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11th Annual National Senior Adult Conference

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DiscipleGuide's 11th Annual National Senior Adult Conference is slated for November 16-18 at the Hilton Convention Center Hotel in Branson, Missouri. This year's event promises to be the best of the lot, according to DCM Conference Director, Donny Parrish. "National Senior Adult Conference is my favorite," said Parrish. "And this year's edition is going to be so inspiring and so much fun."

Conference favorite, Jerry Jolly, will be conference Pastor for the week. David Attebery, former Worship Pastor at Antioch Baptist in Conway, Arkansas, will be leading worship.

Highlights for the week include concerts by gospel music legends Allison Durham Speer and Ken Medema, along with the popular country-western gos-

pel group, Shiloh.

Allison Durham Speer communicates the Gospel in all she does, in megachurches such as First Baptist Atlanta (Dr. Charles Stanley), The Brooklyn Tabernacle, First Baptist Orlando, as well as small rural churches. Her appearances on the Gaither Homecoming videos, The 700 Club, and The Trinity Broadcasting Network have left the nation wanting more of this incredible singer.

Ken Medema is a musician, composer and performer and has ministered to the church for over 30 years. Ken performs in a wide variety of venues, from local congregations to charity fund-raisers, to high school and university campuses, to denominational youth gatherings, to globally televised religious programs, to corporate conventions, to annual assemblies of national organizations, and he does this without



the use of his physical eyes, being able only to distinguish some shapes and differing degrees of light and darkness.

In addition, the conference will feature a night at the Sight and Sound Theatre, one of the largest in America, and the show, "The Miracle of Christmas." Christmas memories jump to life as a brand-new sensory experience highlights the return of Miracle of Christ-

mas to the Sight and Sound Theatre. Taste and smell the special holiday treats as you interact with characters and animals from the Nativity story. The Theatre will be grandly decorated with lights, greenery, Nativity scenes and a spectacular thirty-foot Christmas tree.

The highlight of the conference, according to Parrish, could be the first annual BMAA Gospel Homecoming. "We're going to have our own "Gaither" night with some of my favorites singing some of our most beloved gospel hymns and songs. It's going to be a night you'll not want to miss."

Registration for the conference is \$125/person by October 18 and includes two full breakfast buffets. Register online at www.DiscipleGuide.org/conferences. Hotel reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited. Group room rate is \$122 each night. Make your reservations by calling the Hilton Branson at 1.800.445.8667 or direct at 417.336.5400.

Former Arkansas Missions Director Stanley Beard Dies

Stanley Fulton Beard, 86, died September 7 at his home in Yazoo City, Mississippi, where he and his wife had



moved several years ago to be close to their son. A native of Texas, he was also a World War II Army Air Corp veteran.

Brother Beard sur-

rendered to the ministry in May 1951 and was ordained in June 1952 at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, TX. He attended Jacksonville College and BMA Seminary. He also pastored four

churches (Channelview, Channelview, TX; Salem, Huntington, TX; First, Alex, OK; and First at Waldo, Arkansas, for 10 years) before being elected to the position of executive director of BMA of Arkansas Missions in 1975. He served in this position for 20 years and his wife, the former Betty Taylor, worked alongside him as the department's secretary and bookkeeper. During his years of service, 23 churches and 4 missions were organized. Survivors include his wife, Betty Beard; a son, Deryl Beard; two sisters, Mildred Adams and Billye Ann Williams; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Stricklin-King Funeral Home in Yazoo City, Mississippi, with David Watkins and Steven Howell officiating. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery. Mrs. Beard's address is 1916 Barnwell Dr., Yazoo City, MS 39194.

BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting Set

The 2010 session of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi will be held at Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel beginning Monday, October 18.

The state Brotherhood and WMA meetings will be held on Monday evening. This year both of these groups will be meeting in the facilities of First Baptist Church of Shady Grove. The WMA will meet in the church sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and the state Brotherhood will meet in the church Fellowship Hall.

The Association will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, in the auditorium of Southeastern College.

Reports will be heard from each of the departments and commissions and from

each of the Association's auxiliaries. Reports are also likely from a number of ministries affiliated with our work.

National workers will be present to update the messengers on their work.

Each church is urged to elect their 3 messengers and be represented. What a glorious opportunity to gather and care for the Lord's Work.

The Theme for this year's meeting will focus on Biblical Discipleship. Make your plans now to be present.

EIM Update on
Shepherd's Bags
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Shiloh Baptist Church Turns 150



Shiloh Church, Mt. Olive, Mississippi celebrates 150 years of ministry

former musicians. After all the presentations, our pastor, Brother Dewitt Bain, will deliver the message. Lunch will be served after the message.



Bro. Dewitt Bain

We will meet back in the sanctuary for a time of singing and fellowship. Our special guest for the afternoon service will be the Cummins Family from Sumrall. We would like to extend an invitation to all of our readers to attend this special celebration. We invite all who can to come and celebrate with us.

We would like to share the fact that Shiloh Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, will be 150 years old on October 3, 2010. We will have a special service to celebrate.

Beginning at 10:00 that Sunday morning, we will be reading the history of the church and recognize former pastors, deacons, clerks, treasurers, and all the

California judge oversteps authority, orders stop to 'don't ask, don't tell' policy

OneNewsNow - A federal judge said she will issue an order to halt the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, after she declared the ban on openly homosexual service members unconstitutional. But a conservative military watchdog argues that a federal judge doesn't have the authority to throw out a law that has been passed by Congress and consistently held up as constitutional by numerous other courts.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips declared on Thursday that the U.S. military's ban on homosexual military service is unconstitutional because the ban violates the First Amendment rights of homosexual men and women. She said she will issue an injunction that would halt

the enforcement of the 1993 law, which is often confused with Bill Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The ruling came as a result of a suit brought by the Log Cabin Republicans (a Republican homosexual group).

