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## Annual Meeting Drawing Near

by Matt Hudson  
First Vice-president

The month of October is always a busy month for preachers, churches and associations. Our 209th annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi will be October 20th & 21st. We will once again meet on the campus of Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel. Bro. Danny Pitts and the staff of the college will be working diligently getting things ready for this meeting. They are to be commended for the hard work in making sure our meeting is a success.

You are encouraged to attend every part of this meeting and invite other members, pastors, and young preachers to be a part of this event. I believe this can be a turning point in our asso-

ciation and in our working together. We have kept the meeting changes that were made last year on Tuesday morning. The breakout sessions, involving areas of ministry, will follow the Pastor's and Laymen's Conference. Look over the schedule in this edition of the paper for the classes that interest you and your ministry.



Matt Hudson

Our Theme for the 2015 meeting will be "Stand Firm!" The scripture text will be Hebrews 13: 20,21. "Now the God of peace, . . . Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ." Other translations state: "equip you in every good work." We need God's hands to equip us so that we can "stand firm" in a world that is shaking all around us. In the weeks to come let us "stand firm" on the truths of the word of God. We are all in this together. When we stand shoulder to shoulder, nothing can break us.

I look forward to seeing you and ask that you continue to pray that we may experience the spirit of God moving in our places of ministry. Let's determine that the enemy will never overtake us. May God bless you!

**Editor's Note:** The schedule for the 2015 Annual Meeting is listed on page 8 of this issue.

## BMA Missions

### Announces Change in MLM

BMA Missions announces a change in the international literature ministry. Over the past few years, a new vision for international print ministry has taken shape. Under the present system, the donation of used literature has benefited primarily one country (Ghana) out of the 82 nations where BMA Missions is present. The ever-increasing cost of shipping, in connection with distribution difficulties, demanded a new approach. The BMA Ghana National Council, pastoral leadership in the three key regions of Ghana, and BMA America missionaries in the country were all involved in this decision.

Yes, this does mean that BMA Missions is no longer accepting used literature. We encourage you to seek other ministries that could use the literature. If nothing else, we encourage you to recycle the paper.

MLM (Missionary Literature Ministry) director Phil Knott elaborated on the new approach to missionary print ministry, "As with Missionary Literature Ministry projects in Latin America and Asia, a major shift is underway in how Christian literature, Gospel tracts, and other materials are published

and distributed in Africa. One of the most important changes is "on demand printing" which more effectively meets local needs and fosters more ownership and sustainability. There are several options available and BMA Missions personnel are working diligently with local leadership to develop the most effective means."

The new approach emphasizes partnerships with national associations to help produce and print literature in their respective countries. This will allow for much greater stewardship as much more literature can be produced with available funds instead of spending large amounts to ship used literature. It also fosters the participation of the national associations in the process.

Knott added, "Missionary Literature Ministry is still very much at work editing, producing and publishing materials in Mexico, Central and South America, Southeast Asia, Brazil, Portugal, Ghana, and the U.S. A Spanish language resource site is available online at [www.bmamissions.org/americalatina](http://www.bmamissions.org/americalatina)."

This new vision for MLM is bolstered by the tireless work of Belinda Caudle in Latin America, a new initiative in Southeast Asia through the printing ministry of BMA Philippines, and your continued support to help produce needed literature in many more countries. Thank you for your support of MLM. Let's all pray that many additional countries will benefit from this needed ministry!

## Daniel Springs Encampment Set for 2016 Camps

What an incredible summer we had at camp! I must admit that I had no idea how this summer would go with the changes that were implemented. For as long as anyone can remember the summer camp staff consisted of five to six girls and three to four guys, but this year we had twenty students working in the various areas including teaching and recreation. I am very thankful that "the staff" made this transition go very smoothly.

Camp is always a time for churches and friends to reconnect as well as to meet new people, but the greatest part is being able to see God

work. This summer during the eight camps, over 2,100 individuals from 154 churches visited Daniel Springs. Of these, 102 made professions of faith, eighteen rededicated their lives for Christ and eight surrendered to ministry. We serve a great and mighty God!

Planning for the 2016 camp season is under way and I cannot wait for you to come and experience what God is doing at Daniel Springs. The 2016 camp schedule will soon be available at [www.danielspringscamp.com](http://www.danielspringscamp.com). If you are interested in being part of our camp staff, please e-mail me at [jason@danielspringscamp.com](mailto:jason@danielspringscamp.com).

## First Annual Southeastern Baptist College Bible Conference Set

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## “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

One of the rich memories I have from serving in the U.S. Army for 21 years is the comradery that I experienced while serving in military units which vested to me the years of history that rest in their heritage. I still enjoy reading the history of battles and campaigns of the units of the 9th Infantry Division, I Corp (America’s Corp) and the Third Army all in which I had the privilege to serve as a member, some in peace time and some in war.

