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Galileans Announce New Location And New Dates

By Kenneth Colvert,
National Galilean Director

National Galilean Camp 2017 will meet June 29–July 2 at StoneRidge Baptist Camp in Smithville, Ark. Registration will begin at 3 p.m.

Thursday, and camp will end Sunday morning, July 2 around 10 a.m. The camp will close with an early worship service after breakfast.

It is, of course, with sadness, but with many fond memories that we end our long history of National Galileans meeting at Daniel Springs Camp in Gary, Texas. We will always remember and cherish our times at Daniel Springs.

It is also with excitement and good expectations that we begin a new journey and tradition for National Galilean Camp. StoneRidge Baptist Camp is owned and operated by the Jonesboro (BMA) Association of Arkansas.

We appreciate Camp Manager Scott Small for making the camp available to National Galileans for a very affordable price of \$72 per camper. This will greatly help our local churches as most of our Galilean groups raise money to pay for their camp registration fees. Scott has served as a Galilean counselor in the past, and holds the Galilean ministry in high esteem. We know he and his staff will be a blessing to us, and I know our boys and men will do our best to be a blessing to them.

The camp is located in the beautiful Ozark hills of Northeast Arkansas. The camp facilities will meet

MOVING with ministers and staff

Jim Swinea has resigned as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Effective Sept. 25, he will be available for preaching or “Share Your Faith” teaching appointments and interim or bi-vocational pastoral service as the Lord leads. He can be contacted at (870) 395-1282.

Tyler Brantley is the new youth pastor at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Searcy. He previously served at Needs Creek Baptist Church in Greenbrier.

Jasson Fitzgerald, a member of Bodcaw Baptist Church, is available for preaching appointments as the Lord leads. He can be contacted at (318)578-3023.

Jim Goodson, a member of First Baptist Church at Damascus, is available for preaching appointments and bi-vocational pastoral service as the Lord leads. Contact him at (501) 951-6830 or his pastor, Daniel Williams, at (501) 358-1553.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at Gravette is seeking a part-time pastor. Contact Howard Spears at (479) 787-5883 or John Philliber at (479) 633-3737.

our needs well and give us plenty of room to grow. We have a place for your local church group of men and boys to come, so make plans now to attend National Galilean Camp next summer.

We want to assure our Galilean boys and counselors that the camp program that was adopted at our National Galilean Officer’s Planning Meeting in July will be carried out at StoneRidge Baptist Camp. We will just be having camp in a different location.

The 2017 theme is AGAPE, I Cor. 13: 1-3. We will be preaching and teaching about:

- Who is the Love? (John 3:16)
 - What Do We Love? (John 15:13, Matt. 22: 35-40)
 - When Do We Love? (II Cor. 11:23-28)
 - Where Do We Love? (Matt. 5:16)
 - How Do We Love? (Luke 5:11-24, John 3:18)
 - Why Do We Love? (John 4:19)
- Some good reasons to send your

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Lifeword’s New Daily Broadcast

On Monday, Sept. 12, Lifeword will begin a new daily broadcast called *Day by Day*. This “social-media cast,” as Donny Parrish calls it, will be aired at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday on Lifeword Media Ministries’ Facebook page.

Lifeword has not had a daily presence in North America for almost 25 years, when Station WWL in New Orleans aired the Harvest Gleaner Hour program on channel 870 AM. The 15-minute program included music recorded in the Conway studios and Bible teaching recorded in Red Oak, Texas, by Dr. Harold E. Henderson.

The long-format broadcast was suspended in the early 1990s due to cultural changes and cost-prohibitive airtime. Lifeword has always adapted to changing media, so the ministry made the decision to expand its footprint globally to those who had the greatest need for the Gospel.

Now, the advent of the internet and social media has allowed Life-

word to reenter the American media scene with this short-format program. The *Stories* series, Facebook videos of changed lives due to the Gospel, has been successful, so Parrish had the idea of a daily broadcast that “harkens back to the *Day by Day* program, which was written by former Lifeword Executive Director George Reddin.”

Donny says, “We want to be an encouragement to people in BMA churches all over the world. We’ll be sharing the exciting things going on around the world from our missionaries and Lifeword. And we want to share the exciting things going on in our BMA churches as well. It will be three-and-a-half minutes of encouragement from God’s Word and God’s people, and we invite people to share the videos on their own social media.”

To see and share *Day by Day*, like Lifeword Media Ministries’ Facebook page. To let Lifeword know about your church’s ministries and outreach, tag Donny Parrish in your posts.

Seminary Announces Paschal Lectures

The annual William N. Paschal Memorial Bible Lectures will be held in the Dorman Memorial Chapel on BMA Seminary’s Jacksonville, Texas campus on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

This year’s lectures will be presented by Dr. Thomas J. Nettles, Senior Professor of Historical Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The focus will be “A View of Landmarkism from the Perspective of a non-Landmark Baptist.”

In conjunction with the lectures, the seminary will be offering a three-semester hour motion course, Special Studies in Church History (CH 431/CH 631). Students will need to attend both lectures and a meeting on campus on Wednesday, Sept. 14. In addition, they must also be prepared to conduct reading and research in conjunction with the course.

For more information, call the Dean’s office at (800) 259-5673, or email bmats@bmats.edu.



No paper next week due to



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SOS Staff — (Back Row L-R) Senior Team Leader Pranay Borde, Mitchell Goodwin, Jake Tyson, Team Leader Blake Pittman, Jacob Pangle, Team Leader Jacob Lowery, Landon Riddle, Clay Nance, Preston Jones, Director Kerry Norris; (Middle Row L-R) Taylor Gasaway, Kaylee St. John, Makaye Key, Hopi Horvat, Team Leader Addie Bender, Candra Barnett, Macaela Shieldnight, Zac Lee, Max Sullivan, Jessica Hager, Amanda Glover; (Front Row L-R) Madi Townsend, Courtney Jordan, Ruth Cheng, Team Leader Mati Spencer, Shelby Cuthbertson, Alyssa Fontillas, Mallory Davis, Krista Abel, Savannah Graham, Casey Slayton. (Not pictured, Senior Team Leader Carter Mayo)

Student Orientation Staff

Student Orientation Staff (SOS) is a group of returning students whose primary role is to welcome new CBC students and help them with their transition to college. SOS plans many fun activities from move-in day through the first day of classes to help students meet each other and begin to build friendships with one another. This week of activities is called MUD Week, which stands for Mustangs Under Development.

The process of building an SOS team begins early in the year. Students apply over a two-month process. Then Director of Student Success Kerry Norris and the Senior SOS Team Leaders review application, conduct interviews and select the staff.

