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Issue In Brief

Highlights from this months Issue

On the front page you can see information for the national meeting, and an announcement for the paper's new digital options.

Highlighting page 2 is an alert for information that is changing, with other announcements below.

Page 3 is all about the Youth Department.

Southeastern announces a new degree program on page 4. We also get Dr. Martinez's report about ABHE and Sports News. Don't miss the Galilean report on that page also!

Bro. Chris Yager gives a report on Missions and Revolving Loan on page 5, and an article on Revitalization. Missionary reports start on page 5 and continue to page 6. Check out the ad for Missions special emphasis and the new ImmerseMS app also.

On page 7 we hear about the success of the South Senior Adult Conference and see plans for the North Conference. We also have articles from the National WMA Promoter, and about BMA Seminary lectures on Associatonism.

Dwight Lindsey tells us some prayer requests for the Children's Home on page 8. Also on page 8 we see information from BMA Seminary on Seminary Sunday, and a profesor being published.

On pages 9-12 we see articles from National Missions and Lifeword.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Mississippi Baptist!

New Digital Edition and New Subscription Option

Help engage more church members

Last month's email to digital subscribers included a new, more mobile friendly version of the paper. This format is designed for easier viewing on smaller screens, helping to connect with more church members in a way that works for you.

This month, I am launching an initiative called "Every Home, Every Hand" to promote the digital version of our paper. With this program, each church has the option to raise their current subscription rate from $1.50 to $2 per month. This increase will allow for the continued delivery of a physical copy to each home, while also providing digital subscriptions for every member of the household. This means that all members will be able to access the paper on their mobile devices as well. The current price for the subscription plan does not cover the full cost of operating the paper. This new plan would cover costs, at the current rate, and offer more value to our churches.

If your church is interested in starting this initiative, please send your email list to editor@msbaptist.org. Additionally, we encourage you to promote the digital edition within your church, as some members who may be interested might not be currently reading the print version. We need your help to get The Mississippi Baptist in “Every Home and Every Hand”

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Check out the new mobile friendly format

Directors Reports and Recommendations Available

The Directors of the BMA National Departments and Agencies have prepared 2024 ministry reports online for all BMA church members to peruse. These reports are presented by video and are much more in-depth than the reports that will be given at the National Meeting in April. Messengers attending the National Meeting are encouraged to view these reports and call the respective directors with any questions.

Also included online is the schedule for the National Meeting, the Report and Recommendations Booklet, an opportunity to register for the meeting, and hotel information. There will be a limited number of Report and Recommendation Booklets printed for the meeting, but messengers are encouraged to download this information on their phones or tablets to help save money printing.

Visit bmaamerica.org/nationalmeeting to find all this information. If you need help with anything pertaining to the meeting, contact Conference Director Donny Parrish at donny@lifeword.org or 972-571-0357

BMA National Meeting
April 22-24, 2025
Pathway Baptist Church
Waxahachie, Texas

ALERT

DUE TO CHANGING DIRECTOR, WE HAVE ALSO CHANGED THE ADDRESS.

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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ADDRESS IS NOW

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THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PHONE NUMBER HAS NOT CHANGED, BUT IT HAS CHANGED HANDS. BRO. DON BROWN NOW HAS A NEW NUMBER.

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PHONE NUMBER IS STILL 601-426-3293

THE SENIOR ADULT COMMISSION PHONE NUMBER IS NOW 601-425-1258

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us at Broadmoor Baptist Church for "Revival Saturday," April 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Our guest evangelist will be Dr. Ralph Sexton, Senior Emeritus Pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, Asheville, NC where he has served for over 50 years. He has evangelized through crusades, seminars, and church revivals all over the world. This is a special night at Broadmoor, and we invite everyone to come and hear the Word of God preached through Dr. Sexton. Broadmoor Baptist Church is located at 5426 Highway 39 North, Meridian, MS. For more information, please call 601-323-4400 or 601-482-2229. Thanks, Chris Floyd, Pastor

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AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Bro. Zechariah Rogers

I am a licensed and ordained minister, and I have been in the ministry for 10 years. I am married, I have two children, and I live in Purvis, Mississippi. I am available for pastoral ministry, interim pastorate, or fill-in preaching as the Lord leads. You can reach me at 662-372-5730. Thank You.

Bro. Jason Howard

I was saved in 2002, baptized and became a member of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. Surrendered to the call to preach in 2003 and ordained in 2004. I served for 10 years at my first church and 11 at my second. I graduated from Southeastern Baptist College with a Bachelor degree in Church Ministries. I am the founder of Antioch Christian Academy, a ministry of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Lucedale, Mississippi. I have served as the Director of the Commission on History and Archives, Church planter and Missions Coach with the BMA of Mississippi. I have been married for 25 years, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. If I can possibly be a blessing to your church please feel free to contact me by phone at 601-689-1491 or by email Jasonowenshoward@gmail.com

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CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Good Hope Baptist Church, Stringer is prayerfully searching for a part-time Youth Minister. Resumes can be sent to 1067 County Road 19, Stringer, MS 39481. Bro Corbey Jones' phone number is 601-337-8886.

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 Boyd 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 .

OBITUARIES

Hazel Knight
Hazel H. Knight, 100, of Soso, MS, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2025. She was the wife of former Mississippi Missions Director, Arnold Knight, and mother of Dennis Knight, Pastor of Paramount Baptist Church.

Tony Cleaver
Dr. Tony Cleaver, a dedicated pastor, seminary professor, department chair at Jacksonville College, and columnist for BMA newspapers, was called home to be with the Lord on February 25th. He also served as a military chaplain and wrote several books. Dr. Cleaver was 81 years old.

Lisa Hudson
Lisa Gail Smith Hudson, 58, of Dorsey, MS, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 9th, at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, MS after a long battle with Leukemia. She was the wife of Bro. Matt Hudson, and Daughter of Bro. Arthur Smith.

Dennis Knight
Bro. Dennis Howard Knight, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2025 at age 76. Bro. Dennis was the pastor of Paramount Baptist Church in Perkinston for 35 years.

