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When I Read my Bible Through

I supposed I knew my Bible, reading piecemeal, hit or miss--
Now a bit of John or Matthew, now a snatch of Genesis;
Certain chapters of Isaiah, certain Psalms (the twenty-third);
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs. Yes, I thought I knew the Word.

But I found a thorough reading was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar when I read my Bible through.
You who like to play at Bible, dib and dabble here and there
Just before you kneel aweary and yawn out a hurried prayer

You who treat the Crown of Writing as you treat no other book,
Just a paragraph disjointed, just a quick, impatient look;
Try a worthier procedure, try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture, when you read your Bible through.

Amos R. Wells

We have greater access to the Holy Word of God than any generation before us, and yet we often neglect it use. As we approach the end of another year now is a great time to find a bible reading plan. I would like to encourage everyone to Read Your Bible!

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

And thanks to the handy-dandy chart you can find on the last page of this publication, you can now read all of it in any order you want. I will also post a printable version on our website, msbaptist.org. After you finish a chapter, check it off. Once you fill every box, you will have read the entire word of God!

Then you can start over, or reread the parts you struggled with so you can understand them better. May the reading of God's word strengthen you in the coming year.

Scott Kirkland

WE NEED YOU

Mississippi Baptist Special Emphasis: January 2025

Scott Kirkland - Editor

The Mississippi Baptist Paper thrives because of the support from our churches! As we enter our special emphasis season, I would like to ask you to please remember this department. Your financial support is essential to sustain this ministry as we face rising costs and declining subscriptions. This is Your department, and we need your support.

More importantly, I ask for your prayers during this pivotal time. I seek God's guidance in this new endeavor and aim to preserve the rich legacy of this vital work while discovering ways to enhance its impact. With your help, I am seeking ways to be a greater blessing to our churches and the mission of the BMA of Mississippi. Your involvement makes a difference! Thank You!

Youth Department Seeks Monthly Supporting Churches 75 in '25 – SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT

We are so thankful for all the churches that support us monthly already! We really could not do all that we do without you! We have grown from 6 churches in 2022 to 40 in 2024. However, we need to increase that number to 75 monthly supporting churches!

We have set a goal to have 75 monthly supporting churches by the end of 2025! Pastors, would you lead your church to join in on this effort? We need you and you would be investing in the youth and

the future of the BMA in Mississippi! Just imagine what your investment could do in the lives of kids and teens across Mississippi!!!

If you have any questions please reach out and ask! My email is Anders.Lee571@gmail.com and my number is 901-343-3293!

JOIN THE EFFORT TO GET TO 75 in '25!!!

See full youth report on page 3

2025 South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference

March 11, 2025



Big Creek Baptist Church, Soso, Mississippi

Music Guests - Harper Collective

Message - Bro. Josh Daniels



Josh Daniels



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Abusing a Child

By John Adams

Moral Action Commission

Matthew 19:13-15

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence."

1. Why Are Children Abused?

It is all because of sin, whatever the excuse. *"Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked"* (I Samuel 24:13). If sin is not condemned, repented of, and forgiven, it gets worse. A sinner who hardens his heart against God does not know the extent to which he will go in sin. A nation which turns her back on God will be abandoned to her own ways as Israel was. A society which does not recognize sin for what it is will become more depraved and perverted (Romans 1:21-32).

Child abuse is caused by selfishness. Some who bring children into the world do not want to be bothered with them. Children require time which parents could spend in the pursuit of pleasure, money which they could spend on themselves, and work which some want to

avoid at all costs. Those who abuse children could not be thinking about the welfare of others (unless they are thinking about the welfare check which the children make available). They seem to think of nothing except gratifying their own lusts.

Child abuse is caused by sadism. One who can get pleasure of any kind from hurting others is sadistic. Grown men take advantage of helpless children. Wicked people take pictures of all sorts of child abuse. Those who make those pictures and those who take any pleasure in seeing them are about as low as one can get. Mothers beat their children, not to make them better, but to satisfy their rage.

Child abuse is caused by sickness. That may be nothing but sin-sickness which can be cured by conversion to Christ. But surely some of the child abuse must be the result of mental illness, maybe even demon possession. One who is guilty of abusing little children is not controlled by sound reasoning.

2. By Whom Are Children Abused?

The Bible gives some examples of child abuse. Tyre and Sidon (cities on the Mediterranean coast) were condemned because they sold the children of Judah and Jerusalem unto the Grecians (Joel 3:4-6). Perhaps it is not uncommon in many parts of the world today for captives of war to be sent into slavery. Some countries still have concentration camps which no doubt make use of slave labor, and children may be involved.

King Manasseh "made his son pass through the fire" as a religious ritual (II Kings 21:6), and Judah did the same. As wicked as that was, it is not uncommon to hear of some child's murder and mutilation in connection with suspected devil worship today.

Pharaoh ordered the death of newborn Jewish boys. Herod caused the death of the children around Bethlehem in an effort to kill Jesus. Hitler also had political reasons for trying to wipe out God's chosen people, the Jews. Thousands of children were sent to death.

3. Matthew 18:6 - Whoso

Joseph was seventeen when his brothers sold him into slavery. Most child abuse is still perpetrated by relatives. Children are beaten, battered, starved, neglected, sexually assaulted, burned, cursed, and exposed to all kinds of ungodliness - and much of it by those who claim to love them.

God remembers those who abuse children. Pharaoh lost his firstborn. Manasseh's and Herod's names have gone down in infamy. Joseph's brothers had to face him and "fess up." Judah went into captivity. Hitler died in the ruins of his country. Jesus said, *"Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea"* (Matthew 18:6)

BMA Seminary and Jacksonville College Announce Educational Consortium

BMA Seminary and Jacksonville College have reached an agreement to join together in an undergraduate educational consortium starting next year. By working together, both schools will be able to offer comprehensive bachelor degree programs that prepare students for ministry.