SOS members complete training before they leave campus for the summer in order to begin the team-building process and go over policies and expectations for staff members. SOS members then return to campus a week before move-in day for additional training and to complete planning for MUD Week events. Part of the training includes participation in the Excel Program at the

4-H Center in Little Rock, which consists of a full day of team building activities and a high ropes course.

I am proud of our SOS team every year, but this year I was particularly proud of them. The night before move-in day, Cody "Gracey" Miller, who was an SOS member, was killed in a vehicle accident. Cody was a vital part of the SOS team, and was so excited about serving on SOS this year.

"I'm so proud of each and every one of this year's SOS staff as they kept their energy high and focused on serving the new students, all while having to grieve the loss of their friend and teammate," said Norris. "They would consistently remind each other that Cody would want them to keep focused on the new students and have a positive attitude. I could see the spirit of Cody in each and every one of them."

I want to say "thank you" to our SOS staff for their dedication to the mission of Central Baptist College. Their act of service as an SOS member exemplifies how CBC strives to integrate Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ — cen-

Fall Softball Camp

The CBC Mustangs will hold a fall Softball Camp for those interested in playing college softball. The camp is for student athletes that will graduate in the 2017-2020 classes. The camp will be held Sept. 17 at the City of Colleges Park, the home field for the Mustangs.

"This will be a highly competitive camp," said Coach Kristen Drage. "If you are interested in being recruited by CBC, this is the camp to attend."

Signup for the camp is limited and is online only. Visit the softball homepage at cbcmustangs.com for more information and to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jack Bearden 100th Birthday Party, Sept. 3, 2-4 p.m.; Prospect, Jonesboro.

True Witness Concert, Sept. 3, 5 p.m.- potluck; 6 p.m.- singing; Faustina, Hampton.

Arkansas Ladies' Retreat, Sept. 9, Budd Creek Camp.

Master's Voice Concert, Sept. 11, 5 p.m.; love offering will be taken; Zion, Fordyce.

Ordination Service, Sept. 18, 2 p.m.; Kenny Fore and Matt Green will be ordained as deacons; New Liberty, Emmet.

Water for Christ Team will travel to Ghana Sept. 23-Oct. 6 to drill more water wells.

Saw You at the Pole Youth Celebration, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.; all youth are invited; Shady Grove, Piggott.

50th Anniversary, Assn. of Baptist Students (Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville); Oct. 15, 10 a.m.; lunch at 11 a.m.; RSVP by Sept. 16 to bapstud@gmail.com or text Dir. Warren Dugas at (479) 236-4881 or visit the ABS Facebook page.

The Bowen Family Concert, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.; Southside, Hope; Ernie Sorrells, pastor.

Arkansas Galilean Fall Fellowship, Dec. 2-3, Camp Beaverfork, Conway.

tered environment. Thank you, students!

MUD Awards

Several awards are given at the end of MUD Week each year, and I would like to recognize the recipients.

The Reflector Award is given to the SOS member on each team that best reflects the mission of SOS and CBC during MUD Week. The 2016 recipients were Candra Barnett, Ruth Cheng, Mallory Davis and Landon Riddle.

The Spark Plug Award is given to the SOS members on each team that was the most energetic and encouraging during MUD Week. The 2016 recipients were Alyssa Fontillas, Zac Lee, Jacob Pangle and Madi Townsend.

The Director's Award, voted on by the team leaders, is awarded to the SOS member that best exhibited Team Leader qualities during MUD Week. The recipient is automatically a team leader for the 2017 staff. This year's recipient was Jake Tyson. night, Zac Lee, Max Sullivan, Jessica Hager, Amanda Glover



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A Problem With the Truth

Parents' Question: While it is really painful to say, in more ways than one, our child has a problem with the truth. She always seems to be giving some "version" of the truth, and there is usually a grain of truth in what she says. So it's hard to have a conversation with her that actually gets results. When my husband and I talk to her, she tries to weave and bob through her stories and we seem to get nowhere.

She has this problem with her friends and at her school. My husband and I try hard to be truthful, so we are unsure where she goes into this habit of telling "white lies," and we're hard pressed to know what to do. Any suggestions?

Mom Says

Truth is vital to any family; it is like the mortar that holds the bricks together in a building. When lies take the place of truth, it is like using adulterated cement, and the entire structure of the family is at risk.

It is very common today for teenagers to tell "little fibs" (or outright lies) when telling the truth would be difficult. That is why we parents are required to teach children that any short-term benefits lies may seem to bring are completely outweighed by the long term toxic impact lying has on relationships.

I believe most parents want to teach their kids to tell the truth. Yet in this age of hyperbole, chronic exaggeration and outright lying, virtue and integrity are extremely rare. If someone can cheat on a test — well, there is almost a sense you would have to be stupid not to cheat. If a little lie gets one out of a jam, what's the harm in that?

Combating the prevailing cultural winds is tough, but not insurmountable. We first have to give our children the spiritual understanding of what truth is, both on the macro (spiritual) and micro (human) level.

Your daughter needs your love, compassion, guidance and yes, discipline, in order to face up to her habit of lying. Please bring in a pastor, a respected mentor or an outside counselor if you cannot get through to your child. Don't give up until your child realizes fully what she has unleashed into her own life.

Repentance requires not only turning from bad habits (and sin), it also requires asking for forgiveness of those who have been harmed. Where appropriate, have your child ask for forgiveness. The truth flourishes in the light, but lies (like all sins) always desire to be hidden.

My husband and I have relatives who are habitual liars. Divorce and even jail came as a result of lying. What started as little white lies ended up in felony convictions.

You are correct to be concerned. We know that the Bible calls Satan the father of lies. While no one wants to be considered a son or daughter of the devil, that is exactly what is happening when we lie. We are declaring our allegiance to him.

But do not despair. Life is long and our Heavenly Father loves your daughter very, very much. Do be sure to pray for her and show her both your love and your concern.

Your daughter can be brought back if you continue to shine a light. You are on the right path, so don't give up. As the Bible teaches us, we are to "raise up a child in the way she should go and when she is older, she will not depart from it." Don't give up! Keep up the fight in prayer and in love, and keep telling the truth yourselves.

Your daughter will come back to the Truth, for as we know, "love never fails."

Dad Says

Our world is awash in lies. Even so called Christian politicians seem to be experts at weaving together words that sound good (or are at least in their political interest) but are actually completely untrue. I don't want to ring up a Washington politician with overriding personal ambition, because there but for God's grace go I. But there's a reason Jesus called Satan the "father of lies." We must be super careful not to become part of the devil's family in this regard.

