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Dr. Alicia Ramshur Samson Shares Philippine Ministry Information

by BMA Missionary
Alicia Ramshur Samson

Many years ago, God called me to be a missionary. At the time, I had no idea where I would go or exactly how I would serve. What I did know was that I was willing to go as long as the Lord said "go" and that I would somehow serve by using my nursing background. The plan for ministry has adapted progressively as the Lord has revealed His Will step by step. I won't go into all of the details since it would make this writing way too lengthy, but I will say that at this point in my life, I'm grateful for this journey that the Lord has taken me on. (In all honesty, I haven't always been able to say that.) I have been challenged, broken, encouraged, discouraged, uplifted,

blessed, and grown in more ways than I could have ever imagined and I continue to look forward to what is to come and how the Lord will mold me as His servant into what I should be.

From the very beginning, ministry has led me down a path that was completely unexpected. Plans failed while others succeeded and even more were completely changed. Thankfully, God's plans are always perfect and right on time.

In 2012, the Lord laid on my heart the need for me to continue my education. But, wait! I had already gone to nursing school and worked for a few years in the U.S. as preparation, why could I possibly need to go back to school at 28 years old and in a foreign country?? I did not want to be a student again. I thought those days were

far behind me, but... if I was completely honest with myself, ministry was suffering due to my limitations as a nurse. With a leap of faith, I cautiously applied to medical school with the idea that if I was accepted I would go for it, but if I wasn't accepted, I'd be grateful and keeping using nursing as an outreach. I was accepted and started in June of 2013.

Four years later, by the grace of God, I have successfully completed medical school. I graduated along with my 47 other classmates on May 27, 2017.



Alicia Samson graduating from medical school - back row, far right

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Senior Adult Conference is Approaching!

This year's Senior Adult Conference, hosted by DiscipleGuide, is going to be just like a family reunion! Join your friends in the beautiful Ozarks from November 13-15 to enjoy powerful preaching and moving worship.

Pastor Don Chandler will deliver God's Word in each main session. Chandler's strong leadership and powerful preaching have been a mainstay at Central Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, since 1979.

Conference attendees will enjoy singing classic hymns together with two seasoned worship leaders. David Attebery and Neil Dumas grew up playing music together at First Baptist Church in Springhill, Louisiana. Today, David serves as Assistant Director of Celebrate Recovery for Fellowship Bible Church in Northwest Arkansas. Neil serves as Director of Music at Cornerstone Baptist

Church in Jacksonville, Texas.

This year's concert artist, Steve Green has been ministering through music for over thirty

years. A son of missionaries, Green performed with the Gaithers and TRUTH before beginning his solo career. Throughout his years of ministry Steve's music has been honored with 4 Grammy nominations, 18 No. 1 songs, and 7 Dove Awards, Christian music's highest honor. With 40 recordings to his credit, including children's projects and Spanish-language albums, Green has sold over 3 million albums worldwide.

The Central Baptist College Singers, under the direction of Jim Turner, will bless attend-

ees' hearts with youthful energy and Christ-focused music. This group sings regularly in churches around the southern United States.

And finally, those who register by October 19 will receive tickets to The Miracle of Christmas, which will bring the story of Christmas to life on the beautiful stage at the Sight & Sound Theaters. The smells of Christmas will fill the air as the audience interacts with a living nativity featuring actors in authentic costume and live animals.

You won't want to miss this year's Senior Adult Conference! For conference and hotel registration information and a schedule of events, visit discipleguide.org/senior. DiscipleGuide is always eager to answer any questions and can be contacted at conferences@discipleguide.org or 1-800-333-1442.

2017 Annual Meeting The Time is Almost Here

Matt Hudson, President, BMA of Mississippi

The annual meeting of the BMA of Mississippi is approaching soon - October 16-18. All churches are encouraged to send messengers to represent them this year. You will hear reports from our departments with their plans for the future and have an opportunity for input into those departments.

Southeastern Baptist College will host the meeting again this year. They are always gracious hosts and the facilities are very adequate. This year the WMA and Brotherhood will meet on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove.

Plans are underway to have a Town Hall meeting with our National Departments on Tuesday morning. All of the directors from each department plan to attend. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about each ministry. The directors will lay out their plans and goals for the future in their respective ministries.

The theme for this year's meeting is "The fields are ready for harvest" (Matthew 9:37). We must see the fields through His eyes and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Make your plans now to attend the meeting. Let's further the kingdom of Christ.



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"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized." Acts 2:41a
- 52 Baptisms, Three Waiting, Since July – 3 Missions Organized
This Year and 2 More Scheduled Before Years End -

**Dr. Bob Burch,
Missionary Coach in the North**

We have two awaiting baptism. We expect a 10% increase in Sunday School attendance at Caledonia Baptist Church. We have begun an evangelism/visitation program called, "Grow." We will be instituting it throughout our Church. Our attendance continues to grow, creating welcomed challenges with parking. As a Missionary Coach, one of my responsibilities is to contact our State Missionaries, in the Northern part of the State, listen to their challenges and provide needed encouragement. I offer practical ideas to help them find ways to meet and get to know new people.

**Bro. Sidney Farmer,
Missionary Coach in the South**

South Forrest has one waiting baptism and new families attending. Our commitment to discipleship is paying off as trained leaders, like James, are organizing and implementing evangelism activities on their own. My son Austin and his wife Caitlin are working with our youth ministry and are doing a good job. I am presently making myself available to help with any of the needs that our State Missionaries in the Southern part of the State may have. This can range from simply lending an ear to discipleship training or spending time with them and attempting to answer any questions they may have concerning the challenges they are facing that I may have already dealt with, in the past. I have met with each of them and look forward to working together.

**Greetings from "The Foundation" –
Missionary Dale Broom**

We have been busy the last few months trying to get adjusted to being back in the U.S. and starting a new work. We are moving forward with the new church plant trying to get the building ready for our first service. In September, our mother church Evergreen Baptist Church will be helping with a work day and outreach program. The Foundation also has plans in the future to have a Galilean group to come and help hand out tracts. We pray that maybe some other churches might be interested in helping with some of the outreach programs that we are planning.

We have our new sign up and we have spent several weeks visiting with other churches sharing our vision for the work. We are very encouraged by the response that we have had from many churches. Due to this effort, we have received leads of family members that have moved to our

area that need to find a church family and we are in the process of following up on these names. We have been able to make some contacts and have even had some that have said they will join us when we begin having services. We are praying for these people that have said they would be a part of our service that they will soon become a member and that we will continue to grow weekly.

