

"A Modern Day Search for More Watchmen on the Wall"

By Chris Gonthier BMAO Moral Action

"Be Sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8

We live in a time that there seems to be so many terrible things happening in the world. One can only wonder if there is some common thread that is interwoven throughout the fabric of society that is causing this downward spiral.

The student of Scripture will quickly recognize the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy as events unfold in the world today. There is definitely "nothing new under the sun" because God has foreseen all the circumstances that we now face.

Those who know the Lord, and who also know Scripture, should be able to recognize the evil in the world today.

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A careful study of Scripture shows us the B i b I i c a I principles that we need to follow for God's protective hand to be upon us.

Christians often complain about the world and how bad and evil people are. We must look to

ourselves, through the filter of scripture, in order to correct the wrongs of society.

2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn form their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Let us focus on the fourth element of this passage for just a few moments.

"Turning from our wicked ways" may bring specific images to our minds. Murder, adultery, fornication, lying and other such obvious sins frequently come to our minds as we think on the idea of what is wicked.

One thing we often overlook is the sin of apathy, which is a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern. We have become so desensitized to sin

that we often ignore, if not o u t r i g h t participate in said sins.

We have allowed public schools to indoctrinate our children with perverse and ungodly ideology.

Christians do not have a presence on

many school boards and often those who do go to church are either unable or unwilling to stand against the evils perpetrated on our children.

Our city and county governments often are full of self-centered and selfserving individuals who are there for show or for unofficial fringe benefits.

Who will warn if the wicked attempt evil?

Isaiah 62:6, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence."

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"From the Pastor's Pen

By Wearthy Shank

"The Fruit of the Spirit"

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

The word "fruit" is significant for three reasons:

1. It means the result, product, outcome, or effect produced by the Spirit in the believer's life.

2. Unlike the "gifts of the Spirit" [plural] only some of which are given to a Christian, each believer is to have all nine virtues composing the "fruit of the Spirit" [singular].

3. As fruit on a tree takes time to grow and mature, so the Spirit does not cultivate these virtues in the believer's life overnight.

The nine virtues are as such:

Love: is the willing sacrificial giving of



oneself for the benefit of another without thought of return.

- Joy: is gladness of heart
- Peace: is tranquility of mind, freeing one from worry and fear.
- Long-Suffering: is patience with others, the opposite of a short temper, a disposition quietly

bearing injury.

- Gentleness: is kindness
- Goodness: is generosity
- Faith: here is dependability
- Meekness: is gentleness, that is, courtesy and consideration in one's relations with others.
- Temperance: is self-control, that is, the ability to harness and control one's passions and lusts. (copied from Thomas Nelson Study Bible notes)

Think on these things! Cultivate them in your life and let them grow to maturity, producing a well-developed Christian life.

Preparing for Our 2023 National Meeting By Bro. Donny Parrish

As you are preparing for the Christmas holidays and upcoming year, I wanted to let you know about our plans for the 2023 BMA annual meeting. This year we will be gathering around the theme of GO!

As churches self-described as Baptist, Missionary, and Associational, I think it is necessary for us to keep who we are front and center. With that in mind, on Tuesday night, for our opening session, we will be thinking along the theme of Go to the Word, and the need to be a strong doctrinal people.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bro. David Mcmurray, pastor of Blackwood Baptist Church in New Jersey, will be preaching on the theme of Go to the World—our commission as churches.

That evening will be a special night where Bro. Buddy Johnson will address our churches on the theme of Go Together, emphasizing how we fulfill the commission as an association.

I say that Wednesday night will be a special night because, for the first time ever, we are planning to have all of our American Missionaries with us, in which we will be honoring them with a special dinner, and YOU ARE INVITED! This will be a wonderful time to get to meet, shake hands, speak with and hug those who carry the message of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

The dates for the meeting are April 25-27, Tuesday through Thursday, at Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, AR. Meeting on these days is a bit different than normal, but we wanted to allow all of our people plenty of time to travel, instead of having to leave on a Sunday afternoon or evening.

Accommodations will be announced in January, but you can go ahead and mark your calendars to be with us.



"? Was Just Thinkin

By Narita Roady

"Heart Trouble"

Most young girls delight in learning to cook. Nothing thrills them more than to fix a meal for their families. With three girls we had resident chefs in the making and were treated to many a gourmet feast. Well. . . at least by two of our daughters.

Two of the girls showed extraordinary culinary skills at an early age. But alas, one of our poor little maiden's was not so blessed. Amber didn't have much of an interest in cooking, but when sibling rivalry reared its ugly head, she headed for the kitchen.