Why do people lie? And why do our children lie? Usually there are a few different reasons:

- **To get something we think truly need or deserve.** Maybe your daughter thinks she must go out with her friends tonight, so she tells you she's going to the library. Or maybe she thinks she deserves to drink alcohol because she has had such a tough day.

- **To cover up a mistake we have made or a sin we have committed.** Beware the lure of telling lies to cover up your mistakes or misdeeds. It is better to bring them into the light. It's like using alcohol to clean a wound. Sure it hurts, but the infection stops and the wound heals.

- **To make ourselves seem more important than we are.** To be honest, this is where I must always be on

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Spiritual Growth Campaigns

There is wisdom in a having a focused, intentional spiritual emphasis in your church. A church wide campaign can help everyone focus on personal and relational renewal.

When our hearts get right with the Lord and we are living in unity with our church family, it causes us to recommit to the mission of God. A coordinated spiritual emphasis can renew, refresh and recharge a church in rediscovering its purpose. Here are some steps to help you think through what a spiritual emphasis campaign might look like:

- **Seek God about what spiritual growth emphasis you believe He wants to be your focus.** Is He calling you to bring attention to faith, hope, grace or something else? There is no shortcut to discerning the mind of God. Plan a prayer retreat and ask Him what He wants your church to accentuate during this time.

- **Decide how long an emphasis you should have.** There is wisdom in a six to eight week campaign by ensuring it is not too long nor too short. We are told that it takes seven weeks to develop a habit, and this reinforces that principle. Consider how this will unify the entire church while spotlighting a particular priority.

- **Make sure you challenge your people by utilizing all of their different learning styles.** Be sure to appeal to and plan to reach the visual, auditory, oral or kinesthetic learner. A campaign can bring all of these learning styles together through a planned process that drives the learning home with a synchronized approach.

- **Get every class and group to buy into the vision of a church wide campaign by casting a clear vision.** It has been said that if there is a mist in the pulpit, there will be a fog in the pew. You will not have any problem with most, but the late adopters may need a little more time to get onboard. Communicate clearly the value of a campaign, and ask them to give it a chance to work and you will evaluate afterwards.

- **Be sure to begin promoting this at least four to six weeks before you begin.** Have your small group leaders begin talking about the next series and emphasis. Have testimonies from members whose lives were transformed through other campaigns. This celebrates the process and encourages your people to give

their entire attention to this spiritual renewal time.

What does a campaign look like? How does it unify the church, revive the body, and bring about spiritual renewal?

- **Preach a sermon series on the spiritual emphasis.** This speaks loudly to the auditory learners and there is power in the preached Word of God. This is a great starting point to help everyone focus on the same thing, whether it is spiritual gifts, evangelism and outreach, or prayer and spiritual disciplines.

- **Read the same daily assigned scriptures.** These can be written devotionals or challenge the congregation to SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) the passages through journaling. They will be need to be taught and shown what this looks like to help them understand how that can reinforce this spiritual renewal emphasis.

- **Discuss the sermons and scripture reading in your small groups or Sunday School classes.** This gives your oral learners the opportunity to talk it out in a group setting. You can develop questions for your group facilitators to use during this time. Also, be sure to ask several to be ready to share what God is saying to them personally during this time.

- **As a church, work on memorizing certain passages that emphasize that week's focus.**

Memorization uses the eyes and the ears because most people can memorize better by saying it over and over and out loud. It is also biblical because David said he

hid God's Word in his heart so he would not sin against God.

- **Take advantage of as many visual tools as you possibly can.** Use power points in your messages, print memory verses in your bulletin, advertise the campaign on your website and Facebook. You can also find videos to show to your small groups that give great support to your emphasis. The more people that can "see" it, the better.

- **Provide a service opportunity that will apply the spiritual truth being focused upon during the campaign.** If the emphasis is living on mission, what could your church "do" that would implement this truth. Brainstorm ways for them to show their commitment in practical ways in the neighborhood and community.



Revivals

Philadelphia, Dowdy, Sept. 7-10, 7 p.m.; Herb Wilson, evangelist.

First, Taylor, Sept 18-21; Michael Goodwin, evangelist; Randy Wilson, pastor.

Fourth Street, West Helena, Sept. 18-21, 6 p.m. (Sun.); 7 p.m. (Mon.-Wed.); Steve Shelley, evangelist and guest song leader; Lance Madden, pastor.

Chapel Hill, New Edinburg, Sept. 30-Oct. 2; 7 p.m. (Fri. and Sat.); 11 a.m. (Sun.); Rocky Goodwin, evangelist; Dwayne Ashcraft, pastor.

First, Buckner, Oct. 2-5, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Sun.); 7 p.m. (Mon.-Wed.); Chris Lucy, evangelist; Andy Hawkins, pastor.

Farmville, Warren, Oct. 3-7, 7 p.m.; Mark Harris, evangelist; Billy Biggs, pastor.

Youth Revival, Oct. 9-11, 5 p.m. (Sun.); 7 p.m. (Mon.-Tues.); Donnie Dillard, pastor; Bluff Springs, Rosston.

Immanuel, Greenbrier, Oct. 9-12, 6 p.m. (Sun.); 7 p.m. (Mon.-Wed.); Tony Crocker, pastor.

Crossroads, Warren, Oct. 17-19, 7 p.m. singing; 7:30 preaching; David Inzer, evangelist; Sidney McGraw, pastor.

Kaley Hill, Quitman, Oct. 23-26, 7 p.m.; Tony Crocker, evangelist; Nick Parish, pastor.

Secret Source

A spiritual growth campaign has been defined by Rick Warren as "a short, intentional focus on spiritual growth." He also says "the idea of a campaign is the secret source of Saddleback's growth." He gives three reasons for campaign's effectiveness. It uses multiple learning styles (Hear It! Read It! Discuss It! Memorize It! Do It!), it uses multiple reinforcements and it unifies the entire church.

It will be well worth the time and effort to plan a campaign that will focus the entire church on a theme that God has placed upon your heart. It must be something you are passionate about and promotes spiritual renewal through a planned synergy of studying and talking about the same spiritual focus. You cannot push all of the time, but there are seasons where you, as a church, much turn up the heat and intensity.

Healthy churches prayerfully consider how they can unify the entire congregation through a spiritual growth emphasis that utilizes everyone's learning styles. It also capitalizes upon unifying everyone so that healthy interaction and discovering spiritual truths happens as a group.

Plan a campaign and equip your people to experience spiritual renewal!

