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2013 Lifeword Walk for the World...Making a difference!

"I have received Christ as my personal savior. I feel free and liberated knowing Christ. My family still does not know about my conversion. I still cannot openly talk about it in my village. Please pray for me." That recent note from a Lifeword listener in India underscores the value of media ministry in places where it is difficult—even dangerous—to talk with a person "face to face" about Jesus Christ.

Lifeword broadcasts the gospel in 48 different programs in 34 languages around the world. But that kind of outreach is expensive. Lifeword's an-

nual Walk for the World raises much of the money it takes to keep those broadcasts on the air. Will you make the commitment to be personally involved in this year's Walk?

We encourage each church to select a Walk Leader. Then set a date in October to host your local Walk and contact Lifeword to register for the annual event. There are three important dates to keep in mind as you prepare your church for the Walk:



Sign-up Sunday – plan for this day to happen a couple of weeks before your Walk. Show the Walk video, distribute sign-up forms, announce the date of your event, take t-shirt orders, and encourage folks to participate.

Walk for the World – select a date in October that will involve the greatest number of people from your church and the surrounding area. Lifeword Sunday – October 20, a

special day set aside for folks to turn in their Walk offerings and pledges to the church. The church may then submit one check to Lifeword, designated for the Walk for the World, and mail it to Lifeword Media Ministries, P.O. Box 6, Conway, AR 72033.

Churches may register on line at www.lifeword.org/walk or by calling 1-800-543.1090. T-shirts may also be viewed and purchased on line or by phone if using a Visa, Discover or MasterCard. Shirt prices are \$12 for youth sizes and \$13 for adult sizes, plus shipping.

Oasis Speaker Releases New Book

By Kirk Shelton

After his father was ruthlessly attacked and killed, 20-year-old Jack Graham set out to discover the truth about the spiritual world...what he discovered changed his life!

Unseen...Angels, Satan, Heaven, Hell And Winning The Battle For Eternity is the brand new book by Jack Graham, this year's speaker at Pastors Oasis. Dr. Graham is pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. He has served the Prestonwood family since 1989 and during his tenure membership has grown from 11,000 to approximately 32,000 with a weekly attendance of 17,000. Dr. Graham's conservative theology and dynamic leadership has served as an inspiration and example for Baptists worldwide. In addition to his pulpit ministry, Graham is the voice of PowerPoint Ministries, an international radio and television ministry.

DiscipleGuide is offering a new service for this year's Pastors Oasis. In the past, PO has been an "adults only" event which has been a hindrance for many pastors and wives with small children. This year childcare will be available at no additional cost to at-

tendees. An experienced and reliable member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Conway will lead this effort. If needed, more workers will be added. Although there is no cost for childcare it is absolutely necessary to reserve your spot no later than September 16! Call 501-513-3726 or e-mail Tricia at triciak@conwaycorp.net and provide the number of children along with their names and ages to secure this limited opportunity. It is the hope of DiscipleGuide's conference staff that this service will allow some to experience Pastors Oasis who has never been able to attend before.

Pastors Oasis is scheduled for September 30 – October 2 in Branson, Missouri, at the Hilton Branson Convention Center with lodging connected at the beautiful Hilton Hotel. Registration of \$85 per person includes all Worship Sessions including keynote speaker, two concerts, SandStory Artist, and an Appreciation Dinner. Registration can be made online at www.discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis.



Jack Graham

Political Correctness Running Wild

San Antonio City Council: Messing with Inalienable Rights of Christians, Americans

Last week the city council in San Antonio expanded its "non-discrimination" ordinance to include categories for "sexual orientation" and "gender identity." Though trumpeted as a vote for fairness, the law has the effect of blacklisting Bible-believing Christians and anyone else who would dare affirm traditional marriage.

Laws creating protections for sexual activity and expression are not novel. Cities and states around the country have enacted legislation curbing government entities from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in their hiring practices. But San Antonio has taken the next step with a significantly broader measure. There, anyone who wants to work for, with, or in the city falls within the proscription.

And the ban goes beyond employment, punishing speech - and even beliefs - about homosexual or

transgendered behavior. The law precludes "bias, by word or deed, against any person, group of persons, or organization on the basis of...sexual orientation, gender identity...."

The implications of this law are staggering.

If a citizen merely speaks in favor of traditional marriage, she is automatically disqualified from seeking office or receiving business in San Antonio. Voicing agreement with the portion of Texas State Constitution that defines marriage as between one man and one woman would trigger the same result. Even if she keeps quiet about her beliefs, but demonstrates "bias" in other ways, like attending an evangelical church that holds to traditional views on homosexuality and marriage, she faces ineligibility.

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We Need Your Help

On Saturday, September 28th we are planning another work day to help Missionary Bobby Elliot and Freedom Baptist Mission get their new building in the dry. We are asking churches to assemble teams of 5 each and appoint a team leader for each team.



Freedom Mission Construction Work

Then, call the Missions office at 601-428-8616 and give us the contact information for that team leader. We will coordinate with that team leader so that we can maximize our effectiveness in getting the work done.

Moving to the Field

Bro. Phillip Burns and his family have found a house and arrangements are being finalized for them to move to Sumrall. During the month of September and October they will visit a number of churches and local association meetings to share their vision and burden for church planting. Special thanks to First Baptist Bay Springs (the sponsoring church) for helping the Burns family through this time of transition and for agreeing to support them financially. Also, special thanks to Midway First Baptist for voting to support Bro. Burns above their normal giving to State Missions and the Oak Grove Association for adding Bro. Burns to the list of missionaries they will be helping financially. Needless to say, we are excited about this opportunity.



