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What Should We Do?

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:..." 2 Pet 3:1-2

As the Apostle Peter penned these words, it is believed by many that he was awaiting his tragic martyrdom at the hand of Nero. 2 Pet 1:12 seems to suggest that he was aware that he would die soon, "Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me." His goal in writing this tiny letter was to warn believers of deceit and lies. He warns the believer against following false teachers. The letter opens with instructions which answer his question in chapter 3 verse 11, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness," His answer is found in chapter 1 verse 5-7 where he instructs the believer to "...add to your faith..." the spiritual graces needed to bear fruit in a very difficult time. Peter's answer to what we should be doing during difficult days was that the believer should be fruitful.

The Apostle faced scoffers that suggested that current events had nothing to do with Bible events. In 2 Pet 3:3-4 we read, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." He was writing to a group of scattered and persecuted Christians who had legitimate concerns about whether the events of their day had anything to do with the unfolding of the Bible narrative and if so, what they should do about it.

It is no different today. People ask the same questions that they asked during the days of Peter's writings. Are the things happening in the world a part of the Biblical narrative? How

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Annual Church Letters Mailed

by Justin Cameron, Clerk

The Annual Letters have been mailed to each church. Please complete the letter, have it approved in regular conference, and return it or bring it to the Annual Meeting in October. The Annual Letter is also available as a PDF download on the website www.bmaofmississippi.com. If your church did not receive your letter or if you have any questions please contact me at 601-325-3047 or justincameron@bellsouth.net.

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Will the armies of Allah be the rod of God's wrath against America?

Bryan Fischer - Guest Columnist

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America in 2014 is as guilty of "abominations" as the people of Canaan in the Old Testament: abortion, sexual immorality, the worship of pagan gods. The slop bucket is filling up. Either we empty it through repentance—or God will empty it for us.

Historically and legally, there are three ways in which the political control of land is acquired or transferred: conquest, purchase, or settlement. Sovereign control is transferred when one nation settles the land (America's westward expansion), buys it (Louisiana Purchase), or wins it in war (southwestern United States).

However, the Scriptures make it clear that nations can morally forfeit the right to maintain sovereign control over their own territory through savagery, superstition, and sexual debauchery. When a nation indulges in such practices long enough, God intervenes in judgment, usually by bringing a stronger nation in to transfer control of the land through conquest.

In the ancient tradition of the Hebrews, God declared to Abraham that the land of Canaan would one day belong to his descendants. But the transfer of land to his heirs could not happen for 400 years, for one simple reason: "[T]he iniquity of the Amorites is not

yet complete" (Gen. 15:16).

The Amorites, or Canaanite peoples, practiced one moral abomination after another, whether incest, adultery, sexual immorality, homosexuality, bestiality or child sacrifice, and God finally said "Enough!"

By the time he brought Joshua and the warriors of the nascent nation of Israel to the borders of Canaan, he had already been patient with the native tribes for 400 years, waiting for them to come to the place of repentance for their socially and spiritually degrading practices.

His patience was not rewarded, and finally the day came when their sin had reached its full measure. The slop bucket was full, and it was time to empty it out. Israel, under Joshua, was God's custodian to empty the bucket and

start over.

God explained that because of the "abomination(s)" of the indigenous Canaanite tribes, the land had become unclean and "vomited out its inhabitants (Lev. 18:25)," as if the soil itself had been made physically sick through moral toxicity. Time eventually ran out for the Canaanites, because they filled up the full measure of their iniquity.

God warned the ancient nation of Israel not to lapse into the abominable practices of the native peoples "lest the land vomit you out ... as it vomited out the nation that was before you" (Lev. 18:28). Israel could suffer the same fate for the same reasons.

America in 2014 is as guilty of "abominations" as the people of Canaan. We have the blood of 56 million babies on our

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does it impact me? What should I do about it? Should I be concerned? Most recently, I found myself dealing with the question: "Should I be concerned about ISAL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant)?"

"ISAL is a terrorist organization which self-proclaimed its

status as a caliphate, it claims religious authority over all Muslims across the world and aspires to bring much of the Muslim-inhabited regions of the world under its direct political control, beginning with territory in the Levant region, which includes Jordan, Israel,

Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus, and an area in southern Turkey that includes Hatay... A caliphate is an Islamic state led by a supreme religious and political leader known as a caliph - i.e. "successor" - to Muhammad." -from Wikipedia

The recent events that chronicle the rise of ISAL, who have openly expressed their intent to destroy the United States, have some asking if this could be the modern day Assyria or Babylon by which God exacts judgment upon our country.