Jacksonville College was founded in 1899 as a four-year college, but after twenty years chose to become a junior college. In the 1940s, under the leadership of Gerald Kellar, Jacksonville College established a seminary. The college donated the seminary to the BMA of America in the 1950s and BMA Seminary was created with Gerald Kellar serving as its first president. Located a mile apart from each other on Pine Street in Jacksonville, the two schools have long worked together in many ways. Now they are deepening that cooperation so students at each institution can seamlessly complete courses and degree requirements through the BMATS-JC consortium.

According to Jacksonville College President David Erickson, "This consortium allows Jacksonville College to return to the original vision of its founders as a four-year school that has a clear focus on preparing pastors and other church leaders. By partnering together with BMA Seminary, we are charting a new path for the college while efficiently using the resources of God's people to further God's kingdom."

Newly elected BMA Seminary President Philip Attebery noted, "The seminary's current structure for undergraduate studies has been in place for decades. It does not allow for traditional college students, those coming right out of high school, to participate immediately in the seminary's Bachelor of Arts in Religion program. This enhanced relationship with Jacksonville College changes that and should help both institutions reach and equip more students for ministry."

Jerrie Sue Kellar Cleaver, daughter of Gerald Kellar and current BMA Seminary trustee commented, "What a joy for me to have been associated with Jacksonville College and BMA Seminary for my entire life! I am excited that we are taking steps to continue to strive to obey the command of the Great Commission in 'teaching them. . .' God has blessed us with resources to provide quality education to a broad range of folks from recent high school graduates to seasoned adults who wish to better equip themselves for the work of the ministry. Thank you, Lord, for providing us two grand old institutions which provide a quality education while remaining true to Missionary Baptist principles."

More information about the BMATS-JC consortium will be announced as the two schools roll out new degrees designed for those who will lead in churches in the 21st century.

ENHANCED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CHURCHES

BMA Financial Announces Strategic Partnership with Sparrow Team Financials to Enhance Financial Management Services for Churches

Conway, Arkansas - BMA Financial, a comprehensive financial services provider for BMA churches, is excited to announce a new strategic partnership with Sparrow Team Financials, a financial management firm that specializes in bookkeeping for churches.

This collaboration will combine BMA Financial's broad expertise in financial services with Sparrow Team Financials' niche focus on customized financial management for churches. Together, they will offer churches a tailored approach to financial management that fosters transparency and efficiency within the BMA.

At BMA Financial, our mission is to serve churches and entities of the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of America. Our goal is to offer services that help members of BMA organizations manage God's money, God's way, for God's glory.

"It's our goal at BMA Financial to provide trusted financial solutions to churches and other ministry organizations within the BMA of America that value service and stewardship, and our partnership with Sparrow Team Financials aligns perfectly with this goal," said Dr. Steve Crawley, Executive Director of BMA Financial. "We look

forward to enhancing the level of financial support available to ministries through this collaboration."

Sparrow Team Financials not only brings a wealth of experience in handling the unique financial needs of churches but a calling as well.

"We prioritize clear communication and personalized support to help ministries navigate their financial responsibilities with confidence," said Caroline Sellers, Founder of Sparrow Team Financials. "By partnering with BMA Financial, we can help to empower churches with the financial tools they need to thrive for years to come."

This partnership will specifically highlight the comprehensive bookkeeping service to provide BMA churches with

- Detailed financial reporting
- Budgeting and forecasting tailored to ministry needs

To learn more about the services available through this partnership, please contact Sparrow Team Financials at (501) 291-0276 or visit www.sparrowteamfinancials.com.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

What a fantastic time of year it is! It is an incredible joy each year to celebrate the birth of Christ and to cherish the gift of salvation through Him!!!

Carla and I, and all our family, want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! It is an honor and privilege to serve you as the director of the BMA of Mississippi Youth Department! I look forward to all that God will do in 2025!!!

TIME FOR RENEW

My mind goes back to the end of RENEW last year. During the last session, I text Josh Daniels and Blake McCain to ask them if they would preach for and host RENEW 2024. Of course, I thought, that is a long way off. Man!!! Did 2024 go by extremely fast, or what? It truly seems like we just got done with our camps.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to register for

RENEW! The deadline to register is DEC 15th!!! It doesn't matter if you bring 3 or 30, we want YOU to come!!! The cost is \$35 per person! Our website is www.bmamsyouth.org. Jump on there and register your group. We need to know how many are coming so we can be sure to prepare enough food at the conference.

This conference is jam-packed with stuff! Visit the website to see the schedule and get all the details! The THEME for RENEW is RADICAL!!! Yes, JOSH DANIELS will be there preaching God's Word, exalting the Savior! Yes, PRESTON JONES will be there leading us in worship! Yes,



CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Oakland Baptist Church In Vicksburg, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time pastor. Inquiries should be made to Joshua Webb of the church's pulpit committee. He can be reached by phone at: (479)-747-9132 or by email at josh.webb15@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church of Calhoun of Laurel, Mississippi, is seeking a pastor. Anyone interested please contact them at 601-426-9721.

First Baptist Church of Bay Springs, Mississippi, is in prayerful search of a full-time pastor. For more information contact Tommy body at tsboyd007t@yahoo.com or (601) 670-5142.

Calvary Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Email resumes to psc@calvarybaptistarlington.org.

Wilderness Baptist Church, 5415-C Gibson Road, Vicksburg, Ms 39183 is seeking a pastor. Those interested should contact Dewayne Trest at 601-415-1103 or via email at darwin.trest@outlook.com.

*And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring
you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people. For
unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign
unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped
in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory
to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will
toward men.*

Luke 2:10-14



ZAC LEE will be running conference games! Yes, REAGAN LEE will be the emcee! There will be door prizes! Late Nite will be EPIC! The first night is filled with all kinds of crazy things like rock climbs, bungee runs, jousting, and other fun activities! There will be two meals in the evening time and of course a junk food buffet!!!