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:16

Upcoming Events

Top Golf Event	April 21
National Meeting	April 22-24
Galilean Camp	May 9-10
North Senior Adult Conference	May 12
Seminary Sunday	May 18
BMA MS Midyear Meeting	May 20
Teen Camp	June 9-12
Kids Camp	June 22-25
BMA of MS Annual Meeting	October 21

RENEW 2025 Dec. 28-30

Find more event information at bmamstogether.org/events

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THANK YOU, MAGNOLIA!!!

SPRING YOUTH RALLIES

What an amazing time everyone had at the South Rally! We all owe a huge **THANK YOU** to Magnolia in Hattiesburg! They rolled out the red carpet and made the event fantastic!!!

I want to thank **Justin Burdick** for doing all the cooking that night and the volunteers at Magnolia who worked so diligently! I also want to thank **Jonathan Freeman** and the youth praise team from Campground for leading in worship! They lifted our spirits to heaven and led us to exalt the Savior! What an encouragement to see these teens worshipping and surrendering to Christ! The future is bright in the BMA of Mississippi! These young people are already leaders, and they will be leaders for us moving forward! That really excites my heart!

There is never a perfect time to have these events. On this particular weekend, storms were rolling into Mississippi. As you know, before the rallies, tornado threats abounded. This hindered attendance at the rally in the South and we ended up postponing the North rally. Even though we missed some churches and some kids from the churches who attended, we still had a great turnout in the South. Despite the weather, we had 16 churches who came, and 182 in attendance at Magnolia!

It was truly a Spirit-led service! There were many in the altar during the invitation. God is at work in the hearts of our youth. That is awesome! I want to thank all the churches and sponsors who brought their groups! Check out the pictures in this paper for a glimpse of the meetings.

One thing that is certainly true is that there is a sweet spirit and close connections that have developed between the churches and the teens that are coming! It is so great to see this. This is something that didn't exist two years ago. The teens want to do more! They are telling me that bi-monthly events like this would be awesome. I will be praying about this.

MID-YEAR MEETING

I'm excited to tell you that at the Mid-Year Meeting at Southeastern a group of our teens will be singing! It is school time, so there won't be as many at the meeting as at the rallies or camp, but we expect a good group to be present to be a part of this meeting! This group will be led by Bro. Alan Carlson from Midway First Baptist.

We are making a diligent effort to get the younger generation involved in the state association. If we don't do this, I fear that we will lose our association in the future. The attendance at these meetings is dwindling, so this department is doing its part in trying to solve the matter. So, youth leaders & pastors, we need you to help in getting as many teens to come as possible!

It is also our motive to get teens around the state to visit Southeastern Baptist College in the hope that they will at least consider attending their first two years at our college. Wouldn't that be incredible? Pray for this!!!

REGISTER FOR CAMP

It is crunch time!!! Yes, many are already registered for camp! If you have not registered your group for kids or teens camp… IT'S TIME!!! Both camps are $150 per person. There is a $25 registration fee per camper! Go to our website, www.bmamsyouth.org! It is easy to do! Let me know if you have any questions! Most information is on the site!

LATRELLE WINDHAM SPECIAL EMPHASIS UPDATE

Currently (March 13th) we have $13,400 that has come in for the $35,000 Goal! We anticipate more to come in throughout the month. If you have not sent your offering in yet, please do so and of course mark the check to be for the "special emphasis."

I cannot thank you all enough for giving to this ministry. What we are doing is truly an investment in the lives of teens, kids and literally the future of the BMA of Mississippi! Recently, a friend of mine was chuckling at me, saying you aren't afraid to ask for the money. I really am not because it is one of the worthiest investments we can make as the older generation of the BMA.

Send offerings to Brandy Riley, 454 Lebanon Rd. Laurel MS 39443. FYI some churches still send their checks to the mission's office. We do not have an office there, so please let your treasurer know to change where they send the checks from your church. You can also donate on our website. Go to the site and click on the "DONATE" tab at the top of the home page.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

It has brought my heart sorrow to hear of the passing of Lisa Hudson and Dennis Knight. I have known Lisa and Matt for a long time. My sister went to SBC with them. They are both a part of my generation of BMA people. Bro. Knight has been a long-time pastor and servant in our association, and he will be dearly missed! We are praying for both of these families! I am grateful for the hope of glory and the truth that they are indeed in heaven with our Lord!

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Association for Biblical Higher Education

On February 19-21, a few of our staff members attended the Association for Biblical Higher Education 78th annual meeting and conference at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando Florida. ABHE is our accrediting agency that helps us provide a quality education to our students and ensures that the college is in good financial standing.

Dr. Martinez
President

The theme for this year's annual meeting was Making Disciples based upon Matthew 28:19. According to ABHE's President Philip E. Dearborn, "higher education is compelled by this Great Commission as our graduates live on mission with Christ, empowered by His Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth." The conference is comprised of three structures: 13 Pre-Convention Forms, 68 Workshops, and numerous Exhibitors offering their services to better enhance the mission of our schools. All this was organized to help leaders in academia sharpen their skills, expand leadership capacity, network, and stay on top of current laws that impact college operations.

The accommodations at the Rosen were superb, the food was magnificent, and the Plenary speakers were insightful. Overall, this was an A+ event that was extremely beneficial for our staff. The following photos are individual entities that partner with us in providing services to our students.

Sports News

Men's Baseball

Southeastern Baptist College experienced a night of contrasting outcomes on Tuesday, securing a commanding 10-2 victory over Tougaloo in the first game before falling short in a 13-8 battle in the nightcap. Fueled by a standout offensive performance from Austen Shirley, Southeastern Baptist cruised to a decisive 10-2 win. Shirley went 3-for-5 at the plate, sparking the Chargers' offense with key hits in the first, second, and sixth innings.

Southeastern Baptist College Dominates Lighthouse Christian College Series

Game 1: Southeastern Baptist College exploded for 12 runs in the sixth inning, securing a commanding win over Lighthouse Christian College. Rodderian Evans had a stellar day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two RBIs, while Austen Shirley's key single brought in two runs during the breakout inning.

