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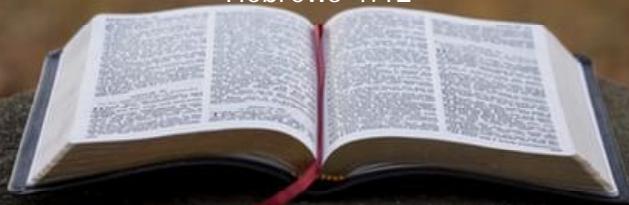
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2019 BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting

Theme
"The Living and Powerful Word of God"
Hebrews 4:12



October 21-22, 2019

The 2019 Annual Session of the BMA of Mississippi will meet at Big Creek Baptist Church, located on Highway 84, 10 miles west of Laurel. The WMA Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday October 21 in the Big Creek Fellowship Hall. The Brotherhood will meet Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The WMA business session is at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22 with the Association convening at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Member churches are entitled to 3 messengers and each church is encouraged to be represented.

All departments, commissions, and ministries endorsed by the state association will deliver reports. History Commission Director Ed Steele states in his report on page 6 of this issue that he is asking the Association to seek out a new director.

Disaster Relief Effort in Texas

Just The Crumbs/BMA Disaster Relief will be responding to flooding in Texas. We will be setting up at Suburban Woods in Humble, Texas. We have several BMA Churches and communities involved in the flooding. We are on site and ministering and want to give you the opportunity to help. We need food (hamburger, buns, chips, etc.) supplies (hygiene, household cleaning, mosquito repellent, buckets, mops, brooms, etc) financial help (your money will do more good if you let us buy only the things needed as they are needed). You can send your financial donations to BMA Mission Office in Texas at P.O. Box 73, Waxahachie, TX 75165 or BMAA office at P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033.



He did it!

100 miles for Changemaker missionaries!

On Friday, September 20th, Missions Executive Director John David Smith rode his bike 100 miles to highlight ChangeMaker missionaries that are the heart of soul of 70 years of BMA mission work. God has blessed our association of churches whose middle name – Baptist MISSIONARY Association – is “missionary.” (Read the name history here: <https://bmamissions.org/bma-missions-who-we-are-what-we-do/>)

ChangeMaker missionaries are the result of generational efforts going back to 1950, but you probably will never see them here in the States. They need support through the Global Missions Fund, so please donate to ChangeMaker 100 and take advantage of the matching gift!

Yes, a generous donor has agreed to match whatever funds are raised! Your \$100 becomes \$200 . . . and missionaries all over the world are blessed!



Church, Sunday school class, family, individual . . . Donate to ChangeMaker 100 and take advantage of the matching gift. Donations will be accepted until mid-October. Take the challenge!

Go here to give: <https://bmamissions.org/changemakers/> OR send your check to Missions at P.O. Box 878, Conway, AR 72033.

Lifeword Sunday 2019 - October 20

Media Ministry Growing and Reaching the Unreached

There is no question that mankind's greatest need is a relationship with Jesus Christ. From one radio broadcast called Harvest Gleaner Gospel Hour to thousands of programs in multiple languages on the Lifeword Cloud, expanding our worldwide gospel footprint has always been the goal.

Because reaching the unreached is what we do, the emphasis has been the same since 1965: more languages, the heart languages of people all over the world.

There are somewhere between 6,500 and 7,000 languages and dialects of the world. Our ultimate goal is to have gospel programming in 200 of them. We now have content in 60 languages thanks to cloud technology.

One year ago, the Lifeword Cloud went live after many months of work building the cloud platform and transforming lifeword.org into an evangelistic tool with unlimited possibilities.

If you go to lifeword.org, and click on the drop-down box in the upper right-hand corner, you'll

... the gospel is now being shared in 60 languages, in 123 countries and to an audience of more than two billion people...

Lifeword

see the current languages for which we have content. Four different regions of the world are now being targeted with the message of Jesus:

#1- East Africa: The following are twenty new languages and people groups intended for expansion on this continent:

People groups like the Masai, Pare, Haya, Nyakyusa, Luo, Kurya, Ha (Wa ha), Fipa, Chagga, Wasambaa, Rangi, and Dakama will soon hear the gospel in their own languages.

In addition, plans are in place send the gospel messages to countries like Ethiopia in the following languages: Amharic, Somalia (Djibouti and Somalia), Afar (Djibouti), and Sudanese (South and North Sudan).

#2 - Asia-Pacific: Pete Etabag has been training media missionaries and leading efforts to record and upload the Filipino languages of Cebuano,

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The BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund

by **Vernon Newman**
RLF Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you an update on the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund (BMA of Mississippi RLF). Over the last several months, you have read in this publica-



tion and we have reported to our local associations and churches that we were in a position to take additional deposits. A number of our churches and church mem-

bers that already had deposit accounts with the RLF have responded positively to our request by adding additional funds to their account. Likewise, several of our churches and church members have opened new accounts and deposited new funds to support our need for additional deposits. As we have reported to you, the Lord has truly blessed the work of the RLF by having allowed the fund to be in a strong financial position to be able to offer loans to BMA Missions and Churches in sixteen (16) states across America. Likewise, from the positive response to our request for additional deposits, we can only give the Lord the glory for blessing our efforts to further position the RLF to be able to assist our Missions and Churches with loans in the future.