Tommy Sears is executive director of the Michigan-based Center for Military Readiness. He accuses Judge Phillips - like other activist judges - of making a "power grab."

"It's really breathtaking the kinds of reaches for power that rulings like this indicate on the part of activist judges, of which this [judge] is apparently one," states Sears. "She has definitely overreached, and I am certain that once this case is reviewed,

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Shepherd Bags™ Update

by Fonda Norris
EIM Shepherd Bags™
Coordinator

I'd like to take a moment to follow up our last article outlining our new procedure for the Shepherd Bags™ Ministry and EIM's 1.2 Million Campaign for Honduras. We have had calls and emails with questions regarding the changes that we are incorporating and I want to try and clear up some questions that have been raised.

Our first container to Honduras will be shipped in October. We stated that we would like the new procedure to begin before the first Honduras container is loaded. However, we understand that there are churches and individuals that have already purchased supplies to make bags that will not be ready until after that shipment leaves or they have already made bags and wondered if they would be used in Honduras. If you have assembled bags, please go ahead and get them to us as soon as you can. Or if you have purchased supplies and were planning on putting bags together, by all means go ahead and put the bags together. We will continue to work the bags in until everyone is finished with any Shepherd Bags™ that they were in the process of making. Rest assured that all bags that you are presently assembling will be sent to Honduras.

You can start with the new procedure the next time you begin to assemble Shepherd Bags™. We have already used the new procedure with several churches. It worked like this: Churches sent their Shepherd Bags™ offering to the EIM office, EIM ordered their supplies and sent it to the churches for assembly. The entire process worked well and we've had nothing but positive feedback.

Another question that has been asked numerous times since last week is, "What can we do if we do not want to make Shepherd Bags™ but still want to help? Can we send money instead of making bags?" YES One of our greatest needs as stated before will be having the funds to allow us to keep our Warren EIM Warehouse supplied with needed items to assemble bags. We had a church just this week to tell us that they are going to raise money for this three year campaign and have some fun with it. They are going to have quarterly contests with all their Sunday School Classes. Whoever raises the most money will choose what the losing classes have to do. Things such as kissing a pig, washing the winners feet, getting duct taped to a wall and have water balloons thrown. Hey teachers that just may bring those Sunday school numbers up

As we stated in our previous

article, there are numerous reasons why we must change and adapt to meet the level of ministry that is going to be involved in the Shepherd Bags™. God opened this door and we believe that we're headed in the right direction. We appreciate your faithfulness to EIM and the Shepherd Bags™ Ministry. You have partnered with us since 1999 to get thousands of bags into numerous countries and we are excited to hear many of you expressing to us that you'll be with us to help meet this incredible goal of 1.2 Million Bags to Honduras.

If you have any questions about the Shepherd Bags™ Ministry, visit our website at www.eimworldwide.org. We will have all the new information posted shortly. You may also contact me, Fonda Norris; EIM's Shepherd Bags™ Coordinator, at 870-226-3626 or email me at fnorris@eimworldwide.org.

DCM Calendar

October

6-8-Pastors Oasis
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, Missouri

November

2-12-The Holy Land Trip
Leave from Dallas, Texas
16-19-National
Senior Adult Conference
Hilton-Branson, Missouri

December

28-30-Merge (AR & TX Youth)
Daniel Springs Camp
Gary, Texas



Fulton Church seeks music & education director

Bethel Baptist Church in Fulton, MS is looking for a full-time music/education director. Anyone interested in applying for this position should send a resume to: Bethel Baptist Church, Attn.: Dr. Martin Jameson, 445 Bethel Church Road, Fulton, MS 38843.

Bethel, Fulton

Greetings from Bethel. The Men's Ministry - R.E.A.L. Men - is starting a weekly Study of "Wild at Heart." Several will be going to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis on September 25, to minister to the families of the children taking cancer treatment at St. Jude Hospital. There have been 6 additions since our last report. You are always welcome at Bethel. If you are ever in the area, please

drop in for a visit.

Dr. Martin Jameson, Pastor
Martha Duncan, Reporter

Harmony Meeting report

The September meeting of the Harmony Association was held at First Baptist, Mantachie. Following special music Dr. Adams gave a report on his work with the Moral Action Committee and followed up with the evening message using as his text Habakkuk 1:1-4.

After the message the business meeting was led by Moderator Tim Nall. There were 7 churches present with 41 in attendance and 4 visitors. The annual meeting of the Harmony Association will be held at Shady Grove Baptist Church on October 9th. The speaker will be Bro. Bob O'Neal, Bro. Tim Nall alternate.

Bro. Vern Holifield reported on his work with the Senior Adult Commission and stated the North Conference will be held on May 3, 2011 at First Baptist, Mantachie. Matt Hudson gave a report on the work in the State Brotherhood and also reported on a N. E. Mississippi Bible Conference to be held on September 19-20. Bro. Freeman gave an encouraging report on State Missions. A delicious meal was provided by the host church after the meeting.

Tim Nall, Moderator
Tony Marolt, Reporter

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Dr. Medrick Savell
President

Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

We are experiencing a good semester and appreciate the cooperation of so many from faculty, staff, students, churches, associations, and individuals. Our Lord puts all efforts together and uses them to carry out His will for Southeastern Baptist College.