Game 2: Daylon Collins Shines in 6-1 Victory

Final Score: Southeastern Baptist College 6, Lighthouse Christian College 1

Daylon Collins led the offense with a 3-for-4 performance, including an RBI single in the first inning. Craig Duplantis added a key sacrifice fly to give SBC an early lead. Ryley Reynolds pitched a complete game, allowing just one run while striking out three.

Game 3: SBC Completes Sweep with 9-3 Win

Final Score: Southeastern Baptist College 9, Lighthouse Christian College 3

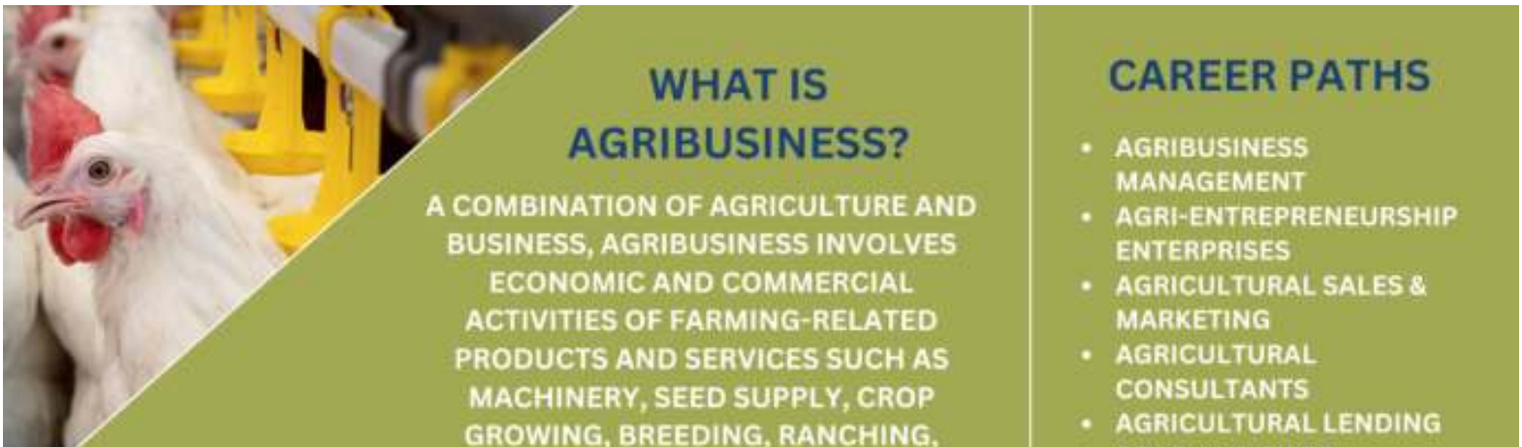
A big third inning powered SBC to a series sweep, with Jeremiah McKinney delivering a two-run triple. Patrick Rivers dominated on the mound, throwing 7.1 innings of scoreless baseball before handing it over to Tristen Henry for the save.

Women’s BasketBall

Chargers Fall in Tight Matchup Against Eagles

In a highly anticipated National Christian College Athletic Association Division II South Region women's basketball match-up, the Southeastern Baptist College Chargers faced the Trinity Baptist College Eagles on the road. Despite a strong start, the Chargers fell short in the fourth quarter, losing 56-51 in a game marked by intense back-and-forth action.

Congratulations to Sarahia Hurd for earning her first NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week. She is a freshman from Pontotoc, MS who was awarded this honor for scoring a third of Southeastern Baptist College's points.



Mississippi Galileans

By Mark Jones, Mississippi Galilean Promoter

The Mississippi Galileans have had to move our state camp from this weekend March 14-15 to May 9-10. Our theme will still be "Jesus or Me" Our theme verse will be John 3:30.
I want to invite all the churches to camp even if you do not have a Galilean program we would
love to have you. It is awesome to see the young men fellowship together. I have seen these young men over the last 28 years of being involved in Galileans make lifelong Christian friends, On the same note I have seen the men make friends for life. Nothing like having Christian brothers you can call on.
All you need to start a Galilean program is "one man and one boy." If you have any questions
about Galileans please feel free to call me
at 662-322-6516.

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Chris Yager, Director

Chris Yager

Missions and Revolving Loan Report

The Lord has continued to bless our Missions, Revitalize Ministry and our Timothy Ministry across the state. God has continually brought visitors and growth even through some times of sickness and difficulty within our mission points. Continue to pray for our missionaries! Our revitalize and Timothy ministry training is going well. Thank you to all who give and pray for these ministries.

Our Revolving Loan fund is doing well. Please note our lock accounts are changing over to “certificates of deposit” accounts, and that our great interest rates will still be offered. At the RLF, we are offering these new rates: 9 months for 4.5%, 12 months for 4%, 18 months for 3.75%, and 24 months for 3.5%. Our regular savings accounts are still at 2.5%. These rates are at the top of the market; don’t miss out on these great opportunities.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve our Lord, our churches, and our state association. It is an honor to serve Christ with you, because we do more together.

The Need for Revitalization

By Bro. Chris Yager

How do you know that your church needs Revitalization? Most churches realize that revitalization is a good thing, but that it is a good thing for other churches. Many fail to see that their church needs revitalization. Like our health, action is rarely taken until a church is in a critical situation. However, revitalization is a vital and strengthening process for every church; no matter how healthy or unhealthy they are.

The Lord's church does not have to be blindsided, reactive, or ignorant of this need. Not only has He given us His Word and His Holy Spirit for understanding, wisdom, and guidance. He has also given us opportunities to learn from other's mistakes. Thom Rainer wrote an excellent mini book that is called, the "Autopsy of a Deceased Church". In this book, he analyzes the common traits that are found in churches that have shut their doors. I would like to take the next few months and begin to analyze these traits to see if our churches have a need for revitalization.

The first and major characteristic is what he calls, "slow erosion", or the long term decline of the church. The vast majority of churches rarely close their doors over a single issue or flash-in-the-pan problem. For many churches, the decline began many years ago, but no one noticed it. It could have been any number of things that contributed to the decline of the church, but the ultimate demise of the church was death by neglect. Please understand, the neglect that I am referring to does not have to be that of Biblical preaching, singing, doctrine, or even prayer. The neglect could be as simple as not noticing some little things that lead to the slow decline of the church. These things could be as basic as the congregation getting older over time, church politics, lack of care demonstrated, or even leadership changes that lead to decline. This slow erosion takes place because the issues that are causing the decline are never addressed, and over time the church becomes callous to their effects.