During this period of growth of the Revolving Loan Fund, we too have received several questions about the Past, Purpose, Process, Procedures, and Progress of the fund. I would like to take this opportunity to share this information with you.

PAST – The RLF was organized in 1955 for the purpose of

providing funding to purchase property for our Missions. The RLF is a non-profit, private-association sponsored fund. During those early days, the BMA of

ing and funding gap that the Missions Department was encountering with land and buildings for our Missions. Thus, funds were solicited from our

...if all 23 of these requests develop into loans, we will need to continue to grow our deposits in order to be financially able to meet the needs of these churches.

Mississippi Missions Department was very successful in its missions efforts. Mother Churches were willing to support Missions, men were willing to accept the call to Missions, local communities were willing to accept a Mission, and, thus, souls were being saved and congregations were being formed. But when it came time for a Mission to establish a permanent meeting facility, the issue of financing and funding often times hindered the ability of the Mission to take the next step toward becoming an organized church in a permanent location.

PURPOSE – The RLF was created to overcome the financ-

ing and funding gap that the Missions Department was encountering with land and buildings for our Missions. Thus, funds were solicited from our churches and church members to establish the fund to bridge this gap. Originally, our churches and members put their funds on deposit in the RLF with no intent in receiving a financial return themselves; their only intent was to further promote the mission work of the BMA of Mississippi. However, due to the need for the fund, the use of the fund, and the growth of our work, the fund grew to a point where it was able to pay a dividend to the depositors. Presently, we are able to pay an annual percentage rate (APR) of 2.25% to our depositors.

PROCESS – The RLF practices a very simple funding and financing process that allows individuals/churches to open an account, make deposits, earn interest, and withdraw funds. We maintain a large enough reserve of cash-on-hand to meet the day-to-day demands of withdrawals. We in turn work with our Missions and Churches to make loans to meet their needs for land and building projects. The interest that is received from the loans is used to pay the dividends to our depositors, cover operational costs, as well as to assist our Mission's with debt relief.

PROCEDURES – The RLF is overseen by nine (9) Trustees that are elected by the messengers of our churches at the BMA of Mississippi annual state meeting in October. As mandated by our by-laws, the Missions Director, the Trustees and the RLF Manager have a fiduciary responsibility to our depositors to safeguard the fund. To this end, every church loan

made by the fund is fully collateralized. Annually, an outside audit of the fund and the management practices is conducted and reported back to the association. For the past eight (8) years, the Revolving Loan Fund has received an "Unmodified Opinion" on our annual audit (the highest opinion that can be received) and we expect to receive this same report from our 2019 audit that was conducted in August.

PROGRESS – The RLF has made over 624 loans to Missions or Church; totaling over \$79,356,336.60 being loaned out since inception. Presently we have sixty-five (65) active loans with three (3) of these being in the construction phase; for a total of \$18,938,133.14 in active loans. As a loan is paid back, those payments are then 'revolved' back into the fund to make future loans. The fund has been able to make loans to churches in sixteen (16) states. Presently, we have inquiries from churches in eight (8) states for a total of twenty-three (23) prospective loans. These 23 loan requests would total over \$8,867,000.00 in new loans being made in the future. The fund is presently in a financial position to make a large part of these prospective loans, but if all 23 of these requests develop into loans, we will need to continue to grow our deposits in order to be financially able to meet the needs of these churches.

So I leave you with a simple question... "Will you be a part of the Lord's work through the efforts of the RLF"? Churches or Individuals who would like to invest in the work of the Revolving Loan Fund (supporting our Missions and Churches) and earn a good return on their investment can do so by adding to their deposit account or by opening an account. Contact Bro. Vernon Newman at 601-428-8616 or rlf@bmams.org for more information.

Master's Builders Continue to Contribute

The Master's Builders arrived in Smithville, Arkansas, on the weekend before Labor Day, to begin work at Stoneridge Baptist Camp. We were asked to help in building a house for the Director of the camp. Scott and Myrtie Small were needing a bigger, more substantial house for them and their family. This was our 4th time to help at Stoneridge, and we were all so excited to be a part of this project.

The house is a 3 bedroom and 2 bath home with siding on the exterior. There were 17 Master's Builders who worked on the project at different times, but there were also many others who came to lend a hand.

This was job # 163 for The Master's Builders. We plan to be in Cranall, Texas, to begin work at First Baptist starting October 14. If you are in the

area, we love to have you come by and visit with us.

If you have questions about our ministry or if your church has building needs, contact Office Coordinator John Mangum at 318-202-5155 or (cell) 318-607-4100, or Field Coordinator Eddie Sikes, at (903)725-6549 or (cell) (479)462-1675.





