Conference with such positive Christian people. But I did! Brother and Sister Retiree, you too can be a part of missions by your saying "Yes" to the mission of Christ and His Church.

By the way, always say "Yes" to His call to ministry. I can hear your saying "Yes" in your heart right now. The next step

provided you with the sincere appeal in part 1. That appeal is "Always say 'Yes' to the Lord's calling."

On a lighter note, air travel to and from the Philippines is quick but never comfortable. I traveled not in first class or business class, but abandon hope class. Aircraft utilize a lot of metal combined with other synthetic

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## SENIOR SOURCES by Becky Ulmer - becky.ulmer@jghms.com

# Face it with Prayer

The process for grief has as many reactions as there are definitions of the term. To put it simply - grief is the process of reacting to a loss.

When we hear the word "loss", the thought of death or dying are in the forefront of things

mental and emotional stability and return to a healthy way of life.

### Step 1 is Denial.

"No", "It can't be", "There must be a mistake". The news is so personal and overwhelm-

ing, is a difficult phase to clearly move beyond. The outward response generally comes quickly, but dealing with the pent up anger takes time and often the help of others to eradicate the feelings. This step when not dealt with in a timely manner, can lead to physical and emotional illness, at which time professional /medical help is required.

### Step 3 is Bargaining.

"If you give \_\_\_ back, I will change", "I will do better", "I will, I won't". This is called the "Let's make a deal" phase. We realize what has happened or about to happen and the desire to change it, or fix it by something tangible.

ing, the first thing any of us want to do is to discover it is not true, but it is... What now?

### Step 2 is Anger.

No matter what ones underlying nature, this response can be extreme at times. The scripture "an eye for an eye" finds its way into this phase especially when the loss is a result of violence or avoidable incident. Yes, we as Christians often times blame God during this step. This

each of us consider to be a loss. The types of loss as well as the different forms of reactions are infinite. The loss of a loved one is agreeably so, considered the "greatest" to endure.

There are five stages (steps) in the grief process. These are listed in the order our body and mind reacts to the loss, begin to cope, and finally the journey of "moving on" beyond the loss. According to research, all steps must be completed to achieve

### Step 4 is Depression.

We have identified the area of grief, exhibited emotional response, tried to change the situation, and now reality sets in. He or she is not coming back. The marriage is irreparable. The job is no more. Home (if not the area lost) has become a haven, a hiding place, from others, society, co-workers, friends and family. Appetite changes, sleep pattern changes. Loss of interest in self or others changes. "How can others go on?" "Do they not understand how I feel?" God has given us the words needed to face this step, comfort us and allow us to move into the final phase of the grief process.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding" Proverbs 3:5&6.

The scripture I have used more than any in comforting and supporting those dealing with grief is the Twenty-third Psalm. This Psalm, when read

slowly, paying close attention to each verse, provides direction, comfort and peace to God's children in facing any perceived "Giant" that threatens our physical or emotional well being.

### Step 5 is Acceptance.

When you consider that working through the grief process can take a year or longer, the journey to this step is long and trying. Acceptance is not always equivalent to agreement. In order to move on and possess stability in one's life, he/she must accept that the situation has occurred and have a desire to live and be as strong as they can.

In summary, I do believe God is all knowing. He is a loving God. Our life will not be without troubles. We must keep our eyes on the reward - rely on the "one" book that has the answers - and pray without ceasing for those who are grieving.

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## Opinion Page

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### Tuesday and Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in October

The Fall is always a pleasant time of the year. The temperatures begin to moderate and the leaves begin to change. The 'heat and humidity' of Summer gives way to the cool evenings and mild days of Autumn.

The Tuesday and Wednesday after the 3rd Sunday in October brings together the people of the BMA of Mississippi for the annual business meeting of the Association.

The meeting always allows time for

fellowship and worship along with taking care of the business of God's work.

Reports from each department, commission, and group of our work will be heard along with plans for the future.

Worship is always paramount at our meeting. The 2016 meeting will be somewhat different with the Tuesday evening worship service dedicated to a patriotic God and Country Rally.