Though this seems impossible to detect or transform, this trait can be easily remedied by a yearly assessment. This assessment forces the church to consider where they are versus where they have been, and then determine the factors that could be contributing to the slow erosion. If the church does find self critique to be difficult, they can enlist the help of individuals who are close to the ministry to aid in the assessment. This "outside" view is often a clarifying voice to the church that has become blind to their reality. Once the assessment has been determined, the church must act with courage to make the changes necessary to stop the erosion and rebuild what has been lost. The key is not getting discouraged in the process and rebuilding. God loves to rebuild, reclaim, and restart. He is the God of revival and renewal, and He desires to see His bride restored to her glory that He has determined for her.

Will you take the time to analyze your church to see if it is experiencing the slow erosion that plagues so many churches today? Will you ask the hard questions to see what the issues may be that are causing the decline? And will you move forward in love and courage to be the change agent for your church's future?

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Hispanic Missions

Bro. Estuardo Marroquin

Estuardo Marroquin

In 2002 the BMA of Mississippi began the Hispanic missions, it has been 23 years since the first mission field was started and during all these years God has called men to serve in the mission fields of the Hispanic community in our state. El Camino Church in the city of Laurel was the first to be founded and this year 2025 they reached 23 years of serving God. They recently held a special service to thank God for another year in which the church has seen God's hand at work. Several new families have been added, many people have been reached with the gospel of salvation and thus continue to fulfill the Lord Jesus' mandate to make more disciples. Personally, I thank God for giving me the privilege of planting this church and training other men to serve God.

Two other mission fields have been born from El Camino Church in Laurel, one in the city of Hattiesburg and the second in the city of Canton and it is a great joy to see that both continue to grow and carry the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Currently, the church in Laurel continues to train more people to serve God for missionary work, and in the local church ministry. In 2007 Bible Institute classes were started to train church members and today they continue with this beautiful work of teaching and training people who want to serve God in leadership, Sunday School Teaching and Missionary Work.

In the city of Canton, the Hispanic mission continues. Mission members remain faithful to God by learning from the Word each week and are encouraged to share the gospel with others. In the last week of February, Bro. Lucas Gomez and his wife welcomed a new member into their family, God gave them the blessing of being parents once again of a beautiful baby girl. We also ask for your prayers that God will guide Bro. Lucas and the Hispanic Mission to find a building to locate the Hispanic mission in the city of Jackson.

In the Hispanic missions of the north of the state, they continue to advance at a good step led by the Lord. Thank God they continue to open doors to bring the gospel, and such is the case of the Hispanic Mission in the city of Tupelo where they have had new contacts and are discipling new believers. Attendance at worship meetings has grown in recent weeks. Way Truth and Life church in Ripley along with Pastor Byron Morales have come to give great support to the mission where Pastor Humberto Regalado and his family have served in this field for more than 12 years. The Hispanic Mission in Tupelo has been blessed since its beginning to have the support of South Green Baptist Church as they provide the use of their facilities for worship meetings.

Finally, I want to thank the BMA of Mississippi Missions Department for supporting the churches of the BMA of Guatemala. I was recently part of a group of brothers to travel to Guatemala and serve with them to build two playgrounds on the premises of the Intino Baptist Camp and Centro de Vida Baptist Church that are members of the BMA of Guatemala. It was a great joy to be able to return to my country of origin and serve in those days the churches where God gave me the blessing to grow and form my spiritual life. "The children of our church have prayed for more than 10 years to have a playground like these. These children have been faithful in their offerings to God and thus support a project like this. Today we know that God answers the prayers of the little ones and rewards their faithfulness." (Pastor David Marroquin, Centro de Vida Baptist Church, Guatemala). Thank you, BMA of Mississippi, for all your support of this great project and to our Missions Director Chris Yager, God bless you greatly.

I continue to ask for your prayers for the immigration process for the religious worker visa of Bro. Oscar Monterroso, we are still waiting for the response of the authorities and that soon we can have the new Hispanic missionary in Mississippi, I also ask for your prayers for my family and that God continues to guide us to reach more people for his Kingdom, in Christ,

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Salt Light Baptist Mission

Doyle Moore

Doyle Moore

After experiencing a period of sickness that impacted both the mission and your missionaries, we are now in the process of regaining momentum. It's been a challenging time, but we are determined to move forward and continue this important work. In addition to the health challenges, we have also noticed that weather has played a significant role in affecting attendance at our events and services. Inclement weather can make it difficult for some of our people to come out and participate, which has posed an additional hurdle for us as we strive to connect with our community.

Linda and I have been actively engaging with shut-ins in our local community as part of our outreach efforts. We understand that many individuals are unable to attend services or gatherings due to health or mobility issues, so we are making it a priority to visit them and provide companionship and spiritual support.

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and support we have received from churches in Mississippi. Your encouragement and assistance mean the world to us during this time of recovery and renewal. Together, we are hopeful that we can continue to build and strengthen our mission family. Thank you for standing with us in this journey.

Living Hope Baptist

Bro. Samuel Yager

Sam Yager

100% Sundays

As we were establishing the vision and goals for this year, one goal became increasingly clear: a greater commitment to engaging and discipling the people whom God has already given us a connection with. With this big picture goal in view, we then put together targeted plans to accomplish this goal. One idea within this plan was to simply be able to see everyone connected to the mission attending church at the same time. This would be 100% attendance. To further the goal, we also wanted our people to be personally connected to our church values: centering on Christ, including one another, and connecting to community. We planned then to achieve all of these values on one day. This would be 100% commitment to our values. The combined goals of 100% attendance and 100% commitment to our values became our 100% Sundays.

Our first 100% Sunday was February 23rd. The plan was to begin the day centering on Christ as always with our worship service. Next, we would spend time including one another by sharing a meal after service. Then, we would connect to community by either taking meals and supplies to the homeless in our area or paying for a random person’s meal or gas that day.