I confess that I consider it an honor to have served with and under people such as General Norman Schwarzkopf, FORSCOM Commander during the Gulf War. During the Gulf War I was a part of the historic Third Army, best known for her maneuvers and battles during WWII under the command of General George Patton. This same Third Army would later be called upon to participate in the Gulf War, Enduring Freedom and the Iraq War. Most folks remember hearing about the campaigns of WW II and especially, the Battle of the Bulge, when General Patton ordered the great end-around flanking maneuver which led the Third Army to victory against Hitler’s last major effort to defeat Allied Forces.

At the end of the Gulf War I received one of my most cherished citations, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award given to me by then, Secretary of Defense Dick Chaney. Even though I have received a number of individual awards, I cherish this award most because it is a unit (or team) award. I consider it an honor to have served as a member of one of the U.S. Army’s most prestigious units, the Third Army.

Earlier in my military career I learned an important principle about working together while participating in platoon

level combat maneuvers. I was the farthest person in a straight line movement and saw an opportunity to flank the enemy. So, I left my position in the line and swung around and came up behind an enemy gun position that was perched for an ambush of our line. I thought I had achieved a great individual accomplishment. My instructor thought otherwise!

We must assemble ourselves around the Word of God and live under its discipline.

We must consider others more important than ourselves and the cause of Christ of greater importance than our own well-being.

He told me that I was being a ‘John Wayne’ and rebuked me in front of the unit. “We don’t need a ‘John Wayne,’” he said. “We need fighting units that stick together and work as a team.” I never forgot that experience.

When I read Hebrews 13:8, I am reminded that I am a part of a most precious part of the history and heritage in the narrative of God’s holy script: The Church. She has been called out of this world, purified by the blood of our Savior, assembled around a responsibility to carry His gospel to the world and I am a part of that unit. Even though, just like an Army unit, each local church is separate and independent, when we work together we achieve a battle field multiplier that enables us to “do together what we could never do apart.” Paul told the church at Thessalonica, “For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews.” 1 Thess 2:14

I am moved when I read about the battles and campaigns that my predecessors like Peter, Paul, Timothy, John, James, Jude and others fought. I am inspired by the fact that a unit award awaits me in heaven; “... there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:

and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Tim 4:8 I am reminded that while these guys had struggles among themselves (Peter vs Paul, Paul vs Barnabas, John Mark’s departure then, return, etc.), our greatest struggle should never be within our own ranks but we should always be united in our efforts to fight the enemy and accomplish our Lord’s objective.

To achieve this we must be committed to biblical standards, and agree to strive to carry out our duties in humility with God’s precepts, principles and promises driving us to achieve God’s purpose. We must assemble ourselves around the Word of God and live under its discipline. We must consider others more important than ourselves and the cause of Christ of greater importance than our own well-being. The important thing for me to remember is that Jesus Christ organized, established and took command of this unit (the church) more than 2000 years ago and He has not relinquished that command. He is the same “...yesterday, today and forever...”. I serve the same person who washed Peter’s feet, who spoke to Paul on the Damascus road, who died on an old rugged cross and who rose again and continues to lead this campaign as the Lord of heaven and earth, and the Head

of the Church. His objectives have not changed and his instructions have not been modified.

Our memories should serve to seamlessly weave us into the fabric of this Church age. Our struggles and victories should develop esprit de corps among us. Our challenges should be met with comradery that the experience will vest to us a rich history that rests in the heritage of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let our standards be the same as Hebrew 13: “Let brotherly love continue,” “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” “I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” “Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.” “Let us go forth therefore without the camp...” When we have come to the end of this life’s journey, let us say as Paul did to Timothy, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” 2 Tim 4:7

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## Working Together

Each year the Missions Department provides some professional development training for our missionaries. This year we join with Southeastern Baptist College on September 21 & 22, 2015, to host Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the BMAA Theological Seminary, as the speaker at this, the First Annual SBC Bible Conference. The subject is The Baptist Foundations in the US. Dr. Holmes will speak to issues which led to the formation of the Baptist Convention Movement and the Independent Baptist Movement and explain how these developed out of the Associational Baptist’s historical practices. Dr. Holmes will be speaking on Monday from 9:45 to 10:30AM and that evening from 6:30 to 7:30PM. He will also speak from 9:45 to 10:30AM on Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to come and profit from these studies. No registration or cost is involved.

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## Silence No More!

In a world that becomes more diverse and more global each day, Christian believers must face the toughest of questions from the existence of hell, to the evil of evolution, to the common objection of Christianity, and especially the moral lifestyle of born again believers. God's people cannot remain silent of Bible truths. "Silence no more" is the Moral Action outcry.