**Report from Midway Baptist Mission –
Missionary Dr. Kenneth Pollock**

The work at Midway continues. At present, we are moving along slowly but in a positive direction.

Membership remains at nine with twelve people attending regularly as their work schedules allow. Others randomly visit in our Sunday morning service and we believe that some of these will become more regular in attendance. In a couple of weeks, we will be adding a Wednesday evening prayer service and Bible study with a goal of attracting some who are unable to attend on Sundays. New contacts are being made weekly.

Potential is great for a strong church in the Batesville/Oxford/Sardis area and our goal is to be proactive in service to the community; not merely wait for people to notice us and possibly come for a visit. Last month, we collected classroom supplies for distribution to area schools and other community service projects are being discussed. Pray for us as we seek to bring a saving knowledge of Christ to our community.

**Grace Baptist Mission in Clinton –
Missionary Danny Bartlett**

Some of our members and visitors recently met at our new 'unfinished' building for the Sunday afternoon service. This was a great time of thanksgiving and encouragement for each one. A few weeks ago, some of our families helped at our table for the 'Back to the Bricks' block party for new students at Mississippi College. We provided many new students with information about our purpose for being in Clinton. A few of them have already visited with us. We have been blessed to have first time visitors, as well as a family to visit again that had come some back in the summer. Each one has shown a genuine interest in our mission and we trust that the Lord will allow a good harvest soon. We are also making plans for our Fall Fellowship. We hope that this can be used to meet new families in our area and to also sow the

seeds of the gospel. We trust that the Lord will allow us to have this event in our new building--Amen!

**Day Star Baptist Mission at Sumrall –
Missionary Phillip Burns**

Thank you for your prayers and support! We had a "Back to School" celebration at our home back in August, and we had a great time together! My wife, Dawn, will begin a ladies Bible study on Esther in mid-September. We continue to conduct one-on-one discipleship. We also are excited about the approaching opportunity to have a permanent presence in our community. We have cleared off our land in preparation for site work. I recently met with our Engineer to help finalize changes to the layout of our new building.

Before we can begin construction of our new building, we need to finish paying off our land. We began owing \$40,000.00 and we are now down to \$26,000.00. We are prayerfully hoping that God will provide the finances to clear the remaining amount soon. I am confident God will take care of this need! We welcome your help with this. If you would like to help, you can send your offering to the State Missions Office marked Day Star Building Fund.

Our attendance has been increasing, and we are excited about what is taking place in our church family. Thanks again to the churches of the BMA of MS for your support and prayers!

**Redemption Baptist Mission at
Diamondhead – Missionary Wesley Martin**

The Lord has continued to bless us in Diamondhead. We recently baptized two. It is common to see a dip in attendance during the summer, but we have seen a growth throughout the summer. We have consistently had new families visiting with us and some of them are finding a home and place to serve with us. As we continue through the year, we will be focusing on discipleship and equipping everyone to serve in the church.

We have been in prayer for a place in Diamondhead where we can minister permanently. We are now in the beginning stages of looking to acquire our current building and the surrounding property. I want to thank the BMA of Mississippi and all the local associations and churches for

your continued prayer and support. I would ask that you continue to pray as we find the place where God would have us minister for the future.

**Central at Southaven –
Missionary Anders Lee**

Central in Southaven is progressing on their building. It has been bricked and sheet-rocked and is being painted inside. The building is projected to be completed very soon. Continue to pray for this to become reality. The church plant itself continues to see families visiting weekly. We recently baptized nine who have made professions of faith this year and have seen three new families join the church plant.



Anders Lee baptizing

We are currently averaging around 135 to 150 in attendance. The church has become very strong financially in 2017. Small groups began in 2017, for discipleship, and this is going very well. Discussions have begun among our leadership about organizing in 2018. Our administrative pastor, Carl Sookraj, has recently left to go to Costa Rica as a BMAA Missionary. Our Youth Pastor, Justin Burdick, has begun filling some of the duties that Bro. Carl previously held. Central is searching for a man to fill the spot of youth pastor. Please pray that God will raise up a man for this position. We thank the BMA of MS for all their support and prayers!!!

**Freedom Baptist Church –
Pastor Bobby Elliott**

In July, we baptized thirteen. Then, at the end of the month, Freedom organized into a New Testament Church. We con-



Bobby Elliot baptizing

tinue to reach out to new people and train the ones we have. We only have \$2,748.00 remaining on our building loan and we will be debt free. We plan to petition the BMA

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Wesley Martin
Baptizing

Missionary Update

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This would not have been possible without the help of so many faithful servants of the Lord. I'm grateful for every prayer warrior and encourager that intervened on my behalf during this time. My tuition and school expenses were completely paid for by some of our BMA churches and individual members. I am so humbled by their acts of kindness. I know that the Lord will greatly bless each one for their faithfulness to His kingdom work and I trust that He has great plans for how He will use medicine in association with ministry.

Another unexpected event over the past few years was meeting my "help-meet." I had come to believe that the Lord wanted me to remain single in service to Him. I never expected that God had a divine appointment waiting for me. On October 24, 2015, I married my husband, Cris Samson. Cris is a former BMA Bible student who began working in church planting in 2011. Little did we know

that God had planned to intertwine our ideas for ministry into His united vision.

Now that medical school is behind us, what's next? Well, first of all we are looking forward to establishing ourselves as a BMA missionary TEAM since most of you have never had the opportunity to meet Cris and a great deal has changed in our ministry. Being in medical school has also caused a great deal of the original ministry to be placed on hold as well as a loss of contact with many of our churches and supporters. Cris and I are looking forward to having a furlough and spending time with our BMA pastors, workers, churches, friends, and family in the U.S. and sharing our heart for ministry. As of now, we are unsure of the exact dates of our furlough, but we are planning to visit the U.S. as soon as Cris is issued a visa that will allow him to stay for an extended period of time. While waiting for God's timing for us to visit the U.S., we will continue to work here in the Philippines.

Cris has been working with families of sugarcane workers

for the past 3 years. During medical school, my classmates and I were also able to conduct our community service projects



Clinic at Philippine Bible College

in this same community. Currently 20 families are involved in home Bible studies, many of which have made professions of faith and are growing in their knowledge and understanding of the Lord. The young people from this same community have attend youth fellowships including youth camps and basketball camps, that have introduced them to the Gospel of Christ and helped them become acquainted with Godly young men and women. Cris and I will continue to work with this community.