Burns Family

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Our website is www.bmams.org. Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bmamsmissions>.

El Camino's Camp

Attendance - 143

Baptized - 19

Bro. Estuardo Marroquin shared this report: "We give thanks to God for allowing us to have our camp



El Camino Baptism Service

again this year. We had a total of 143 people (134 from El Camino in Laurel, and 9 from the Hattiesburg Mission). We baptized 16 people from El Camino in Laurel and 3 from the Hattiesburg Mission on September 1st. We came back with great joy and our hearts were blessed and encouraged to keep winning souls for our Lord Jesus Christ." Bro. Estuardo announced, at a recent meeting of the Big Creek Association, that he has a burden to start a new work in the Jackson, MS area. Please pray with us as we continue to move into new areas.

New Opportunities

Please keep praying for me. New opportunities continue to develop and I have met with prospective missionaries and have scheduled meetings to explore and develop these opportunities over the next couple of weeks. Praise the Lord!

Audit Complete

August is the month that we conduct audits of both Missions and Revolving Loan Fund. The audit went well. Missions ended the year in the black and our Revolving Loan Fund is stronger than ever. I praise the Lord for how He has blessed us. We will have a copy of the audit available for every church at the State meeting in October.

Prayer Request

Bro. Lee, our Manager of the Revolving Loan Fund, has had some health issues lately. As per his request, I have not mentioned it, up to this point, but with his permission I ask you to pray for him. He will be having a procedure done on September 26 and we ask

High Attendance & Total Offerings for August

Church Planters

- Bob Burch - 47 - \$1,150.00
- Bobby Elliott - 37 - \$1,289.00
- Danny Bartlett - 16 - \$1,531.00
- Kelby Johnson - 19 - \$611.00
- Ray Boone - 48 - \$1,925.00
- Sidney Farmer - 56 - \$4,712.00
- Phillip Burns - n/a

Hispanic Missions - South

- Hattiesburg - 19 - \$455.00
 - Biloxi - 14 - N/A
 - Laurel - 130 - \$4,873.00.00
- (Pastor Estuardo Marroquin, Coordinator)

Hispanic Missions - North

- Tupelo - 35 - \$345.00
 - Oxford - 32 - \$363.00
 - Ripley - 123 - \$3,841.00
- (Pastor Elvis Garcia, Coordinator)

African American Missions

- Indianola - 45 - \$800.00
 - Olive Branch - 15 - \$800.00
 - Cleveland - 22 - \$2,174.00
- (Pastor Ed DuVall, Coordinator)

Collectively, our missionaries reported 310 new contacts, 50 professions of faith and 3 baptisms for the month of August.

for your prayers. Bro. Lee is a valuable member of our team and we appreciate all that he does.

Revolving Loan Fund

(as of Sept 12, 2013 and since August 1st, 2013)

Gross assets are now at \$17,440,526.00, a decrease of \$26,395.00. Net assets are now at \$2,955,083.00, an increase of \$29,244.00. We have 2 new loans totaling \$457,000.00. Our current rate of return to our shareholders is 2.67 or 2.7 APY.

More El Camino Camp Events



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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Cherished memories before Pizza, Cell Phones and Internet!

by Louise Crawley

Editor's Note: SBC Chairman Matt Hudson asked Mrs. Louise Crawley to share her memories of Southeastern College. You will enjoy her recollections. The ministry of Southeastern College continues to have an eternal impact on lives around the world.

The unforgettable year was 1959-60 when I drove up from Gulfport, Mississippi, to Laurel, turning off Highway 15 on to a dirt road and seeing a sign with the words SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE. I drove through the campus and saw a flat-top red brick construction which was the main building; a small flat-top girls' dorm also housing the cafeteria; and a flat-top boy's dorm. Very interesting, everything matched; all unpainted grey block walls. One question! WOW Louise Cartee! Have you lost your mind?

Indeed President George Stockstill was quite a salesman, needless to say! He and about fifteen choir students had previously visited my church in Gulfport representing SBC. I will have to admit they impressed me as being ONE HAPPY FAMILY! Bro. George talked to me about leaving Gulf Park College, located right on the beach at Long Beach. He was very convincing. Gulf Park was a college for only girls, located on a beautiful campus with the renown "Friendship Oak," many organizations and recreation indescribable; ath-

letic sports (with exception of football); water sports such as sailing; concerts, Spring break Caribbean Cruise, horse back riding; cadets escorted over to the campus from Pensacola, Florida occasionally; formal dining hall with round white linen cloths; porters dressed in black to serve the tables. By now, you do get the picture as well as the contrast! A great school but out of my league is the least to say.

Transferring to SBC definitely set the course for the journey of my life. The faculty and students were interested in each other's lives as well as for preparing for eternal life. We did become family, studying together, praying together, worshipping together; rejoicing and weeping together as we witnessed college kids giving their hearts and lives to Christ; others surrendering to the ministry, missions, and special commitments.