Jude 3 sounded out the alarm: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The words "earnestly contend" mean to give a determined, intense struggle to defeat the foe. God wants us to valiantly strive for the faith. Born again Christians are to defend Bible-living styles. Our morals have to be upheld and lived by joyfully.

Simon Peter in I Peter 3:15 gave a command also, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." A ready answer is needed to share why we morally live as we do! A good verbal defense refuting the claims of the destructive critic is needed.

**Silence no more**, as we seek to defeat humanism. Humanism has drastically affected the basic morality of the United States and the world. It is a subtle philosophy and it is often undetected by those not aware of it. Humanism is that old struggle of man's will against God's will. It is not new. A true humanist believes in himself rather than God.

**Silence no more**, as we combat disrespect for authority. Humanism affects children in many ways and in

this children are taught that whatever you choose will be right for you because you choose it. Romans 1:30-31 declares that they are "Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents." We must teach respect for those in authority.

**Silence no more**, as Christians seek to change the decline in discipline. Since children are taught that they are their own authority, they want to do their own thing. They will ignore the leadership of parents, teachers, law enforcement and others in authority over them. The verse of Romans 1:30 uses the words "despiteful and disobedient".

**Silence no more**, as Christians desire to stop the decline in school/college academics. We call it the dumbing down of American children. When discipline deteriorates, learning also deteriorates. Teachers are not able to teach if they do not have the attention of the children. Romans 1:31 declares they will be "without understanding".

**Silence no more**, as God's churches refute total sexual freedom. Humanists want to "liberate" our children from sexual inhibitions. Often their sex education programs are nothing more than academic pornography. To combat this humanistic philosophy, children need to be trained from the Bible in church, in school, and in the home.

We have Bible reasons why we must defend our morality. Dr. Charles Swindoll gives Christians a reason to stand against the wiles of the devil:

*Number one:* know where you stand. You cannot afford the luxury of being ignorant or ill-informed when it comes to biblical truth and faith. So educate yourself in the common areas that come under attack: the Bible, the Trinity, the person and work of Christ, and the means of salvation.

*Number two:* know where the enemy stands. Learn the tactics of those who oppose the truth. Satan is wily and is as "crooked as a dog's hind leg."

*Number three:* know the Scriptures consistently. The Bible is the only tangible, offensive weapon the Lord has given us in our battle against falsehood; the apostle Paul called the Word of God "the sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17). Learn to wield it with skill and wisdom.

*Number four:* stand alone if necessary. We need more men and women like Esther, who risked her life to save a nation...like Daniel, who refused to compromise his principles...like Paul, who, though condemned to death, stared in a madman's eyes and preached the gospel.

**Silence no more! God's Son will give us the courage we need.**

## Paradigm Shifts

By Larry Barker

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Today you hear a lot about the need for change or a "paradigm shift." Those who love new things and experimenting love this concept while others are not so sure. A paradigm is defined as a typical example or pattern of something; a model. A paradigm "shift" has been defined as a fundamental change in approach or underlying assumptions and a time when the usual and accepted way of doing or thinking about something changes completely.

Truth never changes but there are times we must evaluate assumptions, perceptions, and the way we are carrying out the Great Commission. A paradigm shift is needed when the rules of the game change. This is why Paul was so masterful in how he handled the Greeks, Romans, Jews and the Judaizers. You see, a paradigm defines reality for the situation we are in and we must be aware of our audience and of the culture in which we are ministering.

This is what Paul was talking about in 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that

are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

Paradigm shifts can correct past problems but they are not a fix all. The reality is that new problems will arise. Great paradigm shifts are occurring in churches, denominations, and in leadership. These are usually needed because of momentum created by a certain focus that causes the pendulum to swing too far one way or the other. One paradigm shift that should be applauded by all is in evangelism. The goal has shifted away from scoring a decision to securing a disciple!

In Revolution in Leadership, Reggie McNeal says, "Paradigms inform both vision and values in people and in organizations. They drive actions as well as influence attitudes." Paradigm shifts help us to refocus and to place the importance back where it needs to be because somewhere along the way we drifted. This is why Reggie McNeal also says, "God has given each denominational system the freedom to become completely irrelevant or to be a relevant servant of the churches." Just remember "perception becomes reality."

This is why our office has stressed so strongly, "Churches do not exist to serve us but we exist to serve churches and help you carry out the Great Commission." The center of the mission of God is the local church (Eph. 3:10). There are a couple of paradigm shifts here that are occurring:

- From a church has a mission to God's mission has a church to carry it out!
- From missions driven by an office or organization to missions driven by a local church!
- From the mission field being "over there" to we live in a mission field!
- From we will send our money to accomplish missions to we will also get personally involved!
- From planting churches to planting churches that plant churches!

Never fear, there is still plenty of work for us to do in coming alongside churches to help them develop their missionaries through assessment, training, and coaching. Also, we have a

network that enables everyone to help financially in getting missionaries and church planters to the field.