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Michel & Ruth Poirier • Quebec, Canada & Haiti

We have been in Haiti for our Maximum Impact campaign, and we saw hundreds of people who came to hear open-air preaching for eight days. The previous week, the people of the church went out to invite people to the meeting and to do soul winning. Nine souls came to Christ during that outreach. Probably 25% of the people at the meeting were not saved, which tells me that we have a lot of evangelistic work to do.

We celebrated our third year in Segur, and by next year the church will be at its full seating capacity. To give you an idea of the number who attended, Ruth baked enough cake for 200 people, and it was all gone before I got a chance to get a taste.

We also distributed 75 survival kits of food to the poor who live within walking distance of the church. The kits included rice, peas, oil and sugar. We saw many families who live on nothing but the grace of God, and when we gave them the food, they smiled "from ear to ear!" It was a blessing to see their response.

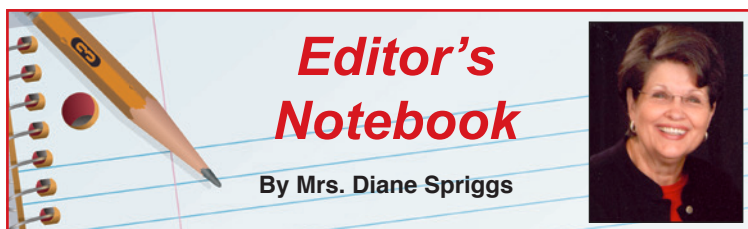
We will distribute more kits on subsequent trips. And after the dust settles from Maximum Impact, I will again be teaching the leaders and trying to give them what they need to work with in service to Christ. (pasteur.poirier56@gmail.com)



Distributing Survival Kits



Adams Honored — Dr. John Adams, director of Moral Action and pastor of First Baptist Church at Mantachie, Miss. was recognized for his 46 years in the ministry by his church on Sunday, Aug. 21. A plaque was presented by State Representative and Deacon Randy Boyd. Each class also presented him with cards and gifts, and a video was shown of his works over the past 46 years of his ministry.



Editor's Notebook

By Mrs. Diane Spriggs



No, No, Yes!

• **No Trumpet Next Week** — There are only six times a year that we don't publish the *Baptist Trumpet*, and the week of Labor Day is one of them. This allows our employees to enjoy the holiday and take extra vacation time if they desire. We sure hope you miss us, but that you have a great Labor Day!

• **No "From the States" Insert in September** — I'll be in Tanzania Sept. 14-24, teaching with three other ladies at an Evangelistic International Ministries Women's Conference. I'll be here for the Sept. 14 issue, and will get as much copy as possible ready for the Sept. 21 *Trumpet* before I leave. I know Assistant Editor Madelaine Priest will do a great job putting the finishing touches on the that issue, but asking her to do the insert that is usually scheduled for that week by herself would be "way beyond the call of duty." So I consulted the Publications Committee, and they agreed with me that it is better if we don't have a September "From the States" insert.

Thanks for understanding, and please pray for Maddy and for me!

• **Yes!** We received several offerings since last report, and I am grateful for each one of them. And "yes!" is what I usually say when Marene tells me about the offerings. God bless all of you!

I really thought our Special Emphasis offerings were finished for this year... **But God...** sent us four more totaling \$670 and bringing our total to \$49,277! Wow! Y'all are the best! Special thanks to Chenal Valley in Little Rock, Temple in Little Rock, Fellowship in Bella Vista and Springhill at Greenbrier.

And God wasn't through yet! Another \$111 offering was received from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous. (But God knows who you are, and so do I! Thanks so much.)

And God also sent two more offerings (totaling \$325) in memory of my sweet Daddy Bob from our friends, James & Joann Blaylock and Dr. Ralph & Judy Izard. That brings the total to \$7,715, which should be plenty to fix the soffit and fascia and redo the flowerbeds around the BMA of Arkansas building and get a large religious picture to hang inside the building. Daddy would be so pleased. Thank you all so much!

A Grateful Reminder

In the last few days, I've received donations for two of our ongoing projects:

• **Toiletries for Union Rescue Mission/Dorcas House/Nehemiah House** (Little Rock) from the WMA of Alabama and delivered by Valarie Fish.

• **Cards for the chaplains at Camp Robinson** (North Little Rock) to send to the soldiers. Thanks, Oak Park in Little Rock and North View in North Little Rock!

Grateful Reminder — Although I'll miss several of the district associational meetings in September (due to the wedding of a lady who has been a friend of mine for over 30 years and the mission trip to Tanzania) I plan to go to the BMA of the Ozarks meeting Sept. 9 and as many meetings as possible after I get back Sept. 24.

So if you'd like to bring the toiletries (especially the "freebies" from hotels) and greeting cards (especially masculine ones) to the district meetings, I'll be glad to take them off your hands!

God bless you for being a blessing to others!

SAYS

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my guard. The approval and respect of others is very important to me, probably too important. So it is too easy for me to exaggerate my importance (or at least it was in the past). Unfortunately this too is a common problem. We have to watch ourselves carefully. Pumping ourselves up in the eyes of others might seem harmless, but if others feel they cannot trust you, look out below!

So what is the common theme in each of these circumstances? In every case we are not being honest with ourselves and with our Heavenly Father.

We are not accepting His reality for us at this moment. There is something that we want to get, hide or exaggerate because we are not willing to accept God's current reality for us. We don't accept His Good Plan because we are sure we have a better one. That was Satan's fundamental sin — he wanted to replace God's plan with his plan. Let's not follow in his footsteps, or let our kids go there.

Dad Says-Mom Says is a parental advice column by Gregory W. Slayton (author of "Be A Better Dad Today") and his wife Marina (author of "Be the Best Mom You Can Be"). Marina and Gregory answer tough questions from real parents with the wisdom of the Scriptures and over 50 combined years of raising four great kids. To submit your questions and stay up to date with "Dad Says-Mom Says," go to Facebook.com/DadSaysMomSays. The Slaytons donate 100% of the royalties from their parenting books to non-profits that support fatherhood, motherhood, family and faith. Visit beabetterdadtoday.com or bebettermomyoucanbe.com to learn more or to read excerpts from their books.

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boys to National Galilean Camp are:

- So lost boys can be saved.
- So Christian boys can be with other Galilean boys who love the Lord and know they are not alone in living for God.
- So your boys can participate in a great intermural sports program where the emphasis is on sportsmanship and competing in a Christian way.
- So your boys can learn about our BMA work and missionaries.
- So your boys can get points for his team by memorizing and reciting Bible verses.
- So your boys can make friends for life with boys and men from other states.