Mississippi Baptist Children's Home



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Dwight Lindsey - Director

grace given through His Son by His Word that those who would believe would respond in faith leading to repentance in every generation.

I feel like we have been filling the valley with ditches since we got here in January. I haven't seen the storm clouds, but I have faith that the God who owns all will send us what we need. We are kicking off our new vision for revitalizing our Children's Home ministry during our SPECIAL EMPHASIS this year. We will continue to receive referrals as we have in the past, but we are adding some extra steps to be more helpful to children and families in need. The short of it is we will begin an aggressive strategy of pursuing children who require love and care. Before now we have

water. Now before you think I am trying to explain away a miracle, let me explain how I find this to be even more miraculous and fitting with the whole Bible narrative. A flash flood high in the mountains above the wilderness of Edom would have had to come days in advance of Elisha's request, and it would have produced the water without them seeing the rain.

Christ came so that at the right moment God would reveal the grace given through His Son by His Word that those who would believe would respond in faith leading to repentance in every generation.

The miraculous part of this story would be that God sent the rain before the people even knew of their need, but timed its arrival perfectly for their request for water and their obedience of filling the valley with ditches. Why do I like this explanation of these miraculous events? I think this answer perfectly fits the method of Christ's salvation of sinners as recorded in God's word. Jesus Christ is God's Messiah, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. In God's glorious plan He sent His Son before we ever knew our need. Christ came so that at the right moment God would reveal the

not had an answer for extended family members who do not have custodial rights, which would not allow them to sign children over to the Children's Home. In this new strategy family, community, and churches who have witnessed neglect and abuse will be able to come to us to report facts. We will pass along this information to the proper Child Protective Services office. After allowing CPS to do their job of removing children from dangerous circumstances we will act on the child's behalf if they do not. We will rescue children from abuse and neglect through the aid of our legal sys-

Fostering Faith... ...in God's Provision:

My wife has a favorite passage she likes to hear me preach. Like any sermon, the delivery is never the same, but the main thought is always the same. It is the story from 2 Kings chapter three.

The kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom go out to war with Moab. As they journey their water runs so low they think they will die. In their hour of despair Elisha delivers a message from the Lord in verses 16-17, "And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts." In short, the lesson is when all seems lost the Lord will provide for victory over sin and judgment of sin.

The how He did it is where I want to focus today. God most certainly has the power to send water any way He desires, but there are some other theories. This area, the wilderness of Edom was known for its flash flooding, and many scholars think this is the most likely explanation for the supply of

A New Day A New Vision

Mississippi Baptist Children's Home

Serving The Same Lord Jesus Christ

Help our Children's Home Raise \$50,000 during this year's Special Emphasis

This money will go toward three main areas

- **Legal Fees required to rescue children from abusive and neglected homes**
- **Biblical Counseling to help these children deal with what has been done to them**
- **Administrative costs for new House Parents that will be needed when this strategy proves successful**

Lifeworld

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Illongo, and Tagalog on the Lifeworld Cloud this year.

#3 - Central and South America: Aymara, Quechua, and Guarani will be part of the next batch of languages to be loaded into the Lifeworld Cloud this year.

#4 - Europe: The Romanian team is exploring the process of reaching out to Hungarian and Czech speakers.

Since all video, audio and print content is now being loaded to the cloud at lifeworld.org, we

can know exactly the number of languages and broadcasts: That's 23 languages representing 23 people groups into which Lifeworld will expand their gospel footprint.

Through the Lifeworld Network (our global partners and team members) and the Lifeworld Cloud (lifeworld.org) the gospel is now being shared in 60 languages, in 123 countries and to an audience of more than two billion people.

Lifeworld Sunday 2019 on October 20 is an opportunity to partner with your media ministry by helping your church learn about, pray for and give to the unique ministry of Lifeworld.

For more information about how to do that, call Lauren at 501-205-1127 or email her at lauren@lifeworld.org.



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tem.

The outcomes of these cases will be various. If we receive false reports the facts will bring this to light and the child will remain in a loving home. If the reports of neglect and abuse are true, CPS should do their job in removing the child from a dangerous situation. If the reports are true, but CPS is to overwhelmed by current caseloads, we will file the appropriate paperwork for custody of the child. The judge will make a ruling for the parents to meet certain criteria to regain custody of their children. We would not be taking these children from their parents or keep these children from their parents. Their actions and legal court findings would determine each case. We will be able to see success in many areas as we move forward. Even if we are not awarded custody of a child we can take hope in the fact that we were a part of the process of protecting a child if CPS does their job in removing a child from a deadly environment. If we are awarded custody then we get the benefit of investing the love of Christ into that child's life.

This new strategy can only be successful with God's provision as He supplies through the lives of His people. We still need you to share our services with your communities. We still need you to let families know we are here to help. We still need you to keep your eyes open for those children that desperately need

someone to defend them with the character of Christ. We need your prayers as we embark on this new journey, and we need your support.