ALSO... BREAKING NEWS

two huge things. First, we guarantee it will be SNOWING AT RENEW!!!! YES... you read that right! SNOW is coming to Midway First Baptist!!! Second, Jaron Myers, a Christian comedian will be featured during Late Nite on Dec. 30th! You may have seen him in Chick-fil-A commercials! He has a great testimony for Christ, and he will keep you laughing until you cry!

PLEASE PRAY FOR RENEW!!!

Pray for God to challenge and change hearts, save souls, and raise up a new generation of young people who are RADICAL for CHRIST!!!

CAMP REGISTRATION

I want to remind you that camp registration for TEEN CAMP is already open and available to you on the website. Registration for KIDS CAMP will be operational by January 1, 2025!

WEBSITE OOPS

In late November, a "bot" hacked our website. Our web manager has been fixing the problem and it should be fully functional on the registration pages by the time you read this article. However, if you have problems registering for RENEW or camps, please contact me!

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About BMA Financial

BMA Financial is a trusted provider of financial services, specializing in retirement investing, estate planning, and insurance services for BMA of America churches and entities. With a commitment to delivering high-quality, personalized solutions, BMA Financial helps clients manage their financial affairs with confidence.

About Sparrow Team Financials

Sparrow Team Financials specializes

in bookkeeping and financial management for churches, offering customized solutions for payroll, financial reporting, and more. Prioritizing clear communication and personalized guidance to fully support your church or ministry. Visit sparrowteamfinancials.com for more details.

For more information, please contact: Ryan Johnson, Chief Development Officer, BMA Financial Phone: (501) 908-5078, Email: ryan@bmaamerica.org, Website: bmafinancial.org

That's Christmas to God

It's an angel telling Mary impossible things about the miracles the grace of God brings.
It's a baby born in a stable in Bethlehem, Son of God, great and mighty I Am.
That's why Christmas is really about the Lamb.
It's shepherds worshipping a newborn king. It's angels filling heaven as they sing.
It's wise men faithfully following a sign, Simeon and Anna recognizing the divine.
That's why Christmas fulfills the prophetic line.
It's shepherds going forth, a story to share. It's wise men returning home with care.
It's a family seeking refuge in a foreign land, all of them guided by God's hand
That's why Christmas is important to understand.
It's children singing carols with their friends. It's people sending gifts to the earth's ends.
It's Christians trying to follow Christ's lead as they lovingly plant the Gospel seed.
That's because Christmas fulfills each soul's need.
This year, don't get lost in the frenetic pace. This year, pause and thank God for his grace.
This year, vow to follow God's holy Word. This year, share God's love until all have heard.
Because Christmas should leave our spirits stirred.



Meet the Admissions Department at Southeastern Baptist College

By George Martinez

At this time, I would like to introduce to you our admissions department in order that you can get to know them better and identify those individuals who you need to speak with in case you choose to register in one of our academic programs. These ladies are exceptional god-fearing women who go above and beyond the call of duty to help others. They are truly servants of the Lord.



Michelle Chisholm

Michelle is our college's Financial Aid Director. She is passionate about assisting students in making college affordable. Michelle has been serving SBC for 2 years now and she brings 20 years of experience in banking and K-12 data collection to her current position. Michelle is a big student advocate; making sure that students are taking full advantage of their need-based federal financial aid services. She makes sure that students and their families are educated on their VA educational benefits, and also promotes our in-house scholarships to aid students in completing their post-secondary education. Speaking of scholarships! If you or your loved one would like to go to college but cannot afford it, please recall that we have the BMAA Legacy Scholarship that provides free tuition to members of BMAA churches. Certain conditions do apply so call

Ginny and Michelle today and find out if you qualify. They would be elated to help you. Michelle is a true blessing to the college. She is always willing to do whatever you ask of her. When she is not working, she enjoys exploring new places, going camping with her family, and attending church. Michelle is a member of Parkview Baptist Church in Laurel, MS.



De Ann Rose

Meet De Ann Rose, she is our registrar at SBC and has served in that position for 3 years. She is a graduate of Jones Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, and William Carey where she earned her associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in music education. Mrs. Rose is a retired public educator with 31 years of experience. She states, "I loved working as an educator, and now I love what I do here at SBC. My duties include data entry, logging student records, ordering textbooks, and assisting students and faculty in navigating through our Web-based software program called Populi. I love people and pets, plants, on the other hand, struggle under my care. My grandchildren can bring a smile to my face faster than a funny

pun, and sewing and chicken tending are my favorite hobbies. There's nothing more heartwarming than a warm blanket and fresh eggs." De Ann is a delight to have around. Students often seek encouragement, love, and candy from her while in the admissions office. Just so you know, she also makes a mean chicken and dumplings.

Changes!

Ecclesiastes chapter three begins with the following words. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." These timeless words spoken by Solomon preface the fact that things are always in flux. Here at Southeastern things are always changing! For example, the fall semester is now coming to an end while spring enrollment opportunities are beginning. At this time, I would like to encourage anyone who would like to learn more about God's word or further their education to consider registering for this coming semester. Classes start on January 22nd and late registration ends on February 6th. Remember, we offer online classes that you can take in the comfort of your own home. You don't even have to leave your current ministry position. You can remain just where you are as you build upon your prior knowledge base. All you have to do is register online at our website at <https://southeasternbaptist.edu>. For further assistance, you can reach out to our admissions department who would be glad to assist you. We are located at 4229 Hwy 15 North Laurel, MS 39440 and our main line is 601-426-6346.