SBC was not all study, nor all prayer meetings! It is amazing how much fun Ping Pong was and the college those years excelled in the basketball tournaments with LaVay Crawley strutting down the court. Cheerleaders? O'yes, Marilyn Orr, Betty Hudson, Barbara Robbins, Deane Ishee and Louise Cartee of course! Cheerleader uniforms? O'yes, FOUR YARDS of heavy corduroy ankle (not knee) length; white sweater and big "S" initial. Traveling on the worn-out big

bus donated to the college kept us on the highways traveling; as well as kept the mechanics employed full-time as we traveled to churches far and near, singing and playing basketball as well as giving our personal testimonies. We always enjoyed the "dinner on the grounds" and hospitality that the churches were so gracious to extend to us. Bro. Mavous and Geraldine Phifer, special dorm parents, are certainly entitled to special awards in heaven!

A special sign: "Enter to Study; Leave to Serve." The students took on a project to cook, SMELL, and sell plates as a fund raiser to erect this sign. Those words have depth beyond the years, still engraved upon the students' hearts. Read your State and National BMA literature and the credibility of SBC is reflected in SBC students around the world. .

A Second Blessing of SBC - Serving on Faculty

When I joined SBC in 1963 as Business Teacher at the age of 22, it was a frightening experience, first year of teaching! Believe it or not, Gary Divine and Elwin Lee (missionary in the Philippines now) excelled in typing, earning awards for their speed! I was among the youngest in the class! If you have not already gone to be with the Lord, forgive me and thank you for your patience.

It was a blessing to serve on faculty with President Bernice Dykes, a great man and example of humble leadership and sacrificial love along with the other faculty members.

I will always respect and appreciate those who have contributed their lives, energies and finances to provide the beautiful campus so many have contributed to through the years called SBC and praise God for allowing me to be a part of this college family as a student and faculty member.

Personal

SBC and Laurel, Mississippi, were the beginnings of a special love and a temporary "See you later." God led me to my dearest friend and husband at SBC, Laurel and 43 years later in Laurel, Mississippi, God called him away while preaching a revival message at Temple Baptist Church in Laurel. His son, Steve Crawley was invited to come back and finished the sermon for his Dad with his only sister, D'Shea Burn's prayers and support.

Thanks Matt for inviting me

Commission on Senior Adults

4226 Highway 15 North
Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Kenneth Flynt
Director

2013 has been a blessed year for the Commission on Senior Adults. This ministry has touched hearts and lives of many of our senior members, all made possible because of your prayers and financial contributions on a regular basis. We expect 2014 to be the same.

Dates for the 2014 conferences have been set and they are as follows: South Mississippi Conference - Tuesday, March 25, 9:30 am; North Mississippi Conference - Tuesday, May 13.

Registration fee will remain at \$15.00 per person, this barley covers the noon meal, but we want to keep it as low as possible for the benefit of our senior members. There are other costs to provide these conferences. Your regular support takes care of this. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mrs. Dot Holified has resigned as secretary-bookkeeper for the commission due to health problems. She has served faithfully and her assistance will be greatly missed. She has done a superb job.

Mrs. Kimberly Parker is our new secretary-bookkeeper and we are fortunate to have her assistance. She is working at the Missions office in Laurel. Note the change in mailing address. Please mail all contributions to:

Commission on Senior Adults
4226 Hwy 15 North
Laurel, MS 39440

(*Same address as Missions and Revolving Loan Fund)

Our seniors always look forward to these special days planned for them. Enjoyment seems to be a part of their lifestyle and they enjoy being together on these special days. Thank you and God bless.

US Churches Have Opportunity to become FM Broadcasters

by Rick Russell,
Associate Director

Lifeword Media Ministries

In just a few weeks the FCC will accept new applications for Low Power FM (LPFM) licenses. Any non-profit community organization that has an educational mission may apply for a license to construct and operate a low power FM radio station. This is a great opportunity for a church to launch a broadcast ministry that will serve their community and share God's love, but you must act quickly. The FCC will accept applications only in a two week window from October 15-29, 2013.

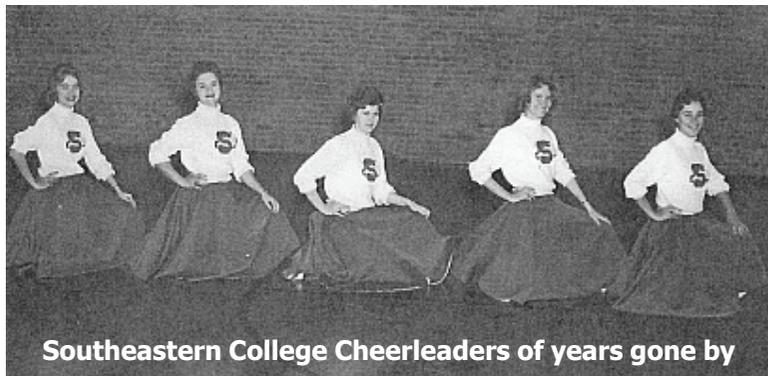
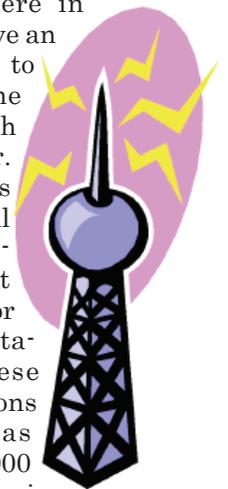
Around the world Lifeword is helping third-world churches start Low Power FM (LPFM) radio stations. Our model uses little 15 watt transmitters that can be heard on any standard FM radio within a 3-5 mile ra-

dius of the church. Now, churches here in the USA have an opportunity to do the same thing—with more power. The licenses the FCC will make available next month are for 100 watt stations. These small stations can cost as little as \$3,000 to get on the air. (The FCC does not charge a fee for an LPFM license.) This is the first time in 13 years that the agency has accepted new applications for LPFMs.