This year's SPECIAL EMPHASIS goal is \$50,000. This will help fund our lawyers who will fight these legal battles for us. This will also help fund certified counselors at Crossroads Christian Counseling to help these children with Biblical counseling through the ordeals they have experienced. Also, these funds will help with administrative costs for new house parents that will become a must as this new vision becomes a reality. If we want our Children's Home to serve like it should, it will take all of us working dependently on the Lord.

Please join us Tuesday evening October 22nd, 2019 after the Annual Message of the of our state association meeting for a cake and coffee reception in the Big Creek Fellowship Hall to honor the years of service of Bro. Sidney Davis, Sis. Pat Davis, and Sis. Betty Turnbow. And please contact us if you would like for us to come to your church in November, December, or beyond. Contact the office (601-426-3928), our Facebook page, or my cell phone (662-605-0996). Keep up with us on our website at msbch.org and through email at info@msbch.org. Stay on the lookout for updates, prayer needs, and service opportunities.

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Don Brown
Editor

Annual Meeting Important

The 2019 Annual BMA of Mississippi Session will convene at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, on October 21 & 22.

All churches, pastors and members who are not hindered should attend to care for business. The direction of all of our ministries will be determined as plans are presented and approved by the messengers.

Each department, commission, auxiliary, and other ministries will give reports. We will worship, fellowship, pray, and plan. Participation is important.

Dr. Scott Carson, president of Southeastern Baptist College will bring the annual message on Tuesday evening.

The SBC Alumni Association will be having a Breakfast on Tuesday morning. All former students and supporters should plan to attend. The school is making great progress under the leadership of Dr. Carson and the staff he has assembled. Support is needed for the college to continue to make progress.

The good folks of Big Creek Church will make each of us welcomed and be gracious hosts. The church is located 10 miles west of Laurel on Highway 84. There are no restaurants in the area. The program committee has inserted a few extra minutes into the schedule to allow time to travel to Laurel for lunch.

Each of us will have to be prudent with our time during the lunch hour. Some may even want to bring a "brown bag lunch".

If this proves to be an issue it would seem to be wise to take the meeting back to the college. If the Association wishes to meet at individual churches for the annual meeting it would be wise to consider having a noon meal catered or meeting at a church with eating establishments at a convenient distance.

**AVAILABLE
FOR SERVICE**

Listing of names does not indicate endorsement.
This column is for information purposes only.

Matt Hudson

Matt Hudson is available for preaching appointments, fill-ins, revivals, and sings. He resigned as pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi, 8 months ago and is a member of First Baptist Church in Mantachie, Mississippi. You may contact him by calling 662-260-0244 or email at mlhudson85@yahoo.com.

Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick is available for pulpit supply. He can be reached at 228-249-0558, P.O. Box 256, Escatawpa, MS 39552 or wd40wirick67@gmail.com.

East Central Holds Annual Meeting

by Bro. Jerry Overstreet

Our annual East Central Association meeting was held at Canaan Baptist Church. Bro. Jason Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting. The annual message was brought by Bro. Kelly Byrd. Bro. Jason Howard gave Bro. Kelly Byrd the right hand of appreciation. Meeting was called to order and all business was carried out in a kindly manner. Our November meeting will be held at Dykes Chapel. The host church did a great job on the food thank you very much. May God Bless you all.

Church Seeks Pastor

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Plumerville, Arkansas, is seeking a pastor. Resumes may be sent to mpmbcoffice@gmail.com or mailed to Mt. Pleasant, 896 Hwy 92, Plumerville AR 72127.

Letters From Our Readers

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

Missionary Sookraj Update “..God has a different plan..”

I want to thank all of our supporting churches and indi-



Sookraj Family

viduals for their continued support and prayers.

The past year has been very emotional for our family. We came back to the USA in August

of 2018 to get our final doctor checkups and then off to Peru in November 2018. It's now been a year and we are no closer to being in Peru. Both Dana and I have been trying to get better, but we have not been able to make much headway with Dana's Lyme. That being said we have concluded that God has a different plan for our ministry. Peru is still in our hearths but we are not able to go to Peru with Dana's health being like it is. We have decided to come off missionary status this November 2019. So I am asking you to continue supporting missions because it's a ministry that needs constant help.

Even though I am not a 100% better I believe I can still serve in other ways. Just this past August I went to Honduras on a short term mission trip and served. Our team was able to witness to over 1,000 police officers. We had 12 professions of faith and 3 rededications. It was truly a blessing to use the Spanish I learned in Costa Rica. Learning Spanish was all pos-

sible because of your support. My plan is to do trips like these throughout the years to come until we are able to be in Peru. So I ask if you still want to continue supporting us you can do so by sending your support to Central Church, 7100 Getwell Rd, Southaven, MS 38672. Be sure to put on the memo for Carl Sookraj. This is my home church as well as my sending church.