Dr. Martinez
President

As you already know Dr. Carson is leaving the college. Another change that is taking place at SBC. The changing of leadership in any organization is difficult. We graciously petition your prayers for these coming changes. First, pray for Dr. Carson in his new life in Alabama as he enjoys his retirement. Second, pray for our staff who are having to adjust to a new style of leadership and the fear of the unknown. Finally, pray for SBC that God would expand its territory and bless it with the dew of heaven. Once again, I would like to conclude by offering my deepest appreciation to all the churches of Mississippi for bestowing such a great honor in leading your college. I am truly humbled and grateful. Blessings in the Lord and may he increase the productivity of your hands.



Sabrina Mauldin

Mrs. Mauldin is our Dean of Institutional Effectiveness. Sabrina comes to SBC after 32 years of experience working in the public school system as an elementary, high school, and community college counselor. She is a graduate of Jones County Community College (A.A.), the University of Southern Mississippi (B.S., M.Ed.), and Mississippi State University (Ed. Sp.). In the position of Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, it is very important that Mrs. Mauldin work closely with all areas of the college in order to maintain specific guidelines and requirements to uphold our accreditation with ABHE and the Commission on Accreditation. She also advises students for all majors making sure that each student stays on track to meet graduation requirements. Sabrina enjoys spending time with

her family and attending a variety of sporting events.



Ginny Singleton

Ginny has been part of Southeastern Baptist College for over 20 years and currently serves as the Admissions Director. Previously, she held the role of Financial Aid Director before transitioning into the Admissions office 3 years ago. Ginny enjoys interacting with high school students and providing campus tours to potential prospects. Her favorite part of being the Admissions Director is having the opportunity to connect with BMA pastors and church members to inform them about the college's resources and programs that will help them accomplish their ministerial goals. She, along with her husband Shane and daughter Alex, are members of Parkview Baptist Church. Apart from her work at the college, Ginny is passionate

about learning and experiencing history.

Jesus Is The Reason

Jesus is the reason for every season,
The hope for everyday.

The baby born in Bethlehem,
Who was laid upon the hay.

The one who taught the elders about God,
And the disciples how to pray.

The man of Galilee,

Led to the cross that day.

He was and will be the savior of the world,
Just as he is today.

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By: Olivia Spradley,
Mississippi Miss GMA

Hello there! My name is Olivia Spradley, and I'm your state Miss GMA and Songleader. State camp plans are well underway, and I'm so excited to see everyone in March! In the meantime, I want to encourage each district to meet and get involved in service! Our district meets quarterly, and we look forward to great fellowship and sharing ideas on how we can serve our church and community. One thing you can talk about at district meetings is how we can promote our state project, Just the Crumbs! Bake sales, silent auction, car washes, lunch plate fundraisers, etc. These are just a few ways

to raise funds. Our goal for this year is \$6,500, but we encourage each church to raise \$200.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram (@mississippiigma), our Facebook group (Mississippi GMAs), and visit our GMA website (sites.google.com/view/msgma)



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His power, became limited, dependent, and vulnerable. Hebrews accurately declares of Jesus "that he was tempted in all points like as we, yet without sin." Jesus did this for you, for me, for us! He experienced life just like you so that He could experience death for you! Oh, what a Savior!

As we have come off this Thanksgiving season and roll into the Christmas season, let us not think that we could need anything more than what we have already been given in Jesus Christ. Let this Christmas season be one of thankfulness, gratitude, and praise; Instead of letting it be filled with want, greed, and covetousness. Jesus is our greatest gift! May we give Him to all we come into contact with this season. Merry Christmas!

Preparing for 2025:

For your Mission's Department, November and December become preparation months for the coming new year. Now that we have been in the office for two years, we are taking time to assess and evaluate, so that 2025 can be our most effective year yet! God has blessed us to accomplish so much in such a little time, but I believe that He has even greater plans for us in the coming year. Please be in prayer for us as we pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and blessing. We are praying that each of the ministries that we are privileged to do

will only grow in effectiveness and impact in the new year. God has blessed our missions endeavors, Revitalize work, and our Timothy ministries focus, and I am praying that we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. In January, I am excited to be able to share our calendar and plans for the coming year. Again, pray for us as we plan! May the Lord be glorified.

We are also preparing the Revolving Loan Fund for what we believe is going to be a banner year. Again, God has grown this fund tremendously, and I am anticipating His hand to continually grow, bless, and expand the fund. The RLF committee has determined, in spite of the Fed rate decline, to continue to offer the 5% rate with a 9 month lock until our meeting in January. If you are looking for a place to invest your funds, look no further! You are able to get a top tier rate while "investing in eternity". Don't miss out!

Thank you again for your encouragement to me over these past two years. I have truly enjoyed serving you and our great association. There has been much to learn, but the Lord has been so good to me. I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation of what a great God can accomplish through us. I am honored to serve Christ with you!

Merry Christmas:

This season reminds us to slow down, and with a thankful heart, praise the Lord for the greatest gift ever given: Jesus Christ. It still amazes me, that the omnipotent God of the universe would condescend to such a low estate and become one of the most vulnerable aspects of His creation: an infant. With this act, no flesh can honestly say that God doesn't understand man! Jesus didn't just learn about man as a servant, but so much more; as a dependent. The Son of God who doesn't need anything, who can create all things by the word of

Jail Ministry Report

By Bro. Paul Spurlin

On November 1, Bro. Ken Riley and I met with 6 or 7 prisoners in the Jones County Jail as the theme of the night turned to prayer. After I preached about going to the throne of God through Christ to find mercy and grace for help in times of need for salvation, continued forgiveness, and strength for victory over temptation, the prisoners responded with many prayer requests. Jarvis asked us to pray for his unborn baby and the child's mother; Rashaad



Paul Spurlin

requested prayer for his wife and kids; Patrick asked for prayer about an upcoming hearing concerning custody of his children; and Shawn, who appeared particularly broken, asked for our prayers as he confessed several personal struggles with sin.