There will be special music, a military honor guard, guests from our state

government, recognition of our military and law enforcement, and a gospel message. The program will be under the direction of the Moral Action Commission and Director Dr. John Adams.

This service will be worth attending and we encourage all of our churches to make a special effort to attend. God has blessed our nation, our nation is in need of prayer and direction, and God's people are urged to come to Laurel and be a part of this effort.

### Philippine Bible Conference

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materials to make a large tube to carry the passengers (victims). Planes have wings, however they have no feathers, yet they fly.

Children on aircraft passages are not like your children or my children - even our grandchildren. Children of other people are different. One little girl was able to chew - perhaps gnaw is a better term - through the seat in front of me. It seems the purpose of her making the large hole in the seat was so that she could put her little face in the hole to show me her little tongue - several times. I know she will make a great dentist when she matures. The young boy behind me will one day be the most successful kicker on any NFL team. He kicked several field goals right through my backside uprights time after time with no miss on the entire trip.

Rule #18 of Flying: The more you

want to shut your eyes, the more Gabby - who is seated up close and very personal - wants to talk to you. With no encouragement on your part you become intimately acquainted with his gallbladder history to include all nuances of the special treatment he has undergone.

This diatribe from Gabby will also include long soliloquies regarding Aunt Mary and Uncle Fred's recent divorce to include the subsequent nervous break downs and remarriage - each to someone who is of another planet of origin.

No matter the contingency you planned for in your packing - extra socks, special toiletries, more underwear, or whatever "it" is - you always left "what you needed right now" at



home. We consider as we board the aircraft: "I thought a lot about bringing it, but decided against it... why didn't I put it in?" Thus Rule #27 of Flying: Put "it" in the carry-on luggage.

In retrospect, I am amazed at the speed and relative ease with which we can travel halfway around the world in so little time. And I am thankful for God's providence in granting me safe travel on this wonderful adventure.

#### Philippine Trip - Part 3 of 3

Here are more of my "typical" thoughts about my trip to the Philippines to represent the BMA Seminary at the recent Bible Conference at the Bible College of the BMA of the Philippines. I provided you with the sincere appeal in part 1 of 3 earlier. That appeal is "Always say 'Yes' to the Lord's calling."

Philippine Street Traffic is amazing! It is simply amazing in that more Filipinos are not wrecked or otherwise maimed on public streets. I expected culture difference as I traveled - per-

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# Ministering To Young People

by Anders Lee

## Working with the Senior Pastor

In 1994, God moved me to join the staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Horn Lake, Mississippi, as their student pastor. I was thrilled to serve with senior pastor, Dr. Kevin Clayton. At that point in my ministry I needed to be underneath the mentoring of someone like him. As I look back on that move, it proved to be such a blessing because I learned so many things under his leadership.

Here are a few pointers to think about if you are a youth pastor working with a Senior Pastor.

### Watch, Listen & Learn!

I wasn't a novice when Calvary called me, but Horn Lake was a completely different setting than where I had been. It was a huge opportunity for me to learn all about ministry in a city. I listened to the things that Bro. Kevin said and certainly learned a lot from observing the things he did there. It may surprise him looking back, but I did! I respected him and I knew he had a wealth of knowledge that I didn't have.

As a student pastor, you haven't been around as long as the pastor you're working with. They've been down the road a lot further than you. They have learned from experience, all the good times and the bad and their own trial and error. You can tap into that wealth of wisdom from

simply listening to and observing him.

### Go With Him!

I think of Paul and Timothy in Acts 16. In verse 3 the Bible says "Paul wanted Timothy to go with him..." Later on in 2 Timothy 3:10 Paul stated that Timothy had "followed!" He had learned, Paul said from "my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, and my persecutions." Timothy would have never become the pastor at Ephesus had he not grown in the Lord by "going with" Paul.

Granted, you aren't going to travel the world with your pastor like Timothy did with Paul. Yet, in the days, weeks, months and years you spend with him, you will have several ministry opportunities to go with him.