I am not sure how to put it but when she cooked she brought new meaning to the word. "gastronomical" !

One such meal was the time she made pancakes. She put her little heart into it, positive the outcome would be somewhere between perfection and a guest spot on *Cooking with Emeril*.

I was at a ladies retreat and she took it upon herself to provide sustenance for the family.

After much measuring, mixing, stirring, and cooking, the end result was a kitchen that looked like a nuclear bomb had exploded in the flour canister and mixing bowl! (The mess was still there when I got home)

Jerry remembers our little chef proudly bringing a plate piled with pancakes to the table. They joined hands and bowed in prayer, and I mean they really prayed, for God to bless the food.

Each family member loyally stacked, buttered, and syrup-ed their fair share. The real problem came when they attempted to eat them. If they were able to get a piece sawed off and to their mouths, actually chewing it was another story.

And the taste...well no one knew quite how to describe it. After everyone tasted them, including the chef she cried out, "They are awful! I will give them to Patches, he will eat anything!" You have to understand Patches was definitely not a picky eater. He delighted in road kill, and was not above an occasional "hot meal" straight from the cow pasture.

With tears of disappointment streaming down her face, she threw the pancakes (?) into the front yard. The dog came bounding up to see what the latest offering was only to stop dead in his tracks about a foot from the food.

He circled them leeringly, coming near to quickly sniff, licked the butter and syrup off, then backed away as he did when coming upon a snake.

Finally, his tail tucked and ears back, he slunk away. This was a final blow to our little cook who promptly ran and threw herself on her bed sobbing.

When I got home I comforted her as best I could, reassuring her that man does not live by pancake alone.

Through sun, through rain, through darkest night, day in and day out we watched the pancakes sitting in the front yard, untouched. The ants didn't even want them!

After the animals and bugs avoided them, the rain failed to soften them, and they showed no signs of disintegration we picked them up and took them to the burn barrel. We're not sure if even that took care of them; we never checked!

I can think of one thing that can get harder than our daughter's pancakes, and that is the heart of man. It isn't just unbelievers, murders, and thieves that have hard hearts. No, the heart of a Christian can become like a slab of cold concrete too.

Even the disciples who walked with Christ daily were afflicted with a hard heart.

The dangerous thing about a hardened heart is that those who are afflicted by it are

not aware of their serious condition. In their eyes, they look fine, feel fine, and act fine; nothing is amiss.

Because of this we must regularly examine ourselves for signs of this deadly spiritual disease.

Here are just a few you might begin to check yourself for.

Blindness

When a heart is hardened the sight goes too. All at once the lights go out and it is as if God does not exist. Yes the mouth may profess Him but all outward actions shout loud and clear that He is nowhere to be found.

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Matthew 15:8

Those afflicted by this, when in times of trouble, sit in darkness believing they are all alone in their problems. It matters not that God has provided for faithfully time and time again. They respond as if He has never cared for them at all. They do not trust Him to meet their needs.

If their prayers are answered, they are amazed. If their prayers go unanswered, then that is exactly what they expected!

If this condition should accompany a negligence of responsibility to the Lord's church in attendance and giving, you will be spinning your wheels in any attempt to 'gently persuade' them.

They are blinded to their duty to God and others. Being totally self –absorbed in their needs being met, they will vehemently deny they have any done wrong. In fact, it is not uncommon for them to believe and profess they are always right.

Some have even proclaimed themselves to be without sin, while their unconfessed sins are backed up like the Los Angeles Freeway during rush hour!

Deafness

"For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened." Mark 6:52

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CBC Seeking to Honor Alumni

Honor and Memorial Gifts

The following are honor and memorial contributions received since the last report by Central Baptist College.

Some of the contributions are recurring gifts but are only listed once.

In Memory Of

-Jack Bloxom by Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Jenkin, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Harper, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Armstrong, Vivian Wisdom, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bloxom, Clay Bloxom, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hutchinson and Joyce N. Garrison.

-Lee W. Brown by Amy M. Billingsley.

-Karen L. Cizek by Mr. & Mrs. Lanny Whitaker, and Mr. & Mrs. Craig Rosengrants.

-John L. Goswick by Dr. & Mrs. Joel Slayton and Shirley Wallace.

-Erma Harrell by Marieca G. Ashworth.

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-Dr. Ron Mitchell by Esther M. Kershner-Mitchell.

-Brenda K. Patrick by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Walters.

-*Charles B. Ritchie* by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Ritchie, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nicholson, Sandra Cearley, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Blackmore.