Included are pictures taken in a special chapel service on September 14, 2010. Another photo shows those who received the BMA Revolving Loan Fund Scholarship for BMA preachers this semester.



Professor Joey Harris speaking in chapel during the observance of Constitution Day.

Gary Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance during Constitution Day observance.



Loan Fund Scholarship Recipients



(L-R - Chase Elkins, Pete Reynolds, Ray Matthews, Donnie Logan, Sam Barahona. Not pictured, Zack Dant)

Special Emphasis

Thanks for the good response to Special Emphasis received so far. We appreciate all who are participating this year. It is needed. This is a list of those we have received at this time. Others are being received almost daily.

Churches

Antioch, Soso
Berean, Soso
Bethel, Seminary
Centerville, Mantachie
Community, Poplarville
First Baptist, Bay Springs
East Fulton, Fulton

First Calhoun, Laurel
Forked Oak, Booneville
Good Hope, Ovett
Hopewell, Fulton
Lee's Chapel #2, Picayune
Little Creek, Perkinston
New Bethany, Ellisville
New Hope, Collinsville
Oak Grove, Lucedale
Oakland Grove, Sandersville
Paramount, Perkinston
Ramsey Creek, Saucier
Riverside, Ellisville
Spring Hill, Laurel
Ten Mile Baptist Church Ladies
Sunday School Class, Perkinston
Union, Bay Springs
Washington, Neely

Westlawn, Picayune
Zion, Angilla

Associations

Harmony Baptist Association
Oak Grove Baptist Association

Individuals

Mrs. Louise Crawley
Mrs. Marjorie Harper
Mr. and Mrs. James Moore
Mrs. Odell Stephens
Wayne and Vivian Parker

Please continue to pray for the ministry of Southeastern Baptist College.

Slain chaplain found his faith in Oregon

Editor's note: This article was forwarded to me by my friend and former BMAA Army Chaplain Tony Cleaver. I did not see this in the national media, but thought our readers would be interested. Pray for the chaplains who minister to our service personnel.

A Baptist minister who grew up in Hood River is the first Army chaplain to die in combat since Vietnam.

Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Allen Goetz, 43, died in a roadside bombing in Afghanistan's Arghandab River Valley. He had been in Afghanistan less than a month. Four other Fort Carson, Colorado, soldiers were also killed in the attack.

His mother, Hope Goetz, who lives in Colorado, traveled to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware to meet her son's remains, friends say.

News of the death sped through Hood River, where Goetz developed his Christian faith and love of the military while attending a small private school, Baptist Christian, now called Horizon Christian.

"He had always wanted to minister," classmate Scott Ashby said. "He had a dedication to God and country."

Goetz is the 124th service member with strong ties to Oregon to die in Afghanistan or Iraq. But as a chaplain, he was a noncombatant and unarmed.

The Dale A Goetz Memorial Trust Fund

The Dale A Goetz Memorial Trust Fund to help Army Chaplains minister to soldiers is being set up at the Bank at

Broadmoor, 155 Lake Ave. Colorado Springs, CO. 80906

The more than 400 Army chaplains in Iraq or Afghanistan are military officers. Their job is to reach soldiers on the battlefield, to provide religious support and to perform services or rites, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Carleton Birch, spokesman for the Army Chief of Chaplains.

An armed chaplain's assistant travels with each. The first assistant to die in the wars was killed in Afghanistan last month, Birch said.

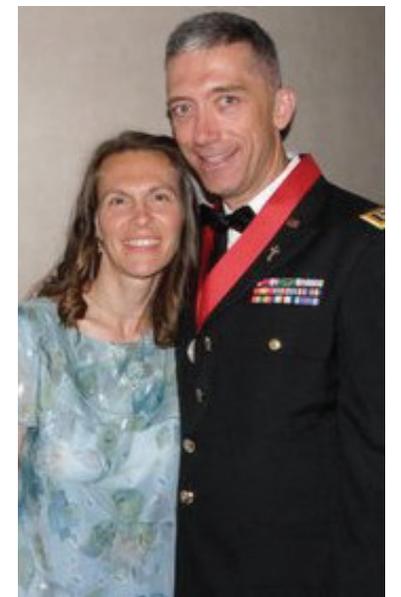
Goetz grew up in Hood River, an athlete whose first job was at an old-fashioned dairy where he processed milk and sold ice cream at a drive-up window, Ashby said.

A year before he graduated in 1986, he prayed with his principal, Oscar Stenberg III, and another student to receive Jesus Christ.

"From that point, it was like a light was on in him," Stenberg said.

Goetz enlisted in the Air Force, then went on to Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wis. He graduated in 1995 with a bachelor's degree, according to the college website, and met his wife, Christina, there. He completed his Master of Divinity degree at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minneapolis in 2000. He was pastor of a church in White, S.D., until he joined the Army and began his work toward chaplaincy in 2000.

He served with the infantry at Fort Lewis, Wash., then three years in Okinawa, Japan, until he was transferred to Colorado in January. He was assigned to



Chaplain Goetz and wife Christine

the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson. He served 11 months in Iraq in 2004-05.

Stenberg said Goetz mailed about a month ago saying he was excited about serving soldiers but was concerned for the family he left behind. Survivors include his wife and three children ages 10, 8 and 1. Funeral services were held in Colorado Springs, Colo., with burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

*Greater love hath
no man than this,
that a man lay
down his life for
his friends.
John 15:13*

Mississippi Baptist Opinion Page

Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

Congratulations

I would like to take this space to congratulate Bro. Vern D. Holifield on his 61 years in the ministry. What a faithful warrior for Christ Bro. Vern has been through the years.