Concerning that question we cannot be certain. However, the scripture is clear that the means by which God, in the past, executed his judgment on

rebellious nations, most specifically Israel, was to allow an ungodly nation to destroy and ravage them. 2 Kings 18:11 "And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria..." and Babylon did destroy Jerusalem and carry Judah away into captivity. Read these excerpts from Ezekiel 12:1-15 "The word of the Lord also came unto me, saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house. Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, ...as they that go forth into captivity....And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity,... And in the morning came the word of the Lord unto me, saying,....My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there."

When I read and study the scriptures, I am made to wonder if the coming judgment on the United States of America might not come at the hand of this horrific Islamic State now destroying and ravaging much of the Middle East or one like it.

Sometimes, when I voice my concern, I feel like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others who bore a responsibility to warn the people of the impending judgment.

The people of their day would not listen. Speaking of the condition of men's hearts in Judah just prior to the Babylonian captivity and the destruction of Jerusalem, God says in Ezekiel 14:13-14 "Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls..." In other words, it was very, very bad and God was angry!

God spoke through Ezekiel by using signs. Ten different signs were used to illustrate to

the people the severity of their rebellion and the righteousness of God in His judgment.

In keeping with God using Ezekiel as a method of visualization, I would suggest to every parent and grandparent to find a photo of your children and grandchildren ...hold it up and look at it, enjoy the memories associated with it. Then, imagine someone taking that child by the head and placing a long sharp knife to their throat. Imagine the crying as the man covered with a black mask pauses to chant "Allahu Akbar" - meaning Allah is the greatest. Now imagine as you hear the voice of crying interrupted as the blade cuts through the throat. Imagine as the masked man holds up the head (now detached from the body) and continues his chant. If you're like me, you just can't do that, you just can't imagine that.

This may be more graphic than you are accustomed to, but that is what the group that calls themselves the Islamic State is planning to do with your children and grandchildren if they are allowed to do so. Take it from one who has been way too close to a number of beheadings, it is not a pretty picture. If you think my words are graphic, try typing in ISIL in your Google search and change the search menu from Web to Images and look at some of the photos. (Caution: This is not for those who have a weak stomach.)

You might be asking yourself, "Can God allow this or better yet, has God allowed this?" When God spoke through Ezekiel in chapter 7:23-27, He said, "...the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come

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BMA of Mississippi Revolving Loan Fund Report
(As of August 28, 2014 and since August 1, 2014)

Gross Assets	\$19,149,064.00
Increase In Gross Assets	\$553,243.00
New Loans	1
Total of Loans Made	\$75,000.00
Loan Rate	4.25%
Shareholder Rate of Return	2.67%
Reserve	18%

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Serving Christ With a Biblical World View In A Christian Atmosphere

Some People...

If you have served as a pastor for any significant period of time, I imagine you are familiar with the phrase "Some people." It always shows up in sentences such as:
 Some people are saying...
 Some people asked me...
 Some people were wondering...
 Some people think...
 Some people are concerned...
 Etc.

Of course, 99% of the time, "some people" turn out to be the person speaking to you. I think Nehemiah experienced this sort of thing when Sandballat told him,

It is reported among the nations—and Geshem agrees—that you and the Jews plan to rebel. This is the reason you are building the wall. According to these reports, you are to become their king and have even set up the prophets in Jerusalem to proclaim on your behalf: "There is a king in Judah." These rumors will be heard by the king (Nehemiah 6:6-7).

In other words, Sandballat was saying to Nehemiah, "Some people believe that you and the Jews are conspiring to rebel and that you want to be king."

But Nehemiah wouldn't give Sandballat's rhetoric the time of day. I love the way Nehemiah describes his own response in verses 8-9:

Then I replied to him, "There is nothing to these rumors you are spreading; you are inventing them in your own mind." For they were all trying to intimidate us, saying, "They will become discouraged in the work, and it will never be finished." But now, my God, strengthen me.

Nehemiah knew that Sandballat was hiding behind "some people" in order to initiate a personal jab. So, Nehemiah called him on the carpet.

Personally, I've never been confident enough to tell someone using the "some people" phrase that they were making it up. But, I have come across a few responses that will help clarify the situation.

The next time someone goes into "some people" mode on you, consider trying one of the fol-

lowing responses:

- 1) Ask them, "Who are these people?"
- 2) If they claim to be protecting the people's identity, tell them that you would be happy to talk directly to the people who are concerned if they will simply approach you.
- 3) Thank them for their willingness to be the "conversation middle-man," but then explain that your personal policy is to speak face to face with people.
- 4) Explain that you do not want to place the burden of them having to represent your intentions.

If these kinds of responses turn your Sandballat away, rejoice!

If it turns out that they really were speaking for someone else, perhaps this approach will lead to a face-to-face conversation with the actual person who is concerned.

Either way, it is better than playing the "some people" game.

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upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord."