The night grew better as many of the prisoners demonstrated that they were not viewing our prayer time simply as an opportunity for their own requests. After the prisoners shared their requests, two of them said that they would pray for us as we go out in the world. As we had great freedom to pray and uplift God when praying with the prisoners, we heard several of them echoing, "Yes, Father!" during prayer. When Shawn was sharing,

several of the prisoners said they would continue to pray for him.

We also told them that we and our two churches would continue praying for their requests but that hundreds of others who are updated about our ministry through the Mississippi Baptist would pray for them as well. Please join us in praying for these specific requests from the prisoners.

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Refuge Mission, Kiln

By Bro. Josh Daniels

Dear Churches and Associations of the BMA of MS,

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Organization Service of Refuge Baptist Mission!

This special service will take place on Sunday, December 1st, at 3 p.m. It will be an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate the work that God has accomplished during this part of the mission's life.

This service will include the transfer of membership from the mother church to Refuge, the signing of the church charter by current members, a business session to adopt bylaws and mission statement, a special prayer for the continued work, and a message of charge to the new church by Bro. Blake McCain, and have a great time of fellowship.

We hope you can join us as we seek God's guidance and blessing for the work ahead. As supporting churches and associations, your presence will make this time even more meaningful to each of us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Bro. Josh Daniels

Refuge Baptist Mission



Josh Daniels

MERRY
Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN: AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE. OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE SHALL BE NO END, UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND UPON HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT, AND TO ESTABLISH IT WITH JUDGMENT AND WITH JUSTICE FROM HENCEFORTH EVEN FOR EVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS.

ISAIAH 9:6-7



Scott Brocius

Canaan Land Church Report

By Bro. Scott Brocius

To serve means to be of use, and that's exactly what our youth at Canaan Land are doing! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and they have started a food drive to help a few individuals within our community! They have been working hard gathering items needed and will pack everything up and hand deliver them before Thanksgiving.

Not only is our youth thinking of others for Thanksgiving, but they're also planning to "adopt" a child for Christmas. We have reached out to a few people familiar with the need local to Buckatunna and will be getting more detailed information after Thanksgiving so our youth can start collecting the items. It does my heart good to watch our youth take the initiative to make a difference within our community. Youth is the church of tomorrow, and I am confident our youth will continue to be a blessing.

Last year, we presented a live walk-thru nativity and we will be hosting it again this year! It will be held on Sunday evening December 15 from 6 pm-until. We are praying for good weather and a great turnout. We will be serving hot chocolate and popcorn. Our scenes have a narrative audio with each one, so please come and walk through and listen to the Life of Christ.

We are so thankful for all the love shown to our little church. If you find yourself in Buckatunna, please come visit us for our services. As always, please continue to pray for us as we grow and serve for the Lord. I pray each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving.



Doyle Moore

Salt Light Baptist Mission

Doyle Moore

Last Sunday, Linda and I began teaching our Young Couples' class with two couples attending, along with us. We enjoyed the class so much!

Our most senior members have been in the hospital. One is already in a rehab center and the other will go to the same center very soon. We look forward to their rapid progress and recovery as they rejoin our fellowship. Please pray for them.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20

Finding the Knowledge of God

Dr. Philip Attebery,

President – BMA Seminary



Dr. Attebery

I preached my first sermon soon after my junior year of high school. Several years later, near the end of my junior year in college, I came to realize that I needed to learn more about God's word and work. The idea of attending BMA Seminary came to mind.

Because my local church supported many BMA ministries, I was already aware

Living Hope Baptist

Mission Update

Bro. Samuel Yager

Living Hope Baptist Mission in Meridian is seeing God solidify us in His purposes for this church. Recently, we have emphasized unifying everything we do with our core values, which are centering on Christ, involving one another, and connecting to our community.

Centering on Christ

In an effort to further center ourselves on Christ, we have turned our Wednesday night services into small group discipleship. This has been received well and has resulted in many powerful conversations. In addition, this has enabled a greater unity in our pursuit of Christ. The end goal of this is both to solidify each member/attender of our church in their faith and to equip each person to be able to help someone else grow in their faith.

Involving One Another

To better involve one another, we are in the process of empowering and equipping leaders to take ownership of different ministries within the church and our community. Empowering and equipping leaders within our church will result in greater involvement and greater effectiveness of our ministries. Another way that we involve one another is by starting each Sunday morning worship with different members opening the service with Scripture reading and prayer. Our heart is to do all with a mindset of co-laboring in the Gospel.

Connecting to Our Community

In an effort to connect to our community, we have



Sam Yager

recently hosted a harvest fest that was well attended by our community. This day included a power wheels race, a candy crawl, an obstacle course, food trucks, and carnival games. With our faithfulness to host events like this throughout the year, we are beginning to have a real recognition within our community. Obviously, the goal is not to gain recognition or to draw a crowd; rather, the goal is to use both of these as avenues to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Harvest Fest along with other community events (such as setting up a coffee stand at a Fundraising event downtown for Dyslexia students and repainting a mural at a nearby school) has resulted in a real connection to our community that is resulting in the furtherance of the Gospel.

For, we have recently had two new families attending, one family recently joined as members, and two who are recently saved and going through baptism classes.

In all this, we have seen God grow us in maturity, unity, and influence; and we thank you for your support and prayer for us!

Looking Forward

I have shared before about our plans for a van route into our community and an addition to our building to accommodate continued growth. Because of your support, we are very close to the purchase of a van, and I thank you for your gracious giving. The proposed addition is in the beginning planning stages; the goal is for this to be completed within the next year. In addition to these, our focused vision is to develop and equip leaders in such a way that causes our church to be most effective in the purposes our God has for us. This will be one of the major steps in working towards the organization of Living Hope Baptist Mission.