Once again I want to say thank you to everyone who has been with us through the good and the bad times. The BMAA mission office and the mission board have been very gracious to us this past year. I look forward in seeing how God uses us in the years to come. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 901-488-5266. The best way is to text me at that number or you may email me at Sookraj.peru@yahoo.com.

I wished I had everyone's phone number so I could call you personally and say thanks. So text me and I'll call you.

With a thankful heart
Carl Sookraj

Scripture Thoughts by Cleaver

“And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” Genesis 3:12

Adam not only “kicked Eve to the curb;” he also “threw her under the bus” when he had to tell God he had sinned. How shameful to point the finger at your wife to blame for your actions! Yet Adam blamed someone else for his own sin. Sin is not simply breaking the laws of the land. Sin is disobeying God. Adam had disobeyed God and was making excuses for his own disobedience.

Before we get too far into condemning Adam, let's think about our own sin. When we disobey God, who is at fault? Certainly it is not your wife or husband. It is definitely not the boss or a neighbor who makes you sin. Please don't say it is your society or culture that makes you

sin. Listen to the penitent David in Psalm 51:4: “Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.”

David did not try to shift the blame to anyone regarding his choice of disobeying God. He confessed – confess means to say the same thing – his choice of behavior to God. God knew his choice and agreed with it. God heard David's prayer when he said in verse 10: “Create in me a clean heart, O God;”

Dear Reader, who has sinned? You or someone who “made you do it”? No, not anyone caused your sin. You chose to do so. Confess your sin to ask for a clean, new heart through Christ Jesus our Lord.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Gen 6:8

What does one do when all around is nothing but immorality and wickedness in the population, even corruption in the highest government offices? David asked this same kind of

question as he looked around his own country in Psalm 11:3: “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Basically David concluded the best thing for him to do was to go on being righteous! That is the situation here with Noah. The passage tells us the Lord saw widespread evil in all of humanity. But – and here is the great exception – Noah found grace and favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Dear Reader, are you set every day on all sides with dishonesty, debauchery, and even worse things? What can you do? You can go on being righteous. You can look to find favor in God's eyes by your following the precepts of the Word of God that brings light to your life. You will be that light shining in a dark place. The Lord looks for light. He found it in Noah.

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President's Perspective

"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

I was watching football on television the other day. The quarterback dropped back for a pass, but an opponent came rushing in from the direction that the quarterback was not expecting. No one blocked the tackler and he slammed into the quarterback on his blind-side sacking him in the backfield. The quarterback laid on the ground a little longer than usual as he tried to shake off the shock of the impact that temporarily knocked him senseless.



Dr. Scott Carson
President

I have been reading in Isaiah where the Lord repeatedly warns the Israelites about their willful sin. He sends them many reminders both through the prophets and through circumstances, yet the Jews ignore Him and continue in their waywardness. Finally, the Lord sends utter disaster upon them in order to get their attention. The Lord would prefer

His people follow Him faithfully and obey His instructions. When we live by godly principles, it leads to peace and joy, even in the struggles of this life. If we believers choose to ignore God's ways and follow our own thoughts and plans, then we can be sure that the Lord will bring something into our lives that will get our spiritual attention.

I had been serving as an Army chaplain for almost eight years and the time was coming for my inclusion for a promotion board for the selection to the rank of Major. When an officer is selected for Major, it is fairly certain that they will serve until retirement.

The Chaplain Corps had issued warnings that this particular board would be leveraged to cull the number of chaplains on active duty. Those not selected would not be able to continue on active duty and be returned to civilian life. Their days of serving God and country in the Army would come to an end. I did not think much about the promotion board as I was confident that I was at least in

the middle of the pack in performance when compared to other chaplains, if not higher. However, when the board results were revealed, I had been passed over. I was completely blind-sided by the news. I was sure that the Army would recognize my good record and select me. I was very wrong. I was wrong in my self-confidence. I was wrong in my attitude. I was wrong in my walk with the Lord. Though my service to soldiers was exemplary, I had been trusting in my abilities

...God uses tough times to hone and mold his people to His purposes. We are often a stubborn lot, but the Lord loves His children and wants the best for them...

rather than trusting in the Lord. And the Lord challenged this attitude in a way that I did not see coming. I was confused, I was hurt, and I became depressed. I was angry and I grieved that my ministry in the Army appeared to be ending.

However, the Lord was at work and I had a hard lesson to learn about keeping my ministry centered on the Lord and not just my activities in the Army. When I finally learned my lesson, after almost two years of heartache, God changed everything. Even though I had received

my orders to exit the Army, I was equally blind-sided by the good news of being invited to remain in the Army as a chaplain. Within two months of accepting the offer, I was selected for and pinned on the rank of Major! I continued to serve the Lord in the Army for the next twenty years.

I am convinced God uses tough times to hone and mold his people to His purposes. We are often a stubborn lot, but the Lord loves His children and wants the best for them. The best, is Himself. He will work to get our attention and if we continue to ignore His warning signs, He will blind-side us with a life event that will force us to move Him back to the center of our lives. Of course, we can avoid the blind-side, if we earnestly and consistently seek His will over our own.