Of course, the question is always, "Why? Why would God allow this?" In these Old Testament passages God it seems, among other things, is exposing two evils, primarily. In Jeremiah 2:13 he says, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

First, He says to them in Jeremiah 2:7-8 "And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the

Enrollment up due to good effort

The Fall Semester at Southeastern Baptist College is in full swing. The Administration and Staff tell me that the number of new students and freshman is the most in a few years. My Old Testament Survey class has 16 attending. Although we had hoped for a few more, the total enrollment, with audits and extension, will be near fifty. I must recognize the special efforts of Director of Admissions/Financial Aid, Ronnie Kitchens, in reaching that number. He has worked very hard and put in extra hours during the past few months. Our finances do not allow a full time recruiter at the present, and he has filled the role in which he served in the past. More information about the breakdown of the enrollment will be

presented in the future. Pray regularly for every student as well as the faculty and staff during this semester.

Chapel Visitor

Ricky Williams, longtime BMA of America missionary in Mexico, was the first chapel



Missionary Rick Williams and President Pitts

speaker at Southeastern this Fall. His report on his church

work including witnessing and baptisms was encouraging. He stated that his Seminary and Institute ministry was most important to him. Bro. Ricky also serves the BMA of America working as the Latin American digital and online educational coordinator. He closed with a Scriptural challenge that the students "redeem the time" while at our college.

Special Financial Gift Appreciated

To the anonymous donor who gave a substantial offering to SBC, we thank you very much. Its arrival was very timely. A string of old and recent critical maintenance needs had surfaced when we were informed of your gift. The Lord who had seen the needs beforehand had provided through you.

goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the Lord? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit." Also, Jeremiah 2:11-12 "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord."

Secondly, and less obvious than the first; Jeremiah 2:18 "And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?" This passage alludes to the coming aggression by the Nation of Assyria and Israel's alliance with Egypt as a solution to their security problems.

When faced with the threat of destruction and captivity, they trusted in their own strength and the alliances they had with other countries, rather than God. You might say they became totally dependent on a political solution. These periods in the history of Israel and Judah could easily

be described as an era of political posturing. We read of all the alliances, treaties and accords, made and broken, all with devastating consequences. We are reminded that God expects his people to seek His face, do His will, and cry out to His name in His house, not seek solace in the halls of government.

Now, some would argue, "Not here, not us, not in America." But I need to remind you that this is exactly what Israel said before the Assyrian captivity. Jeremiah 5:11-12 says, "For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord. They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine." God responded to them in Jeremiah 7:9-11 "Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith The Lord."

In Ezekiel 9 God tells the prophet to go up to the gate of the Lord's house and there he

will find six men with slaughter weapons in their hands. One is clothed in linen and has an ink horn by his side. They approach the altar of God and receive instructions: the man with the ink horn is to start at the house of God and go out into the city marking (with his ink) those who are crying and broken for all the abomination that is being done. Then, in Ezekiel 9:5-7 we hear: "And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then, they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city."

I wonder if God sent a man with an ink horn through the midst of our churches today, how many would actually be marked as sighing, crying, and grieving over the abomination of our nation.

Now, you might be asking, "What should we do about it?" Peter faced this same question in Acts 2:37, "Now when they

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Random Thoughts and Important Items

Thoughtfulness

A few months ago I was privileged to fill in for one of our churches that was without a pastor. It was a joy to be in their services. I have preached at this church a number of times over the years and have always been blessed and received well.

Too often we go through our daily lives without acknowledging our appreciation to others. This is a biblical principle to be kind and show appreciation. I received a letter of thanks recently from the chairman of the Deacons for filling in for them and I want to thank Midway First Baptist Church of Sumrall for their thoughtfulness.

They have a new pastor, Bro. Blake McCain. We wish him and the church the blessings of our Lord.

Appreciation

The directors of the departments of the BMA of America recently held a "town hall" type meeting at Bethel Church, Fulton. The pastors from the area and the state department workers were invited. After a great lunch was served, a question and answer session was held. Each of our national leaders and other workers were present with the exception of one who could not attend. The information was good and the fel-

lowship and sharing was certainly profitable.

I appreciate the effort that these leaders made to touch base with those in the local church.

I must note that I was personally disappointed by those who were invited, but did not take advantage of this opportunity. It must have been disappointing to our leaders to have put forth such an effort and not see more attend this event. It was kind of like when I was in the pastorate and those times when attendance was not so great.

Speaking of Attendance

The annual meeting of the BMA of Mississippi is coming up on October 21-22, 2014. We will convene at Southeastern College to fellowship, worship and conduct business.