-John Smith by Antioch Baptist Church, Conway.

-James L. Speer by Dr. & Mrs. Joel Slayton.

In Honor Of

CBC's 70th Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cherry and *Terry Kimbrow* by Reta Hoshaw.

Homecoming Nominations

With Homecoming

2023 just around the corner, it's time to nominate some of our deserving alumni.

To submit a nomination, please include the name of the individual along with 2-3 sentences on why you think they deserve the award.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following categories:

Distinguished Alumni

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to an individual who has served their community for more than 20 years.

This individual demonstrates a legacy of service and continues to serve in a

multitude of ways to demonstrate interest in CBC.

Outstanding Alumnus

The Outstanding Alumnus is awarded to an individual, or couple, who have been instrumental in the advancement of their chosen profession, primarily within the last few years.

This individual or

couple demonstrates their love of service within the community and continues to show interest in CBC.

Mustang Community Impact Award: The Mustang Community Impact Award is given to an individual who goes aboveand-beyond to serve their community.

They are Mustangs through and through and carry CBC values into the community.

Nominations are due to Friday, December 16 and may be emailed to Mallory Guyton at mguyton@cbc.edu.

To see a list of pervious award winners, visit cbc.edu/alumniawards.

Have you ever said, "I wish I could do a mission trip," but you didn't know how or with whom? Evangelistic International Ministries would like to invite you, our fellow BMAA Brothers and Sisters, to be a part of our 2023 Global Evangelism Teams. You will have the opportunity to spend several days on a foreign field investing in the lives of children and adults pouring into them the good news of the gospel.



For over 25 years EIM has taken teams to work with BMA missionaries and church planters all around the world. We have seen God move and transform countless lives as team members have shared the gospel with people who have never heard. We have several opportunities for you in the summer of 2023.

now Accepting

The following are the available trips, dates, and costs.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA	JUNE 21-30, 2023	 \$3,000
TANZANIA, EAST AFRICA	JULY 12-22, 2023	 \$3,000
HONDURAS	JULY 31-AUGUST 5	 \$2,200

An online application and non-refundable deposit is <u>due on or before JANUARY 27</u>, <u>2023</u>. If you are interested and would like more information please call me at the Warren EIM office at 870-226-3626 or email me at: <u>fnorris@eimworldwide.org</u> You can also visit EIM's website at: <u>www.eimworldwide.org</u> and click on the TAKE A TRIP link to view all the requirements to be placed on a team.

"Watchmen," cont from pg 1

"One thing we often overlook is the sin of apathy, which is a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern. We have become so desensitized to sin that we often ignore, if not outright participate in said sins."

God had a plan on how to protect Jerusalem. There were people who were watching for the enemy, they were watching for danger. These people were designated for the task and were ready to sound the warning. To be a good watchman you needed to be vigilant as well as have the ability to recognize danger.

Unfortunately some of our watchmen fall into Isaiah 56:10 territory, "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber."

Are we willing to sound such a warning? Are we even looking for the enemy?

We have too many people lying down on the job and who are not paying attention. They do not care, pushing the limits of apathy to places not visited before.

We should have Christians crying form the rooftops about the evils that are seen. Our cities should have people on the council watching and protecting where we live.



We are so excited to be returning to the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center this year for Oklahoma Outbreak

December 29-31

Cost of the conference is \$60 and includes the cost of a t-shirt. To ensure your students get a shirt in their size please send your shirt numbers and sizes back to us by Sunday, December 4.

For room reservations call (580) 993-2327 and use the group code: BMAO22 Please book your rooms by 12/11/22 Cancellations are refundable with a greater than 24 hour notice.

Our group rate this year is: \$96/night for King or Double Queen rooms.

**As of now the suite rooms are all booked during the time of our conference.

Counties need commissioners who know the Lord. We need state and federal elected officials helping to keep our great nation in God's graces. We are supposed to all be ambassadors for Christ, according to 2 Corinthians 5:20.

This means we should speak on behalf of Christ. When individuals, societies and nations turn their backs of God there will be a great penalty to pay.

Some will choose to ignore their duty and there will be an exacting price.

Ezekiel 33:6-7 states, "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

Likewise we need to have people warning others of the evil that is to come, as well as the consequences.

People are dying and going to hell.

Society is getting more and more wicked as the days go by.

Churches are dwindling as people lose interest in the truth and choose rather to follow the easy course of the world.

Families are falling by the wayside all the while we have the truth. We have the truth, but people know not even the question.

We have the truth and know the difference in lies. We know the truth... will we share it?