I am so thankful to be blessed with the opportunity to co-labor with all of you. May God continue to do great things among us!



Estuardo Marroquin

Hispanic Missions

Bro. Estuardo Marroquin

We continue to see God's hand in Hispanic missions in our state of Mississippi. In recent weeks we have witnessed the blessings received in each field. In northern Mississippi, the brothers of the Hispanic mission in Tupelo had a large worship meeting and thanked God for one more year of serving in

the field along with Pastor Humberto. It was a worship service filled with praise, biblical preaching, and fellowship. Members of the Hispanic church in Ripley and the Oxford mission were also present and together they thanked God for the Hispanic mission in Tupelo. The church in Laurel continues to bring the

gospel to the Hispanic community in Jones County and as a result, they have had about 10 new believers, and 2 people were baptized. We thank God for what is being done in the Hispanic fields and thank everyone for their prayers and support of missions in our state. God bless you!



of BMA Seminary. More than one president had visited our church and local association meetings. However, I went through a period of searching as to whether I should attend seminary. One day as I struggled over what to do, the thought came to my mind, "I need some wisdom. What does the book of Proverbs say?"

Reading Proverbs 2:1-5 confirmed my need to attend seminary. Solomon urged his son to receive his words, incline his ear toward gaining wisdom, apply his heart toward understanding, cry after knowledge, lift his voice for understanding, and seek that understanding like he would for a hidden treasure. When such things are done, "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God."

I wanted that knowledge, and Solomon's words testified as to how one gains it! The actions in Proverbs

2:1-4 sound a lot like being in school. If I knew for certain that a treasure was buried in my backyard, unquestionably, I would search for it. Finding the knowledge of God is clearly available to those willing to listen and apply themselves by asking questions and seeking for understanding.

I have never doubted that the Holy Spirit does not need an educated person to lead God's people. But, the Spirit inspired the Proverbs and the instruction of 2 Timothy 2:15 that admonishes diligent study and right dividing of the Word.

BMA Seminary's conservative and biblically based education is a great place to begin or continue your journey of finding the knowledge of God.

Merry Christmas From The Mississippi Baptist

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:5-6



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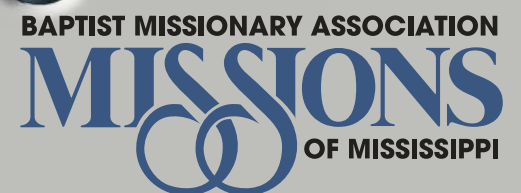
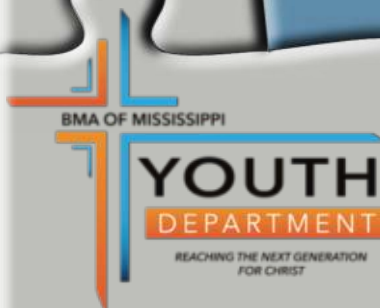
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Dwight Lindsey, Director

Thank you, God, for your gifts. Thank you for being a part of the provision God has sent our way. We are thankful for the special gifts you have given during our special emphasis. Even more so, we are thankful for how this time of year places us on the hearts and minds of our brothers and sisters who support this ministry. The Lord sends some of the most encouraging conversations and prayers our way this time of year. Why is that? Why does this generosity and cheer ebb and flow?

We all reshuffle priorities as times and needs arise. I think we all do that daily. I don't ask the previous questions as accusations but as reminders. When the water bill is due it takes precedence. When the cupboards are bare groceries take the highest priority. That is human nature in this temporal world. This is one of the many reasons God is so good to us. His priorities never change. There is never a day that He looks down at His creation and says, "They don't need me today; I think I'll shift my focus over here instead." He works for our good and His glory as is said in Romans 8 and 1 Corinthians 10, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose...do all to the glory of God." Everything He does stays in that balance. It may not be good now but it will be good later. We may lose sight of His glory now but the light will dawn. He is a good Father who gives good gifts to

His children. His plan and priority since before creation is to have an eternal people that will bask in His goodness and glory eternally. Does that mean forget about the water bill and groceries? No. It just means they should never replace the central goal of man, glorify God. If we pay the water bill or buy groceries it should give us satisfaction that we have glorified God in caring for our families as the Lord has entrusted to us His possessions and His provisions.

A believer gives honor to God during this time of year so much more easily by the steady reminders of God's goodness to us through His provision and protection through His Son Jesus Christ. It could be sermons, church/family activities, or even decorations of homes and businesses that take our mind to the kept promise that God would send His Messiah to this world to save us from our sins. May we all aim to carry more of the Christmas spirit with us all year long.

If we can come bless your church in any way please do not hesitate to reach out. We would be glad to come and report on the ministry. I would be glad to fill the pulpit for our pastors when they are out sick, on vacation, or fellowship while they are there as well. May you all have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and mercies renewed every morning.

In His Service,
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If the Lord leads you to give this Christmas here are a few ideas for the kids.

Boy 18

Color: Red, Blue
Candy: Reese's
Sport: Baseball, Basketball
Places to Eat: Cane's
Things to do: Fish & Hunt
XL shirts
XL shorts
Pants 38x32
13 shoes (cowboy or work boots)
Baseball style hats
Work belt

Boy 16

Color: Light Blue
Candy: Sour Skittles
Sports: Basketball
Place to Eat: Taco Bell
Things to do: basketball, video games, music
XL or L(long) shirts
30x34 pants
L shorts
12 shoes
Book series: Wings of Fire, Spy Kids
PS5 games (NCAA 25, Call of Duty BO6)

Boy 14

Color: Blue
Candy: Warheads
Sports: Basketball, baseball, hunting, fishing
Place to Eat: Chic-fil-A
Things to do: basketball, video games, Reading
L(long) shirts
30x34 pants
L shorts
12 shoes
Book series: Percy Jackson, Wings of Fire, any adventure books
Fidget/gadgets
Offline handheld games
Card games