Go with him to visit that old-

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est member of the church. Go with him to the ER when a tragedy has struck. Go with him into that finance committee meeting when the annual budget is being worked on. Go with him when he visits the new couple that visited the church. I always loved it when I would hear Bro. Kevin say "I need you to go with me!" You get the point! Go with him and grow from the experience.



Anders Lee



### Communicate with Him!

As a staff you will probably have weekly staff meetings. Take those times to make him aware of some of the things going on in the student ministry. Share what you are preaching and teaching the kids. Ask him

to pray for the goals and plans that you have and the efforts being made with the students spiritually.

It's also important for you to understand as a staff member when something goes wrong in any ministry, in particularly with youth, people are going straight to him. Keep him informed about the things you are doing in advance. As a rule the best surprise is no surprise.

### Be His Friend!

The ole saying is true: "It's lonely at the top!" Pastors are very neglected in the church. They spend time pouring themselves into others to the point that their lives are not watered with care or love! He genuinely needs you to be his friend.

Find out what he likes to do and go do it with him. Bro. Kevin liked to golf, so I went with him. I was not the best golfer in the world (neither was he - ha-ha) but the times we spent just clowning around, laughing at each other and having fun melted our hearts together.

Find out what he likes to eat! When you do, cook it or go order it, and invite him and his family over for supper on Friday night. Food and sitting at the table have always been the way to tell someone that you care! It always says they mean so much to you that you want them in your home during your own personal time to simply be with them.

### Support & Pray for Him!

Every pastor suddenly has those moments and even periods of his ministry when things

aren't going perfectly. Sunday school attendance is down, offerings are low, he hasn't baptized in a while, and some people are grumbling. That's ministry for ya, and there will always be nay sayers!

When ole Bro. George or Sis. Sue comes along and give you their laundry list of things they don't like or stuff they would love to see changed - support your pastor! Ask them if they have sat down with him to discuss those matters. Let them know that you care about him, the staff and the unity of the church. Do it graciously and encourage them to look at all the positives going on in his ministry.

When you have the opportunity, in a staff meeting or when you are out to lunch with him, tell him you want to pray for him. Pray for his wife and family, his own concerns, things that are going on in his life. He pours into other people constantly. I know he would appreciate your love and care for him. Be sure to faithfully ask him, "How can I pray for you?" Then pray for him!

### Submit to His Leadership!

The pastor is the under shepherd of the church. If you know that he is walking with Christ, following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and studying and preaching God's Word, follow him and submit to his leadership.

You will disagree from time to time on certain matters. I can

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## Philippine Bible Conference

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haps I was not expecting such a jangle on the streets. However, I admit that driving even in my part of the USA is very different from the large cities I sometimes wander into against my better judgment. Astonishingly, in my travels I did not see one accident with any of the vehicles on the roads!

My knowledge and experience with a turn indicator is that I am signaling my intention to other drivers of my intent to change lanes. However in the cities I visited, the turn indicators gave the message not only has the driver changed lanes already, but also might change back at any moment...now or even down the road several miles. Lanes in the streets as I understand (perhaps under-

stood before this trip) are clearly marked to indicate space for auto, bus, motorcycle, and truck travel. The Philippine

government marks them that way too. However, it does not mean, work out in life, show up in real time, that this "one lane" cannot become suddenly - through no fault of your own - two if not more lanes. This is perfectly acceptable to the folks on the street. It is their culture and they would ask me to cooperate if I were behind the wheel in their country.

Small motorcycles, little scooters with sidecars, even bicycles with sidecars,

buzz around everywhere. With more deft than a skilled brain surgeon they go through the narrowest of spaces, each driver measuring the exact wide of the handle bars on the vehicle to pass between your vehicle and the next and the next and the next.