In 2012, we opened a medical clinic on the BMA Bible College campus here in the Philippines. I have and will continue to work with this ministry as we assist our Bible college students and BMAP pastors with health edu-

cation and medical needs. We are also looking to expand the work of our medical clinic to reach out to others as the Lord opens doors.

Lastly, Cris and I are expecting an addition to our family in January 2018. This will be a new and exciting adventure for us as we add a little one to the mix.

We are excited and looking forward to what God has in store for our future. We are also looking forward to connecting with the churches of the BMA, building new friendships, and serving the Lord together with you as one unit, one team. We are so grateful for the support and patience of our BMA churches as well as the BMA missions office as we have and continue to pursue God's will for our ministry.

At this time, our goal is to develop a network of communication that keeps others informed of God's work and brings glory to His name. Cris and I can be reached at the following:
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From The Mind of Chuck Lee

AM I NOT ENOUGH?

Several months ago, I was asked to go to Houston, Texas, to preach the funeral service of a friend of mine's wife. I had worked with him nearly thirty years ago installing kitchens and bathrooms, but really had very little contact after I moved away and got interested in my future wife. Things had changed a bit since those days. I was just a kid out of school with no direction, and my buddy and his wife were probably twenty years or so older. They invited me to their home with an open invitation, and I accepted on quite a few occasions. I was a religious sinner headed for hell, and they were not religious in any sense. We got along well. After I got saved, and then called to preach, they respected that and never gave any indication that it had any effect on our friendship. Every once in a while, we would talk on the phone and they would al-

ways inquire about the ministry, although it was insinuated that I keep that away from them. By insinuated, I mean, they let me know they didn't really want me shoving that religious stuff down their throat. So, I prayed. And I prayed. And, well, thirty or so years later, I had the opportunity to preach to him the gospel. It had to happen at her funeral, however.

The funeral was in the evening and I needed to get back to Mississippi before the next day. Not being one to go the easy route, which would probably be about seven to eight hours, depending on rest stops and eating, I cut up through the middle of Louisiana to investigate the roads less traveled. By the way, my shortcut was only about three or four hours longer. About midnight, I thought perhaps my next day appointments could wait, and decided to get a room in Alexandria, Louisiana. They must

have had pretty high thread counts on their sheets, because the three hotels I looked at wanted over a hundred dollars for the night. That's not happening. So, I ventured on.

I listened to every different kind of music there was on the



Bro. Chuck Lee

fact it was well after midnight and all the gang members were busy elsewhere.

Between Natchez and Brookhaven, I had an epiphany. It may have been a hallucination, but I'm sticking with epiphany. I am always com-

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radio and may have learned a little Spanish in the process. I'm not sure what I was singing, but it had a peppy beat. I learned about out of body experiences, aliens, and ghosts on one channel. I decided my GPS was leading me the wrong way when I crossed the Mississippi river and took matters into my own hands, which were tightly gripped and ghost white on the steering wheel as I motored through a rather unseemly part of town. Thankfully, I survived, which could have been due to

plaining about something always interrupting my alone time with the Lord, and here I was, alone, not having even seen another car in ages, listening to rap music in order to stay awake. (That may have been a knee jerk reaction from going through the rough part of town in Natchez). Those "singers" need to eat a good bar of soap! Anyway, here I am alone, and so I think, this is what I have been waiting for all this time. So I shut off Lil' Gangster Willie, (must have been country rap),

and began to talk to the Lord. And I mean talk. I went on and on and on. Somewhere along my ranting, He quietly interrupted to get my attention. Here I am, trying to get Him to solve world problems, and He stops me. So, I waited to hear how He was going to use me to accomplish this monstrous feat.

Somewhere along Highway 84 East, the God of all creation, my Heavenly Father, my Savior, asked me this question. "Is my presence not enough?" Mind you, it wasn't audible, but it might as well had been. Here I am, just me and the Eternal God, and I wanted to talk, and He just wanted me to know that He was with me. Just quietly with me. Folks, I don't deserve that. I surely don't. But it was nice. From there to Purvis seemed but a moment.

When you are frazzled and don't know which way to turn, ask yourself, "Is God's presence not enough?"

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Don Brown

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Important Notes

State Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of our great Association will be held October 16-18, 2017 on the campus of Southeastern College.

The WMA and Brotherhood meetings will return to Monday evening at 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove.

There will be a 'townhall' style meeting on Tuesday morning

with the leaders of our national work on site to present their work and to answer questions.

Your attendance is highly encouraged! Our attendance has dropped off in recent years and the churches are responsible for the ministry of each area of work. The oversight and input of the local church is imperative for the Association to function

as intended. That function or goal is to combine our efforts together to reach the world for Christ. The mission is urgent, the need is great, cooperation is important.

Hurricane Relief

There are many areas of concern and opportunities to be of service in the wake of the two recent major hurricanes to hit our nation.

Below is a reprint of informa-

tion that we have up on our website and that we have supplied before.

"More than supplies and food, funds are needed. The relief fund at BMA Global Missions is accepting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims. These funds will be used in the immediate to feed and help those who are affected and to assist those who are serving them. Long term, these funds will be administered in the rebuilding effort. To contribute, send your donation to P.O. Box 878, Conway, Arkansas 72033.

At a later date, Dr. Ralph Izard, director of Baptist Medical Missions International, will bring in a medical missions team to the Gulf Coast Area to assist those in need.

Those desiring to serve on a recovery team may volunteer for several months to come by

contacting Levon Haden with Just the Crumbs at 601-522-6055. Those wishing to serve on a medical missions team in the Gulf Coast Area are asked to call Angela Rice with BMAA Missions at 501-455-4977.

Mobile App

We wish to encourage our readers to put our mobile app on their phones and tablets. Go to your app store (either Android or Apple products) and search for 'MSBaptist App'.

Install it on your phone and follow the news from our work using this tool.

Condolences

We offer our prayers for Bro. Wayne Stockstill and his family in the recent loss of his wife. Bro. Stockstill pastors Rock Creek Baptist Church, Union.

Parkview Reunion Scheduled

In the early 1970s, Bro. Arthur Smith was a state missionary and established Parkview Baptist Church, Gautier, Mississippi. The church prospered, many were saved, and several men were called to ministry during the life of Parkview Church.

An annual reunion of former members and anyone involved or interested in missions will be held at First Baptist Church of Shady Grove in Laurel. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday September 30. A potluck lunch will be served, memories will be shared, and God's word will be proclaimed.