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15

Equipping the Saints!
Dr. Carson

TNT

Each Tuesday evening, we bring the student body together for a meal and a spiritual lesson. We invite churches and ministries to sponsor a Tuesday Night Talk (TNT) by providing a nutritious catered meal with a person bringing the spiritual 15-minute lesson. This program was a huge success last year and we already have three churches signed up for this important ministry. Pine Ridge Baptist Church of Laurel, First Baptist Church of Sharon, and Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Ellisville have all provided to our students a devotion and meal. Contact Dr. Carson soon to schedule your night of ministry.

SBC Choir

"Cornerstone", the newly formed SBC Choir led by Krista McKenzie, had their



The SBC Choir "Cornerstone" makes their first official appearance at Temple Baptist Church in Laurel

first official performance at the opening revival service at Temple Baptist Church of Laurel on September 22. Their performance in ministry through music was absolutely outstanding! See the adjacent photos of their debut. Does your church or ministry want to host the SBC Choir? Now is the time to reserve dates for their performance. Hurry, their schedule is filling up quickly. Contact Krista at 601-426-6346.

Cafeteria Project

Thank you Women's Missionary Auxiliary for making this your fund raising project for this year! Pray that we will have enough funds to complete this project and have the "Hi5 Diner" open soon. When ready, the diner will also be open the public.

Golf Tournament

The first Southeastern Baptist College Golf Tournament was held at the



Ellis & Walters Dentistry Team



Magnolia State Bank Team takes first place in the inaugural SBC Golf Tournament. The team consisted of Jeremy Wade, Lew Yoder, Greg Walters and John Diggets

Laurel Country Club on September 25, 2019. The proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund for our students. The Magnolia State Bank Team won and Ellis & Walters Dentistry Team came in second place. See the adjacent photos of the event. Thank you!... for the following sponsors:

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Special Emphasis

Praise the Lord for your generosity! Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month recently concluded and listed below are the churches that specifically provided donations toward this effort. Many sent their contributions early and while other churches participated throughout the year giving eagerly toward special needs, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. I wish to express a huge "thank you" to all the churches and individuals who support God's work here at SBC.

- Paramount, Wiggins
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- Forked Oak, Booneville
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- Oak Grove Baptist Association
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- Hopewell, Fulton
- Tombigbee, Mantachie

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Ed Steele
Director

Abundant Information Available at Archives

by Ed Steele

The History and Archive Commission is located in the Library of Southeastern Baptist College. Historical records compiled from our churches, local Associations, the BMA of Mississippi, as well as other records from the BMA of America, can be found in the files. The only way our records can remain up-to-date is for our churches and the various departments to continue to provide information to us. The Clerks of our local Associations are encouraged to send a copy of their minutes as soon as they are printed. When a church is having a special service celebrating an Anniversary, Revival, etc., the Bulletins prepared especially for the event can also be placed in the files.

Our Library contains many books and pamphlets that would be of interest to any who will take the time to go through them. There are over 100 cassettes of messages preached by many, including some who have gone on to be with the Lord. All the messages from numerous Bible Conferences were recorded on cassettes and are also available. However, there is a problem due to the fact that nothing is to be taken from the Library,

but must be used only on site. You can only enjoy the cassettes by bringing a cassette player to play them and, therefore, is very time consuming. I have encouraged others to use the modern technique of providing CDs and DVDs that can be available for anyone who may desire to bring a laptop and blank CDs or DVDs to make their own personal copies. It will be great if our current preachers will provide a DVD or CD of their preaching or Bible studies that is properly labeled and it will be a blessing to others for many years to come.

I have prepared many Bible studies using Power Point Presentations through the years. I have recently converted some to DVD of me presenting the studies where one can watch the presentation on a computer (or on television with a DVD player) while listening to my voice explaining what I believe. While it took me hundreds of hours to study and prepare these presentations, you will be able to copy them in a matter of minutes. Copies of the Power Points and the class handouts are provided on a CD that you can copy to your computer and use them as is or change them as you desire.

I will list some of these studies I have placed in the Library for you to consider. On the books of the Bible studies, each verse will appear on the top of the screen

with my comments appearing below.

1. I have placed a plastic case that has 2 DVDs containing a verse-by-verse study of Revelation and a CD that has 19 Power Point presentations and 19 Microsoft Word class handouts for each lesson in the Library.

2. A verse-by-verse study of Daniel is in a plastic case having a DVD containing 14 videos and a CD with the 14 Power Point Presentations. I did not prepare class handouts for this study.

3. I video-taped some lessons that I entitled "Bible Studies on Debated Topics" and placed this DVD in the Library.

Subjects I covered are: a. Sons of God and Daughters of Men, b. The Sabbath Remaining, c. Heaven - Our Home, d. The Bride of Christ, e. The Lord's Supper, f. Joseph as a Type of Christ. Because of a difference of opinions on these subjects by many, I wanted to present what I believe for posterity sake.