Don Brown
Editor

When I was elected editor in 1978, Bro. Vern was the moderator of our state work. Overall I think things went well, but at one or two points during discussion of the move to a full-time editor, things could have gotten out of hand. With all the grace that God's man should have and dis-

playing wisdom gained from many years of ministry, Bro. Holifield moderated and 'managed' the session in such a way that it brought honor to the Lord and relieved some of the pressure on a young preacher boy who at the time did not understand much of the process and workings of our associated work.

God has blessed Bro. Holifield's ministry, his family and the churches and departments he has served. He continues to serve the Lord with a humble attitude and the heart of a loving servant.

I know Mrs. Louise was proud of him and supported him. His sons also have risen up to make him proud. Congratulations Bro. Holifield - may God give you many more years of blessings.

Vern Holifield celebrates Sixty One Years of Ministry

Bro. Vern D. Holifield celebrated sixty one years in the Gospel ministry on September 4, 2010. Springhill Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi is his home church.



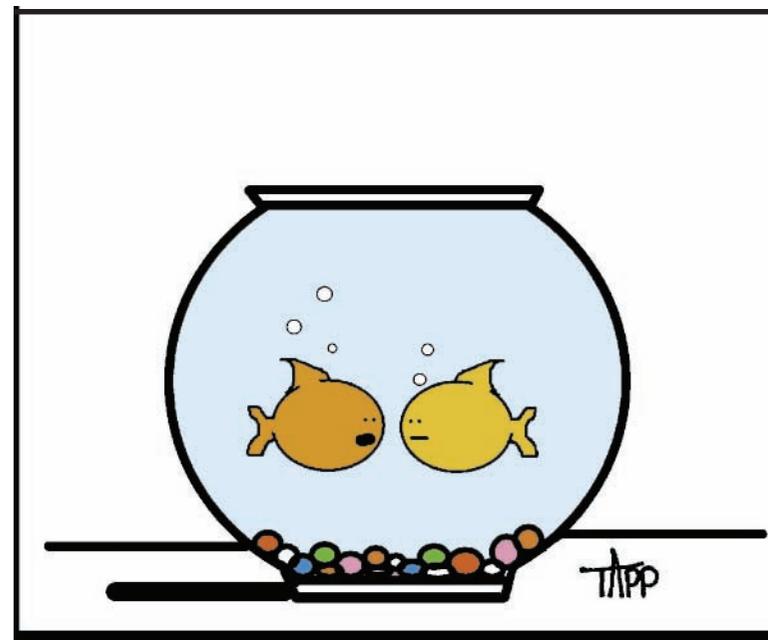
Bro. Vern D. Holifield

He was saved through the ministry of Springhill. The church licensed Bro. Holifield to preach on September 4, 1949 and ordained him on January 22, 1950. Great men of God like Dr. John W. Duggar, Ollie F. Parker, R.G. Holland, M.E. Childers, L.T. Simmons, H.L. Gardner and many others served on the ordination council.

Washington Baptist Church, Neely, Mississippi, called Brother Holifield as pastor in 1949. This was his first church to pastor. The Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Union, Mississippi, was his second pastorate. In 1951 the Holifields moved to First Baptist, New Summerfield, Texas. There he served as pastor and attended Jacksonville Baptist College While in Texas he also served Westfall Baptist Church in Pasadena.

In 1955 the Holifields moved back to Mississippi and served as State Missionary for the BMA of Mississippi. He was elected as Director of Missions for the BMA of Mississippi two different times. In the early years as Director of Missions he worked hard to establish the Revolving Loan Fund. Many missions, and churches in and out of Mississippi have been helped by the Loan Fund. The Loan Fund is a strong part of the BMA of

Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



"I don't like this place at all... it's like living in a PARSONAGE."

Mississippi today.

After his service as Director of Missions he served Bethel, Fulton; Hopewell, Fulton; Harmony, Greenville; Shiloh, Mt.

Olive; Bethel, Seminary; and Springhill, Laurel; his home church. Brother Holifield has served as Director of the Commission on Senior Adult Ministry for several years and holds that position today. He stays busy assisting pastors and churches when needed.

Brother Holifield served his country in the Military in WW II. All the boys in his class, except three were drafted and didn't graduate with their class in 1945. He and his late wife, Louise, have three sons, Dale, Danny and Lindsey. All three are active in the Lord's Work where they live.

Dale Wirick

Dale Wirick is available for service or pulpit supply wherever the Lord may lead. His contact numbers are 228-474-8886 at home and 228-369-2608 cell.

Larry Pierce

Bro. Larry Pierce is available for pulpit supply, interim pastor, revivals, or wherever the Lord leads. I can be contacted at 601-947-3531 or by email at pierce14514@bellsouth.net.

Virgil Ainsworth

Bro. Virgil T. Ainsworth is available however the Lord may lead. He can be contacted at the following phone numbers. Home 601-729-8059 or cell 601-577-0924.

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

Judge

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if any kind of competent case is put on by the government at all, it will be overturned."

The Center for Military Readiness spokesman maintains Phillips' ruling is out of line with other cases dealing with this law. "The law in question...has been upheld as constitutional numerous times in all of the other circuits across the country," he points out. "It just happens to be in this rogue activist Ninth Circuit in California where you get these rulings out of line with the rest of the country."

Less than confident the Obama administration will vig-

orously pursue a repeal of the ruling, Sears argues that Congress needs to intervene. "We can't take for granted anything that the Obama administration might or might not do with regard to the activist issues, particularly with regard to the gay agenda," he cautions.