A camp brochure will be mailed to your church containing detailed information about registering for National Galilean Camp. Information about National Camp will also be posted on our website, galileans.com. For more information, call me at (479) 629-3258 or e-mail krcolvert@cox.net.



Trumpet Notes

By Diane Spriggs

Arkansas Asks Court to Allow It to Limit Abortion Pill

In an Aug. 26 LifeNews.com report, Micaiah Bilger said, "Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge asked a federal appeals court this week to allow state regulations involving dangerous abortion drugs to go into effect, according to the Associated Press.

Rutledge urged the court to overturn a federal judge's decision to temporarily block the law in March, the AP reports.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland filed a lawsuit against Arkansas in December, challenging its Abortion-Inducing Drugs Safety Act (Act 577). The law requires abortion facilities to follow Food and Drug Administration guidelines when administering abortion drugs. It also requires that abortion doctors who dispense the drugs maintain contact with another doctor who has hospital admitting privileges in case of patient emergencies.

Rutledge filed an appeal on Aug. 25 with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, asking that the law be allowed to go into effect, according to the AP. The attorney general argued that the lower court judge's ruling was based on "clearly erroneous" findings.

In the appeal, the state argued that abortion drugs can result in serious

complications, including incomplete abortions and the death of the woman. The state attorneys said Planned Parenthood sometimes refers patients who are experiencing complications to other abortion facilities or the emergency room, but it "cannot guarantee another provider will care for the patient." They argued that the state law is necessary to protect patients in such cases.

Planned Parenthood recently asked to drop its challenge against another part of the law, which requires the drugs to be administered according to FDA standards, Arkansas Online reports. Soon after Arkansas legislators passed the law, the FDA under the Obama Administration updated its protocol for administering the abortion drug RU-486, allowing it to be used later in pregnancy and in smaller doses. (lifeneews.com)

Red Cross Explains Prayer Denial at Shelter

"The Red Cross admits a law enforcement official was asked to stop praying with flood victims at shelters in southern Louisiana," said Steve Jordahl in a OneNewsNow.com report. "Captain Clay Higgins, a reserve deputy marshal with Lafayette, Louisiana, went to a Red Cross

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From the Churches

Antioch West, Magnolia, gained one by baptism. Danny Bullock, interim pastor.

Calvary, Warren, witnessed two professions of faith. Reuel Cruce, pastor; Aimee Morgan, reporter.

Center Hill, Jonesboro, received one by letter. John Travis, pastor.

Cleveland, Cleveland, added one by letter. Gib Cole, pastor; Jennifer Jones, reporter.

Denver Street, Greenwood, welcomed one by baptism. George Reddin, pastor; Carolyn Colvert, reporter.

First, Bald Knob, gained two by letter. Bill Watson, pastor; Marlene Barnes, reporter.

First, Buckner, added two by baptism. Andy Hawkins, pastor.

First, McNeil, welcomed four by letter. David Watkins, interim pastor; Becki Talley, reporter.

Needs Creek, Greenbrier, received one by baptism. Myron Milholland, pastor; Jim Atkinson, reporter.

New Mt. Zion, Mineral Springs, received two by baptism. Wayne Reed, pastor; Linda Gaddis, reporter.

North View, North Little Rock, gained two by letter. Mike Cantrell, pastor; Rebekah Head, reporter.

Oak Grove, Jonesboro, welcomed one by letter. Wynndel King, pastor; Jan Files, reporter.

Philadelphia, Dowdy, witnessed seven professions of faith. Marsha Rounds, reporter.

Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, Ky., added one by statement. Cory McCaig, pastor.



— Photo by Carrie Milholland

(L-R) Della Milholland, Kacie Bragg, Lindsey Clay, Faith Grantham and GMA Director Buneva Clark.

Needs Creek Hosts Coronation

By Jim Atkinson

Needs Creek Baptist Church at Greenbrier hosted its GMA Coronation Aug. 21. The theme was “The Light of the World is Jesus,” and the theme song (by the same name) was sung by Kaylen and Kelsey Fagala, members of the Bethlehem, Greenbrier GMA and granddaughters of Needs Creek GMA Director Buneva Clark.

Three young ladies (Della Milholland, Faith Grantham and Kacie Bragg) recited Bible passages from memory and were presented with their Maiden pins. Queen Lindsey Clay was escorted by her crownbearer, Kyler Harrison and her father, Eric Clay. She recited a passage from Proverbs 31 and was crowned by her mother, Pam Clay.

After closing remarks by Pastor Myron Milholland, a reception hosted by the Needs Creek GMAs was held in the Family Life Center.

Southwest WMA/GMA Meets

The Southwest District WMA/GMA met July 12 at Whites Chapel Baptist Church in Bodcaw, with 54 in attendance. Dr. Scott Carson, who serves in our BMA Chaplaincy, presented the program and asked for prayer and support for all the chaplains who are now serving. A report was also given on the JK Cultural Center in China. David Heckman, pastor of Whites Chapel, brought the message, “Why Are You Here?” (Mae Dulaney, reporter)

Prisoners Bible Crusade Update

By Paul Lee, Director

So far this year, Prisoners Bible Crusade (PBC) distributed 4,855 Bibles; 420 New Testament; 4,190 study books. (A 20-30 page Sunday School-size study book costs about 40¢-50¢ each). Some of these study books came from our BMAA ladies who send us their new and used books. I send those into women’s prisons. We can use any study books in this ministry, just remove personal names. Used books with answers to questions are fine.

Chaplains report 591 prisoners saved this year, and we have 11 new chaplains this year. If you know of any prison or jail volunteers who need Bibles, let us know.

I am excited to report that, once again, we can get an exclusive printing of the Gospel of John and the book of Romans together in a Bilingual format of English and Spanish for the PBC. Since this is special printing we needed to print 14,000, which is what the big presses will print on two rolls of paper.

Dr. Humberto Gomez worked closely with Victory Baptist Press and is the translator for the book. It is translated from King James Version 1611 and 1769 edition. Again, it my understanding that our ministry is the only ministry that has and will receive this bilingual format of John & Romans book at this present time. Victory Baptist Press does not sell Bibles and books, but receives donations for materials printed. I want to donate 50¢ per book toward the printing of this 125-page book.

Our supporters know that I very seldom ask for extra funds. We take the funds we receive and carry on the ministry with the amount that comes in. With this special printing, I am asking if any extra offerings could be sent to help us with this project. If you can help, please mark the offerings as B-L J&R printing and send to Prisoners Bible Crusade, P.O. Box 696, Picayune, Miss. 39466. For more information, call our office at (601) 798-1341 or my cell at (601) 916-2486.