The Sunday was a huge success. There was an excellent spirit found in the church throughout the day; and, even though we didn't quite make 100% attendance, we had a great turnout. The biggest blessing of the day for me was hearing how many people truly enjoyed and made the most out of the opportunity to connect to our community. Many of our people were praying with people and having Gospel conversations all throughout Meridian. Our people are truly grasping the idea of being unified in our church values, and our first 100% Sunday was evidence of that.

Thank you for your constant prayers for us! We are so blessed to be able to further the Gospel here in Meridian!

And how shall they preach, except they be sent?

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

APRIL & MAY 2025

Send donations to:
BMA of MS Missions
4226 Hwy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39440

- Please note which ministry/ministries you are making a donation toward on the memo portion of the check along with noting "Special Emphasis".

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$7,000 GOAL

Current Supported Missions

REVITALIZE experiencing life again

$7,000 GOAL

Healthy churches are needed to fulfill our mission to spread the gospel and plant more healthy churches.

This program is designed to help our BMA of MS churches become healthy through Revitalization, Restoration, and Replanting.

TIMOTHY MINISTRIES

$7,000 GOAL

The Timothy Ministry program helps mentor, coach, train and develop young men who have answered the call to preach in the day to day aspects of ministry.

We have Summer Internships and Apprenticeships available.

- For more information on these ministries, visit our website: www.bmams.org

Senior Adult Ministry

South Conference a Great Success!

The South Mississippi Senior Adult Conference held at Big Creek Baptist Church was by any measure a great blessing and success. Big Creek Church was again a gracious host and our thanks to Pastor Adam Sloan and the ladies of Big Creek for again hosting this meeting. Our attendance was up with over 230 attending from the Coast to the Capitol. Prizes were given, folks were recognized, games were played, the gospel was preached, and worship was offered up to our Lord.

Don Brown
Director

Bro. Josh Daniels blessed us with two sessions dealing with our 2025 theme of Legacy. The Harper Collective from Missouri led us in worship and blessed us with pure Gospel music. Bro. Lavon Haden and a number of volunteers from Just The Crumbs provided our noon meal of catfish and all the trimmings with several local churches providing the desserts for the meal. Words are insufficient to express our appreciation to each one who made this a perfect one for the Senior Saints who attended. The number of volunteers involved is a testimony to their love for the Lord and their desire to minister to others.

Not only did Bro. Haden and Just The Crumbs provide our meal, but they are the mission project for this year's conferences. Our churches and seniors gave a total of $5,282.00 in our special offering. I think this speaks to the love of our people and their desire to reach out to those in need.

North Conference Set

Our next conference will be May 12, 2025, and again hosted by Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Fulton. I want to encourage each church and senior adult from Northeast Mississippi to be in attendance. There is no need to register, but the need is to promote this meeting, promote our 2025 theme of Legacy, promote our project of Just The Crumbs, bring a special offering for their work, and be present for a blessing.

The Harper Collective will again be our music guests and Bro. Josh Daniels will be our speaker. God is moving among our people and blessing the work of Senior Adults. Come be a part of something special!

Just The Crumbs Ministry

Under the leadership of Bro. Lavon Haden and with the help of many volunteers, the Just The Crumbs ministry is doing God's work. Thousands of meals are fed to those in need after disasters and many homes repaired and/or replaced with the help of so many. Comfort is given to those hurting and the Gospel is shared with those looking for answers – this is their ministry, and it is deserving of our support. Put these folks on your prayer list and give as the need is great.

2025 North Senior Adult Conference

May 12, 2025

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Fulton, Mississippi

The Legacy of A Dedicated Believer

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

PrimeTimers

Message by
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National WMA

National Project Promotion

Well, we're a couple of months into the new year. How are all those New Year's resolutions going? We've had extreme cold weather for our area, so… my exercise goals are definitely waning off. Ok, I'll be honest, I haven't tried very hard because I'm a weenie and don't want to be cold. OK? But, seriously what about the other things people try to set up in the New Year? Have you been able to keep your desk cleared? Have you saved any money for that trip? Have you eaten at home more? What about your Bible reading? Are you on track to read through the Bible this year?

Just imagine if you didn't have a Bible. What if you only had this month to have access to a Bible? You already would have read through it and committed much of it to memory.

Mikael and Sharon Quillman are giving the people around them the gift of God's word. They are working in Zambia, to teach and disciple God's people. The Quillmans have been able to do much while they have been in the field in Zambia. This year the WMA is helping to raise money for a building to house all their efforts. The local villagers could have a central place to attend discipleship, multiplication, church leadership, and pastoral training. Men, women, and children could gather to learn and worship. There would also be a few bunkrooms where those who have traveled can sleep before a trip back. Our goal for the project, which includes the building, a well, solar power, and septic systems, is $80,000.

Please, consider giving to this project. When you think of your quarterly, annual, and life goals, consider how you can help others reach their goals and callings.

The Importance of Associationism

Have you ever wondered why the Baptist Missionary Association of America (BMAA) has "Association" in its name? In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the BMAA, we would like to invite you to BMA Seminary and Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, TX on **April 8-9, 2025** for a series of lectures on what it means to belong to an association of churches.

Lectures will be presented by Dr. Thom South, adjunct professor of Church History and Theology at BMA Seminary and pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Conway, AR; and Dr. David Erickson, president of Jacksonville College and former professor of Church History and Theology at the BMA Seminary.

- **April 8th**: 10:00 AM – Defining "Church" and "Association,"
  Dr. Thom South, Dorman Chapel, BMA Seminary
- **April 8th**: 2:00 PM – Biblical Basis and Benefits of an Association,
  Dr. Thom South, Dorman Chapel, BMA Seminary
- **April 9th**: 11:00 AM – A History of the BMAA, Dr. David Erickson,
  Buckner Chapel, Jacksonville College

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God is good. I can hear His people echo, "All the time." He is good to create this world. He is good to create life. He is good to be patient with our sinfulness. He is good to provide His son as the Savior to all who will believe. In His goodness, He sent His Spirit to comfort and guide us while we await His return. The list of His goodness goes on and on. While listing His goodness is a good practice, what else can we do with His goodness? Prayer is another good gift given by God for practical daily use.