*"Always say 'Yes' to the Lord's calling."*

Jeepnies are Christmas trees on wheels. They are remnants and in the spirit of the WWII jeeps blinged out to the max - the more bling the better - that carry passengers in the spirit of Jehu (the OT character who drove his chariot "furiously"). Not one of these jeepnies is like the other. They are all created individually with the DNA of the auto body artist - bling, bling, and more bling. They are homemade, open

air "busses" disguised to haul the maximum number of passengers. One might ask: "How many passengers can a jeepnie carry?" The answer is: "One more!" In the multiple, unending traffic line the jeepnies pull from curb to the "other lane" quickly. If they can get their front over in front of the other jeepnie - off they go to mingle with the other cacophony of vehicles on the road - to include the guy who is walking and carrying crates of live chickens in the middle of the intersection.

I must confess I was glad to get back to the routine of rural roads, pickup trucks, and open Texas prairies. But I am so grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime to see, smell, taste, and really experience the magnificence and awesome power of our God at work in His world.

## DiscipleGuide Rejoices Over 2016 Highlights

DiscipleGuide helps churches maximize their Great Commission potential through camps, conferences, curricu-



lum, and consulting. According to Executive Director Scott Attebery, "We pour into local churches because that's

where our next missionaries are being trained and a new generation of believers are being equipped for ministry. By investing in local churches, we are investing in the future of missions!"

This year because of DiscipleGuide's efforts,

\* forty-three churches are ensuring their long-term stability through Activate, DiscipleGuide's church revitalization program.

\* over ninety young souls made professions of faith, and twenty-three students surrendered to full-time ministry at Daniel Springs.

\* teachers and Bible study leaders received more resources than ever through the improved Compass Bible study material.

\* over 1,800 students were challenged to have a missions-focused life at SOAR 2016. At least twenty of them surrendered to missions, and more than 100 signed up for short-term mission trips.

Learn more about DiscipleGuide's ministry and resources at [discipleguide.org](http://discipleguide.org). Representatives are available to present DiscipleGuide's ministry and vision to local congregations. To schedule a Sunday visit, call 800-333-1442 and ask for Jonathan Wilson.

## Annual Church Survey Provides Important Service & Information

BMA America established the Information Services Department to support our local churches, associations, departments, agencies, and missionaries by providing the most up-to-date, accurate information possible.

The Annual Church Survey (formerly Annual Church Letter) provides the entire BMA with that information to not only measure the effectiveness of Information Services, but to connect and build relationships with each other. This information provides a snapshot of the gospel impact BMA churches are making in their local communities.

Every BMA church will receive the Annual Church Survey by mail by Labor Day. The survey is now:

shorter and asks only the most relevant, useful information.

pre-populated so you can see the information we have on file.

online at [bmaamerica.org](http://bmaamerica.org) to allow updates and changes throughout the year.

Information Services is making a renewed investment in our churches to make the process easier and information more accessible. Your church can help by responding to the survey and by visiting our website often to stay up to date and informed.

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increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

## Church News

### Hunter Phillips

Bro. Hunter Phillips is available for service either to fill in or pastor. He and his wife Jessica are members of Tiger Creek Baptist Church near Ovett, Mississippi. They have one child and are expecting their second child in November. He can be reached at 601-550-1109 or by contacting his pastor Bro. Jerry Overstreet at 601-735-0141.

### Tiger Creek, Ovett

by Brenda Overstreet

On Sunday September 25 we had a deacon ordination service and James Jones was the candidate. We thank the pastors and other deacons from our East Central Association that came to help. They were Bro. Jerry Overstreet, Bro. Rayburn Freeman, Bro. Jason Howard, Bro. Edward Williams, and Bro. Aubrey Cook along with deacons Mike Jordan, Evon Freeman, Howard Shores, James Holifield, Sambo Garris, and Barry Pitts. It was a great day in the Lord with fellowship afterwards. We also will have pastor appreciation on October 9.

## Staff Members Honored for Service

BMA Global Ministry Center staff members were honored recently for their consecutive years of service to Lifeword Media Ministries, BMA Missions, and BMA LLC (shared services team). Since all current employees of DiscipleGuide have worked with the ministry less than five years, no employees were eligible. Recognition was given for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty and forty years.