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School Surprised Senior Graduating Basic Training

(KAIT8, Jonesboro) — Seniors from Ridgefield Christian School in Jonesboro packed up and headed to South Carolina to surprise one of their own. Jacob Patrick is a senior this year at Ridgefield, but instead of spending his summer in Jonesboro, he went to boot camp for basic training.

Athletic Director Blake Thompson has been Patrick’s mentor since eighth grade. (*Trumpet Editor’s Note:* Thompson also serves as a deacon at Temple Baptist Church in Jonesboro, and athletes from Ridgecrest have received scholarships to Central Baptist College.)

Over the summer, Thompson checked in with Patrick’s aunt to see how training was going, and that is when he learned none of Patrick’s family could make it to graduation.

“It hit me heavy,” Thompson said.

Thompson started brainstorming ways to support Patrick, so he reached out to the school’s administrator, Marcia Elder, to see if he could set up a mission trip to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

“We try to be an impact to our students, and they try to impact us. This is just a token of our appreciation,” Thompson said.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, Thompson, the school pastor and the entire senior class of boys loaded up in a van and took off to see their classmate. The group also brought along one of Patrick’s family members.

“We took his aunt because she has played a major role in his life, especially while they were here,” Thompson said.

Thompson is amazed by Patrick’s brave decision to join the Armed Forces.

“For him to choose what he did at the age of 18... you know I try to be a mentor to him, but this has made more of impact on me,” Thompson said.

Thompson said he thinks Patrick could help make an impact on other classmates as well.



“I could not come up with a bigger educational experience for these young men before they leave here and go into the real world,” Thompson said.

He said he also believes Patrick is a leader and cannot wait to see how his senior year will play out.

Administrator Marcia Elder said there was no question the trip would happen because these boys are family to Patrick.

“When you come to Ridgefield, it is more than just a school to us, it is a family,” Elder said.

She also said Patrick is embodying the two main priorities at Ridgefield.

“Our priorities are God and country,” Elder said.

Thompson said he was excited for the trip along with the boys, and that Patrick was happy they were at the ceremony.

He also wants Patrick to know how much his decision has already impacted him.

“From there, I don’t know where it is going to lead to, but I know it is going to impact me more probably than him just based on what he has done,” Thompson said.

Patrick has been a student at Ridgefield since second grade. (*Reprinted/revised by permission, Meredith Miller, www.kait8.com*)



The History of Labor Day

In 2011, former Department of Labor Historian Linda Stinson provided the following information about the history of Labor Day:

How Did Labor Day Begin?

The Labor Day holiday is interesting because it evolved over a period of years. In 19th century America, there was already a tradition of having parades, picnics and various other celebrations in support of labor issues, such as shorter hours or to rally strikers. But most historians emphasize one specific event in the development of today's modern Labor Day. That pivotal event was the parade of unions and a massive picnic that took place in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882.

At that time, the labor movement was growing stronger. Many of the unions in New York prospered by joining together into one Central Labor Union made up of members from many local unions. On May 14, 1882, a proposal was made at the Central Labor Union meeting that all workers should join together for a "monster labor festival" in early September.

A committee of five people was appointed to find a park for the cel-

ebration. They chose Wendel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue, the largest park in New York City at that time; the date was set for Tuesday, September 5. By June, they had sold 20,000 tickets with the proceeds going to each local union selling them. In August, the Central Labor Union passed a resolution "that the 5th of September be proclaimed a general holiday for the workmen in this city."

At first they were afraid that the celebration was going to be a failure. Many of the workers in the parade had to lose a day's pay in order to participate. When the parade began only a handful of workers were in it, while hundreds of people stood on the sidewalk jeering at them.

But then slowly they came — 200 workers and a band from the Jewelers' Union showed up and joined the parade. Then came a group of bricklayers with another band. By the time they reached the park, it was estimated that there were 10,000 marchers in the parade in support of workers.

The park was decorated with flags of many nations. Everyone picnicked and listened to speeches from the union leadership. In the evening,

even more people came to the park to watch fireworks and dance. The newspapers of the day declared it a huge success and "a day of the people."

After that major event in New York City, other localities began to pick up the idea for a fall festival of parades and picnics celebrating workers.

Who is the Father of Labor Day?

When studying the history of Labor Day, two names stand out, and the funny thing is that they sound just alike. One is Peter J. McGuire, a leading official in the American Federation of Labor and organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. The other is Matthew Maguire, a machinist from the Knights of Labor.

The problem with declaring a single "founder" of Labor Day is that, at the time, no one realized that a new national holiday was being born. It was only after the fact that people tried to pinpoint a single founding father.

Seven years after that first New York Labor Day parade, the union journal for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters published an article claiming that their union brother, McGuire, made the original proposal to have the Labor Day event in New York and called for one day a year to be set aside as Labor Day. This article was reprinted yearly, and it became the common assumption that these were the facts.

However, in 1967, a retired machinist from Maguire's union stepped up and claimed that his union brother was, in fact, the true originator of the movement for a national Labor Day. He pointed to an old newspaper article written nine years after the New York Labor Day parade titled "Labor Day: Its History and Development in the Land." This article claimed that the first Secretary of the Central Labor Union,

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Pastors Oasis is Oct. 3-5

Most pastors are overworked, underappreciated and underpaid. In addition to their responsibilities of preaching and leading, they weep with those who hurt, plead with those who wander, pray for those who struggle and nurture those who have been wounded.

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Please pray for Pastors Oasis, which will be held Oct. 3-5. Visit discipleguide.org/pastorsoasis for more information.



Maguire, was the one who arranged the parade. This claim was supported six years later when the grand marshal of the New York parade of 1882 himself reminisced about how Maguire from the Knights of Labor had first suggested that the Central Labor Union call upon the unions of New York City to join together in a labor parade.

So the historical conundrum seems to hinge on the fact that the two names sound alike and were probably mixed up in the common consciousness. Toss in the years of bitter rivalry between the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor and, of course, you're going to have multiple heroes emerging in the legend of Labor Day.

I don't really know if there is only one true parent of Labor Day. But when former Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz spoke at the convention of the International Association of Machinists in 1968, he said: "My decision... is that there is no question as to who is the father of Labor Day in this country. Officially, as of this moment, insofar as the Department of Labor is concerned, it is Matt Maguire, machinist!" So in the question of McGuire versus Maguire, I don't really know. But my money backs Bill Wirtz every time!

When Did it Become A National Holiday and Why?