Prayer is a multifaceted gift from God. Sin separated us from our original fellowship with God, but God continued communication and intervention with His creation. While God has started the line of communication, He also leaves prayer as our means of continued communication with Him. “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God,” Philippians 4:6. Here, Paul commands believers to take worries, praise, and requests to God through prayer. In Thessalonians, Paul tells us that continual prayer is a part of the will of God. The Lord wants to hear from us. He wants to listen to our concerns, needs, and thankfulness. How good is that! The God of all the universe says, “Come to Me.” Instead of wallowing in worry, go to Him. When you experience great blessings, praise Him in prayer. Ask Him if you need protection, provision, patience, or anything else.

The gift of prayer is more than just a blessing for us. Prayer is an opportunity to share in the work of God. He is most certainly doing all the heavy lifting, but He has invited us to join Him in His work through the vessel of prayer. I think of it like my childhood with my earthly father. As a toddler, Dad would give me some tasks while working on projects. My task was not vital to my dad finishing his project but it allowed me a part, experience, and the opportunity to learn to trust that my dad could do things that I could not. This is the picture of us praying the Word of God and, therefore, praying the will of God. Here, we shift from a blessing for us to a blessing for others. We have echoed the calls of Paul in many of our reports, “brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.” As we have done that, we have often listed more significant general concerns: pray for the ministry of the Children’s Home, pray for laborers for the harvest, etc.

Now, I want to share more specific prayer requests for our children. I will not give names to particular requests for privacy reasons, but I will provide you with some things Lindsay, and I pray through regularly.

Pray for the salvation of our kids. We know that through all the problems they face in this world, the redemption Christ offers is the ultimate answer.

Pray for their education. We have a house full of smart kids, but a couple of them have specific difficulties due to their past trauma and failures to provide the needed structure for their academic success.

Pray for healing. Every child that lives here has hurt, which has caused a lot of difficulties in their life and the shape of their relationships. We provide biblical and parental counseling daily, but we have a couple of kids who have to see clinical counselors to work on expressing issues from their past to be able to continue to grow emotionally through their circumstances.

Pray for their maturity. All our kids must balance the mix of previous life experiences and the biblical model now presented to them. This is not easy for any kid in our modern culture, much less those who have experienced some of the worst this world has to offer.

Pray for their future. As any parent can attest, life passes fast, especially in the high school years. We have multiple kids who are rapidly approaching life-shaping decisions for college and careers.

Pray that Lindsay and I will parent them well through this time. Pray for our physical needs and future help in this ministry.

Brethren, pray for us. As always, if we can help your church in any way, please reach out, and we'd be glad to come and report or fill the pulpit any time we can. I pray the Gospel will continue to be preached in our churches as we serve Christ.

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BMA Seminary graduating class of 1990

PRAY - for BMA Seminary's 2025 graduates
GIVE - to provide Scholarships
ENCOURAGE - President Dr. Philip Attebery (pictured above) and the entire Seminary family by observing Seminary Scholarship Sunday on May 18, 2025.

Seminary Professors Article to be Published

Ronnie J. Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of Christian Education at the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, received word that his article, "Inductive People Helping: Integrating Inductive Bible Study and the Process Model of Helping," has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling (JPC&C). This peer-reviewed journal advances theory and professional practice through scholarly and reflective literature on pastoral care, counseling, education, and research. The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is a sponsor of the journal.

Dr. Johnson's article presents Inductive People Helping as a complementary approach to Bible-based counseling and discipleship. By applying principles of Inductive Bible Study, the goal is to assist pastors, ministers, and lay leaders in using their existing knowledge of inductive-Bible-study questions to understand individuals in need. To be clear, the article does not support integrating secular counseling methods with Christian counseling. Rather, it can assist those familiar with Inductive Bible Study in integrating the questions they use for Bible study into counseling or discipleship. This approach has the potential to significantly enhance the practice of pastoral care and biblical counseling. Dr. Johnson is eager to support pastors and churches in counseling ministry.

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MEDICINE AND MISSIONS

By Dr. Ralph Izard
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Editor's Note: Dr. Izard began his medical mission journey while visiting Honduras to serve with Missionary Bobby Bowman. There he fell in love with missions and using his gifts to serve the Lord. When Bro. Bobby returned to the States and began Baptist Medical Missions International (BMMI), Dr. Izard felt led to be involved. Since its beginning, Dr. Izard served with BMMI while practicing as a doctor in Benton, Arkansas. In 2005, at the age of seventy, he retired from his practice, sold his family farm, and moved to Benton to devote his time to BMMI, where he has served as BMMI Director for 20 years. Dr. Izard is known and loved by missionaries all over the world. I recently sat down with him as he explained his love for BMMI, told incredible stories, and shared unique experiences.

The purpose of BMMI trips is to draw a crowd. The missionary can talk to the average person on the street, in their house, and in the community. Everyone is interested in their health, so we listen to conversations.

We go to support the missionary on the field to achieve whatever work he intends, like establishing a church, doing evangelism, or starting a clinic. When people come to clinics, they start in the medical area and before they get their medicine, they go through the evangelism station where someone from the local church shares the gospel with them. We do this because our purpose is not really medicine, but to introduce them to the local church and to share with them the plan of salvation. We offer hope in Jesus as the best medicine.

Our team serves where we are invited. The missionary sets everything up for us to be there and our mission is to serve alongside them. We do not work independently. Before people see a doctor, they fill out a check-in form. This form contains contact information for each person attending the clinic. It gives the missionary a chance to follow up and let them know we care about them and their health. When we leave, we know that the real work is just beginning for the pastors. They use the forms to follow up with those they met at the clinic, furthering the relationship between them and the church.

BMMI has served in 80 different countries around the world bringing healing through the hope of Jesus Christ. We serve in places where we cannot share the gospel in clinics, but again, the pastors will use the forms to visit one-by-one with the people, sharing more about Jesus.

We have a long list of places we have gone on BMMI trips like Honduras, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Cambodia, Vietnam, Ghana, the Philippines, and many more. Many places have asked for BMMI trips multiple times. We did a lot of work in Cambodia and built two clinics there and went to Laos several times.