Steve Crawley said, "At the risk of sounding cliché, our employees are our greatest organizational assets, as every component of our work is driven by human effort through the power of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for each team member, and we take delight in recognizing their faithful years of service to the BMA."

The following BMA LLC staff members were recognized for their service: Charles Attebery, five years; Nick Jacobsen, five years; Mike Jones, five years; Mark Malone, twenty years; and Diane Ward, twenty years.

The following BMA Missions staff members were recognized for their service: Larry Barker, ten years; Sarah Hamilton, five years; Ralph Izard, ten

years; Karen Keathley, twenty-five years; Jerry Kidd, forty years; Phil Knott, thirty years, John David Smith, twenty years; and Linda Thompson, fifteen years.

The following Lifeword staff members were recognized for their service: Steve Crawley, ten years; Carol Gipson, twenty years; Luis Ortega, fifteen years; Rick Russell, twenty-five years; and Ellen Siler, five years. The Lifeword team also invited Bro. George Reddin to take part in the event and recognized his thirty-one years of service with the ministry from 1980-2011.

### The Beginning of Knowledge

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will

## Working With Senior Pastor

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only think of a few times that I disagreed with Bro. Kevin. If you still differ after discussion and prayer, yield to his leadership. He does hold the right as pastor to make a decision when there are differing opinions because ultimately he will give account to the Lord for his leadership and decisions, not you.

"Is there every a time when you need to leave because you can't submit to him?" you ask? The short answer is yes, but it should be the last resort. My Dad once said to me, "every preacher somewhere along the way finds himself at a place where he should not stay." I hope

that you don't ever find yourself at that place! If you do, protect the unity of the church and go out on gracious terms with the pastor as best that you can.

### Find an Old Sage!

My last piece of advice on this subject is this. Find a seasoned pastor around you who has the most profound wisdom, someone who has worked with a lot of staff through his years of ministry. Go sit down and talk with him. Ask him from his perspective what you could do to best work with a senior pastor. You won't regret it!

## Women's Missionary Auxiliary

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### State WMA Meets Earlier Than Normal

The state WMA meeting will begin this year at 8:30 instead of 9:00 to accommodate the Solemn Assembly at Southeastern. The WMA will meet at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove, Laurel.

### Change for Big Creek District WMA/Brotherhood Meeting

by Bonnie Brown, 2nd Vice-president

The Big Creek District WMA/Brotherhood meeting has been changed to November 14, 2016 instead of November 7th. The National Senior Citizen Conference will meet the week of the 7th and several churches in the Big Creek District will be attending this event.

Please mark your calendar on November 14th for the Big Creek District WMA/Brotherhood meeting at First Baptist of Shady Grove, Laurel at 7:00 pm.

# Rudeness: It Is Never In

I guess since the beginning of time, kids have been obsessed with being cool and popular. Maybe all of them weren't, but enough were and are to make this article relevant. Fads and trends have changed and cycled through history so fast and often that Mr. Al had to invent the internet to keep up with all the changes. After all, we need to know what is "in" as quickly as it is in, so we won't be left behind and thought of as uncool.

I tend to go with the clock theory on coolness. As a clock is right at least twice a day, I figure if I just stay as I am, eventually I will be cool at least once in my lifetime. I'm still waiting. Who would have thought plaid, polyester, Bermuda shorts while wearing cowboy boots would take so long to be the going trend? Stay the course, Chuck, stay the course!!!

Rudeness seems to be the going thing these days. Being mistreated as a child, my parents taught me to be kind to people and not to be rude. They quoted something from the Bible about treating people how you want to be treated, or something like that. I wasn't listening.

Anyway, you can understand why I'm in therapy now blaming my parents for my tendency to care about the feelings of others. To bad social services weren't that active back in the day, or else I could have been just as rude as the rest of society. I might even have gotten a job in customer service somewhere if I had been taught as a child to look down on others and treat them with impunity. As a result, it still

shocks me when people are rude - especially church people. If you are a child of God, you should never be rude. Straighten up!!! Perhaps if we had more people like Captain Woodrow F. Call, the bill collecting departments would be a little more respectable. One trip with him riding his horse up into the department while carrying a branding iron would straighten the whole mess out. It would probably do our politics a world of good, as well. "I just can't abide rudeness in a man".