Churches are also going through paradigm shifts:

- From being inwardly focused to becoming outwardly focused!
- From being performance focused to concentrating on developing disciples!
- From busyness and frenetic activity to spiritual health and vitality!
- From one doing everything to the team being trained to do the work of the ministry!
- From seating capacity to sending capacity!

What paradigm shifts might you or your church need to consider? How well are people progressing in their spiritual walks? Are you making disciples who are making disciples? Is your church behaving like the body of Christ is supposed to behave? What are the easiest changes you could make to get back on the right path?

The two biggest mistakes many churches make is, first, an unwillingness to evaluate their spiritual health. The problem is that we know how to count but we do not know how to measure. The second is this, an unwillingness to take the necessary steps the evaluation uncovers. Once we discover our errors we must first repent and then begin to take the necessary steps for our behavior to change.

Healthy churches are willing to embrace paradigm shifts that are directed by the Holy Spirit!

### BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund Report

(As of Sept 10, 2015 and  
since August 1, 2015)

Gross Assets	\$19,809,568.00
New Loans Made	4
Total of New Loans	\$1,145,930.00
New Loans In Process (not yet closed)	3
Total of Funds Obligated for Loans in Process	\$214,151.00
Cash Reserve (percent of shareholder deposits)	20%

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**Remote Control in Birmingham**

As many of you know, my mom is recovering from heart surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital. She has had some setbacks, but is currently making slow progress.

The doctors are doing their best and we are confident she is getting the best medical care possible. She is in CICU and really having a difficult time. Your prayers are appreciated.

My sister and I are here seeing to her needs and standing by her side. This is a change of lifestyle, even though a temporary one. But, life goes on.

As you can see from the photo, I

am working on this issue of your paper from the hospital. I have "taken over an abandoned desk in the CICU lobby and even "borrowed a chair over the weekend". They have not missed it yet, so I continue to sit and work.

We are still available by phone and email. We will continue to work and your understanding is appreciated.

Your prayers are appreciated and continu-

ally solicited for our mother. Pray for the physicians as they minister to her physical needs.



Editor sets up shop at UAB Hospital

**Called To Be Holy**

Guest editorial by Jerry Fulton - Editor of Baptist Progress

Maybe you have read it behind the cover of a church hymnal or it could be that it hangs on the wall in your church foyer or at the front of your church's sanctuary. I'm referring to a church covenant. Some view such a document as a creed and dismiss it noting Baptists' long held opposition to the use of creeds, although such opposition has not always existed. Others argue that a church covenant is simply a tool used by church leaders to keep church membership in bondage and to control their behavior.

Sensibly, I view a church covenant to be exactly what it is, a promise among church members to live according to the doctrine it preaches from God's Word. A church covenant is not extra-biblical, but is rather a clarification of biblical teaching and expectations. The most widely used church covenant in Baptist churches was written in 1853 by J. Newton Brown and reads as follows:

*Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter*

*into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.*

*We endeavor, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.*

*We also endeavor to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.*

*We further endeavor to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.*

*We moreover endeavor that when we*

*remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.*

If every church member would abide by such a promise as the one written above, more churches would have all things in common, be filled with more mature members, experience greater joy in worship and service and live in a way that more resembles the life of our Lord. Worldliness has become all too common in churches today because churches have failed to uphold godly requirements, ceased from church discipline and tried to do what is most popular to attract a crowd. One of my former pastors use to say, "I'd rather pastor a holy church than a huge church any day." The size of a church is not necessarily an indication of the blessings of God. What a church teaches and how church members live is real proof of holiness.

I am told that before he would ever present a candidate for membership to the church, Bro. Royce Sanders who served as pastor of Eighth Avenue, Teague for several years, would always read the church covenant to the candidate so they would know up front what was expected of them as a church member. Some churches recite the church covenant each Sunday. I think such practices might very well be good ones.

How holy is your church? Are your members being reminded of the fact that they have been called to be holy?



Jerry Fulton

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Everyone is invited to the Bible Conference in a couple of weeks.

The First Annual Southeastern Baptist College Bible Conference Date - September 21-22, 2015 Speaker - Dr. Charley Holmes, President of the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary Subject - Baptist Foundations in the US.



Dr. Charley Holmes

A time line of the development of issues in the United States which led to the formation of the Baptist Convention Movement and the Independent Baptist Movement will be made available to everyone present. Explanations of how these developed out of the Associational Baptist historical practices will be presented. Conference Times - Monday 9:45 to 10:30AM and 6:30 to 7:30PM. Tuesday 9:45 to 10:30AM Everyone is welcomed to come and profit from these studies.