BMMI's biggest impact is doing things for people who have no way to repay you, going places where people have no access to any kind of health care. All my life, I've been fortunate because I've never done anything I disliked professionally. In my practice, there were doctors who counted the minutes before they got to leave the office. My original degree was in geophysics, but there wasn't a demand for geologists. So, at the age of twenty-five, I took the MCAT test for medical school and passed it. The world today wants good wages, a house, perfect everything, but I really enjoy practicing medicine and seeing people get better and achieve the goal of good health.

Somebody asked me if doctors really care if people get better. I said, "Sure they do!" You like people to believe in your skills and have confidence that you know what you're doing for them.

The following are snippets from some of Dr. Izard's favorite stories:

During a BMMI trip to China, we visited a young man who was very sick in bed and couldn't get up. He had arthritis in his joints and really bad psoriasis. The family had put him in a small, dark, concrete room in the back because he was a stigma to the family. But I told the family they needed to get the young man out in the sunshine and start him on prednisone. Later, when I went back with the medical team, we saw people at a pharmacy who told us I had a patient who wanted to see me. I couldn't think of any patients I had in China but went with them anyway. Well, it was the young man I had cared for. He had walked to the medical center to thank me for healing him.

The most unique place I've ever been is also China. First time we went there was back when Hong Kong was independent and you could only get in through customs. We were in this long line when we arrived at the border of China in Hong Kong and suddenly, soldiers came to my seat and told me to come with them. You read all these horror stories about China, but I went with them anyway and they took me through the diplomatic line without checking my baggage. I was waiting on the other side when the others saw me. They were just being respectful, which is very important in their culture.

One time, we were being bombed back when Bush was president. Jeff Franks was a missionary and we went to the country of Georgia to establish clinics in this little old town where they dropped mortars all night. But it was just a warning. The Georgian army wasn't going to fight the Russian army. I thought we should leave earlier than we planned, so we went down to Tbilisi where a Russian bomb had hit the airport. You couldn't fly out and the roads were blocked out of Georgia. We finally found a van to take us to Armenia on the border and next to Georgia. So, I called Asatur to help because I knew him. We'd been to Armenia many times. He got us a place to stay and took us out through the mountains. In Georgia, they make a great cheese bread that our driver bought to give to the Armenian guard as a bribe. When we got to the gate, he had been hitting the bottle pretty heavily, and we were way up the mountains when he decided he wanted us to eat bread and drink with him. Well, we weren't going to drink, but he liked it, and we needed to get out of there. It took him forever to get those stamps in our passports, and the driver was getting madder and madder. But finally we got out and went to Armenia.

FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE ATI TRIBE

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Thank you for this opportunity. I pray that through this article, the readers will be encouraged to be brave while facing circumstances in the ministry.

I am Ms. Flordeliza A. Dequino. I work with the Ati tribe in the southern part of Negros Island in the Philippines. I am happy to share my testimony.

I got saved when I was 16 years old. I was led to the Lord by Pastor Henry Adrias who served in the BMAP ministry led by Pastor Doyle and Ma'am Linda Moore. After I graduated high school, I studied management in a secular school, but stopped this course after two years. I felt that God was calling me to fully serve Him, so I went to the Bible college to study. I received a full scholarship for my tuition and finished my Bachelor degree in four years. I worked as a church worker and a school teacher for six years in our Baptist academy here in the Philippines. I spent three years as a missionary in Cambodia. I have now spent 12 years with the Ati tribe.

I had the privilege to finish my secular course while working in the mission and doing ministry. I chose to remain as a missionary despite having the chance to have a higher paying government job in the greatly needed field of teaching. God has never failed to provide my needs through it all. Working with this tribe is truly an inspiration for me. I used to live in comfort, but God led me out of my comfort zone to prepare for the challenges and adventure of doing tribal mission work as a single person.

I started this tribal mission work with the Ati tribe in the central part of Negros Island. They were aboriginal and have been a less privileged group of people in the Philippines for many years. Education was not available for them. Being trapped in a cycle of poverty and illiteracy, they could not advance economically. Most of their women sold herbal medicine to the neighboring towns and their men worked in the sugarcane fields from September until March. They worked hard and struggled to survive and provide three meals a day for their families.

The Lord burdened my heart to stay with them and share God's love and help them understand God's word. I also encouraged them to value education and economic opportunities. I submitted myself to God's will and offered my services to them by ministering and teaching children. It was a personal sacrifice to not get married and have my own family, but it was still a pleasure and an honor to faithfully serve God.

Two years ago, five people from the Ati tribe had already graduated from the BMA Bible College. Three of them are working in a neighboring village and the other two are working with me at the tribe. Brother Roter Sinceda does the preaching every first and third Sunday, and Brother Cedie Sencida preaches every second and fourth Sunday. Brother Roter was a full scholar student of our mother church, Granada Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Ariel Bermejo. Miss Cherry Sencida is helping me in the children's ministry. They have all been a great help to the tribal ministry.

We give food packs to 180 families every year, and we have maintained a feeding program for 200 Ati children for 12 years. We hold VBS every summer. We provide the "First Time Ever to Wear or Taste" event every December. Each activity is accompanied by prayers, songs, and a Bible story. I know that God loves the children. Many times, resources were insufficient and I had to spend from my own allowance to provide for them. My heart was so full of joy when I did that. Many children currently attend Sunday school at our church each week. I teach them songs and memory verses. I fill the minds of these young ones with God's word because I know that their minds are not yet filled with their tribal beliefs and traditions. I know that someday they will become better citizens in their community. I believe if we don't teach them God's ways from God's word, the world will teach them their ways.

We have a youth fellowship every month. We have bonding, overnight retreats, and outings. The sacrifices of ministry can seem tiring, but we have to maintain this activity to keep them on the right path and away from the dirty influences they will find on social media. I am always bending my knees in prayer for them. To God be the glory. We have two young professionals who now have a stable job in the government. One of them was our worship leader for our worship services. May God use them mightily in His vineyard.

We also have in-home Bible studies every week. We now have 11 homes scheduled. I teach them sound doctrine and biblical principles. It is a challenge to teach the adults because their minds are already full of their tribal beliefs and traditions. I never lose hope. I just do my part to share God's love to them. We have souls that come to know the Lord and receive Christ as their Lord and personal Savior through these Bible studies.