"In this particular case, it just so happens to adversely impact our military," he continues. "I just think that that makes it more incumbent upon the Congress to exercise its authority and take back this power grab and overreach by this rogue judge out in California."

Sears says this ruling demonstrates why federal judges are not qualified to make policy for the military.

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Senate set to tackle 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

By Doug Carlson

Congress is back in Washington for final political warfare before the nation goes to the polls in November. It appears the nation's armed services, regrettably, are in the middle of the crossfire. One of the first and fiercest battles of the next few weeks centers on an attempt to open up the military to self-proclaimed homosexuals.

On Tuesday, Congress' first full day back to work after a month-long summer break, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced plans for a Senate vote next week to repeal the longstanding policy barring open homosexuals from the military. Repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is being attached to the defense authorization bill.

The news comes as little surprise. Overturning the 1993 policy has been one of the top agenda items of President Obama and this unpopular Congress. In May, the House passed a defense authorization bill with repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

tacked on. Hours earlier, the Senate Armed Services Committee passed its version of the defense bill, also with repeal rolled into the package. Now the full Senate is poised to do the same.

Such a move would halt 200 years of military protocol to instead favor a social engineering experiment. It would also disregard the pleas of all four members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps—to not even consider repeal until the Pentagon completes a 10-month review of the anticipated impact of curtailing the policy. Apparently, proponents of a policy change are not interested in what the military brass and the troops have to say. These lawmakers, isolated in the cozy confines of the Capitol, presume to know more about conditions in the military than the commanders on the ground. The law would take effect after completion of the review in December.

But review or no review, the implications of admitting homosexuals, lesbians, and bisexuals to the military ranks are already clear: weakened troop morale, fractured unit cohesion, and loss of religious liberty. The military is a unique institution with numerous service restrictions, because, as the 1993 law that gave way to the policy finds, "[m]ilitary life is fundamentally different from civilian life." That's also why the law recognizes "the prohibition against homosexual conduct" as "a longstanding element of military law that continues to be necessary in the unique circumstances of military service." And that's why more than 1,100 retired Flag & General Officers for the Military oppose repeal.

Military chaplains, too, are well aware of the adverse impact to come. In an April 28 letter to President Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, 40 retired military chaplains, hailing from an array of denominations, said they are "deeply concerned" that changing the law "would threaten the religious liberty of chaplains and Service members." Chaplains could, according to the dozens of retired chaplains, "be pressured by adverse discipline and col-



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John Adams

"911"

I, perhaps like you, have been concerned about our nation: the immoral actions, the irreverence of people, the lack of manners, the unappreciative attitude, the downward spiral of economics, and the lack of spiritual devotion in the life of believers.

I was reflecting on September 11, 2001. We as a nation watched the horrible day unfold before our eyes in New York City, Washington, DC, and a field in Pennsylvania.

What was to be a plot of sinister terrorism to destroy our nation, became a world stage on which American and Christian workers came to be courageous and patriotic.

Right before our own eyes, we saw II Chronicles 7:14 come to life: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The September 11, 2001 attacks were a series of coordi-

nated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda against the United States. Two thousand nine hundred and ninety five (2,995) people lost their lives. The drama unfolded across the world. Expressions of care and attempts to help with any needs were absolutely wonderful. Americans came together for the good of others. When so many things went down, we say some things went up:

1. Our Christian sensitivity to what is truly important went up. We realized that our family and lives are more important than the "games we play everyday." Who could forget the twin towers in New York City crashing down and people jumping out the windows? Sensitivity was definitely up

2. People were praying "God bless America" and flag sales skyrocketed to an all time high. The so-called "drought of patriotism" had ended and people were flying the red, white, and blue in all fifty states. Flags were definitely up

3. Americans were not so cynical and curt to each other after the dark day of distress. Respect, care, courage, and compassion was the order of the day.

Appreciation for our President, our congressional leaders, our Judges and elected officials was at an unprecedented level. Appreciation was up

4. The national poll groups report showed that church attendance swelled during those weeks after 911. People saw the real need to read their Bibles and attend worship in the House of God. Church attendance was up

5. Matthew 11:28 states, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Americans needed God for peace and rest. Prayer was on the agenda daily because of fears, concern for safety with uncertainty. Prayer was up

In human tragedy and upheavals, America has turned to God. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR US So, in my reflection, I ask the question? Wouldn't it be wonderful if it wouldn't take another tragedy or upheaval for people to turn to God?

A statement by Billy Graham shouts out a truth "If God does not judge America, He may have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

lapsed careers into watering down their teachings and avoiding—if not abandoning—key elements of their sending denomination's faith and practice." They "might have their ability to freely share their religious beliefs challenged and torn away in a variety of everyday situations." And they could be "effectively ban[ned]" from expressing any religious convictions whatsoever that bring into question the homosexual lifestyle.

The attack on the military is also coming from the courts. Last week, a federal district court judge struck down the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy as unconstitutional. Judge Virginia Phillips of California characterized it as having a "direct and deleterious" effect on the military. The judge, like an out-of-touch band of lawmakers, evi-

dently knows what's best for our troops. The case is being appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, well known for its widely liberal leanings.

As Congress gets back to business this week, it should reconsider its list of priorities. Fundamentally altering the core struc-

ture of the military and putting our troops in harm's way to cater to the homosexual agenda should not be among them.