"That Reminds Me

By Jesse Spurlock

"Sunday Morning Gospel"

I've been aware of it for some time, but still don't understand why they do it. Recently, I was driving home from church on Sunday morning. We had gotten out of church at 11:45am so it was still Sunday morning, but just barely.

I had the radio on and was enjoying Johnny Cash singing "The Old Rugged Cross." He concluded his song at almost exactly noon.

The disc jockey said, "You have been listening to 'The Country Gospel Show.'" He then identified their radio station and immediately put on Toby Keith's " I Love This Bar."

Irritated, I turned the radio off, but wondered at the timing and choice of song of the disc jockey.

Due to the distinct contrast between the two back-to-back songs, I had the definite impression the disc jockey was happy the "Gospel" show was over so he could get back to playing worldly and ungodly music.

I also recalled one Sunday Morning Gospel Show on the radio years ago. I was driving to the country church I pastored. It took me an hour and a half to make the drive so I turned on the radio to listen to some gospel music as I drove.

I was pleasantly surprised the disc jockey played several very spiritual songs. However, he apparently decided we needed a break from the steady music so he did a little talking before the next record. He made a statement about how great the gospel songs were and how spiritually uplifting they were.

I was taken aback when he continued, "Today is a beautiful day. It's a great day to take your family to the lake, or perhaps get out and do some yard work."

Hebrews 10:25 tells us what we are supposed to be doing on Sunday, and it isn't going to the lake or doing yard work. "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the day approaching."

I know someone will undoubtedly conclude I must be some sort of fanatic, and they would be right when it comes to being a follower of Christ.

However, I'm not so naïve that I think radio stations will play gospel songs all day long, even on Sunday, but my problem is there is apparently no concept of the meaning of the words of the gospel songs.

Or else, how can they play a very spiritually uplifting song, immediately followed by a very ungodly song.

Of course, the disc jockey's

inconsistency is put right out in the open without apology.

However, many of God's people are just as inconsistent, but not quite so apparent. They attend church and seem to enjoy it, but as soon as they walk out of the church building

their life goes back to their unworldly lifestyle. With their lips they have worshipped and praised God in the worship

service, and upon leaving the Lord's House they use the same lips to church men and even God.

This was James' concern in James 3:9-10.

"Therewith bless we God, even the Father, and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Just as the disc jockey failed to recognize their inconsistencies, neither does the worldly church member.

Good News From Grace Harbor

This past month we experienced something amazing. After nearly six months of building relationships with Afghan-Muslim neighbors, we had several step into our Sunday gathering through the month, and around three who joined us for our thanksgiving dinner that our church holds every November. This month, many Muslims heard the Gospel and experienced the love of Christ through our church welcoming and showing hospitality to them.

I have asked another three of my Muslim neighbors (who were not with us in our gathering) if they would be interested in reading and studying the Bible with me. They have all indicated that they are open to this! I have a an Afghan friend who is planting a church in OKC among Afghans, and he has supplies us with Bibles in their language that they will be able to understand.

We are praying that as the holidays approach, we would be able to see and welcome more afghans, and the Lord would open their hearts to questions to ask, and the message we will share with them.

We are heading into year six as a church, and are so grateful for how the Lord has provided for us every step of the way. Pray that our ministry would be fruitful and that we would continue to be faithful in our desire to make disciples!



"Heart Trouble," cont from pg 3

"The dangerous thing about a hardened heart is that those who are afflicted by it are not aware of their serious condition. In their eyes, they look fine, feel fine, and act fine; nothing is amiss."

To be a hearer of the Word you must also be a doer of the Word. James 1:23-25

One may hear a sermon, a lesson or a scripture and even discuss it with others, but that is not an indication of hearing. When someone hears something they respond appropriately to what is said.

The same is true with God's Word. Hardened hearts love to hear good preaching. They may even go to revivals and listen to preaching tapes, yet their lives remain unchanged.

The children of Israel loved to hear Ezekiel's power packed preaching, but they never obeyed it.

"They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them" Ezekiel 33:31

Swollen With Pride

The sufferer of a hardened heart becomes so filled with pride that they become the one in charge and calling all the shots, asking God to just move aside.

That is until times get really hard. At this point they will question and blame God for the hardship, all the while failing to see their own hand brought about their problems.

Rebellion begins to flourish and they harden even further. As the call to repentance increases so does their resistance to it. This continues until a point is reached where they can no longer bear the suffering.

Their marriage ends, their families are destroyed, their finances are in a shamble, their health is broken, THEN they cry out to God, " I'll do whatever you say Lord, just get me out of this mess!"