## DOVE SHOOT (SORT OF)

Labor Day weekend has been the light at the end of the tunnel for sportsmen throughout the southland for as long as I can remember. This is the weekend that dove season begins. The sweet smell of gunpowder from a spent shotgun shell arouses feelings in the avid hunter that rivals any perfume sold over the department store counter top. College football season has begun and there is just a hint of fall in the air. Oh yeah, bow season can't be far ahead!

Preparation began a few months earlier. Fields were planted and fertilized. Tall weeds are bush hogged and brown millet is liberally spread across the hopeful fields. For those of you scrunching your nose up at the thought of putting out feed for the doves, it was actually for the pigs. The porkers like to graze in the field and enjoy the brown millet. Them pesky doves seem to do their best to steal the seed from their intended purpose.

As the designated hunter set aside to scare unwanted doves from eating the millet, I have found it quite amusing when people say this is just an excuse

for poor shooting. To these skeptics, I say, "Humpphh"! Anyone can hit a flying projectile reaching speeds that are the envy of many a fighter jet, but it takes real talent to miss one by "this much". Why, I remember a time where I missed one by a mere hair! That was probably one of my best shots ever. "Get out of my field, you good for nothing pest!"

As the day began to fade, some of the other hunters came to gather around my sitting bucket. I chuckled under my breath as each one admitted to limiting out. Amateurs! I had six spent boxes of shells and never even dusted a feather. Oh well, everyone can't be a sharpshooter like me.

### From The Mind of Chuck Lee

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*Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere*

## Ministers of the Baptist Missionary Association of Mississippi, Greetings from the library at Southeastern Baptist College!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our campus in order to use our library. Although our current students and faculty members are our primary clientele, we welcome former students and people from our BMAM churches to use our facilities as well! We have over 20,000 volumes of books, periodicals, and audio/visual materials; a great majority of these materials are religious in nature and can serve as excellent research resources for you as you prepare sermons, classes, or programs at your churches.

We have a wide range of subjects covered through our collection including Bible Character Studies, Missions, Christian Counseling, Pastoral Ministries, Christian Education, Hebrew and Greek Language Studies, Christian Life, Christian Doctrine, and much more. We have multiple sets of Bible encyclopedias and dictionaries, as well as over forty different Bible commentary sets.

In our audio/visual collection, we have several video series on a variety of topics

that can be incorporated into church classes or presentations; for example, we have a 45-volume video set of lectured studies created/produced by the BMAA Department of Missions entitled "Practical Ministries Studies" and "Doctrinal Studies" that would be a valued resource for your church.

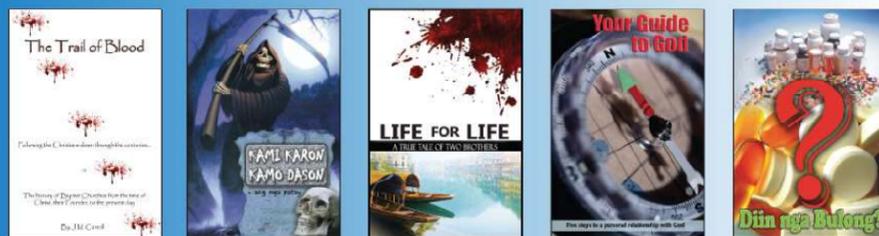
Along with religious topics, we also have many secular topics covered in our book/periodical collection such as money management, psychology, sociology, business, and history (with many volumes devoted to addressing these topics from a Biblical Worldview). In addition, we have a newly-added "Master's/Seminary Level" book collection donated to us by our BMAA Seminary in Texas.

I invite you to visit our college website, [www.southeasternbaptist.edu](http://www.southeasternbaptist.edu), to browse through our library's online catalog and online resources. You may find the research materials you need there, or you may begin creating a list of library items to view once you arrive on our campus.



## BMAA Brotherhood National Project 2015

### BMAP PUBLICATIONS MINISTRY



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## National Brotherhood Project Philippine Missionary Addresses Needs

by Bro. Sam Freeman

Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from the Philippines. We have been on the field for 2 1/2 months, and it has been an exciting time. At the end of July, the new digital press was installed at the Publications office. I was anxious to begin training on the press and ready to start printing. After a couple weeks of training, we began printing the new Sunday School quarterly, as well as some tracts in English. That literature has already been delivered to the churches here on the islands of Negros and Mindanao. Our church in Hong Kong has also received some of the new literature as well.

The digital press takes so many of the old procedures out of the process, which allows us to produce materials quickly and efficiently. This simplification of the process gives us the ability and time to print a lot more than we could previously. I can't wait to begin printing even more literature in the many languages of Asia.

This new way of printing also helps when we begin to reprint material. Printing the old way, when you ran out of materials, you had to expend so much time and effort into the same steps just to produce the material again. With a digital press, we simply push a button and the job is immediately reprinted.