The Brown Family was part of Parkview Church. It may be hard to understand, but Parkview was a very special place in the lives of many. I was saved at Parkview and surrendered to the ministry there. It was a special place at a special time in the lives of so many.

May God bless all of our mission projects to be as special and productive as was Parkview Baptist Church in Gautier, Mississippi.

In July of 2008, Mom and Dad had just finished building a new house. It was going to be their last move. Dad had already retired and Mom was just a few years away. The new house was just outside of town with plenty of land for dad to justify buying a tractor.

At the time, Jill and I lived about three hours away from Mom and Dad. We visited their new house while we were still unpacking boxes. I remember it was very hot outside and Jill was very pregnant – about a month away from giving birth. Dad was showing her the new John Deere he had bought and we all smiled as he talked about giving tractor rides to his soon-to-be-born grandson. It was so much fun to see my parents enjoying this new phase of their lives.

The next month, Jill gave birth to our son, Bryce. Both sets of our parents were there to celebrate at the hospital. We had no idea that the next time

we would all be together would be in another hospital.

On November 1, Jill, Bryce, and I were involved in a terrible automobile accident. Jill was airlifted to a hospital in Little Rock. Early the next morning, Jill passed away.

Minutes later, while still in the hospital, my parents said, "Scott, we have talked it over and if you would like, we will sell our house and move to help you with Bryce."

They had spent years waiting for their dream house yet it only took minutes to let it go.

Many people grow up knowing their parents would do anything for them. I am one of the few that has witnessed it happen. On November 2, 2008, my parents fleshed out their unselfish love toward me.

I wonder if that is what it was like when Christ entered into the world. For centuries God had been communicating His everlasting love for His people through the Law and Prophets

(Jeremiah 31:3). But the message of His love became fleshed out in Christ (Hebrews 1:1).

I am still overwhelmed by the great love my parents have for Bryce and me. Their willingness to leave behind their new house in order to move into my house is a reflection of the way Christ poured Himself out on our behalf. Philippians 2:6-8, explains that Christ, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Christ left His home behind in order to enter our world. He exchanged the constant praises of the angels for the ridicule of mankind. His humble sacrifice on our behalf knew no bounds – to the extent that He gave His life on a cross.

But death did not keep Him in the grave. Instead, He conquered sin and death on our behalf. Then, he returned to His home in Heaven. He wasn't abandoning us, but instead preparing a place for us.

Jill has joined Him in that place. And one day, my parents and I will too.

Thank you Mom and Dad for fleshing out your unselfish love

toward Bryce and me.

Thank you Jesus, for fleshing out your unselfish love toward undeserving sinners (Romans 5:8). Because you left Your home to live with us, we now have a Home to live with You.

Pastor's Wife Passes Away

Mrs. Gloria Stockstill passed away September 12, 2017, at Hilltop Manor Nursing Home in Union, Mississippi. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Wayne Stockstill, pastor of Rock Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services were held September 15, 2017 at Rock Creek Baptist Church, Union. Mrs. Stockstill lived in Neshoba County most of her life and was a homemaker. She enjoyed interior decorating and was a member of Rock Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lane Harrell and Lura Waggoner Harrell. She is also survived by Son, Kurt Stockstill (Kim) of Union; Brother, Ricky Harrell of Pelahatchie.



Gloria Stockstill

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

President's Perspective

2 Corinthians 5:7 states, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

The military often draws up contingency plans. These plans are mulled over and then put on paper for "just in case" scenarios. They might be for civilian disaster support, for quick removal of military families from a threatened area of the world, or for possible responses to enemy activity. There are other scenarios wherein contingency plans are drawn up. It is both necessary and prudent to have already thought through and produced courses of action should they be needed.

I am amazed at how the Lord works! Recently, there have been several things that have happen greatly benefitting

being able to stay in a familiar location close to her parents!

2. Linda and I lived in the Faculty House for about five months while we looked for a home to purchase. Thereafter, the future of the Faculty House was in doubt and the Board of Trustees granted me permission to make any decision necessary for selling or renting it. A month ago, I seriously began to think about selling it, when a woman who has been living in the neighborhood for quite some time came to my office and announced she



Dr. Scott Carson
President

Excellence in Learning Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured front row L to R: SBC President Dr. Carson; Mayor of Laurel Johnny Magee; ELA Director Melanie Gibbs

the use of the college's facilities. For over a year now, the Board of Trustees and I have discussed several contingency plans regarding our campus. We discussed "what if" scenarios and what might be done should we be required to shutter more buildings or even relocate the college. Here is a list of what God has done on behalf of Southeastern Baptist College over a short period of time:

1. When Brother Pitt's passed away, we wondered about the future use of the President's residence. The Lord motivated Brother Ed Steele to propose a plan that could benefit both Mrs. Pitts and the college. He raised enough money to cover Helen's rent for eighteen months! Wow! We thought we might have to sell the home, but now we don't have to and Mrs. Pitts is blessed with

wanted to rent it for herself. The Faculty House is now rented!

3. When it became clear that all our courses for this semester, except one, were to be conducted online, we needed to make a decision about the main building. None of the classrooms were needed so we thought about shuttering the entire building to save on energy bills and relocating the staff into the library. However, one of our local pastors informed me that a local Christian home school was looking to relocate to a larger campus. I struck up a conversation with the director of Excellence in Learning Academy. We agreed on leasing arrangements and two weeks later they observed their ribbon cutting ceremony. They are now using every one of our classrooms!

4. As you may already know, the college gym is used regularly by the homeschool association's Knight Hawks basketball teams and has renewed this arrangement for this year. They rent the facility and also help in its upkeep.

5. And, we have recently rented a couple of our efficiency apartments to strong local Christians who work in local ministries. This has provided additional income for the school.

In each of the events listed above, there were times when we thought that the under usage of these buildings may become a burden to the college's budget. We contemplated selling the buildings, but the Lord brought people forward that needed help and who could help us as well. I praise the Lord for His clear direction He provided for our retaining and utilizing our facilities!

It is prudent for us as Christian leaders to produce contingency plans. But we must always be open and receptive to the Holy Spirit's leading. The Lord often has his own plans that illustrate to us and embolden us to trust in Him more and more. I thank the Lord that He has big plans for SBC both now and the future!

Proverbs 16:9 records, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."