The FCC has an LPFM Radio Guide at <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/lpfm.pdf>, and Lifeword has assembled additional information and links to help your church take advantage of this great opportunity at www.Lifeword.org.

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Southeastern College Cheerleaders of years gone by

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Journal of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi

Letters From Our Readers

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

Important Business Ahead

The 2013 meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association will be meeting October 22-23 on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel.

This annual meeting is vital to the success of the ministries of our great Association.

Reports will be given, plans will be shared and decisions will be made. Too often these matters are taken care of by a minority of our churches. Being represented and actively involved is the responsibility of each member church. If at all possible, each local church needs to be represented.

The work is important and your participation is needed.



Don Brown
Editor

to support certain ministries and have similar goals". I have always believed that if we feel it important to be a part of this Association, then we obligate ourselves to be supportive of those goals.

We should be diligent in assessing the needs of every area of our work and do our part in seeing that each ministry is as successful as possible.

The *Letter To The Editor* next to these few words express the frustration and concern of one of the college's trustees. The concern of this brother is shared by many others. The report in this issue under the banner of SBC is from a former student and one that experienced the ministry of Southeastern College first hand. I encourage you to read the personal account of Louise Crawley. If you have never been a student at SBC or never been personally involved with the school, I urge you to consider her words and see the impact such an institution has on its students.

Pray for God to send His man to lead our school. Pray for the trustees as they attend to that business. Give your prayerful and financial support to one of the banner ministries of our great Association.

Schedule of Meeting

The Program Committee has met and set the schedule of the 2013 meeting. That schedule can be seen on page 8 of this issue. The meeting schedule will be similar to the 2012 schedule. The response to the change was overall positive. The committee feels the new schedule allows ample time for all reports and auxiliary meetings and the addition of the Pastor's & Layman's Conference.

Southeastern College

The trustees of Southeastern Baptist College are working diligently to fill the office of president and to set a new direction for the school. They need the support of each of our churches and pastors. Some have stopped support until they know the future direction of the college. The future of our school will indeed suffer if the supporters take this action. There are no areas of ministry that this writer is aware of that have 100% support and a total agreement in all aspects of their ministry. This is the case in our association and in many churches. We have common goals, but may disagree on methods, etc. To be an Associational Baptist means "we agree

College Trustee Concerned Over Attitudes Toward Southeastern College

Dear Editor,

I am an outsider in that I live in Alabama, however, I've grown to love the college very much and pray for it often. I am also on the board of trustees and have been for many years.

What causes people to not look favorably on Southeastern Baptist College?

It's not because of the quality of educators, because I believe they are second to none in knowledge and dedication to the job.

It's not because of the quality of education, because of the quality of the graduates who have come out of Southeastern and have been successful in their endeavors.

The quality of the physical facilities has been my concern for some time, but that's my concern because of my work in such areas and not the ones who choose to go there.

Finally, it's not because of the price of tuition. When you take into consideration the costs of books and the many fees to pay at other schools, Southeastern is very competitive.

Allow me to say, I will consider others smarter than myself, who have thought and prayed on any matter concerning Southeastern.

Lee Dennis Rankin
Rankin Cabinet Shop
Mobile, Alabama

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Church of the Covered Dish BY THOMAS TAPP



Barnabus Touch In Ghana

The first Barnabus Touch trip of 2013 began August 13 as Dan Wisely (Kewanee Baptist Church, New Madrid, Missouri) joined Mike Goodwin and Danny Bullock from First Baptist Church in Magnolia. They left from the Shreveport airport and, after stops in Atlanta and New York City, arrived in Accra, Ghana about 21 hours later.

The next morning, they began five days of classes (morning and afternoon sessions) on Inductive Bible Study, Discipleship (using the Disciple Way



method in a condensed time frame), Leadership (as found in Nehemiah) and Sermon Preparation.

They joined the Bible Baptist Church in Accra for their Sunday worship service and Bro. Wisely preached. They also participated in an evening evangelism service the last night there and several dozen people made professions of faith as Bro. Wisely shared the gospel following the presentation of a video showing of "The Passion of Christ."

The teaching was hosted by the church, where Moses Adjecwei is pastor. The church meets in the home of Moses and his wife, Louisa.

The next Barnabus Touch trip will be Sept. 3-11 to Kathmandu, Nepal, where Bro. Goodwin and Bro. Bullock will be joined by Mitch Dulaney and Rocky Goodwin as they teach an Old Testament Survey course to about 10 pastors. These pastors were taught the Inductive Bible Study method last year by Bro. Goodwin and Dustin Wisely from First Baptist Church in Magnolia.

When the 2014 trips are scheduled, they will be announced so any who would like to go can begin to make preparation. For more information, contact Danny Bullock at 870-904-5032 or danbull0550@gmail.com.

Church says farewell to Burns Family

September 1, 2013 was the last day for Bro. Phillip Burns as Associate Pastor, Youth Minister & Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Bay Springs, MS. After serving with us for 11 years, the Lord has called him to the local mission field. Bro. Phillip will begin working in the Sumrall area to start a new BMA church there. To honor and thank them for their faithful service at our church, we had a pot luck lunch and time of fellowship after the Sunday morning service. This family will be missed by us, but we pray for God's blessings on their new work. Please remember to pray for Bro. Phillip, Dawn, Makayla & Hope.