The Planning Committee has met and final plans are in the works for a great meeting. The WMA, Brotherhood, and Pastor's & Layman's Conference will kick off our meeting on Tuesday morning. This year's Conference will offer something new. We will have more on this in future issues. It is the committee's hope that this new feature will be a blessing to our pastors, members and churches.

Picture This!

We have made arrangements for LifeTouch Ministries to be with us this year. They will produce a staff and workers directory of this year's meeting. Pastors and church staff will have their photos made and receive free wallet sizes. Each one who is present and has their photo taken will receive an Association Pictorial Directory.

You will be able to reserve your photo time on-line or when you get to the meeting. More information will be forthcoming in future issues.

Be sure to attend this year's meeting and get the bonus of free photos and a directory.

LYNCO

The project to build a home for the Smith family is on track and making progress. Additional funds are needed to make this work of compassion and love a success. We direct you to the article on the facing page and urge our readers to participate. Little is Much when all participate and God blesses the effort.

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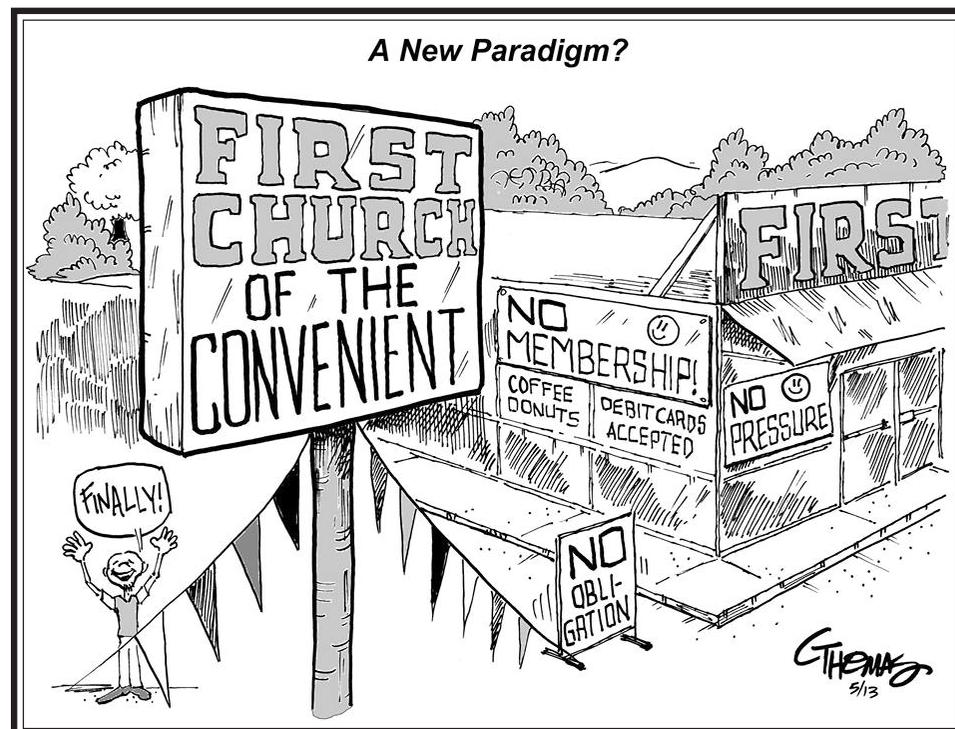
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by Barbara White

Here Is A Little Quest For You!

Mahatma Gandhi was quite a spiritual person. He walked barefoot everywhere, to the point his feet became quite thick and hard.

Even when he was not on a hunger strike, he didn't eat much. Over time he became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he wound up with bad breath.

Therefore, he came to be known as a "Super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The first reader who writes, emails or calls the editor with the "connection" to this little tidbit of hilarity will receive a big "You Are The Winner!" No other prize will be forthcoming.

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The Family Hour Fades Away

A secular writer previewed a recent television/movie season with the words, "The Family Hour is Fading Away." These are telltale signs of spiritual shakiness and disturbing problems in Christian and American homes. Sadly, we are allowing this to be pumped into our own homes.

If we, as Christians, have in fact lost our sensitivity to obscenity, we are not far from the Apostle Paul's description in Philippians 3:18-19: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and

whose glory is in their shame, and mind earthly things." The horror, vulgar, demonic movies rarely frighten us anymore. Sadly, our children are permitted to watch these. Christian parents either allow this into their homes, allow their children to see this at movies, or purchase on a variety of other media such as cell phones.

The Awfulness of the Problem

If I were to ask you to give a rating to TV/media programming, what would you rate it on a scale of A to F (A being the best, F being the worse)? Myself, I'd say D-. Regular broadcast, television, cable TV, movie

and internet channels have gone past the limit on nudity and homosexual themes. One has to search through many channels to avoid shows with vulgarity, demonism, violence and secular philosophy. Anything portrayed as decent and "godly" is portrayed as "ignorant."