Girl 17

Color: Pink, Black, Blue
Candy: Hershey's Cookies & Cream
Sport: Basketball
Place to eat: Dairy Queen, Golden Corral
Things to do: Read, Watch TV, Cook
XL Shirt
16 or XL Pants
10 Shoes
Book series Colleen Coble, Rock Harbor
Hair Crimper
Hair ties
Bath and Body Works
Puzzles

Boy 15

Color: Green
Candy: Milky Way
Sport: Basketball, Tennis
Places to eat: Canes
Things to do: basketball, hunt, video games
XL Shirt
XL joggers (fitted cuff)
Hoodies (Grizzlies, Ole Miss)
Shoes: 8W
Books: Sport Biographies
PS5 Games (NCAA 25, NBA 2k25, WWE 25, Call of Duty BO6)

Boy 9

Color: Green
Candy: Birthday Cake Cotton Candy
Sport: Basketball
Place to eat: Panda Express
Things to Do: Arts and Crafts
YXL Shirt
YXL Pants
5 wide shoes
Green Tumbler
Legos
Dinosaurs
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In order to help us endure in this call, the Preaching Lab is asking three of the BMA's most long-tenured pastors to minister to us. Doug Brewer, Gary O'Neal, and David McMurray will be working their way through 2 Timothy over the two day conference, along with

sharing some insights concerning burnout among pastors.

Start your year off strong by gathering with other preachers, whether you are a pastor, youth pastor, evangelist, missionary, or church planter. You will be challenged, equipped, and encouraged. You will forge brotherhood-type relationships that you can lean on in the hard days of ministry.

The conference will be held Jan. 10-11 in Little Rock at Oak Park Baptist Church.

You can register at tiny.cc/preachinglab2025. College students can register for \$25.

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NEWS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Diane Lee

Missionary to the Philippines
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Christmas in the Philippines begins with the “-ber” months—September, October, November, and December. On September 1 you will see Christmas trees in the malls and hear Christmas music in grocery stores, markets, and shopping centers. We are amazed that Christmas is not the most celebrated of the holidays, but the most celebrated is New Years. New Year’s Day is celebrated bigger and louder with lots of fireworks! And of course, the roasted pig!

Several years ago, Christmas became such a lonely time for us, so instead of sitting around brooding and missing our family, Doug and I began a Christmas bag ministry for the tribal children up in the mountains. Thanks to some wonderful people in the US who donate school supplies, toys, clothing, and candy for the children and with the help of our staff, we distribute Christmas bags to the impoverished indigenous village families. We share the Christmas story with them and talk to them about what Christmas represents, then present the gift bags to each child.

The number has grown from 60 our first year to 400 now. It is never easy to travel up the mountains. In the past, we have traveled there in Doug’s WWII Army jeep and motorbikes. The past two years, because of the rains and bad roads, we had to hire a driver and a sugar cane truck to take us through the cane fields and jungles up to the top of the mountain to deliver the Christmas bags and sacks of rice for the families. Oh, what fun it is to ride! Bumpy, muddy, and HOT, but an incredible adventure! It is an amazing blessing to be able to be the hands and feet of Jesus at this time of the year! It makes Christmas for us! This is what it is all about!

At the Bible College, the students, staff, and faculty enjoy drawing names for gifts. The Ilonggo word for it is “Manito Manita.” During our annual Christmas party, we sing Christmas songs, then each person stands up and gives clues to whose name they drew, and the others try to guess who it is. It becomes a game!



They then announce who it is, and that person comes up to receive their gift. They then repeat the process with whose name they have drawn. It takes a very long time, especially when you have 60-80 people, but they love it and have so much fun with it. There is much clapping and laughter. They are not in a hurry and are “in the moment.”

In our neighborhood, the children will get together and go door to door singing Christmas carols. They put their hands out or have a can for you to give them money. We give them money and sometimes give them a snack, which puts a smile on their faces.

Because of the need for us to be here the entire school year, we are never at home at Christmas. Many years ago, we began the tradition of having Christmas with our family in May when we return to the US on furlough. “Christmas in May” has become a family tradition with a Christmas tree, presents, and Christmas food! The grandchildren and great grands love it because they get to enjoy two Christmases a year!

Christmas as a missionary has changed from being a lonely time to a joy-filled time!

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NEWS



SPREADING THE GOSPEL: HOW LIFEWORD PARTNERS SHARE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS WORLDWIDE

By Emily Brantley
Lifeword
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Christmas—the season of joy, lights, and giving. Is there anything more magical than this time of year? The chill in the air, festive trees, twinkling lights, and presents fill our hearts with excitement. But beyond the sparkle, Christmas offers a deeper, transformative opportunity. After all, it's not just the most beloved holiday; it's the most celebrated one worldwide.

This global celebration is rooted in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Yet, what's fascinating is how Christmas is embraced by both Christians and non-Christians alike. This creates an incredible opportunity for sharing the message of Jesus with those who may not yet know Him personally. Across the globe, Lifeword partners are seizing this opportunity, using the season's openness to spread the Gospel.

In the Philippines, Christmas doesn't just begin in December—it kicks off in September! "When September comes, the malls start decorating with all the Christmas ornaments to welcome the season," says Bro. Pete Etabag, Lifeword's Asia Pacific Coordinator. With over 86% of the Filipino population identifying as Roman Catholic, most have heard of Jesus, but many don't fully grasp that salvation is a free gift from God.

"Most Filipinos believe they must earn salvation by following church rules," Bro. Pete explains. This is where Lifeword and her partners step in. During the Christmas season, Filipino churches host special outreaches and one of the most impactful events is the Christmas Cantata. Choirs perform, drawing families and communities into churches where they hear the message of Jesus' free gift of salvation.