Kindness should just be the new trend, of plaid, polyester, Bermuda shorts while wearing cowboy boots. Either way, rudeness should never be "in".

## From The Mind of Chuck Lee

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



## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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### Children's Home Special Emphasis October & November 2016



Goal - \$25,000

## 2016 BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting Schedule

Southeastern Baptist College

Laurel, Mississippi

October 18-19, 2016

Theme - Our God Reigns - 1 Corinthians 15:24-26)

### Tuesday Morning

8:00 am  
8:30 am

Registration  
WMA (FBC Shady Grove)  
Brotherhood (SBC)  
Patriotic Solemn Assembly  
Lunch

11:00 am  
Noon

### Tuesday Afternoon

1:00 pm  
1:30 pm  
1:35 pm  
2:00 pm

Registration  
Music  
President's Message and Theme  
Enrollment Cmte Initial Report  
Constitutional changes (If any)  
Election of Officers  
Annual/Bi-Annual Speaker & Sites  
Nominating Committee Report  
*Missionary Anders Lee*  
Publications Report

2:25 pm  
2:30 pm

3:00 pm  
3:05 pm  
3:15 pm  
3:20 pm  
3:40 pm  
3:45 pm

*Missionary Phillip Burns*  
Foundation Report  
*Missionary Danny Bartlett*  
Commission on Sr. Adult  
*Missionary Ed Duvall*  
Moral Action

4:15 pm  
4:20 pm  
4:40 pm  
4:45 pm

*Missionary Kenneth Pollock*  
Commission on History  
*Missionary Wesley Martin*  
Closing Prayer

### Tuesday Evening

6:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:30 pm

Prelude Music  
God & Country Rally  
Moral Action  
Dr. John Adams, Exec. Director

### Wednesday Morning

8:30 am  
  
9:00 am  
9:30 am  
9:35 am  
9:45 am  
9:50 am  
10:00 am  
10:10 am  
10:15 am  
10:45 am  
10:50 am  
11:20 am  
11:25 am  
12:05 pm

Music & Devotion  
Vote on Constitutional changes  
Children's Home  
*Missionary Bobby Elliott*  
Baptist Music Fellowship  
*Missionary Sidney Farmer*  
Brotherhood Report  
WMA Report  
*Missionary Bob Burch*  
Southeastern College  
*Missionary Estuardo Marroquin*  
Youth Department  
*Missionary Elvis Garcia*  
Missions/RLF Report  
Salary Committee Report  
Clerk's Report  
Appoint Enrollment Committee  
Miscellaneous Business  
Closing Prayer

National workers attending who wish to report will be inserted into schedule at president's discretion.

## Walk for The World

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ing to Lifeword is the purpose. BMA churches give generously to Lifeword, whether it's through general funds, budgeted monies or annual Walk giving. We can't express our appreciation enough for those partnering churches and would especially like church members to learn how their offerings are being used to make Jesus' name famous among the nations.

To participate in Lifeword Sunday, register your church (free T-shirt for the pastor and Team Lifeword leader), request bulletin inserts, show the Lifeword video, and pray. As an incentive to register your church, pastors will be entered into a December 14

drawing for a 60-inch TV. (Contributions, marked "LWS," must be received by December 12.) Registration and T-shirt ordering is at [lifeword.org/lifewordsunday/](http://lifeword.org/lifewordsunday/) or you can contact [holly@lifeword.org](mailto:holly@lifeword.org) for more information.



## Missions Report

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*We hope you will join us at the annual meeting to hear more from your missionaries.*

get a lot better this coming year. I have a young man that is shadowing me and things are going well with him. We meet every Saturday for training. He is a promising project. Bro. Cook is doing well. He works fulltime and it is extremely difficult for him and I to get together for a sit down. I am looking forward to visiting him soon to get a more personal feel for his needs and the direction he is going."