The "worsening" of movie/TV/media content in itself is not the whole problem. The ACCEPTANCE, of such, by Christians is truly alarming. We, as Christians, have an admirable devotion to the Lord in many things, EXCEPT in our ENTERTAINMENT choices. How bad is it? We are selling ourselves, and our children, for a mess of footage (pottage). Are we truly contemplating the fu-

ture?

The Anxiety of the Problem

Some excuses that Christian give for watching TRASH:

"Well, it didn't have much profanity, I just tuned it out."

"If it bothers or offends you, then don't watch it. It doesn't bother me"

"If you can't handle it, don't watch it. I've been out in the real world, I can handle it."

"We watched it at home without the kids. There's nothing wrong with that."

"We won't let the kids watch it. We have parental controls. We watch it but not the kids"

Have you, as a Christian, become sensitized to obscenity, vulgarity, nudity, demonism and whatever other tactics Hollywood employs? John the Apostle declared, "if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." (I John 1:6)

The Admonition to Purity

May I encourage you to be the Godly example that you CAN and NEED to be? Others

around you are watching. We need to win those around us with the Gospel of Jesus. We need to win our children, teens, and peers. They need to see in us a life of pure joy and Godly living.

Jesus said, "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

So, give a grade to our 21st century entertainment industry A to F? You have the ability to control TV/Movie selections, close it down, don't purchase the products with bad ratings. Write to your local television station managers/owners with your concerns. Instead, watch only clean and pure entertainment. Guard your hearts and minds, along with your children. They are our future!

Update on the Smith Mission House - More Funds Needed

Dear Editor,

The forming of the slab began 8/28/14. Cement for the slab will be poured next week sometime. We have endured some set backs as promises of donation and labor have been withdrawn mainly due to economy or so we are being told. Slab and septic are costing us around \$6,000.00. We are taking a big hit here unless someone or some company will donate this. We are currently in our last stages of fund-raising and would like to appeal to our BMA churches nation wide.

This fund-raiser is called The \$5.00 Church Family Challenge.

Its quiet simple. We are asking each BMA church to promote this where ever you are and to ask your members to donate just \$5.00 in honor or memory of their family. We all can spend \$5.00 just going in to get coffee or a coke. It seems small, but if all of our churches participate we can



Foundaton & plumbing work on home for the Smith family

finish this Mission House with just this fundraiser. If we can get 1,000 families to donate just \$5.00 we will be able to complete this house on time. We already have 20 families that have donated.

I am so very thankful to all of you who have given financially, prayerfully and for those who are down working in 100 degree heat this week. Thank you for giving your time to "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR", as instructed in Mark 12:31.

May God Bless you for your willingness to LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. I can't wait to post pictures of the Smith Family in front of their new safe home, and to hang the plaques listing BMA and other churches and states that have helped. I look forward to that day.

To donate on line go to <http://www.gofundme.com/dr4ps8>.

Jimmy & Suzie Daugherty

Bro. Jimmy pastors Ballardsville Church near Tupelo

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heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? He responded by saying, "...Repent...". In this case he is talking to unbelievers but repentance is always a good place to start. So, first and foremost, we need to repent! Repent of both known and unknown sin in our lives.

Second, we need to get busy working in our churches and planting churches through our churches. Jesus said to the church at Ephesus in Revelations 2:5 "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;..."

Third, we need stop trusting in our own judgment and place ourselves under the authority of God's Word. Jeremiah 7:3-6 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, ...Trust ye not in lying words, ...execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; ...oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood... neither walk after other gods..." God invites us to get things right with Him, Isaiah 1:18 & 20 says, "Come

now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Fourth, we need to pray. Daniel was one who was marked by an excellent spirit. In the midst of captivity he discovered the truth, and here is what he did, in Daniel 9:2-12, "In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which

spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven

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Texas Church Seeks Student Minister

Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas, is receiving resumes for the position of full-time Student Ministry Pastor. Those who are interested are asked to send resumes to resume@farleystreet.com.