If you agree, please tell your senators to oppose any effort to repeal the 1993 law known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

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Letters From Our Readers

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

Chaplaincy director relocates

Dear Editor,

David Norvell and the BMAA Chaplaincy have relocated, lock-stock-and-barrel (with spouse, Linda included) to 687 South Avilla Heights, Alexander, AR 72002, Phone 501 213 6657, email, arkatexs@gmail.com. Please send offerings and correspondence to this address or to the Missions office, with designation information. El Paso, Texas is fading from the rear view mirror.

Now that I am nearer to center of the earth and the BMAA, I would like to visit churches, speak of the chaplaincy ministry (military and civilian), preach, and talk to those interested in, or feeling a calling into, this vital mission ministry.

David Norvell

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National GMA Camp Planning Meeting 2011 GMA Camp Set

by Olivia Erkhart
National GMA Secretary

Hello Girls and Counselors,

I'm very excited to share with you the news of our upcoming National GMA Camp! On August 20-21, 2010 our National GMA officers met to discuss the 2011 camp. All elected officers were present and this meeting was very productive. The camp dates will be June 14-17, 2011. The theme is "The Great Physician" and the theme verse is Mark 2:17. We agreed that our theme song will be "Healing Begins" by Tenth Avenue North. We planned our daily themes which will be, Tuesday- physical, Wednesday- emotional, Thursday- mental, and Friday- spiritual.

Our attendance goal for camp is 500 and our project goal is \$25,000. Our project for 2011 is 45% Nikki Prickett, 45% Sarah Hebert, 5% GMA Summer Missions Fund, and 5% General Fund. We will meet again in February to complete camp plans.

I am very delighted to serve as your National GMA Secretary, and I know that this year will be a wonderful turn out. Please be praying for all the officers, girls who will attend, counselors who will attend, camp pastor, and the overall camp.

Big Creek District WMA Report

The Big Creek District WMA met July 5th at Hopewell Baptist Church in Soso. President Linda Smith called the meeting to order and read Psalm 33:1-12 speaking on "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Virginia Poore gave the response to the welcome.

Shirlene Smith introduced a special guest, Nicki Prickett, a missionary to Indonesia, who is learning the language there and teaching English. She gave an interesting talk on what the Lord is doing in Indonesia. We need to remember Nicki and all of the missionaries in our prayers as they strive to do the Lord's work at home and abroad.

Jeanelle Burks read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. Kay Chisholm gave the corresponding secretary's report. There were 11 churches represented with 40 ladies present. Shirlene Smith gave an update on the State treasurer's report. Barbara White gave a report on the national project for women in Lebanon. Judy Eavanson, historian, ask that information on what they are doing. Sherry Shows presented the names of those nominated for officers for the coming year and a motion was made to accept the new officers

Bonnie Brown installed the officers using Psalm 91:2 and 118:9, "In God We Trust." She read a scripture for each officer. Of note is that the quarterly report forms should be sent to the new corresponding secretary, Sharon Lancaster, 18 Red Fox Farm Road, Ovett, MS 39464. Please send these reports to her a week or two before each meeting.

Judy Eavanson of Parkview Baptist Church gave the resolution: Be it resolved to be bond in our God to speak unto others the Gospel of God with much contention. Be it resolved that we must boldly share God's Word with our neighbors, friends, and our acquaintances. Be it resolved to be bold in our confrontations against the evils of our day. Be it resolved to stand against homosexuality, gambling, illicit drug abuse, pornography, abortion, euthanasia, stealing,

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lying, cheating, and so on and so on. Be it resolve to hold up our service men and women in the armed forces and all of our law enforcement to God in prayer.

The next WMA meeting will be October 4th at Mt. Moriah. The weather should be a little cooler so let's all make plans now to attend.

Sherry Shows
Big Creek District WMA Reporter

Mississippi State WMA Treasurer's Interim Report September 10, 2010 Shirlene Smith

Total monies to account for	\$19,501.11
General Fund Balance	\$ 5,817.74
Ladies Retreat Balance	10,400.00
75% Mission, Hattiesburg	3,283.37
Total To Account For	\$19,501.11

Project Update:	
25% General Fund	
Plus Designated Offerings	\$ 1,366.92
(Already added to the G.F. balance)	
75% New Heart Mission, Hattiesburg	3,283.37
Total Received for the Project	\$ 4,650.29

In order for your church to be recognized in the Mississippi State WMA Program booklet, please mail your offerings for the state project to Shirlene Smith, 730 Hwy 533, Laurel, MS 39443, by September 25, 2010. Thank you for your cooperation.



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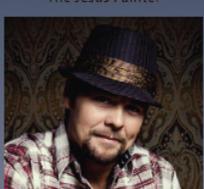


"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"

EPHESIANS 3:20-21



Mike Lewis
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Guest Artist



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Speaker



Clif Johnson
Speaker



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Speaker



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Worship Leader



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Guest Artist

Parental Involvement in Student/Teacher Conflicts

When your child has a conflict with a teacher at school, it can sometimes get you bent out of shape in a hurry. After all, this is your child. You love them and it is natural for the fight mode to kick in when you feel they are under attack. Parents confronted with this situation can become like a bear. Wild animals, like bears and hogs, generally won't attack you unless they are defending their young. Then, look out! You perceive a threat to your child's well-being and your gut instinct is probably to over react initially. This is where you will need to pray and ask God for wisdom and maturity.

There are several things to consider right from the start. First and foremost, we must always conduct ourselves as Christians. Secondly, this is not the end of the world. There will be a trumpet blast to announce that time. It only seems like a major catastrophe. Thirdly, as a parent, your goal is to restore and reconcile this relationship, not retaliate and

destroy. Your overall goal is to help your child achieve the maximum potential in their educational process. Here are some things to consider in one of these events.