Lovingly and faithfully He hears their cries, reaches down, puts them on their feet and blesses them.

Are they thankful? Nope. Once all is well,

pride fills them again and they quickly return to their old ways and problems. They had no desire for true repentance, only temporary relief. The same scene is acted out over and over in their lives.

If you only come to God to get something from Him, to get out of your mess, you will never grow up but only grow harder in heart.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

Dyslexia

Laboring under this condition, sufferers tend to see things backwards. They believe that God must first meet their approval by proving Himself faithful to their desires and requests. Once these requirements are met, THEN they will follow, obey, and trust Him.

"You go first Lord, I will grade you then decide if you are worthy of following."

What audacity! God needs to prove nothing to us – we are the ones that need to prove ourselves to God. He has promised in His Word to always care for us. That should be enough. How confused one can be, to say they will live by faith IF they can first live by sight!

Another twist in this perplexed state of mind is that the Scripture ceases to be a standard by which to measure their actions and meet God's approval. Instead, God's Word is measured by their emotions, feelings, and experience, with the final decision being based on pleasing self and satisfying the flesh!

Yes a hardened heart has it all backwards. They harden their hearts to the Lord and soften them to Satan.

Anorexia

The spirit quickly begins to starve as the heart hardens. Gone is the desire to

live for the Lord. Progressively, they grow weaker and weaker. Some stop coming to church all together, but many come to the Master's table every service, but partake of no nourishment.

They may even hold an office in the church and sing hymns louder than anyone there, but they still go away unfed.

Secret sins, known only to them remain intact and healthy. Refusing to feed on God's Word drains them of all conviction or desire to turn away. What truths they are fed dribble out of the mouths and down their chins, never reaching their innermost parts.

Stunted Growth

A hardened heart cannot grow because it is unable to receive God's direction. Somewhere along the way they refused to do something God wanted them to. Quite possibly the Lord wanted them to surrender something for Him and they refused.

At that point in time their heart began to harden and they froze at that spiritual age, becoming sermon proof and Bible proof.

Maybe soon after they were saved, they refused to make a full surrender of everything in their life to God. They loved something or someone more than they did the Lord. They pulled the plug and the lamp went out. Not only does their light no longer shine for Christ, but they stumble in darkness trying to find their way.

Quite a devastating disease of the spirit wouldn't you say? Have you recognized yourself in any of these symptoms? God's cure, as always, is easy.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Yet as we all know prevention is better than a cure. Protect yourself and others by

hiding Hebrews 3:13 in your heart. "But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Oh by the way Amber says if you all are ever in town you are welcome to come over and she will fix pancakes. Her husband says you are welcome to have ALL YOU CAN EAT!!

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Central Baptist College, Conway, AR

Vice President for Advancement

Reports to: The President

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Central Baptist College is committed to transforming lives through education that integrates Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

Responsibilities:

The Vice President for Advancement is charged with supporting the mission of Central Baptist College and elevating the institution's profile through:

- Serving as the institution's chief fundraising.
- Developing effective donor, community.
- Championing Central Baptist College through ongoing engagement with alumni, community leaders to continuously maximize .
- Provide leadership to the Offices of Development, Public Relations, Church Relations, and Alumni Services, working with them to design, implement, and direct an integrated and comprehensive development program, with special emphasis on identifying, cultivating, soliciting, engaging, and stewarding support to provide long-term financial sustainability for the College.
- A voting member of the President's Executive Leadership Team.

Qualifications:

- Minimum bachelor's degree; master's degree preferred.
- Minimum of 7 years of supervision/team leadership.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities and strategic thinking.
- Ability to manage donor relations with a high degree of professionalism, integrity, and confidentiality.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to manage multiple projects/deadlines and possess a service-oriented, team player attitude.
- Fundraising experience preferred.
- Travel required, including weekends and evenings.
- Candidate must support the Christian identity of the College and demonstrate mature faith, Christian lifestyle, and a strong belief in Baptist Doctrine.

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

To be considered for the position of Vice President for Advancement, interested candidates must complete an Application for Employment at http://cbc.edu/jobs and send a cover letter, resume (including references), and statement of faith as PDF attachments addressed to Terry Kimbrow, President, at tkimbrow@cbc.edu.

Electronic submissions only. Background check required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oklahoma Outbreak State Youth Winter Conference December 29-31 See pg 5

BMAO Midyear Meeting April 15 Pleasant Hill Blanchard

> BMAA National Meeting April 25-27 Antioch Baptist Conway, AR See pg 2

SOAR Youth Conference July 3-5 Grapevine, TX