Local Association Annual Meeting Schedule

September 13, 2014

East Central Assn 10:00 am Parkway, Petal
Speaker: Rayburn Freeman

Judson Association - 10:00 am Sardis, Iuka
Speaker: Blake Buchanan

September 18, 2014

Oak Grove Assn 7:00 pm Rocky Branch, Sumrall
Speaker: Denny Patterson

September 20, 2014

Capitol Assn 9:00 am Oakland, Vicksburg
Speaker: Steve Clark

Ten Mile Assn 9:30 am Paramount, Perkinston
Speaker: Chris Flynn

Washington Assn 9:00 am Midway, Leakesville
Speaker: Wade Ivy

Mid Central Assn 9:00 am Magnolia Heights, Forest
Speaker: TBA

September 27, 2014

Hobolochitto Assn 10:00 am Wolf Creek, Kiln
Speaker: Josh Daniels

October 4, 2014

Big Creek Assn 9:00 am Spring Hill, Laurel
Speaker: Don Brown

October 9, 2014

Tombigbee Assn 7:00pm Friendship, Baldwyn
Speaker: Mike Johnson

Gulf Assn 7:00 pm Springhill, Ocean Springs
Speaker: TBA

October 11, 2014

Harmony Assn 9:30 am Unity, Guntown
Speaker: John Adams

BMA of Mississippi Annual Meeting

October 21-22, 2014 Southeastern Baptist College
Speaker: Bryan Atwood

Grandson of former Missionary Dies

Thomas Bateman, age 31, of Grand Prairie, Texas, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2014 in Dallas.

Funeral service were held August 8, 2014 in Arlington. He was born August 19, 1982 in Arlington, son of John West Bateman and Kathy Shults Bateman.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Jill Bateman; daughter, Sophie Bateman; his parents, John and Kathy Bateman; sister, Emily Ellis; nieces Autumn and Amanda Ellis; maternal grandfather, Tom Shults; and his paternal grandparents, Jack and Latrell Bateman, former BMA missionaries to Taiwan.



Bateman

Missionary Dies

Pradeep Sharad Borde, BMAA missionary in the country of India, passed away August 14th in Pune, India of a sudden heart attack. He was born February 2, 1955. Pradeep was saved when he was fifteen and baptized two years later. He followed his uncle Sumitra, who was also a BMAA national missionary in India, by attending the BMAA Seminary in Jacksonville, Texas. Bro. Borde received his MRE degree in 1982. After Graduation, he returned to his homeland to begin his missionary work.

Bro. Borde was president of the BMAA of Maharashtra, the state where most of his work was realized. After his uncle Sumitra's death, he became the director of the BMA Children's Home in Aurangabad. He erved in this position until a few years ago. He was coordinator for BMA church in Pune and for a number of national missionaries in other villages in the interior.

Bro. Borde's wife, Sandya and son, Pranay covet your prayers. Pranay is a student at Central Baptist College in Conway. If you would like to send a love offering to help the family with the funeral expenses or Pranay's extra travel expense to attend the funeral, you may send it to the Department of Missions designated for the Pradeep Borde family fund, P.O. 878, Conway, AR 72033.



Borde

Ministers Resource Services

Retirement Agency of the BMA of America

Ron Chesser, Executive Director

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How appropriate that in every season of the year we pause and give thanks to our Lord for His goodness. During the late summer months of this year it is with a grateful heart that I pause in giving thanks for God's blessings already this year upon Ministers Resource Services. As executive director of the retirement agency of the BMAA, I express thanks to our pastors, churches and departments for their faithfulness to stand with us in prayers and support. It has been a superb year thus far and without your

getting on board with us this would have been impossible.

We have passed two, one million dollar milestones thus far in 2014. The BMA Retirement portfolio has moved from 14 to 15 million and from 15 to 16 million already this year. We never have had that kind of growth in the history of this ministry in a single year and to everyone who made this possible we express our appreciation. To our churches, through the years, that have had a vision of providing retirement benefits for their pastor and

church staff we send out a hearty "thank you". To our pastors and church staff who are doing salary reduction to fund their retirement account we say "God bless you" for having such determination. To our departments and agencies of the BMAA we deeply express thanks for your getting every employee in the BMA Retirement.

Let me share some facts that are extremely worthy of giving thanks to God. For the past twelve years we have posted to each account in BMA Retirement an average growth of over 8% each year, net of fees. For the past eight years we have averaged receiving and depositing into participant's retirement accounts over 1.6 million dollars every year. Twelve years ago our total assets in BMA Retirement was 3.8 million and today we stand at 16.1 million in retirement money. The portfolio has grown over twelve million dollars in twelve years. To God be the glory.

It is amazing how God is already using BMA Retirement money to provide financial assistance to our pastors, church staff, missionaries and denominational leaders in their retirement years. It is quite obvious that our Father has His hand upon this retirement ministry. This has not been the work of man but a display of the miraculous power of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Truly, this is a God thing!

2014 State WMA Sponsored Women's Retreat

Camp Garaywa – Clinton, MS September 12-13, 2014

Retreat Theme: Under His Wings Ruth 2-12

Speaker: Bro. Travis Plumlee

NOTE: For additional information, registration forms, and other information we direct you to our web site:

www.msbbaptist.org

Click on Previous Issues tab and follow the links to 2014 issues. All Retreat Information may be found in our August 1, 2014 issue on page 6.