Fall Semester

All of our classes this semester are exclusively online except for the Greek class. This anomaly occurred naturally as nearly all our students requested online courses. Because of this, we expect significant savings in energy costs and other related expenses. In addition, we are blessed with the opportunity of leasing our classroom spaces to the Christian Excellence in Learning Academy for students in grades K-12. Pray for this partnership in education to grow. Both the ELA and SBC foresee a win-win ministry partnership into the future. See the adjacent picture of their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Special Projects

If your church or ministry activity would like to take on a special project to help the college, we have several that need addressed. Some projects include: updating the gym's entrances and bathrooms; fixing the exterior of the men's dormitory; upgrades to our apartments; the purchase of new HVAC units for selected facilities. This list is not exhaustive, but these are some of the projects that are toward the top of our list.

Available Scholarships

Take note! Thinking about taking courses in the Spring semester? There are several scholarship opportunities available for our student body that supporters of the school have graciously provided. Contact our recruiter, Ronnie Kitchens, he has all the information

Special Emphasis

I am excited to report that Southeastern Baptist College's Special Emphasis Month is a tremendous success! Our goal this year was to raise \$20,000. To date, \$32,462 has been received. Thank you to all the churches and individuals who believe in this work and contributed!

First of Calhoun, Laurel	10,500
Emmanuel, Tupelo	5,000
Paramount, Wiggins	2,374
Lebanon Brotherhood, Laurel	2,000
Magnolia, Hattiesburg	1,500
Bethel, Louise	1,000
First of Shady Grove, Laurel	1,000
Anonymous Donor	1,000
Plainview, Poplarville	1,000
Union, Bay Springs	914
Skyway Hills, Pearl	900
Big Creek, Soso	763
Riverside, Ellisville	580
Woodlawn, Pascagoula	576
Rock Creek, Union	500
Tombigbee, Mantachie	500
Buffalo, McLain	500
First, Bay Springs	321
Dr. Medrick Savell	300
Cypress Creek, Brooklyn	200
Pine Grove Sr. Adult Class	170
Little Creek, Perkinston	163
Spring Hill, Ocean Springs	144
Forked Oak, Boonville	111
Parkview Men's SS, Laurel	100
Ballardsville, Tupelo	100
Bethel, Seminary	73
Hopewell, Fulton	62
Parkview, Pensacola	50
New Bethany, Seminary	41
First, Mantachie	20

you need to sign up for classes and financial aid. Contact Brother Ronnie at 601-426-6346 or rkitchens@southeasternbaptist.edu

VA Benefits

SBC possesses the 2017 Silver Award as a military friendly college! Have you served in America's armed forces? Then you probably have Veterans Administration tuition benefits that you can use toward a free education right here at SBC. I urge you to contact your local VA representative for an evaluation of your benefits. You earned them! And remember, the Post 9-11 GI Bill is fully transferable to family members. SBC has numerous students receiving VA assistance for both online and in-classroom tuition.

Available to Preach

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

Unlimited: Lifeword's New Media Vision -Part Three

by Holly Meriweather

(The following is the third of three media releases regarding Lifeword's new vision. Parts One and Two are available at lifeword.org.)

We are not the first Lifeword team to dream and pray about the possibilities of providing a global hub available 24/7 for anyone to access what Lifeword and her affiliates produce. But with advancements in technology, particularly O3b with its next-generation satellite network providing billions of people with low cost, high speed Internet and mobile connectivity, the time for such a monumental effort seems to be now.

There are many challenges facing us as we move to this mode of ministry. Some of these challenges we understand and know. And there are many others that we will not know until we face them. They include the following:

A Change in How We Think About Ministry

As we move into this new arena we cannot simply stop our present ministry efforts. At the same time, we will be forced to examine all we are doing with the prospect of moving into this new paradigm.

We Must Build a New Model for Ministry Operation

Our directors' job descriptions will begin to change as we move into this ministry effort. Our organization on the ground: the world will look different than it does entirely.

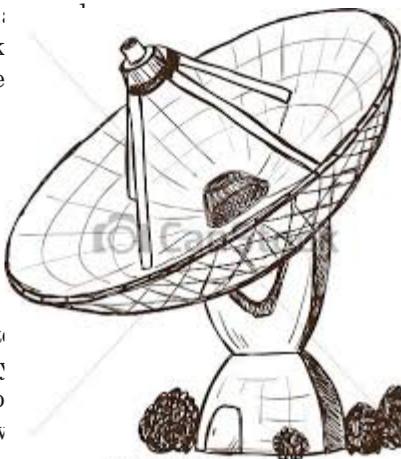
Our Financial Structure Will Change

How we fund broadcasts around the world will begin to shift as we move away from traditional "radio broadcasts to Lifeword programming. We will begin to seek talented programmers to fund instead of radio broadcast deliverers.

We Must Build the Lifeword Cloud

The construction of the Lifeword Cloud will be a crucial foundational step in making this dream a reality. (Think of the Cloud as more a spider of broadcast servers scattered around the world instead of a hub located at one centralized

locale. The reasoning for this move centers on the need to meet technical standards for each area of the world accessing our programming.) The goal is to build this Cloud without interrupting the present budget.



We Must Market and Develop the Lifeword Network

After all the technical challenges of building the ad are met and completed after the challenges of design programming and design content to stations is done, the ongoing challenge will be to market and develop the Lifeword Network. Expanding the Lifeword Network around the world to new churches, pastors, missionaries and stations will be essential to fulfilling our mission.

It truly is an exciting time for the Lifeword team, and we covet your prayers as God uses us to achieve the same goal that those who have gone before us have done for 52 years: help our BMA churches fulfill their Great Commission calling through media.

World's Largest Potluck – Eat. Give. Bless.

The goal at DiscipleGuide is to equip the local church to carry out Christ's call to make disciples of all nations. As you know, when churches are healthy, they send out missionaries. They produce the next pastors of churches. They develop the next generation of disciples. DiscipleGuide is there to make sure that happens!

DiscipleGuide is the church investment arm of the BMA, developing camps, conferences, consulting, and curriculum to give local churches the ability to



grow and thrive.

They offer a wide range of free services to BMA churches, among which is pastor ministry consultation and a free Pastor's Help Line, which is available to all BMA pastors and their families. This provides them with a confidential ear to talk and professional counseling on any issue ranging from depression to anger to parenting struggles. These are just a couple examples of essential services that DiscipleGuide provides for BMA churches.

DiscipleGuide needs your help as they continue to invest in BMA churches through the free resources and ministry support services. This year, they want to invite you to participate in the World's Largest Potluck - a simple fundraiser where they ask BMA churches to take up a special offering for DiscipleGuide at their church body's holiday meal - whether that's Thanksgiving, Christmas, or even New Years!