In Lebanon, Christmas is also a time of high activity. "The whole month of December is Christmas-themed," shares Bro. Joe Costa, Lifeword's Western Asia Coordinator. Just like in the U.S., children eagerly wait to meet Santa and share their Christmas lists. Families come together to enjoy home-cooked meals and reconnect with friends. But amidst the festive rush, Bro. Joe and his family focus on hosting youth events and Christmas Eve services, teaching about the true meaning of Christ's birth and the salvation He brings.

Meanwhile, in Ghana, Christmas takes on a vibrant blend of cultural heritage and Christian traditions. "Ghanaian Christians celebrate with feasts, music, and traditional dances," says Bro. Hayford Jackson, Lifeword's Africa Regional Director. The richness of Ghana's culture is woven into Christmas festivities, making it an ideal time for Bro. Hayford and his team to share the Gospel through their outreach events.

Whether in the Philippines, Lebanon, Ghana, or here in the U.S., one thing remains constant: hearts are more open to hearing about Jesus during the Christmas season. Lifeword and its partners recognize this special window of opportunity to introduce people to the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of Christ and the salvation He offers to all.



National WMA Project News

Theresa Reus, National project promoter

Do you remember 2020? Remember the fallout of the pandemic? I don't know what your church had to do but for a little while we had services outside. We had an FM repeater set up so you could listen with your car radio. As the summer rocked on, more and more of us had to resort to this and roll up the windows and turn on the AC in our cars. I am in south Mississippi after all!

It was on a Sunday like this that I took a picture of my mom and dad in their car. I looked over and saw them singing. I couldn't physically hear them. But, because of years and years (and years) of attending church every Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday nights, camp meetings, revivals, 5th Sunday sings, and house prayer meetings, I had plenty of memories to draw from of what they sounded like. I'm not sure of the song we were singing but I'm sure I've heard them sing it many times before. My parents are still with us today, but if I should outlive them, one thing I know they'll leave me is 2 examples of lives devoted to Christ and His church.

This makes me wonder. What will my kids remember when I'm gone. What will they see as character traits I taught them or passed on to them? What is the culture in my home versus the world? Am I being intentional in my everyday life to instill these in them, to make these memories or teach these lessons, to be a living example?

This year our national WMA theme is leaving a legacy. One thing I've heard Dave Ramsey say is "No one falls into being successful. You don't get out of debt on accident." If you plan and work the plan, you can become very successful, wealthy, and leave your kids millions. But what will they remember about you? What will they do with the gifts you leave them? Have you taught them how to handle success and money? That comes from the character lessons taught. Will

they be pleased when others say, I remember your mom did such and such. Will the accolades they hear point them to God? That is the true success story in life.

This year, as we reflect on the legacy we'll leave, our project is a building program in Zambia, where Sharon and Mike Quillman are working. They want to leave a lasting impression on this world by giving of themselves to others. They are working in Zambia to preach and teach God's word. They want to make more disciples for Christ to reach more and more people. They want Heaven to be crowded! They want to know they've done all they can to reach the people God's sent their way.

Will you help us raise money for this worthy project? Our goal is \$80,000. The money will be used to build a central place for worship and classes for church workers. They hope to disciple people from many villages so they can go back and form churches in their area. The Quillmans desire to live among the people and a small apartment in this building will help with this.

Having a central location for a church and school for adults and children will be a great outreach among the villages. If you can help with this project please send funds to the WMA, P.O. Box 23, Salem, MO 65560.

I hope you will consider the legacy, heritage and memories you are leaving those who are coming behind you. What will the next generation be because of you?

National WMA Project 2024-2025 BMA Bible Institute of Zambia

Project Goal: \$80,000

Send donations to: WMA c/o Janet Widger PO Box 23 Salem, MO 65560

The Quillmans plan to build a place in the village area where the local villagers can attend discipleship, multiplication, pastoral, and church leadership training. The location selected is central to the 20 villages the Quillmans are currently ministering to. Men, women, and children from these villages are presently coming for Bible study, children's ministry, and Sunday morning church services.

The build will consist of purchasing land, building classrooms as well as bunkrooms as some men will need to stay overnight to make the return walk the next day, one home, an open-air tabernacle, solar for electricity, drilling a borehole for a water well, and putting in a septic system.

Once this build is complete, it will allow the Quillmans to move into the village permanently to live where their ministry will be able to flourish. To learn more about the Quillman's work in Zambia, visit their website thequillmans.com



Central Baptist College Announces Speaker, Date for 6th Annual Scholarship Gala

Arkansas native and former Razorback head football coach Houston Nutt will be the keynote speaker for Central Baptist College's 6th Annual Scholarship Gala. The event will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway.

The gala is a celebration of CBC's Legacy of Faith and serves as the College's sole fundraising event of the year. All proceeds will go towards the Central Baptist College Scholarship Fund which supports institutionally funded scholarships. Catered by Chef Billie Rodriguez and Central Baptist College Dining Services, the event is black-tie optional.

"CBC is excited to celebrate our annual Scholarship Gala. Our theme this year is 'Legacy of Faith.' This will be my last Gala as President, and I am confident it will be the best one yet," said CBC President Terry Kimbrow, "Houston Nutt is sure to be an excellent keynote speaker, and we hope many people will come and

hear the inspirational message that he will bring."

Houston Nutt has a career record of 135-96 as football head coach at Murray State, Boise State, Arkansas, and Ole Miss. He was named National Coach of the Year and The Football News Division 1-A Coach of the year in 1998, and he is a three-time SEC Coach of the Year. He has been a college football studio analyst on CBC Sports Network since 2012, and he and his wife Diana have four children.

Event sponsorships begin at \$2,000. Single tickets are available for \$100 each. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to make a donation, visit cbc.edu/gala or contact Peggy Pillow at ppillow@cbc.edu or 501-205-8834.

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