Labor Day as a national, legal holiday had an interesting evolution. The legalized celebration of Labor Day began as individual state celebrations.

In 1887, New York, New Jersey and Colorado were among the first states to approve state legal holidays. Then other states joined in to create their own state Labor Days. Finally, in response to a groundswell of support for a national holiday celebrating the nation's workers, Sen. James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota introduced S. 730 to the 53rd Congress to make Labor Day a legal holiday on the first Monday of September each year. It was approved on June 28, 1894. (www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history)

Editor's Note: Although I'm sure there are many more, the following three verses stand out as "Labor Day" and "any day" verses:

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Eccl. 9:10).

"...The labourer is worthy of his reward" (1 Tim. 5:18).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Happy Labor Day!

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What do Church Planting And Concrete Have in Common?

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl. 3:1).

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:9-12).

Having been a contractor, I see some similarities between church planting and pouring concrete. Church planting is very tedious in the early stages. Like concrete when it is first poured, there is potential for tremendous strength and lasting durability, but a time of curing must take place for this to happen.

Concrete, when it is first poured, is very weak and unstable. Due to its consistency, nothing can be built upon it until it goes through a process. In fact, great care must be taken at first because the simplest things can mire and damage its surface.

Planting a church begins by mixing the key ingredients like a God-called man, a God-sized call and people. Like concrete, this new church plant lacks any strength in its early stages. It takes time for it to gain the needed strength and rigidity to be able to support that upon which it is built.

The same is true for a church planting effort to develop. We should not expect church planters to succeed too fast. When that happens, many times the foundation is damaged and lost to its intended purpose.

From Our Missionaries

Arkansas Hispanic Missions: Michael Hight writes, "This week I had the opportunity to observe some other Baptist groups and how they were doing missions in a Hispanic context. The meetings were intense, very intentional and allowed me to evaluate where we are on our Hispanic missions curve.

"I came away with mixed feelings. I was encouraged because many of the things they said were crucial to their missions program are things we are doing here in Arkansas. The training our Hispanic brethren are receiving is going to prove extremely valuable in establishing the existing missions and in planting new churches.

"But I came away a little discouraged because of the obstacles that seem to continually resurface — the financial obstacles, the leadership issues and the traditional expectations many of us have, either explicitly or implicitly, that Hispanic churches will look and act just like ours. That's just not the case. Our Hispanic mission program is just that — a Hispanic program.

"And while there are many similarities, there are still some fundamental differences in practice and philosophy (not doctrine). Please keep us in your prayers. We are now several years into this work and instead of

having it figured out, there seem to be new sets of questions that continually arise. Pray that we will have wisdom and faith to move forward, even when the enemy says 'there's no way.'"

Connection Point, Brookland: Chad White writes, "It was a good week at Connection Point! This past Tuesday, I had the privilege of meeting with the Missionary Advisory Committee. They are a great group of men who genuinely have a heart for missions. I greatly appreciate their wisdom and encouragement.

"Sunday, we had a great day with a good number present. We had many guests, and eight of them were with us for the first time. The worship service was one of those you needed to experience to appreciate. We are grateful to God for meeting with us in such a powerful way.

"Sunday evening, we stuffed shoeboxes for the Making Everlasting Smiles project of Baptist Medical Missions International. We enjoyed some finger food and a great time of fellowship. This is one of our favorite times every year, and we are blessed to be able to send 25 shoeboxes overseas to children in need."

The Mustard Seed, Alma/Mountainburg: Jim Tollison writes, "We had a great week at the Mustard Seed this week. We made several new contacts and some of them are pretty promising. Some of those

contacts were right after I met with the Missions Director and Advisory Committee in Alma.

"One of the ladies at a local beauty shop saw the committee having prayer for me and the mission in front of the restaurant. I had an awesome visit with three of the hairdressers, and they all live in the Mountainburg community. That is not a coincidence — God designed that meeting! Be praying for these ladies, as well as our waitress in the café. They all said they would visit the mission soon. Guess where Becky I are going to be getting our haircuts from now on?"

"Bro. Paul and the committee members and were very encouraging to me. I am thankful for a group of dedicated men like them. They have a heart for missions and missionaries. Thank all of you guys who made the trip. It means a lot to all the missionaries, I am sure.

"If we can get the approval from the Mountainburg School, we are planning on hosting a fifth quarter after one of the football games this year. Pray that this comes together. This is a great way for us to reach deeper into the community.

"I hope God gave all of our churches a great Sunday. God bless you all, and thanks for your support."

The Bridge, Mountain Home: Hershel Conley writes, "We had good food and new people Wednesday night, with fried chicken and 'fixins' for everyone. After we ate, we had our study with Roy, which is going great, and the fellowship is wonderful!"

"Sunday morning, we had some people out sick and Jerry is still in hospital. Please pray for him, as well as Bob, as we look forward to the Lord's healing.

"Sunday night, we had Kevin Spencer in concert, and our hearts were full as he sang unto the Lord. This man is real, and if you really want to worship the Lord, just have him come and sing for you. Art and Shelby knew him well and asked if he could make time for us. Our hearts were blessed by having him here.

"Two people rededicated their lives and others were strongly listening to the call of the Holy Spirit. We also had two join by letter! God bless you all, and please continue to pray for us. We love you all."

El Faro, Little Rock: Jorge

Vasquez writes, "I sincerely thank our mighty God, Who gives us the opportunity to serve you at the Lighthouse Baptist Mission, El Faro.

"Yesterday was a wonderful day — our church was full, and we felt a good spirit to worship, hear the Word of God and had a good spirit of communion. We had more than 100 people. A new family visited with us, and eight were here for the first time.

"A couple accepted Jesus as their personal Savior this week, and we have already started to disciple them. It was a great party for those saved by the faith. We also had the privilege of dedicating five lovely babies to the Lord.

"We have confidence in God and that all the glory is for Him. Thank you for your prayers, your offerings and for investing in the Kingdom of God. God bless you in Christ Jesus."

Grace Pointe, Mayflower: William (B.J.) Wright writes, "It was a rainy, but good week in Mayflower. We have a lot going on this coming week. Monday, we have a child getting tubes in his ears. Tuesday, I will be at the hospital with a young woman from our church who is having major surgery. Then on Saturday, our Silas Connection Partner, Charlie Wagner and his fiancé, Whitney, will be getting married at Central Baptist College in Conway. Please pray for each of these events. Pray that surgeries go well, and pray for Charlie and Whitney as they begin adjusting to being a married couple.