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

Don't attack the teacher

The teacher, in most cases, is your best ally in your child's education. Most teachers desire for your child to do well in school and will help you and them in the process. Many kids misunderstand what a teacher is saying. My daughter had one teacher that would get on to the whole class. This bothered my daughter because she felt she wasn't misbehaving, but was getting in trouble. I told her that the teacher is talking to all the

class, but the wrong behavior only applies to those who are doing wrong. Then, she understood. It was that simple to correct.

Still, other times can find major conflicts. These should not be avoided, but communicated openly and honestly with the teacher. Don't let it drag on for a whole semester hoping it might get better. Communication works wonders. Problems don't magically disappear. They are solved with clear communication. Find out all the facts from your child and make sure they have a full grasp of the situation. Watch for dishonesty. Some kids have been known to exaggerate the truth so they can get transferred into another class with their friends. We parents have to always operate under the fact that our child is not perfect.

When you walk into the meeting with the teacher, pray for God to give you peace. Pray for God to give you a heaping dose of the fruit of the spirit known as self-control. Even if the teacher

Texas State Board to consider resolution warning of pro-Islamic textbook teaching

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas State Board of Education next week is expected to consider a measure that would prohibit textbooks from pushing Islam over Christianity.

The Dallas Morning News reports that the board will consider a resolution warning publishers not to push a pro-Islamic, anti-Christian viewpoint in textbooks.

Members of the board's social conservative bloc have asked for the resolution. A preliminary draft says "diverse reviewers have repeatedly documented gross pro-Islamic, anti-Christian distortions in social studies texts" across the U.S.

A spokeswoman for a religious freedom group, the Texas Freedom Network, says textbooks currently being used in the state's public schools offer a balanced treatment of the world's religions.

Liberal administrator shuts down conservative club

OneNewsNow - A college administrator is accused of lying about her role in kicking a conservative group off a Florida campus.

Young Americans for Freedom was forced by officials at Palm Beach State College to shut down during a club rush earlier this month. They claim Student Activities Administrator Olivia Ford-Morris was not pleased with their views.

"She kicked us off because she did not like the conservative materials criticizing Barack Obama's economic policy," explains Daniel Diaz, Florida chairman of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

He says the incident was caught on video and posted on YouTube. The group claims they received permission from Ford-Morris to be there, but the school denies that she ever had verbal or e-mail communication with the club and maintains that she did not see any of their materials.

"All three are false -- because if you look on the video, you can see that she's holding one of our 'New Guard' flyers -- we actually put up a press release with a picture of it," Diaz points out. "We also have an e-mail that we sent her and...a phone record of her calling us from her own office."

The YAF Florida chairman has since discovered that the administrator has faithfully voted for Democrats for the last seven years and that her Facebook profile is filled with liberal ideology.

"Obviously, she has a liberal-leaning, Democrat [ideology], but that should not be on a college campus," Diaz contends. "The college campus is an institution for sharing free ideas, and obviously, our ideas were suppressed because we didn't believe what she believed."

His group is seeking an apology, and perhaps the administrator's resignation because of her alleged false statements.

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School Progress Reports

As we mentioned in our last report everyone at the Home was excited about the new school year. Recently progress reports were given to the students regarding how things are going thus far in their classes. The reports reveal that the boys and girls are getting off to a good academic year in school.

Spiritual Blessings

Last month I reported that one of the girls at the Home made her profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and had followed Him in baptism. I'm glad to report that her older brother recently made his profession of faith in Jesus Christ and has also followed Him in believer's baptism. Praise

the Lord for their salvation and remember them in prayers as they grow in the Lord.

Expression of Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Bro. Lonnie Howell.

Bro. Howell served as a trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home when I came to the Home as Director. We appreciated his love, concern, and faithfulness to the ministry of the Home. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Howell family during this time of sorrow and loss.



SIDNEY DAVIS
DIRECTOR

is dead wrong, emotional outbursts and exploding anger should not be our testimony as Christian parents. Jesus' reputation is on the line to the world every time we open our mouths or interact with others. Negotiate. Communicate. Don't have a chip on your shoulder as you enter the parent/teacher conference. See it as a chance to form a deeper and better relationship with the teacher.

Educate each other

You can tell the teacher how your child best responds. Do they need more attention, more explanations or to sit up front instead of in the back? Honestly share if there are difficulties at home so the teacher is aware that the child is going through some rough times. The teacher can in turn educate the parent on what they are looking for in student behavior. The teacher can explain how they manage the classroom and what is expected. Both of you then need to work out a system for communicating with each other in the future when problems arise. Work out a solution to the current problem that is best for your child.

If there is a bad apple as a teacher (and these are rare) then you should still maintain poise and peace. You should proceed to the next level of authority. If after repeated attempts are made to rectify the situation to no avail, and you have exhausted

all resources, then pray. God's Spirit will lead you as to what you should do next. There are many options. However, if your child is being unfairly treated, or locked in a classroom with a teacher who is suffering from bipolar depression or alcoholism etc. and can't function (and this does happen occasionally) then yes, you should protect your child and their education and find an alternative classroom or school. This is a rare event, but it does happen. If your child is being emotionally destroyed by a teacher who has issues, then you may need to move them.

Bottom line, you have to be the protector and promoter of your child's best interest and education.

Conflicts between teachers & your child are inevitable.