If this ministry reaches the goal of raising \$200,000, they will also be able to provide new services to churches, such as an intentional interim pastor program and pastor search services to help churches without pastors. In addition, they will be able to offer a traditional Sunday school quarterly for churches that prefer the previous format.

DiscipleGuide prays that you and your church will consider joining with other BMA churches in praying and giving during the World's Largest Potluck. To get your church ready for the potluck, begin by registering at discipleguide.org/potluck. There, you can sign up to receive bulletins and posters to promote your church's event.

Thank you in advance for allowing DiscipleGuide to continue to equip local BMA churches. Feel free to contact them by phone (501-358-7054) or email (info@discipleguide.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Cake case has ingredients for historical impact

OneNewsNow.com - The American Family Association is asking its supporters to stand with the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions against political correctness.

Potentially "huge ramifications" for religious liberty - that's what is at stake, says AFA, as Colorado cake shop owner Jack Phillips' case is to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2012, he declined to provide a custom wedding cake for a same-sex couple based on his faith and lost before Colorado courts.



Walker Wildmon, an assistant to AFA president Tim Wildmon, tells OneNewsNow that Phillips isn't the only business owner who has been told

to dismiss his religious beliefs.

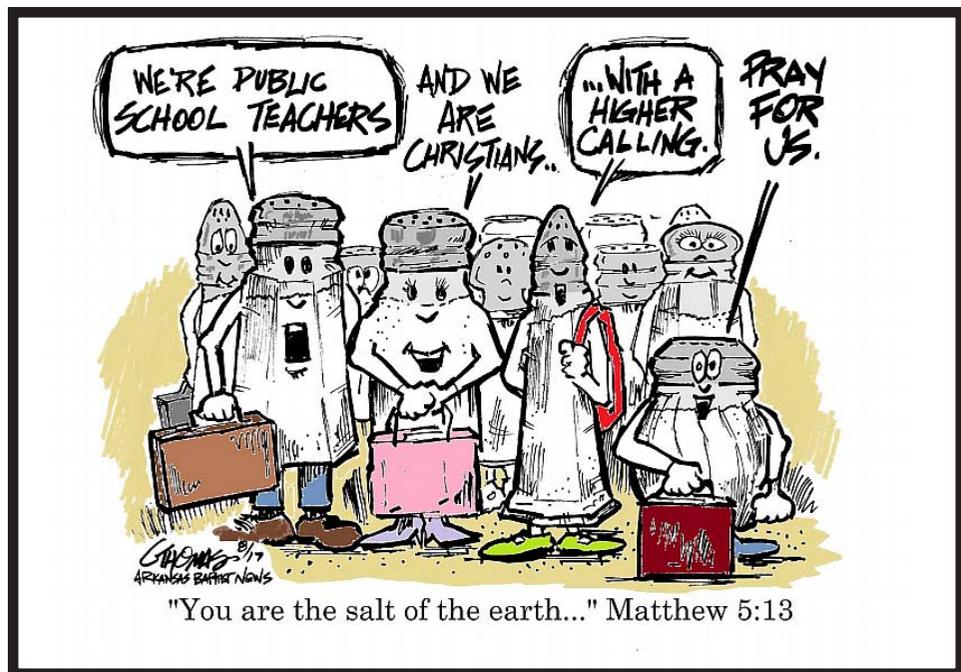
"We've seen over a dozen examples specifically of Christian business owners who are being driven out of business by various commissions and bureaucrats because of their religious beliefs," Wildmon begins. "And this case could be a turning point at the Supreme Court for religious liberty and frankly for the First Amendment rights of people of faith."

AG Sessions' Department of Justice has submitted a 34-page "friend of the court" brief to the nation's top court encouraging a ruling in favor of Phillips. Wildmon is hopeful of the outcome.

"It will be a great victory and will have great implications when it comes to this kind of case law - but it could be very bad if for some reason the Supreme Court rules against Mr. Phillips. That could have detrimental impact to religious freedom," he contends.

Bakers, florists, and many other businesses could be impacted by the decision, Wildmon adds.

Since there are many instances of violations of religious beliefs and conscience rights, AFA is encouraging people to contact Sessions and thank him for directing the DOJ to stand for religious liberty. The case "has the potential to reverse literally decades of repressive court rulings" hostile to the Christian faith, says the group.



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Capital Punishment - Series #2

Leviticus 24:17

According to scripture, the Bible favors the death penalty. Capital punishment not only deters crime; it is the ultimate and greatest deterrent because the murdering criminal knows that from the imposition of the sentence there will be no probation, no parole. Society, according to God's law, has a right to defend itself, that is to take the life of those who commit murder with premeditation and planning.

It is Taught in the Scripture.

Genesis 9:4-6 teaches that life is preciously made in God's divine image. Murder strikes at the God who created man. God requires in verse 5, the life of the murderer.

The laws and ordinances of Exodus again remind us, Exodus 21:12-15, of the sacredness of life. James 1:14-15 describes the corruptibility of sin bringing forth eventual death. It is the people's right to impose capital punishment for murder offenses.

Other scripture references declare with attention God's intentions toward life. They are Exodus 20:13, Exodus 21:23-25, Numbers 34:31-34, Romans 13:3-5, and Acts 25:10-12.

It is Missing from Our Governmental Laws.

In the case of Furman versus Georgia, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that capital punishment was unconstitutional. This nullified the existing death penalty statutes in 40 states and the sentences of the then 629 death-row inmates.

On July 2, 1976, the Supreme Court ruled 7 to 2 in the Gregg versus Georgia case that the death penalty, at least for the crime of murder, is not a cruel or unusual punishment. So presently, 32 state legislatures have passed death penalty statutes, yet there is no federal death penalty legislation on the books. Because of this lethargic position of our governments and the long appeals in the courts, we now have 2,843 death row inmates.

After World War II, death penalty executions became less popular. Newsweek states, there were 82 in 1950, 49 in 1959, and two in 1967. Much of the decline in carrying out the death penalty resulted after legal battles were waged against it by the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union). The nation-

ally scheduled executions for 2017 will be 14.

It is Frightening Our Society.

But according to a Gallup poll, 60% of Americans now favor capital punishment, up from 57%. Most people believe it is an effective public deterrent to murder and a permanent deterrent in preventing the murderer from committing additional murders inside or outside of prison.

At least one study by Dr. David Phillips, a sociologist at the University of California at San Diego, confirms that capital punishment acts as a deterrent to murder for at least two weeks after a highly publicized execution. "On the average, homicides decrease by 35.7 percent," Dr. Phillips explained.