Joyce Poole, Church Reporter



Above: Phillip Burns Leading Congregation - Below: Singing with the Youth



Former President of Jacksonville College Bro. Douglas Laird passes away

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Bunker Hill Baptist Church in Buckner, Mississippi. Dr. Douglas L. "Doug" Laird, 87, who passed away September 11, 2013 in Hattiesburg.



Burial was in New Bunker Hill Cemetery. Bro. Doug was a minister of the gospel, a member of Bunker Hill Baptist Church and also served in the United States Army. Bro. Laird was a minister of the Gospel, a writer and former president of Jacksonville Baptist College, Jacksonville, Texas.

Dr. Douglas Laird

Among survivors is his wife, Prudence "Prue" McCullough Laird of Columbia; a daughter Jan Clay (James) of Dallas; two sons Stephen Laird (Mary) of Kirksville, Mo. and Phil Laird of Columbia; two brothers Grover Laird of Fulton, Mississippi and Reggie Laird of San Antonio, Texas; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of other nieces, nephews, friends and family.

National Senior Adult Conference
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 November 6-8, 2013

Registration through October 7 - \$135 per person
 Hilton Room Rate - \$127 each @ 1-800-445-8667
 DiscipleGuide Conference Ministry Office - 501-513-3726
 Go to discipleguide.org/nsa to register.

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AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

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

Lavon Haden
 Lavon Haden is available for pulpit supply, interim, or however the Lord leads. He may be reached at 601-522-6055.

Rick Clark
 Bro. Rick Clark has resigned as pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church in West Point, Mississippi, and is now available for pulpit supply, revivals, and as the Lord leads. Bro. Rick has a Bachelor's degree in church ministries from Southeastern Baptist College and is currently pursuing his Master's of Theology from Andersonville Theological Seminary. Bro. Rick has been in ministry for over ten years. He may be reached at 601-335-1886

Sofilthy's Attic
 by Barbara White

How to Preserve a Husband

Be careful in your selection. Do not choose too young. When selected, give your entire thought to preparation for domestic use. Some wives insist upon keeping them in a pickle; others are constantly getting them into hot water. This may make them sour, hard, and sometimes bitter.

Even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender, and good by garnishing them with patience, well sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses. Wrap them in a mantle of charity. Keep warm with a steady fire of domestic devotion and serve with peaches and cream. Thus prepared, they will keep for years.

(This was sent to me by a dear friend and I feel sure it will work. This time of year a lot of folks are in the preserving, pickling, freezing, canning mode. Don't forget to invest a little time into the preserving of a husband.)

Oh No U Dint

Language is a fascinating discussion for the intellectually elite. To discover the intricacies of how words came into fruition and developed into the vernacular of the day offers the studious mind years of unrequited delight that is exceeded only in magnitude by the wonder of computer games. A study of Greek, Egyptian, Latin, and Pig Latin languages have been delegated a back seat to angry birds and candy crushes.

At one time, I felt an insatiable desire to unlock the hidden secrets that lay confined within the vaults of constructed words and to be able to share this wealth with the world.

Alas, each time I came to the moment of truth that would illuminate wisdom hidden beneath the dark waters of ignorance, a game of Solitaire would beckon with an alluring wink. Hours later, with glazed eyes and a vocabulary that had been desecrated by five straight losses, the mysteries of wordsmithing still go unsolved.

Perhaps this is the reason I am unable as a parent to complete whole sentences. I constantly find myself uttering phrases such as "If I have to come in there, I'll..." or "Don't make me...". It's a daunting dilemma that I am afraid will limit me to one word sentences

as I reach old age. It's a pickle.

I never thought I would utter the words, "Don't put that in your nose"! Especially at the dinner table and referring to a black-eyed pea. Then, "Don't put that in your mouth"! Again, referring to the same black-eyed pea. The majority of my sentences seem to start with the words, "Don't put that in your...!"

It may not seem a worrisome thing to many, but I am one who is concerned with the state of language today. The treacherous guile of texting has deceived us into believing "lol" and "idk" are the means of spring boarding us into an enlightened society that will advance us into the realms of unbefore tested intelligence. Well, I have two words to say to that.

"Yeah, right!"

From The Mind of



Chuck Lee

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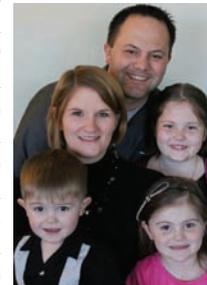
CHURCH NEWS



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

Big Creek welcomes new pastor

The Big Creek Baptist Church (Soso, Mississippi) family would like to announce our new pastor, Bro. Justin Rhodes, and his family. Justin is originally from Bay Springs. He has been in the ministry for 18 years, with the past 9 years being in a pastorate role. Justin and Christie have been married for 13 years, and they have three children: McKenzie, Mylie, & Maddox.



Big Creek is excited to welcome them to the community and looks forward to the future of this church under his leadership. If you are not currently attending worship services, we extend an invitation for you to join us at Big Creek. We are located 10 miles west of Laurel on Highway 84 West.

Lucedale church sets Family Conference

Pineview Missionary Baptist Church, south of Lucedale on Hwy. 613, will hold a Family Conference, Sunday, September 29, 6 p.m. - Friday, October 4, 7 p.m. nightly with Bro. Scotty Rayburn, pastor of Red Creek Baptist Church, Wiggins. Bro. John Mills, pastor, and congregation invite everyone. Call 601-408-0537 for more info.