"Sunday, we had a friend from Gideon International come and speak with us. We are proud to partner with the Gideons and help out in any way we can. Did you know that since their beginning, the Gideons have handed out almost three billion copies of God's Word? Isn't that amazing? It was nice to hear the testimonies about what is going on here locally with the Gideons and their impact in our schools and college

campuses.

"Finally, a praise report! We recently had two men in our church express their desire to preach. Please pray for these men as they begin their preaching ministry. Thanks friends, have a great week."

Misión Creciendo en Cristo (Growing in Christ), North Little Rock: Juan Carlos Posadas writes, "We are enjoying the study of the book of San Juan (John). This weekend, we studied John 13, the last Passover of the Lord Jesus with His disciples before being crucified. Jesus emphasized the humility required to love and serve each other in the church. This love serves as testimony to outsiders and glorifies the Lord's name.

"The number of children attending Sunday School classes has grown, so we have integrated more sisters to teach and serve them in the best way possible. As they grow, these children will be serving in God's work, so we do not want to just entertain them. We intend to teach the Word and help them to become followers of Christ.


"Please pray for the proper training of new teachers by people who are committed to serving God in Sunday School and for volunteers to drive a 15-passenger van to go pick up some families with many children. We need to make a trip at 3:45 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. every Sunday. Please contact me at (501) 712-8752.

"Dios les bendiga! (God bless you)"

Life Journey, Fort Smith: Darrin Smith writes, "We have been enjoying services at the Crystal Palace Skating Rink all summer — rent free! What a blessing it is to have a place to worship. Our attendance has been up and down this summer. For four weeks during the summer stretch, we had over 40 in attendance. It has challenged us to look forward to the next steps. Pray for us as we continue reaching into the community, sharing the Gospel and teaching believers."

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shelter in the city to pray with those displaced by the flooding. He says he was tossed out.”

“Very kindly they came and told me, Captain Higgins, personally we really appreciate you coming to offer prayer, but because we’re Red Cross, we can’t allow you to do that,” reports Higgins.

Red Cross spokeswoman Suzy DeFrancis explained that the shelter houses a wide variety of people. “There are hundreds of people in a shelter of different values and faith,” she told OneNewsNow, “and they’re sharing a very open space — and we just want them to be able to have their privacy.”

She said Officer Higgins would have been given a room where people could have come to him for prayer, if they wanted, but they won’t allow people to just go in and start praying.

FOX News’ Todd Starnes described Higgins’ experience in a column this week, and also told Bryan Fischer of American Family Radio of another instance of religious discrimination at a Red Cross shelter in Albany, La. He says he heard it from a local pastor who was running a shelter of his own.

“A family showed up and they had been at that other shelter — a Red Cross shelter — and they were told that they could not pray or read their Bibles at their cots,” Starnes said. “About three hours later, three more families show up from the same shelter with the same story.”

DeFrancis says she can’t confirm if

that happened or not, but if it did, she said it’s against Red Cross policy. Onenewsnow.com

Docs, Others Fight Against Forced “Trans” Surgery

“Doctors, hospitals, and five states have filed suit in order to practice medicine based on the patient’s best interests and their own faiths, rather than on a politically charged agenda,” said Charlie Butts in an Aug. 25 OneNewsNow.com report.

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty filed the lawsuit over the Obama administration’s rule in the Affordable Care Act potentially forcing doctors to perform gender-transition procedures, including surgery, for transgender children.

According to Becket Fund attorney Stephanie Barclay, many doctors are concerned that the mandate violates their religious beliefs, which would forbid doing the impossible — changing a person born male into a female and vice versa.

Texas, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Kansas have joined medical professionals in the lawsuit to protect their right to not be forced to act on the basis of a politicized social agenda. (onenewsnow.com)

Atheists Block City Grant To National Baptists

According to a Baptist Press report by Diana Chandler, “Atheists have blocked a \$65,000 grant the Kansas City, Mo., government had allocated for use during the National Baptist Convention USA (NBC USA) annual meeting Sept. 5-9 in

the city.”

John Modest Miles of Modest Miles Ministries had counted on the Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund grant to help cover ground transportation costs for delegates at the 31,000-church NBC USA meeting, saying the funds would support tourism. But after American Atheists Inc. and two of its Kansas City members contended in a lawsuit that the public funds would support religion, the city withheld the grant pending additional documentation from Miles, the *Kansas City Star* reported.

An estimated 20,000 delegates and family members are slated to attend the convention, occupying 8,200 hotel rooms and yielding a \$7.9 million economic impact, VisitKC, the city’s convention and tourism agency, told the *News & Observer*. The convention will continue as planned, Young said. (bpnews.com)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

BMA of the Ozarks, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.; Victory, Gentry.

Mount Calvary, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.; Garner, Garner.

Mount Vernon, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.; Bethel, Forrest City.

Mt. Vernon Brotherhood, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.; Grace, Wynne.

North Arkansas, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.; Bold Springs, Strawberry.

South Arkansas, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m. Missionary Committee and 10 a.m. meeting; Old Army Reserve Armory (815 W 8th St.), El Dorado.

United, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.; Denver Street, Greenwood.

Central Arkansas, Sept. 22, 9 a.m.; Park Place, Bryant.

Columbia, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.; ABS Building, Magnolia.

Clark, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.; New Caney, Gurdon.

Union, Oct. 2, 3:30 p.m., followed by worship service at 6 p.m.; Garrett Memorial, Hope.

Central Arkansas WMA, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.; Park Place, Bryant.

Judson, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.; Faustina, Hampton.

Harmony, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.; Central, Ashdown.

Central Arkansas Brotherhood, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.; North View, North Little Rock.

Jonesboro, Oct. 14-15, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.; Center Hill, Jonesboro.

United WMA, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.; Becky Tollison, speaker; Grace, Russellville.

Greenbrier, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. Missionary Committee, 7 p.m. meeting; Mt. Pleasant, Plumerville.

Arkansas Prairie, Oct. 21-22, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.; Sunnyside, DeWitt.

Howard County, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.; Fellowship, Dierks.

HOMEcomings

70th Anniversary, Okay Community, Saratoga, Sept. 11; lunch at the church; for more information, call (870) 388-9200; Chance King, pastor.



Bobby Cleaver, 60, died July 30. He was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church of Damascus.

Oops!

The BMA of South Arkansas meeting will be hosted by Murril Heights Baptist Church in El Dorado on Sept. 17 (9:30 a.m., Missionary Committee, 10 a.m., meeting), as listed in last week’s *Trumpet*. However, since the building was destroyed by fire on April 11, the meeting will be held at the Old Army Reserve Armory, which is located one block west of North College at 815 West 8th.

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