Since we began printing, we have produced 2 Sunday School quarterlies (we already have our 1st quar-

ter of 2016 ready), along with 5 other booklets in English. We have produced 3 tracts in English, 2 in Ilonggo, 1 in Cebuano and another tract in Vietnamese. I also have a tract translated into Chinese, that I am waiting on the translator to assist me with the layout to ensure it is correct. We also have several other books and tracts in the pre-production phase.

In order to continue printing, and to add even more dialects and languages to our printing schedule, we need to have an awesome response to the 2015 BMAA Brotherhood National Project. We are glad to be the project this year, and challenge all the BMAA local church Brotherhoods to send in an offering towards the project. This is why we are Associational, because "TOGETHER WE DO MORE."

We are also praying for more churches to partner with us on a monthly basis financially. Your financial support will help open more doors of opportunity for us, so we can fulfill our goal of providing literature to more countries in Asia.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord here in the Philippines as your missionaries. It is truly a blessing to share with all of you how the Word of God is being printed and distributed to people who need to hear that Jesus loves them in their heart language.

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## Sofilthy's Attic

by Barbara White



### This Is What Revival Means

I recently received a note from Louise McMahon, widow of the late Bro. Winnie McMahon, and she had enclosed an item that she had found as she was going through some of Bro. Winnie's things.

This was published in the Mississippi Baptist on January 15, 1971. Do any of you remember that? This is it:

This Is What Revival Means

- The "sleeping" Christian wakes up.
- The "lazy" Church members get up.
- The "lukewarm" Church members get fired up.
- The "Sabbath breakers at church show up.
- The "drinking" church members dry up.
- The "disgruntled" church members sweeten up.
- The "gossipers" shut up.
- The "loose-living" folks tighten up.
- The "tight pursed" folks loosen up.
- The "downhearted" folks look up.
- The "timid witnesses" speak up.
- The "dusty church members" wash up.
- The "soulwinning" visitors follow up.
- The "idle church members" are harnessed up.

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#### State GMA's Plan Mission Project

Mississippi State GMAs is planning a Mission Outreach Project in July of 2016. We are currently taking applications for GMAs who are interested in participating with the outreach. We will provide one of our local church plants with a VBS next summer. Please contact Lane Flynt at 601-641-1475 or email at lane.flynt@gmail.com for more information.

#### Big Creek District Youth

Please join us for a Big Creek GMA, Sunbeam, Galilean\* district meeting. We will have a short meeting then team games and pizza. Trophies will be awarded to the winning team. Please wear clothing and shoes that are activity friendly.

We will meet on November 7 at 10:00 am at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Olive.

Please contact Lane Flynt with your attendance number at 601-641-1475. If your church has any Junior Miss GMA, Miss GMA or Sunbeam participants please send packet information to Lane Flynt, 1059 Hwy 532, Mt. Olive, MS 39119.

We will have interviews for our district participants starting at 9am before the activities. If you do not participate in the GMA, Galilean or Sunbeams programs please bring your youth for a time of fellowship and fun.

#### Lebanon Church Sets Fall Revival

Lebanon Baptist Church will be having their fall revival Sunday, September 20th through Wednesday, September 23rd. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow the morning service and the afternoon service will start at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Justin Cameron, of Hattiesburg, will be the speaker. He, his wife Felicia, and son Chance travel as The Cameron's, singing and leading worship in churches all over the United States. Not only will Bro. Justin be bringing the messages, but The Cameron's will be leading the worship services. Bro. Justin is a man of God who boldly preaches the word. He and his family have been gifted with great musical talents that will bless your heart. Lebanon looks forward to these services and pray that you will join them and allow God to speak to your heart. Please be in prayer for Bro. Justin, his family, and for those who will be attending the services, especially the lost.



Justin Cameron



### Ladies, Is Your Name On The Chain?

by Chris Smith and Bea Hudson

We are asking every lady across the state to participate in supporting Moral Action. Never has there been a time such as this that we need to stand up and be counted, letting our voice be heard. I know a lot of ladies who are standing against gay marriage. I want to encourage us to stand together and give of what the Lord blesses us with. We can all pray and take a part in the chain.

The Lord uses symbols all through the Bible. Let's take a lesson from the Lord and make a difference.

Everyone who is praying for Moral action and Bro. John Adams should send their name to me to put on a link in the chain. I have many names, but not nearly as many as I should have.

Linda Smith asked us to give a dollar for every stripe in the flag. I would like to encourage ladies to do this if you can, but most of all I ask you to pray. Let's stand up and be counted. Remember: Prayer is the Answer.

# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

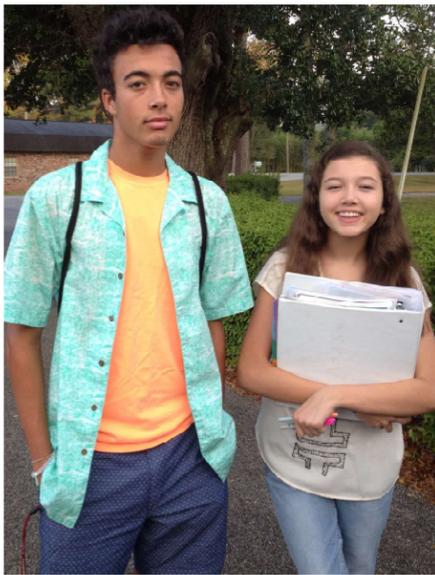
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## Youth of Bethel Baptist Church Presents VBS Offering to Home

As I mentioned in my last article we were privileged to be with the Bethel Baptist Church in Wiggins and Pastor Freddie Wagner for their Sunday morning services recently. At the close of the service the youth presented to the Home a check for the funds they collected during their VBS this summer. Our appreciation is extended to each VBS student and worker for your efforts in support of the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home.



Our kids are back in school



## Back To School

Once again it is that time of the year when the schedule of school and all of the activities associated with it is in full swing at the Home and I'm sure that is the case at your house if you have boys and girls that are school age. As we live our lives we are reminded on a daily basis how important it is to be dependent on the constant protective care of God's presence in our lives. Hebrews 13.5.

Well, getting back into the routine of school and all of its activities can be quite challenging. Besides dealing with homework and chores that comes at the close of a school day and after school activities that our boys and girls are involved in keeps our calendar full. Needless to say we stay busy and keep a steady pace around the Home.

## Special Emphasis Begins Next Month

Just a reminder that next month will begin the Special Emphasis period for the Children's Home. The months of October and November are months that have been set aside by the BMA of Mississippi each year as Special Emphasis months for the Home. It is important that we have a good emphasis this year to help offset the deficits that the Home has been experiencing over the past few years. Let me encourage you to participate in this year's emphasis.

## Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Your prayers are an encouragement

to us. Pray for the ministry of the Home and the boys and girls that the Lord has placed under our care that we may look to Him for the strength to do the work that He has called us to do. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." Isaiah 26:3,4.

## Walk For The World Set by Lebanon Church

Lebanon Baptist Church will be having her annual Walk for the World on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. We will meet at the West Jones High School Stadium at 6:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a short devotion from God's word. We do this every year and always have a great turnout. Each year the number of churches participating grown. We hope that you will make plans to join us this year! We have a good time and great time of fellowship. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring finger foods. Please let us know if you would like to join us for the Walk for the World. Our pastor, Bro. Ken Riley, may be reached at 601-528-4153 or by email at [kw Riley@bayspringstel.net](mailto:kw Riley@bayspringstel.net).



Youth of Bethel Baptist presenting check from VBS offering.

## Kentucky clerk put in impossible situation

MOREHEAD, Ky. (September 14, 2015)- Clerk Kim Davis returned to work Monday for the first time since being jailed for disobeying a federal judge and said she was faced with a "seemingly impossible choice" between following her conscience and losing her freedom over denying marriage licenses to gay couples.

With her voice shaking, she said she decided not to interfere with the marriage licenses, but declared they would not be authorized by her and she questioned their validity.

In her first day back in the office after a five-day stint in jail, Davis said she was torn between obeying God and a directive from the judge that "forces me to disobey God." Davis, an Apostolic Christian, believes gay marriage is a sin.

"I'm here before you this morning with a seemingly impossible choice that I do not wish upon any of my fellow Americans: my conscience or my freedom," Davis read from a hand-written statement outside the courthouse where she works.

Davis became a hero to many conservative Christians when she stopped issuing the licenses after the Supreme Court effectively legalized same-sex marriage. Her profile reached a fever pitch when she was jailed, as protesters, presidential candidates and news crews from across the county descended on the small town of Morehead.

On Monday, she was again surrounded by throngs of media and said licenses handed out from her office would be done "pursuant to a federal court order."

"I don't want to have this conflict. I don't want to be in the spotlight. And I certainly don't want to be a whipping post," Davis said. "I am no hero. I'm just a person that's been transformed by the grace of God, who wants to work, be with my family. I just want to serve my neighbors quietly without violating my conscience."

U.S. District Judge David Bunning held her in contempt and ordered her to jail when she continued to refuse to issue the licenses. In her absence, her deputies issued at least seven licenses to gay couples and altered the forms to exclude Davis' name.

The deputy clerk who handed them out, Brian Mason, said Monday that will continue to hand out the licenses despite his boss's objections.

Mason now sits behind a sign that reads "marriage license deputy." He remained calm, scrolling on his computer and chewing gum, despite the surreal scene unfolding before him. Dozens of television cameras crowded around his counter, with some reporters climbing step ladders to get a better shot of him sitting at his desk, waiting for a couple to arrive to get a marriage license.