East Central Annual Meeting Report

The East Central Baptist Association met at Mulberry Baptist Church, Richton. After opening song and prayer, the message was brought by Bro. Wilkie Parker. Minutes and treasurer reports were read and adopted. The Recommendations were read and adopted. Motion to discontinue support to Southeastern Baptist College until further notice.

Election of officers was held and reports heard from Bro. Larry Geraldson on State Missions; missionary's reports; Prisoners Bible Crusade by Bro. Paul Lee; the Obituary report and Youth directors reinstated.

Harmony Association report

The monthly meeting of the

Harmony Association was held Friday September 6, at Central Baptist Church in Farmington. Bro. Kenneth Pollock, from the Caledonia mission, brought the evening message.

Eight churches were represented with 50 individuals present. The minutes were read and approved. There was no financial report given. The annual meeting will be on October 12th at Forked Oak in Booneville, with Bro Larry Geraldson the speaker. Reports were given by missionaries Bro. Bobby Elliott, Bro. Elvis and Wendy Garcia and Bro. Kenneth Pollock. Dr. John Adams gave a report on his work with Moral Action.

Mike Smith, Moderator
 Tony Marolt, Report

Inspire, Hurley

What a blessing it is to report to you from Inspire Baptist Church in Hurley, Mississippi. In case you missed last month's issue, we are formerly Harmony Baptist Church of Hurley. We changed our name, have a new pastor, Bro. Wade Ivey, and are a growing church here in Hurley. Bro. Fulton Lindsey remains our Pastor Emeritus.

We have two Sunday morning services now. One at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. and are averaging between 80-85 in EACH service! But, the biggest blessing of all is that 116 souls have been saved since February and 2 are awaiting baptism. Continue to pray for us that we will always seek and do God's will for our church.

Wade Ivey, Pastor

Church to Celebrate Anniversary

Skyway Hills Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi, will be celebrating 50 years of loving service to the Lord during the month of September. We are planning a homecoming celebration for Sunday, September 22, 2013. We would like to invite all of our former pastors, members, friends, family, and etc., to come and help us enjoy this very special event. There will be a wonderful time of singing, testimonials, preaching, food, fellowship, and much more to be enjoyed by all. We hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this wonderful time of celebration.

In connection with our homecoming celebration, we will be having our fall revival beginning Monday 23rd through Wednesday 25th. Brother Harold Floyd will be leading us in this effort of revival. The services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m. Continue to pray that we will be that church that is set on a hill shining forth the Light of the glorious gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ Alone,
 Steven Clark, pastor

Tombigbee Report

The Tombigbee Association met at East Amory Baptist Church on

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A Big Oops

This morning the concrete trucks came early to pour the slab for the house being constructed down the street from me. I walked down to investigate and lend my technical expertise as a nosey neighbor.

All the paraphernalia of a 150-yard concrete pour was in place: the trucks hauling ten yards of concrete at a time were coming and going; the concrete pump was in full production; the workers who smooth the concrete were all back-bent in frenzy to get the work done before the morning sun came up.

The work suddenly stopped when it was discovered no drain



pipes were installed for the five bathrooms or two kitchens. I have never seen so many cell phones pulled from pockets-it was almost a "fast draw" western shoot-out event of "clearing leather."

Fingers were pointed as the blame began to be shifted around to the steel tiers, to the plumbers, to the construction foreman, to the contractor, and on and on. I was beginning to feel a little pinch as some of those finger-pointing, cell-phone holders began to eyeball me. I thought it best to return to my own home at this point.

I am looking out my window at the traffic that is still buzzing around, to, and from the construction site. I see

a plethora of plumbing trucks, several of the contractor vehicles, and I think more heavy equipment being positioned for some sort of event that will try to salvage this 150-yard pour of concrete on this house. What a big oops!

I don't want to get to the end of life - a big pour - only to realize I left out a really important

part. I don't want to come to the end of my days with a big oops. I want to know the Lord Jesus Christ, rather to be known of Him. I want to have walked in repentance and faith with Him. I want to have trusted Him for the forgiveness of my sins. I want to have worked for Christ and His Church in my day and in my time.

Lord, grant me no big oops as I come to this point in my life.

Leave It To Cleaver



Tony Cleaver

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Tough Men Are Touched by God

This nation is in desperate need of some real tough men who have been touched by God for His glory. Our nation would be stronger, our families and churches would be better if we had more warriors for Christ. While the world is in short supply of Godly men, it does not mean there are not many of you out there fighting the fight and keeping the faith. We must all support each other, strive for continued growth, and never, never give up the good fight. Our goal as men is to not "fit in", but to be found faithful.

If you are a warrior for Christ, let me encourage you to keep on. If you are not, let me enlist you to join the Lord's army. You don't have to have a wonderful past. You don't have to be a biblical scholar. You only need a teachable spirit and a desire to grow. You just have to be willing to enlist in the army of God. His Holy Spirit will do the rest. We can't be the men we need to be on our own. It will always take the Lord doing His work through us.