But still death penalty executions are so slow in being carried out that many are beginning to complain. "I feel the same way the majority of people in the United States feel about the death penalty," stated Texas Judge Michael McSpadden recently. "Enough is enough of these appeals. It's time to enforce the laws."

Former California Gov. George Deukmejian probably brought the delay issue more into focus than anyone in recent times when he complained that of the 150 men on the California Death Row, the state Supreme Court has reviewed the cases of only 23 and of that number, the death penalty convictions of only three have been upheld.

"The time is long overdue," said Deukmejian, "for us to implement the death penalty in California. In the last years, there has been just one state execution of a convicted killer, while more than 30,000 innocent Californians have been murdered..."

Former U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D. Ariz.), writing in the American Legion magazine, put the use of capital punishment into its correct perspective:

"If we in this country are to administer a successful criminal justice system, we must first consider what qualifies as justice. Obviously, the more simple and direct form of justice is restitution-compensative to one who has been wronged.

"But in reality, restitution often is not possible. When an innocent human life has been lost, restitution is not among the options from which blind

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Harvest Time

What do you think about this time of the year? Many people have images of fall or autumn with their changing colors. Others have thoughts of pumpkins imprinted on the picture of their minds. But the autumn months are not the only times of harvest. There are certain states like South Texas, Florida, and California that has a vegetable harvest during the winter months. In other words, somewhere on this earth it is always a time for harvest.

That's what Jesus pointed out about the harvest of lost souls. There isn't just one harvest season. The harvest surrounds us every day. We are called to labor in that field! "Say ye not, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Special Emphasis

Just a reminder! The months of October and November are Special Emphasis months for the Children's Home. We need to have another good emphasis again this year. We fell short of our goal last year. It is important to meet our goal to 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 girls and boys the Lord has placed under our care as we seek the Lord's leadership and guidance to do the work He has called us to do. "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4.

Local Association Schedule

Hobolochitto

Wolf Creek Church
September 23 at 9:00 am

Tombigbee

Ballardsville Church
October 5 at 7:00 pm

Big Creek

Broadmoor Church, Meridian
October 7 at 9:00 am

Harmony

Emmanuel Church
October 7 at 9:30 am

Judson

Tombigbee Church, Mantachie
October 7 at 10:00 am

justice can choose. Punishment becomes the alternative. It logically follows that the more severe the crime, the more severe the punishment applied."

"We have, in this nation, admirably adhered to the protection of individual rights; yet, we should not in that process, forsake our responsibility to protect the rights of society as a whole. And, in these cases (murder cases where the murderer was sane and represented a threat to society)...capital punishment emerges as the only vehicle for ensuring those rights." More information can be obtained via the internet - Death Penalty Information Center.

Church News

Springhill Revival

Springhill Baptist Church, Laurel will have revival services with Dr. John David Smith Sunday, October 22nd through Wednesday, October 25th. All churches in the area are invited to come worship with us.

Pews for sale.

Red Oak Baptist Church of Harrison, Arkansas has 36 nice pews 32 x 12ft, 4 x 9ft for sale. Woodwork in excellent condition. Blue upholstery in good condition. For more information contact Pastor Gary Crawford at 870-416-0200.

Disciples Making Disciples Conference

October 8th-13th 7pm

Speaker

Dr. John David Smith

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Mount Olive, Mississippi
601-795-4597 or 662-251-0443

Please Come and Take Part in this Conference
You Are Welcome

Missions Report

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of Mississippi at the upcoming annual meeting. Please continue to pray for us as we begin to stand on our own.

Homestretch Baptist Church - Bro. Ed DuVall, Coordinator of African American Missions

Greetings from the Brothers and Sisters from HomeStretch Baptist Church. We praise God for the victories that we had this past year. We saw six souls come to know the LORD this past year. We recently baptized six. Our ministry has continued to grow both numerically and spiritually. Harvest Baptist Mission, in Olive Branch, Mississippi, Missionary James Cook, is planning to organize into a New Testament Church before the end of the year. They recently baptized one. They will be coming off missionary status in December. Our church has been a Mother to them for the past five years.



Ed DuVall baptizing

This past year our church, with the leading of the LORD, ordained Bro. Marcus Logan, (Bro. Donnie Logan's son), and Bro. Ambrose Webster, who has been serving as my Associate Pastor. Bro. Marcus is preparing to enter Southeastern Baptist College this Spring and we are praying and planning for him to start a church plant soon. Bro. Webster is visiting a church in Holmes county and preaching in view of a call. We are praying that, if they call him, he will lead that church to join our local association (Great River Association). Bro. Larry Thomas, Pastor of Community Baptist Church, in Yazoo City, led Community to join our local association this past year. He is an excellent person and we are glad to have him as part of our work.

We are adding good people to our association. Our vision for 2018 is to add two more quality churches to our work and to send two students to SBC. We also are praying that God would continue to send families to our church. I hope to lead the church in getting more involved in personal evangelism. Please continue to pray for us and thank you for your support.

BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions Report - Bro. Estuardo Marroquin, Hispanic Mission Manager

El Camino, Laurel - Pastor Marciano Montalvo reports that the last month they have four additions by baptism and the church continues making disciples. The Sunday School and worship service average attendance are over 120. Presently, they continue to encourage the membership to sup-



Estuardo Marroquin & Marciano Montalvo Baptizing

port missions. They raise over 500 dollars per month to support state and local missions. More than 20 students continue to be training across the Bible Institute with the goal to train these people to serve in the local church and mission fields. For this month, they have planned a special event for Mexico and Central America Independence Day celebration on September 16: "Festival de la Libertad" (Freedom Festival). They expect a good crowd to attend this festival and get the opportunity to share the gospel with others.

El Camino, Hattiesburg - Bro. Leo Adan reports that the mission had a great month in August, reports new contacts, visitors and six additions by baptism. Also, they began with Sunday School classes and he reports a good start with 38 in Sunday School. Every weekend, he leads a group to go door to door and witness in the Hispanic community in Hattiesburg. He reports three people accepted Christ as personal Savior. Bro. Leo is developing a good plan to increase the leadership in the Mission. He also continues the Bible Institute Classes with the goal of training the people into better Christian leadership. They have planned a special event for Mexico and Central America Independence Day celebration on September 16. His projection for the near future is to establish a new small group to make a total of three and 50 people in worship service with five baptisms.