"I love my deputy clerks and I hate that they have been caught in the middle of any of this," Davis said. "If any of them feel that they must issue an authorized license to avoid being thrown in jail, I understand their tough choice and I will take no action against them."

The governor, the attorney general and the county attorney have said the licenses are valid. Davis and her attorneys claim otherwise.

On Friday, Davis' attorneys filed an appeal seeking another delay in issuing licenses.

In their motion to the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, her attorneys argued that all the same-sex couples who sued Davis for a license received one from her deputies while she was in jail. Therefore, they said, her office should not be required to issue them to any more couples once she returns to work.

Bunning wrote that his mandate to issue licenses applied to all couples, not only those who filed suit. But Davis' lawyers allege that order was issued improperly, and again have asked for a delay.

## 2015 BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting Schedule

October 20,21, 2015

Theme: "Stand Firm" Hebrews 13:20,21

### Tuesday Morning

- 8:00 am Registration
- 9:00 am WMA (Shady Grove BC)  
Brotherhood (SBC)
- 10:30 am Pastor's Conference
- 11:15 am Breakout Sessions  
Connection Events (Anders Lee)  
Retirement/Wills/Estate Planning  
(Ron Chesser, Charles Atteberry)  
Cultivating Lay Led Youth Ministry (Kelby Johnson)  
Ladies Session :Project & Prayers:"Bread of Life" -  
Video presentation by Celia Broom, Ghana, West Africa  
"Accessing Power Through Prayer" - Linda Smith
- Noon Lunch

### Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:00 pm Registration
- 1:30 pm Music
- 1:40 pm President's Message and Theme
- 2:00 pm Enrollment Committee Initial Report  
Constitutional changes  
Election of Officers  
Annual/Bi-Annual Speaker & Sites
- 2:25 pm Missionary Bob Burch
- 2:30 pm Missions/Revolving Loan Report
- 3:10 pm Missionary Sidney Farmer
- 3:15 pm Publications Report
- 3:45 pm Missionary Anders Lee
- 3:50 pm Foundation Report
- 4:00 pm Commission on Sr. Adults
- 4:20 pm Missionary Bobby Elliot
- 4:25 pm Moral Action Report
- 4:55 pm Closing Prayer

### Tuesday Evening

- 6:30 pm Prelude Music
- 7:00 pm Special Music
- 7:30 pm Annual Message

### Wednesday Morning

- 8:30 am Music & Devotion  
Vote on Constitutional change
- 9:00 am Commission on History
- 9:20 am Missionary Philip Burns
- 9:25 am Children's Home
- 9:55 am Missionary Danny Bartlett
- 10:00 am Baptist Music Fellowship
- 10:10 am Missionary Wesley Martin
- 10:15 am Brotherhood Report
- 10:25 am WMA Report
- 10:35 am Missionary Estuardo Marroquin
- 10:40 am Southeastern Baptist College
- 11:10 am Missionary Ed Duvall
- 11:15 am Youth Department
- 11:35 am Missionary Elvis Garcia
- 11:40 am Salary Committee Report  
Nominating Committee Report  
Clerk's Report  
Appoint Enrollment Committee  
Miscellaneous Business

### Closing Prayer

\* Any National worker attending who wishes to report will be inserted into schedule at president's discretion.



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### Cultivating Lay-Led Youth Ministry

One of the things that I hear most often from people in our churches is that they do not have a Youth Pastor, but still desire to reach and teach young people. In today's landscape of declining church membership and economic struggle, many churches do not have or cannot afford to pay a full-time or even a part-time Youth Pastor. We know a good Youth Pastor can make a significant difference in

the church. We have many people across the state who have been effective youth workers and some who remain in that position. However, for the most part our churches do not have Youth Pastors. We need not let that stop us from ministering to the next generation in our church and community! Your church can have a valuable youth ministry led by a lay-leader or lay-leaders.

It has been done before and some of our churches are doing it even now. My church, Greenwood Baptist Church in Fulton, does not have a Youth Pastor but we are building a youth and kids' ministry by using faithful, capable people in our congregation. All of our churches could do something similar.

At this year's state meeting, we will have a breakout session to aid in this area. The topic is, "Cultivating Lay-Led Youth Ministry." We will have a few leaders from across the state joining in a panel discussion around this subject. We will focus our discussion on how to identify and train possible lay leaders for youth ministry.

If this is something that you would like to take part in, we invite you to attend our breakout session at Southeastern Baptist College on Tuesday morning, October 20, 2015 at 11:15 A.M.

Youth Camp Announcement - Mark your calendar today!

State Junior Camp - June 6-8, 2016

Wauwkaway Springs Christian Retreat Center

Vossburg, Mississippi

More details coming soon!

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