Let me encourage all men. God is pulling for all of you men out there. He is ready to help you when you seek Him. Scripture states in Romans 8:31 that

God is FOR you. And if God is for you then who can be against



Family Ark Ministries

Travis Plumlee

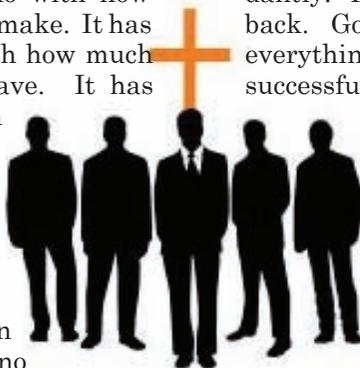
you? If you study Romans chapter 8 you will also learn in verse 17 that you are an heir to the kingdom. You will be able to hold your head up and walk with confidence when you know who you really are in Christ. It has nothing to do with how much money you make. It has nothing to do with how much education you have. It has nothing to do with what neighborhood you live in. It certainly has nothing to do with who accepts you and who does not.

When you are in Christ, you can in no way be cast out. God will always love and accept you as His son. That is in verses 38 & 39. You are a son of the Most High God. You have been adopted into royalty. Live up

to who you really are and not who people say you are. You are royalty and a Prince of Power because of Christ in you and for no other reason. And in Romans 8:37 you are more than a warrior. You are a conquering warrior in Jesus' name.

God will give you strength and power. Ephesians 6:10. God will give you wisdom about how to lead your family and should you do this or that. He will guide you to what He wants for you. If you don't know what to do about something, just ask your Father. James 1:5. Your Father will give to you generously. Liberally. Abundantly. He will not hold back. God will give you everything you need to be successful in life. All that

you need to be successful as a man of God, as a worker, as a husband or father- He will give you the tools and the power to be successful. Philippians 4:19. He also will give you weapons to face life's battles that can knock down any stronghold. Your weapons of warfare are mighty through



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Progress Reports

As noted in my last article the boys and girls at the Home have gotten into the routine of the new school year. Recently progress reports were given out for the school year thus far. These reports reflect that our students are doing well in their studies. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they work to achieve the best that the Lord has for them.



SIDNEY DAVIS
DIRECTOR

VBS Presents Check To Home

Recently we were with the Midway Baptist Church near Leakesville and Pastor Justin Cameron for their morning services. At the conclusion of the services Pastor Cameron presented the Home a check that their VBS had received for the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home. Thanks to the VBS workers and students for your efforts to the ministry of the Home. It is appreciated.



Pastor Cameron present VBS check to Director Sidney Davis



Midway VBS workers and students

Special Emphasis

Just a reminder that October and November are months that have been set aside each year as Special Emphasis months for the Children's Home. Let me encourage you to participate in this year's Emphasis.

God. II Corinthians 10:4. No weapon formed against you can prevail. Isaiah 54:17.

Finally, nothing can come into your life right now that Jesus has not already conquered. John 16:33. Be happy. Nothing can beat you because you have victory in Jesus and nothing can beat him.

So, we men need to start doing what God has commanded us to do. We must start being strong and courageous. Joshua 1:9. Being courageous means being the head of your house. It means sometimes you are going to have to have the courage to make decisions that may not be liked at

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Church News

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September 5, 2013. A great meal was served by the host church and special music was brought by Kerrie Smith, Shiloh Trio, and Whitney. There were 10 churches represented with 58 messengers and 9 visitors in attendance. The message was brought by Bro. Wexford Parmer from Isaiah 6:1-12l

Reports were given by Bro. Bobby Elliot, Bro. Elvis Garcia, Bro. Kenneth Pollock and Bogard Press. Our next meeting will be our annual meeting on October 10, 2013 at East Fulton Baptist Church.

Moderator Bro. Matt Hudson
Reporter Debbie Franks

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GMA State 1st Vice President report

Hey girls! This is Clara Williams, your 1st Vice President. GMA camp this year is going to be on March 14 and 15, so mark your calendars! Our theme is "In God We Trust". We have been making so many plans for this camp and hope all of you will receive a blessing in it!

T-Shirt order forms will be mailed soon and we have a great house party planned! I want to encourage all the girls and counselors to pray for this camp and that God's will be done in it! I hope to see you all then!

Mississippi W.M.A.

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Oak Grove WMA

The WMA Oak Grove Association District Meeting will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 at Pine Grove Baptist Church (860 Purvis Oloh Road). The ladies of Pine Grove will be hosting the meal, while the program will be led by Beth Haden. We invite all members and non-members to attend for a time of encouragement, fellowship, and fun. Door prizes will also be given.

Kodi Atkins
Reporter

Ten Mile District WMA

The Ten Mile WMA held their meeting, on July 15 2013, at Temple Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Our Project for the Quarter is 75% for Missionaries Brother Kelby and Jessie Johnson, Grace Baptist Church, New Albany, Mississippi.

Sister Ashley Bates presided over the installation of our new officers serving 2013-2014. She encouraged all officers to follow the Lords lead, work hard Through the Storm. Keep Isaiah 41:10 in our heart, serve the God, be faithful and always know that he will strengthen us and his right hand of righteousness is with us.

The following WMA officer positions were filled: President Geraldine Necaise, 1st Vice President Myrtis Mallett, 2nd Vice President Ashley Bates, 3rd Vice President Dena Ellzey; Sec/Treasurer Julia Lee, Reporter Maria Ochoa, Song Leader Alana Woods, Pianist Jean Knight, Historian Louise Crawley, District Project Promoter Cathy Rhodes, State Project Promoter Pat Johnson, Sunbeam Promoter Dianna Williams, Assistant Sunbeam Promoter Angela Givens, GMAPromoter Jerrica Kirkland, Assistant GMA Promoter Adriane Compston.