4. I prepared a Power Point study I called "A Discourse on the Olivet Discourse" from Matthew 24 & 25 many years ago. The study presents 5 subjects Jesus dealt with on the Mount of Olives: The Signs of the Times, The Rapture, The Great Tribulation, The Millennium, and The Judgments. A few years ago, I used these studies as the basis for a book I had published using the same name. A DVD of me presenting these 5 lessons is in the Library.

5. I also taught a study I called "The Covenant of Grace" many years ago and prepared Power Point presentations for it. A DVD of me presenting the lessons on Power Point with my voice discussing what is on the screen has been placed in the Library. This DVD has 7 lessons on

it. I used what I teach in these lessons (and much more) to publish the book God's Covenant of Grace several years ago.

If it is not feasible for you to go to the History and Archive Library to make copies of any of these DVDs for yourself, I will be glad to make copies for you. The annual meeting will be at Big Creek rather than at Southeastern, so you may not be in the vicinity of the College. I will provide my phone and e-mail address for any to contact me if interested in any of these studies (or others I have prepared that are not listed here). My phone num-

I will be asking the Association to select someone else to be the Director of the History & Archive Commission at the annual meeting.

ber is 601-794-8861 and e-mail address is ed.steele@att.net. Of course, there will be no charge for the DVDs or CDs.

Due to my age, it is unlikely I will ever be asked to teach any of these lessons again. It is my prayer that what I have spent many, many hours preparing can be used by someone else for years to come with just a few changes to make the studies 'fit' them. Also due to my age and the fact that I do not live near the Library, I will be asking the Association to select someone else to be the Director of the History & Archive Commission at the annual meeting.

I would like to thank the churches who have been faithful to send their offerings to the History and Archive Commission. If your church would like to contribute, please send your offering to Southeastern Baptist College, ATTN: History & Archive, 4229 Highway 15 N, Laurel MS, 39440.

From The Mind of Chuck Lee

It All Began On the River

Around the age of 15, I worked on a farm with my good friend and neighbor, Shane. Shane and I basically just kept up the place doing general upkeep such as mowing the lawn, feeding the horses, cleaning the stalls, bush-hogging, and the such. At the back of the property, the Amite River flowed invitingly cool during the hot summer days and having no self control at that age, we gave in to the luring call of the river several days each week. As long as we got our work done each day, our boss allowed us this freedom to cool off at different intervals of the day.

One day while swimming and exploring up the river, we found



Bro. Chuck Lee

a log that came off the bank and lay about twenty feet into the water. On the down current side, we discovered that the bottom was deep behind the log. Shane had a hoop net at his house, so the next day we lugged it out to the river and strung it out into the deep hole. After about a week, we checked it one day and discovered we had caught a twenty pound tabby catfish. Never before had we



caught a catfish that large. Today, we would have plastered it all over social media, but back then we just snapped a Polaroid or two and left it at that. I didn't even know catfish existed that were that big.

Thirty or more years later, I have caught hundreds of catfish that large and many that were much larger, but back then we felt we had accomplished a great feat. Later, a pet alligator escaped the farm and made it to the river one night and so we limited our swimming to a decent size sandbar on the river. He didn't consider himself a pet, so we figured we were fair game if he ever caught us in the deeper water.

Something during those days sparked an interest for me in the river, and even today I enjoy being out on the water. In fact, a lot of what I did during my younger years still resonate fond emotions that are sparked on occasion as I have aged. Makes me think how important it is to introduce our children at an early age to good things. Maybe as they age, they will realize that those things are just a sample of the good life that they can have later in life.

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

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GMA's - Ministering To The Girls in Your Church

My name is Lydia Dunlap and I am writing on the behalf of the National GMA program in hopes to provide you with information on what this program could mean for your church! Girls Missionary Auxiliary, or GMA, is a discipleship program for girls in the 4th - 12th grade. This program provides a



Christian environment where "counselors" (any godly lady in your church) can mentor girls and where any girl can come to be mentored. GMA's has course work where girls study, memorize scripture, participate in service projects, learn about missionaries, and interact with our current BMA missionaries.

Big or small, old school or modern, country or city, your girls need Jesus, and GMA's is a great way to show them scripture, love, and the plan of salvation.

As a girl who has gone through 8 years of the program so far, I have seen incredible growth in so many lives. Girls without godly role models can find their support community in their GMA counselors, and ladies can find God's call to pour into young girls. This program teaches how to follow the example of the Proverbs 31 woman and the women heroes of faith so much more! This program has led many girls to Christ and

on to places of service.

If this is sounding like a fit for your church and your congregation, you're in luck because starting a program for your church is really simple! First, you must have willing ladies who are ready to arm girls with the Word of God. Second, you must have girls who are willing to give up an hour or so a week to learn

...you're in luck because starting a GMA program for your church is really simple!

more and dig deeper into God's Word. Third, you can visit <https://nationalgma.org> to find more information and print off lessons for the girls. It's really that easy! Maybe you have more questions; that's ok! You can

contact our National GMA Promoter Lane Flynt at lane.flynt98@gmail.com.