### Harvest Baptist Mission – Missionary James Cook

"We started out the year with an evangelism initiative, in which we set aside two Saturdays out of each month to conduct evangelism. This gave us the oppor-



Harvest Baptist Mission

tunity to introduce ourselves to our community, as well as introduce Jesus to those we encountered. Due to this new initiative we experience weekly visitors to our ministry. Harvest Church currently has eighteen active members."

### Estuardo Marroquin - Co-Pastor of El Camino in Laurel & BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions Manager

"We started 2016 with many blessings. Three men were ordained to the ministry and three men were licensed to the ministry. This increased our joy to be witnesses of this great step, and gave us the vision to go forward with the desire to plant more Hispanic churches. We set a goal to plant 3 new Hispanic missions across the state."



Bro Marroquin Baptizing

### Marciano Montalvo, Co-Pastor of El Camino in Laurel

"El Camino is the sending church for mission's projects in Hattiesburg, Biloxi and Canton. We continue to train future missionaries in our Bible Institute. Currently, we have seven small groups in action, that do soul winning, visiting and discipling new believers."

### El Camino Baptist Mission (Hattiesburg) – Missionary Leo Adan

"We have helped improve the attendance from 35 to 40 attendees. Fifteen people have made professions of faith, seven people are being discipled, three people have demonstrated their faith publicly through scriptural baptism."



Bro Leo Adan shares gospel

### El Camino Baptist Mission (Biloxi) – Missionary Rodolfo Galicia

"We started the first small group at the home of Sister Carmen and her daughter and we are having between 8-10 in attendance per week."

### El Camino Baptist Mission (Canton) – Missionary Lucas Gomez

It is an honor for me to serve my Lord Jesus Christ through missionary work. For about 3 months I visited the city of Canton every Saturday. I've enjoyed meeting people and talking to them about the gospel. I know that God will do a great work in the city of Canton

### Elvis Garcia – Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life in Ripley & BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions Coordinator

Miles driven: January 1713.20, February 2206.03, March 1836.33, April 2040.14, May 1115.20, June 1957.00, July 786, August 148. Souls won personally: 21; Training done in Small Groups, Evangelism, Discipleship, Development and Strategy: 30; Sermons preach: 25.

### Byron Morales – Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life Ripley

"We are the sending church for Way, Truth & Life in Tupelo, Oxford and Horn Lake. We continue to prepare others for missionary service in our Bible Institute and work with Bro. Marroquin and Bro. Garcia to expand the Hispanic Mission effort in the state of Mississippi."

## BMA Bible College in Philippines

BMA Bible College in the Philippines hosted their second annual Bible Conference this past week with "Together in Unity" as their theme. One of the guest speakers was Tony Cleaver from BMA Seminary in Jacksonville.

Fifty pastors registered for the event. Morning and evening sessions were well attended at the school with an overflow crowd attending the last evening service Thursday night to honor the pastors at a closing banquet... traditional Philippine food along with a whole roast pig!

Dr. Cleaver representing the BMA Seminary said: "The students welcomed me great warmth. The city of Bacalod is known as the city of smiles. I believe those smiles start right here on this campus. The host missionaries treated me most royally. It was a pleasure to be a part of this good institution's effort to carry on the mission of Christ and His Church in this country."

Some of the pics show Dr. Cleaver with some of the students; some of the pastors at the banquet; the theme poster.

### Way, Truth & Life Tupelo – Missionary Humberto Regalado

"In this year we were very good, but we feel we could have done more. We led 14 souls to Christ. Nine people



Way Truth & Life, Tupelo

were disciple. Two families were added to the church. Two people were scripturally baptized."

### Way, Truth & Life Oxford – Missionary Luis Huchin

"Thanks to God and to the people who have been



Way Truth & Life, Oxford

discipled in these 8 months, we have been able to increase our attendance from 20 to 25 last year to 38 to 40 people each Sunday."

### Way, Truth & Life Horn Lake – Missionary Daniel Polanco

"In obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to the whole world, ...we've already started working in the areas of Olive Branch, Southaven and Hernando."



Bro. Palonco witnessing