El Camino, Biloxi - Bro. Jorge Galicia continues to lead the Hispanic mission. He and Bro. Francisco Anselmo are doing a great job on the field. Both, are taking care of the small groups on Saturday and visiting several families around the Ocean Springs and Biloxi areas. They continue the meetings at Temple Baptist Church on Sundays at a new time at 12:30 pm and this has brought great results and attendance increase. Another thing that came to be a great help is that Temple Baptist Church helps by providing a parsonage for them to stay on weekends. Bro. Jorge and Bro. Galicia travel every Friday and stay all weekend to get more time to visit, witness and develop different activities in the mission. Bro. Jorge's projection for the future is to establish a new small group to get a total of two, with 20 people in worship service and five baptisms before the end of this year.

Canton Mission - Bro. Lucas continues doing a good job on the field. He reports new contacts and three people accepted Christ as personal Savior. By today, he is discipling three new believers and visits them every Saturday. He reports that it was not easy for him to develop his original plan because he had some difficulty with his personal vehicle. He was without a car for three months, and sometimes had to borrow a car from other members in El Camino Church, Laurel. Now, he has had the opportunity to buy a car and is traveling every Saturday along with his wife and two children. Bro. Lucas is working his plan and projects by the end of this year to establish a small group and is making plans to move and live in the city of Canton in January 2018.

Way, Truth and Life Ripley - Bro. Byron Morales reports that the church continues working to encourage the entire congregation to be part of the Vision. Pastor Byron Morales and the church's leadership are doing a great to reach their goals and keep straight the church's vision. Because of this work, they had new contacts and have six additions by baptism in the last week of August. The attendance continues to increase in the last weeks as they continue to witness and disciple the new believers. They are planning a special event for Mexico and Central America Independence Day celebration on September 16.

Way, Truth and Life, Tupelo - Bro. Humberto Regalado reports a good attendance in Sunday School and worship service. In the last month of August, they had a great month and had special services for the mission anniversary. Several people attended the special service.

Way, Truth and Life, Oxford - Bro. Luis Huichin reports that repair work on the mobile home has already been done and this has become a great help for him and his family to have more space in the present building for Sunday School classes. They are planning a special event for Mexico and Central America Independence Day celebration on September 16. They continue visiting and discipling the new believers. The average attendance remains between 30's and 40's in Sunday School and worship service.

Southaven Mission - Bro. Daniel Polanco reports good advances in the field. He is discipling two new believers and has started a small group on Sunday evening. They are meeting in his home and have an average of seven people. Bro. Polanco and his family are very faithful and continues to visit areas every week. His goal is to increase the small group attendance before the end of this year.

Bro. Elvis Garcia Resigns

After much prayer, Brother Elvis Garcia has officially resigned as Coordinator of Hispanic Missions. The Missionary Committee has unanimously accepted his resignation. Bro. Garcia has resigned to take a Staff Position with Temple Baptist Church in Little, Arkansas. He will be responsible for developing a multi-cultural ministry. We will miss Bro. Elvis and Ms. Wendy and their boys. We wish them God's speed and look forward to expressing our appre-

ciation for their service at the upcoming Annual State meeting.

Bro. Garcia and his family, have served the BMA of Mississippi for the past 14 years. He was the founding Missionary of Way, Truth and Life in Ripley, Mississippi, and was instrumental in the start of new missions in Tupelo, Oxford, Southaven, and Mexico. He established a Bible Institute and trained many for the work of missions and ministry. He attended Southeastern Baptist College and Blue Mountain College. He and his family's work and service to the BMA of Mississippi will be greatly missed and we are certain that they will be a tremendous asset to Temple.



Elvis Garcia Family

Reports for Aug 2017				
	High Attendance	Membership	Total Offerings	Mother Church
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planting Coach)				
Dr. Robert Burch (Caledonia)	110	104	\$4,680.00	Missionary Coach
Sidney Farmer (S. Forrest)	65	52	\$6,006.00	Missionary Coach
BMA of Mississippi (Church Planters)				
Bobby Elliott (Burnsville)	38	64	\$1,685.00	Forked Oak
Danny Bartlett (Clinton)	17	12	\$4,682.00	Wilderness
Phillip Burns (Sumrall)	33	14	\$3,491.00	First Bay Springs
Wesley Martin (Diamondhead)	51	27	\$3,402.00	Campground
Anders Lee (Southaven)	192	131	\$10,870.00	Charity
Dr. Kenneth Pollock (Batesville)	7	9	\$953.00	First Baptist Mantachie
Dale Broom (S. Hattiesburg)	n/a	2	\$285.00	Evergreen Seminary
BMA of Mississippi Hispanic Missions (Estuardo Marroquin - Manager) <small>(Estuardo Marroquin is also the Co-Pastor of El Camino, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
El Camino Marciano Montalvo (Laurel)	127	128	\$4,538.00	
Church Planters				
Leo Adan (Hattiesburg)	38	18	\$745.00	El Camino
Jamie Galicia (Biloxi)	25	2	\$47.00	El Camino
Lucas Gomez (Canton)	4	2		El Camino
(Elvis Garcia - Coordinator) <small>(Elvis Garcia is also the Co-Pastor of Way, Truth & Life, which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Way, Truth & Life Byron Morales (Ripley)	69	95	\$4,530.00	
Church Planters				
Humberto Regalado (Tupelo)	43	14	\$1,261.00	Way, Truth & Life
Luis Huchin (Oxford)	32	7	\$1,394.00	Way, Truth & Life
Daniel Polanco (Horn Lake)		2		Way, Truth & Life
BMA of Mississippi African American Missions (Ed DuVall - Coordinator) <small>(Ed DuVall is also the Sr. Pastor of Homestretch which serves as the mother church for the church plants listed below.)</small>				
Homestretch (Cleveland)	38	60	\$2,664.00	
Church Planters				
James Cook (Olive Branch)	23	22	\$2,005.00	Homestretch
Collectively, our missionaries reported 138 new contacts, 38 opportunities to share the gospel, and witnessed 5 professions of faiths 24 baptism and 5 joined by letter in Aug 2017.				

Church seeks staff

Calvary Baptist Church, Vidalia, Louisiana, is seeking a bi-vocational Youth & Family Outreach Director. Please send resume to office@calvaryvidalia.com or 2001 Murray Drive, Vidalia, LA 71373.

Church seeks pastor

Wilderness Baptist Church in Vicksburg is seeking a full time pastor. Our current average Sunday morning worship service attendance is 45 to 48. Our Sunday School attendance averages around 20. Those interested are asked to send a resume' to Wilderness Baptist Church, 5415-C Gibson Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180.