A letter was read, thanking us for our generous offering to our missionaries.

We enjoyed refreshments and a great fellowship with Temple Baptist Church. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, on October 14, 2013, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Reporter Maria Ochoa

Tough Men

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home. A real man stands on biblical convictions even if his kids protest. It is a wimpy man who lets his family dominate him. He shirks his God-given responsibility. It is only easy for a man to bend over backwards for his family when he has no spine. Tough men serve their family as leader because they are always led by the Spirit. Both at work, and at home, or at leisure time with family and friends – it means you may have to show courage and do what is right.

However, the just man walks in his integrity and his children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7. If you want to be a blessing to your children and grandchildren, then be a man of integrity. That means be honest, forthright, do what is right according to the Word, etc... Today's American male is more concerned with making money, or cheating on taxes, or not returning money to the store clerk when she gives him too much money back. But a man of integrity always does what is right in the eyes of the Lord, and his children will be blessed because of his actions. Joshua is told that if he wants to prosper in life, if he wants to be successful in life, if he wants to

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Nor could she escape the reach of the law by focusing on the private sector. She would still be required to make benefits available to same-sex partners, hire employees who want to cross-dress, and supply bathrooms accessible to either sex at all times.

Under the irony-filled moniker of "equality," San Antonio is treating Christians like second-class citizens, not just forcing them to the back of the bus, but making them get off. The law systematically excludes Christians with biblically informed views from having any meaningful role in the city.

As Texas attorney general Greg Abbott perceives, "The obvious problem with this provision is that it allows government to impose thought and speech control over any city official or board or commission member who may hold deep religious beliefs that are counter to the ordinance."

Passing by 8-3 vote, the law has already taken effect. Yet, in the spirit of "Remember[ing] the Alamo," many San Antonians are unwilling to cede their religious liberties without a fight.

Some have indicated an interest in challenging the law in court and they should find that forum friendly to their cause. It is plainly unconstitutional for any government, including the city council of San Antonio, to infringe upon freedom of speech, free exercise of religion, or freedom of conscience, in such a direct and egregious manner.

Leading up the American Revolution, colonists were concerned about political offices being reserved for members of the Church of England. Hence, in Art 6 of the U.S. Constitution, the drafters specifically addressed these worries and barred a "religious test" for public office. San Antonio is trying to resurrect this same illegitimate notion - imposing a "religious test" of its own - by compelling residents to abandon their religious beliefs to participate in public life. Thankfully, our religious freedoms are not dependent on the whims of public officials. As articulated by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, these rights are inalienable, that is, God-given.

And what God has giveth, San Antonio cannot taketh away.

be a warrior for God; then the entire answer lies in staying in the Word of God day and night. Joshua 1:6-9. Men are supposed to not be afraid or discouraged, but strong and courageous. This happens by staying in the Word. And if your kids are grown and you have never had devotions, it is never too late to start. Just tell them you are still learning and growing in the Lord. Every time your family gets together, read the Word to them. You gather your family around and pray for them and with them. Lip service is cheap. Be a warrior. Be a real man. Pray, study the Word, go and worship at church and lead your family in all of it. God bless all men in our common battle.

2013 BMA of Mississippi Schedule Southeastern Baptist College Laurel, Mississippi October 22 & 23, 2013

Tuesday Morning - October 22, 2013

8:00 am	Registration Begins
9:00 am	WMA (Shady Grove Baptist Church)
	Brotherhood
	(Southeastern Baptist College)
10:30 am	Pastor's and Laymen Conference (SBC)
Noon	Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 pm	Music
1:35 pm	Presidents Message and Theme
2:00 pm	Enrollment Committee Initial Report
	Seating of the Messengers
	Election of Officers
	Annual Site & Speaker
	Mid-Year Site & Speaker
	Nominating Committee Initial Report
2:25 pm	Missionary Bob Burch (Report)
2:30 pm	Southeastern Baptist College
3:00 pm	Missionary Phillip Burns (Report)
3:05 pm	Youth Department
3:35 pm	Missionary Sidney Farmer (Report)
3:40 pm	Revolving Loan Fund & Missions
4:20 pm	Missionary Kenneth Pollock (Report)
4:25 pm	Publications
4:55 pm	Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer
5:00 pm	Adjourn

Tuesday Evening

7:00 pm	Special Music / Cong. Singing
7:30 pm	Annual Message

Wednesday Morning - October 23, 2013

9:00 am	Scripture Reading & Prayer
9:05 am	BMA of MS Foundation
9:10 am	Missionary Coord.
	Estuardo Marroquin (Report)
9:20 am	Commission on Senior Adults
9:40 am	Missionary Kelby Johnson (Report)
9:45 am	Moral Action
10:15 am	Missionary Elvis Garcia (Report)
10:25 am	Commission on History and Archives
10:35 am	Missionary Danny Bartlett (Report)
10:40 am	Children's Home
11:10 am	Baptist Music Fellowship
11:15 am	Missionary Bobby Elliott (Report)
11:20 am	Brotherhood
11:30 am	Missionary Coord. Ed DuVall (Report)
11:40 am	WMA
11:50 am	Missionary Ray Boone (Report)
11:55 am	Salary Committee Report
12:00 pm	Final Enrollment Committee Report
12:05 pm	Nominating Committee Final Report
12:10 pm	Closing Scripture Reading & Prayer