You may print this information and forms directly from your personal computer.

COMMISSION ON Senior Adults

4226 Highway 15 North, Laurel, Mississippi 39440



Kenneth Flynt
Director

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." Phillipians 4:4

Paul said to the struggling church of his day and is saying to the church of today, "Rejoice.. and again I say rejoice."

I think we ought to sing a hymn we usually reserve for Christmas more often. It goes like this:

Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart, prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world, with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove,

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love!

Joy to the World!

As I think of our senior citizens and what they have meant to our churches and the cause of Christ through the years I find myself rejoicing and thanking Him for the many who are

still serving faithfully in our churches. Notice the many senior adults in your congregation the next time you meet for worship. Be one of many who support and encourage your senior members.

Plans continue moving toward our senior conferences for 2015. Save these dates:

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, site is still to be determined

Both conferences will bless your heart. Our theme for both conferences is "His Glory." Our theme song will be "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Plan now to attend Heaven's Jubilee March 24th & May 12th.

Thank you for your continued financial and prayerful support of the commission. Continue to send all finances to the Missions Office in Laurel, 4226 Hwy 15 North, Laurel, MS 39440, to Kimberly Parker who handles all our bookkeeping work.

God's wrath on America?

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hands through abortion. We have normalized sexual immorality, adultery, and homosexuality, all horrors in the eyes of God, and are witnessing a surge in incest, pedophilia, bestiality and even necrophilia in our midst.

We have welcomed the worship of pagan gods into our land, and have insisted that our people adjust to their traditions, beliefs and practices rather than the other way round. The slop bucket is filling up.

The key to our national security is not a bigger military, but repentance. It is our sin which has made us vulnerable, because through it we are forfeiting any claim on God's protection for our land. Only our repentance can make us strong again.

We can empty the slop bucket through repentance or the day will come when God will empty it for us.

And perhaps the pagan armies of Allah will be the rod of God's wrath on the United States today, as the pagan armies of ancient Babylon were the rod of his wrath in the days of Ezekiel.

Thomas Jefferson wrote at the time of the Founding, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." It is long past time for all of us to tremble once again.

Mississippi Galilean Report

by Philip Christian, President

This past summer, like ever summer, was National Galilean Camp 2014. The theme for this year was "Here For A Purpose" with a theme verse of Jeremiah 29:11. The reason the theme was chosen is to show kids what they were put on this earth for and the importance of sharing God's word. Our camp speaker was Scott Cavin who did a phenomenal job. Philip Christian was elected the National Mr. Galilean Senior and received around \$37,000 worth of Scholarships and was also elected national President. Maverick Farris was elected the National Mr. Junior Galilean and Logan



Wilburn was elected national secretary. Mississippi was represented very well.

In order to have had a Galilean Camp 2014 there needed to be several things planned first. Every year at camp seven officers are chosen. With being an officer comes the responsibility of planning the next year's camp. That meeting is held in Ponca, Arkansas, every year. The National planning meeting is run completely by the officers (yes 13-18 year old kids plan the theme for the camps). The of-

ficers all come together- no cell phones, no computers and no internet - just all the ideas that have been previously prepared. This meeting was held this year August 1-3.

The theme decided for this year was "Flood Zone" with a theme verse of Luke 6:45. Along with the theme the shirt de-

sign is also chosen. The Galilean National planning meeting is something that most people are unaware that it even takes place, but it is something that doesn't need to be taken for granted.

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hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem."

We also need to pray that God will fill our churches and break our hearts. We need to

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Laboring Together with God

1 Corinthians 3:9

Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". Soon Paul would move off the scene and Timothy would have to take his place. Paul felt the responsibility of entrusting God's Word with faithful men, who in turn would pass these truths on to other faithful men. 2 Timothy 2:2.



Kids off to school

What are you doing to help preserve the truths of the Word of God for future generations?

We must help protect the purity of the Word of God and make sure that we pass it on to



Picking Peas

others. When Moses finished his work the Lord prepared for Joshua to take over. When Elijah laid down the mantle the Lord placed Elisha at the scene and he took it up. All that God asks of us is that we be faithful to finish the work that He has given us.

As we observe the national holiday (Labor Day) in honor of the labor force in America, let us ask ourselves this question:

What kind of laborer am I in the work of the Lord? May we be able to say with Paul, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me on that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8.

Memorial Gifts

Just a reminder Memorial Gifts to the Mississippi Baptist Children's Home pay thoughtful tribute to those who have passed away and serve the cause of a Christ like ministry to children in distress and need. Memorial gifts have been a blessing to the Home down through the years and continues to do so.

Remember in Prayer and Focus Verse

Continue to remember the girls and boys and the ministry of Home in your prayers. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". 2 Timothy 3:15.