As an organization, GMA has district and state chapters so you and your local group are not alone. You are part of a sisterhood of believers. The national chapter invites you to come be a part at our National Camp at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp in Gary, Texas, June 9-12, 2019. You can plan to come and get more information at camp about growing your local GMA program. We hope to see all of you there, and if you have decided to start a program, or want more information, please reach out to Lane Flynt (lane.flynt98@gmail.com).

Southeastern College

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Magnolia, Hattiesburg
Lebanon, Laurel
Berean, Soso
Central, Corinth
East Amory, Amory

Ice Machine

We have an immediate need for an ice machine for the college. Ice is used in support of the sports program as well as the many other activities we hold on campus. It is most urgent for injuries incurred in games or practice. Can you assist us in this need? Contact us at 601-426-6346 if you would like to help.

Big Screen Televisions

We are also in need of a donation for two large flat screen televisions (50 inch or larger) for use in men's and women's dorms. If you can help us with one of these much needed items, contact SBC at 601-426-6346.

Food Donations to the Dorms

Last year several churches and individuals donated food for

the dormitories. We would like to continue this opportunity for you to minister to our students. While purchasing food, think purchasing long shelf life individual microwavable meals that don't require refrigeration (until cooked).

Veterans Benefits

SBC possesses the Gold Award level as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Available to Preach

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



Dr. Carson is interviewed on Comcast Channel 95 "Free State Today" providing an update on Southeastern Baptist College



Dylan Morris takes a shot. Dylan is a member of the first SBC Collegiate Golf Team. Photo by Linda Cranford.

Laurel - Jones County Community Supported the Southeastern College Golf Tournament Scholarship Effort



SBC students Chelsa Anderson and Mikayla Laster help with the golf tourney logistics

2019-20 Southeastern Charger Basketball Schedule

Men's Schedule

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

Lady's Schedule

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

Support Southeastern Basketball

Attention

Southeastern Baptist College Alumni Alumni Breakfast

October 22, 2019 @ 7:30 AM

Big Creek Baptist Church

PLEASE RSVP if you will attend.

Send to

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Philippine Missionary Shares Work & Help from Mississippi

by Missionary Sam Freeman

Another way that God has allowed me to serve the BMAP churches is through the BMAP Missions Department. At the request of the association, I serve as an advisor to the BMAP Missions Department Missionary Committee and as the BMAP Missionary Trainer. The 7 men of the committee, along with the BMAP Missions Director, are tasked with the responsibility of working with our local churches in identifying the best locations to plant future churches, and with the administration, training and preparation of national workers as they serve as BMAP missionaries all over the Philippines.

The Training Department conducts online coaching and training sessions with our national missionaries each month and having the capability to do this helps with the logistical issues the BMAP Missions Department faces with the Philippines being an island nation.

Last month the Hobolochitto Baptist Association, along with Community (Barth) Baptist Church, donated the funds for our national missionaries to receive new laptops. We are so thankful for their partnership in this project, and willingness to bless others. These laptops will greatly benefit these missionaries and the BMAP Missions Department.



Progress in the Philippines

from Missionary Stan Scroggins

Darlene Carey Christian Academy

We are excited that announce more good news concerning our academy. The Philippine Department of Education arrived at the end of August for the preliminary inspection of our facilities, the only problem is, **WE DON'T HAVE ANY FACILITIES.** However, we have preliminary authorization to begin the building process.



Philippine Education Department visiting the Bible College with College staff

43rd Matriculation of the Baptist Missionary Bible College

We welcomed returning students and new students from all over the Philippines to our campus with lots of new happenings and the opening of our renovated Boy's dorm. Here are a few



pictures of a great start to our 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you to the wonderful work team from Garrett Memorial Baptist Church in Hope, Arkansas for putting a lot of smiles and enthusiasm into the lives of our precious students. The boys love the work you did on their dorm.

The Ati Tribe

Through out the Philippine islands are scattered tribes of indigenous peoples. These people migrated to these islands even before the Filipino Polynesians. These tribes have their own distinct culture and dialects, many still not reached with the Gospel. Most of these tribes are isolated in the mountains where they have fled in efforts to protect their native cultures.



Rotar, our Ati Tribe student, preaching.

The Bible College has four students from the Ati tribe on Negros Island and are working to begin reaching tribal people from other islands too. Most of the Ati are subsistence farmers, but, during the dry season their crops failed. The Lees, Donna and I traveled to a nearby mountain village to distribute rice and to support one of our Ati students who preaches in their dialect.



After a two hour car ride, one hour tricycle-cab ride, stopping for gas poured out of a coke bottle, crossing the bridge, taking a bath with the caribou, we finally made it to the village. This really makes you feel like a pioneer missionary.

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