God blessed us to build a new church building for His glory. It was a project built in the Ati tribe community by faith. The size of the building was 24 x 44 feet. The expenses were contributed by the mission members, members from the mother church, our fellow BMA brethren, and from our ministry partners. This work was all voluntary and each had to do their own assigned task. Even the children gave their active participation. The project is not yet done, but I continue praying and believing that by the grace of God, He will provide in His time. All the glory and honor to Him.

Finally, I am grateful to the BMA for sending many American missionaries to share God's love to the Filipino people. Thank you for choosing us to be the recipient of God's love that you have shared. I know many American missionaries stood up for the cause of Christ and left their families and their country to serve God.

God knows that the road I've traveled has not been easy, but I'm still here. The only reason is because God is walking that road with me every step of the way. In 1 Timothy 1:12 (KJV), the Bible says "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted my faithful, putting me into the ministry."

Thank you to the BMAA for the unending support for us. Please always include us in your prayers. I have two specific prayer requests: church building completion and financial provision for my two orphan nieces' schooling.

Thank you again for this privilege to share our tribal ministry here in the Philippines. May God bless you!

VSM'S GATEWAY TO MISSIONS

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Ever wondered what David Dickson, Bryan and Pam Risner, Candra Barnett, Stan and Donna Scroggins, and the Johnsons have in common? It's simple. They're all BMA missionaries! But here's the interesting part: They all started their journey through BMA Volunteer Student Missions (VSM).

For years, VSM has been the steppingstone for many to discover their calling into long-term missions. Take the David Dickson family, for example. Their first taste of missionary life came through a short-term mission trip. These trips provided an opportunity to witness firsthand the work of missionaries, experience different cultures, and engage in ministry. Many who took part in these short-term trips found that their passion for missions grew, leading them to commit their lives to long-term service.

Donny poses with students at VSM Bootcamp in 2009

The modern VSM story began in 1999 when a group of students from the University of Central Arkansas who were involved with their local Association of Baptist Students decided to serve on the mission field. This initiative gave birth to VSM.

Soon after, an annual missions boot camp at Daniel Springs Baptist Camp began attracting hundreds of students each summer. SOAR, the BMA's annual student event, began promoting these trips, making VSM a central part of their challenge to students. Eventually, BMA Missions (now BMA Global) embraced the idea of summer mission trips for students, integrating it into their mission opportunities for local churches. Over the years, hundreds of students have dedicated part of their summer break to serve with BMA missionaries worldwide. Time and again, these short-term trips have become the launching pad for long-term missionary service. Many of today's missionaries can trace their calling back to a short-term experience that opened their hearts to the mission field.

Today, VSM is led by Angela Rice, Coordinator of Short-term Missions. Each year, students commit to serving in the United States and across the globe, helping BMA missionaries build relationships in their fields of service. VSM has also inspired other short-term mission opportunities that Angela promotes, organizes, and oversees annually. This includes a weekend of training and inspiration for both students and leaders called World Missions Weekend! In 2024 alone, over two dozen groups served with BMA missionaries through BMA Short-term Missions.

Involving students in the Great Commission is at the heart of Volunteer Student Missions. Young people continue to hear the call to serve the Lord, and VSM remains dedicated to providing the pathway to the mission field. God continues to use VSM as a gateway to full-time missionary service—proving that a short-term trip is often just the beginning of a lifelong journey in missions!

To learn more about a BMA Short-term Missions trip for your church or to send your students on a Volunteer Student Missions adventure, visit www.bmaglobal.org/vsm or call Angela Rice at 214.498.3041 OR angela@bmaglobal.org

LIFEWORD CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF BMA

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Seventy-five years ago, the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) took a monumental step in its global mission work by commissioning its first missionary, Bro. Harold Morris. Little did they know that Morris' obedience to God's calling would not only spread the gospel in South America (and, later, in Europe) but also lay the foundation for what is now Lifeword, a thriving media ministry that continues to reach the world.

Harold Morris was a man of vision and determination. After 12 years of mission work in Brazil and another year in France and Portugal, Bro. Morris's health forced him to return from the mission field. He carried a deep burden for the lost in his home country. In 1965, he wrote, "Surely, we have only to read the front pages of our newspaper or hear the newscasts to know that our nation is in crisis times, and we feel that the greatest help that we could give our own America is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." He understood that true change could only come through the transformative power of Christ.

God gave Morris a new way to fulfill the Great Commission: media ministry. On September 4, 1965, he launched a Saturday afternoon radio program called Harvest Gleaner Hour on KSTL in St. Louis, Missouri, with the goal of "making Jesus known to the multitudes of our land."

Morris saw the potential of radio to reach more people in a week than a single missionary family could in a lifetime. His relentless pursuit of excellence led him to seek out the highest-powered stations and to send recorded sermons, music, and Bible studies to the nations.

His successors carried forward his vision. Under their leadership, the ministry expanded rapidly, increasing its radio reach and adding languages such as Spanish, Creole French, Portuguese, Arabic, and Mandarin. In 1978, Harvest Gleaner Hour had become a global presence, and by 1987, a name change was in order. During a strategic meeting, George Reddin stated the purpose of the ministry was "to spread the words of life to everyone around the world." Thus, Harvest Gleaner Hour became Lifeword.

Lifeword continued to innovate, embracing television, print materials, and later, digital media. Under the leadership of Steve Crawley and Donny Parrish, the ministry transitioned to cloud- based technology, making gospel content available in over 160 languages worldwide.

Harold Morris likely never imagined how technology would evolve, but his passion for using media to spread the gospel still drives Lifeword's mission. From a single radio broadcast to a global digital footprint, the impact of his obedience continues, fulfilling Jesus' command to "Go, preach, and make disciples.

The commissioning of Harold Morris was a defining moment in BMA Global's history and in Lifeword's, as it paved the way for the creation of this ministry. As BMA Global celebrates its 75th anniversary, we at Lifeword also celebrate the legacy of Bro. Harold Morris, the beginning of BMA Global and, later, Lifeword, and how both ministries continue to reach people for Christ around the world.