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pray that our altars will be stained with the tears of those who are brokenhearted. Oh, God, deliver us from evil! Finally, we need to keep our focus and not be distracted.

Remember what Romans 8:31-34 says, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all

things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed

all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

News From The Churches

Bethel Church to Celebrate 133 Years

Bethel Baptist Church near Seminary, Mississippi, will celebrate 133 years of ministry on September 21, 2014. Homecoming will include all day services with lunch at the church. Brethren Wayne Woolwine, Ricky Mitchell and Kevin Sanford will be speaking at various time.

The church invites all former members and friends to join in this celebration and time of worship. The church is located on Zelton Ingram Road in Seminary.

Lebanon Baptist Church Fall Revival

Sept. 14th through Sept. 17th
Service Times:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday 7 p.m.
Evangelist:

Bro. Estuardo Marroquin

Bro. Estuardo is the pastor of El Camino Baptist Church in Laurel and the Coordinator of the Hispanic Missions for the BMA in South Mississippi. In addition to pastoring El Camino Baptist Church, he is working with a mission project in Hattiesburg. Bro. Estuardo

is married to Y a s m i n Marroquin and they have one daughter, Abigail. We hope you will join us for our revival services and hear the Word that God puts on Bro. Estuardo's heart.



Marroquin

Tombigbee Update

On August 7, 2014 the Tombigbee Association met at East Fulton Baptist Church with 11 churches represented and 14 visitors present. Special music was presented by Lisa Hudson with the message by Bro. Matt Hudson.

Business meeting was called to order and minutes and treasure reports were approved as read. Department reports given by Sidney Davis from the Children's Home; Bro Mark Gables for Brotherhood; and Matt Hudson for Southeastern Baptist College. Missionaries giving reports were from Burnsville, Holly Springs, North Mississippi Hispanic

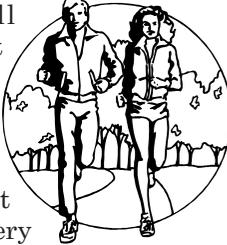
Mission and Caledonia.

Our next meeting to be held at East Amory Baptist Church.

Lebanon Baptist Church Hosts Walk For The World

As everyone knows, October is special emphasis for Lifeword Broadcast Ministries. In efforts to raise money many churches hold or participate in the Walk for the World fund-raiser. Lebanon Baptist Church will be having their annual Walk for the World on Wednesday night October 15, 2014.

They will meet at the West Jones Stadium at 6 p.m. This event is held every year and they always have a good turnout. The participation from other churches has grown from year to year. Lebanon invites you to join them for a great time of fun and fellowship. Everyone who comes is asked to bring finger food. Please contact Brandy Riley if you would like for your church to join them for this event. She can be contacted by phone or text at 601-335-5858 or by email at rileyb@bayspringstel.net.



National Directory & Handbook Info Needed

Letters Sent To Churches & Available On Line

It's coming! Each church that requested a 2014-15 BMAA Directory and Handbook should receive its copy by the end of August.

The Directory and Handbook is the reference book for all facets of the BMAA including:

- BMAA Doctrine and Principles of Cooperation
- Associational annual meetings, officers and their contact information – national, state, and local
- Boards of trustees with their contact information
- Listings of missionaries – North American, International, State, Hispanic and Chaplains
- A detailed overview of each BMAA department, agency, committee and school
- Annual Church Letter and other forms included in the back
- Directory of Churches
- Directory of Church Staff
- Directory of Preachers, including contact information.

With the 2014 annual association meetings beginning, it's time to start gathering data for next year's Directory and Handbook. This year Information Services is mailing the 2015-16 Annual Church Letter form to church clerks to complete and return to this office to update church listings in the BMAA Directory. These forms will be sent in time to submit a copy to your association clerk, for those associations that choose to use it. Beginning August 15 until February 15, 2015, the online Annual Church Letter form is also available at www.BMALife.com/churchletter, to complete and submit to Information Services.

A limited quantity of the 2014-15 BMAA Directory and Handbook is available at \$25 each. If your church has not reserved a copy or needs extras, call DiscipleGuide with your request at 800-333-1442.

Offerings to Information Services for the Directory and Handbook ONLY should be sent to P.O. Box 6146, Texarkana, TX 75505-6146. All payments for invoices and other offerings to Discipleguide Church Resources should be mailed to P.O. Box 1749, Conway, AR 72033-1749.

Pastors Oasis

September 29 - October 1, 2014

Hilton Convention Center, Branson, Missouri

To register go to discpleguide.org/pastorsoasis



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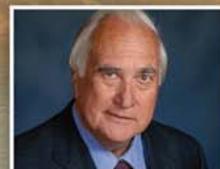
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