But they don't have to be destructive battles. It can be a learning process for all concerned. Remember to always act as a Christian, speak peace and words that are sweet. Help teach your child respect for authority. Teach your child how to interact with people they don't get along with.

We may not love every single person we have to work with, but we can all be polite, respectful and follow the golden rule as Christians. 99% of the time, it will just be partnering in communication to solve it. Begin with prayer.

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. (Psalms 103:1) David had reason to give thanks to the Lord considering all the blessing that flowed his way. We all have reason to bless the Lord when we think of how he is blessing us individually, and as an associated work. The year 2010 has been a good one for Missions and the Revolving Loan Fund in a spiritual and material way. The auditors have completed our annual audit for the fiscal year of 2009/2010 which began August 1, 2009 and ended July 31, 2010. Disclosure will be more specific upon the receipt of our official audit report.

All missionaries finished the year with a positive result. Bro. Estuardo reports progress at the Petal mission and that attendance and offerings are up also at El Camino in Laurel. Recently they have installed very beautiful lettering on the church sign located near the highway.

Statistics: El Camino: For the month of August, in Laurel, Bro. Estuardo reached out and visited 25 homes, made 35 soul talks and had 4 professions of faith. They had an average of 66 in their

Sunday School and 72 in their evening service. The Lord blessed El Camino with an average weekly offering of \$1,087.98.

Statistics: Petal Mission: Bro. Estuardo's new mission was blessed in August. In Petal there were 12 homes visited with 14 soul talks. He had 1 profession of faith. They had an average Sunday school attendance of 12. They were blessed with an average offering of \$32.25.

Bro. Joseph is realizing growth in the areas of the attendance, offerings and spiritually.

Statistics: Maple Street: August was a blessed month for Bro. Joseph. He visited 27 homes and made 65 soul talks. Their weekly average Sunday school attendance was 21. For morning worship they averaged 31, and had a weekly average offering of \$389.40. Maple Street was blessed to see 6 souls saved.

Bro. Elvis and the people at First Hispanic of Ripley are enjoying their new facilities. Sunday September 12, was observed as a special day resulting in more than 200 present. They are also planning to set a dedication day to

2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year End Revolving Loan Fund Report

II Cor. 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

In a recent article, we gave a pre-audit report of our finances at the fiscal close of our books on July 31, 2010. I am pleased to report that our annual audit is now complete. We, along with the missions operations, received a very favorable audit review, and our auditors found no problems with our functional operations. For this we are grateful. Our bookkeepers, Sis. Lori Garrett, RLF, and Sis. Kim Glenn, missions, do a very good job of keeping our books properly, and we commend them and greatly appreciate them.

At the close of our RLF fiscal year, July 31, 2010, our audited Statement of Financial Condition reveals the following figures: Gross assets are \$14,274,733.64, up \$4,112.40 from July 31, 2009; net operating assets are \$2,270,126.32, up \$425,503.82; Share balances of members stand at \$11,677,207.32, down \$254,383.42, and loan balances on notes are \$10,991,709.08, up \$384,931.11. We are grateful to have received \$6,824.98 expense contributions from churches which is up \$143.16 from last year.

We do praise God from whom all blessings flow. If we can assist you in your church financial loan needs, please call on us.

Dosson L Lee, Manager

express their thanksgiving to the Master's Builders, Classic Builders, Bro. Joe Arick's Air conditioning and Electrical service, and numerous others who helped from one to several days. Also in the near future after approval from Bethel Church, Fulton, which is the mother church, and the Missions Missionary Committee, an organization date will be set.

Bro. Ed and the people of Home-stretch were able to host the Delta fellowship in their new building on August 29. The facilities are composed of nearly 6,000 square feet; they are yet lacking the kitchen cabinets and some flooring. After contacting New Beginnings, which is their mother church, and the Missions Missionary Committee, they have planned the organizational date for September 25, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bro. Ed will be giving his last missionary report during the Annual State Associational meeting on October 19 and 20 of 2010.

On September 14, New Heart had an exceptional day. Bro. Boone reported that last Sunday September 12, they had 37 present for worship which included a number of prospective members. Offering have been good which indicates the people have their heart involved in the New Heart ministry. Bro. Boone has located 7 acres of property about 4/10 of a mile south of their present location. He has been able to talk with the owner and encouraged a reduction in price from way over \$100,000 down to near \$75,000. Bro. Lee and I will meet with Bro. Boone on Thursday September 16 to view the location. If all works well we will be calling a meeting of the Missionary Committee and the Revolving Loan Fund Trustees to view the property and vote on whether to purchase or not.

As set forth by the association, Mis-

sions must have purchased property and have it paid for before beginning a building project. Also, no mission can build an initial building larger than 6,000 square feet. Any individual, church, or association sending funds to help with the purchase of property or with the building expense of New Heart Mission please note such in the memo of your check.

Statistics: New Heart: Bro. Boone has had a blessed month of 97 home visits and 60 soul talks. New Heart saw 1 profession of faith. Their weekly average Sunday Morning service was 29 and evening worship 30. The Lord blessed with an average offering of \$311.80 and a designated offering of \$100.00.

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Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White

Whispering

FW I read a little thing the other day that said, "Some people will believe anything if it's whispered to them."

Well, it seems to me that more and more people are "whispering" these days. The song director "whispers" the numbers of the hymns he wants us to sing with him. The preacher "whispers" the location of the text for the sermon. The cashier "whispers" the amount that you owe for your groceries. Your children and grandchildren "whisper" their comments to you.

Well, I can get by with all of that "whispering" but my years tell me that I need to listen to "that still small voice" that whispers inside me. Thank God for the still small voice!