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Our Motto . . .

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3

We Believe . . .

. . . That God created the Heavens and the Earth

. . . That the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant "Word of God"

. . . That Jesus Christ is the Virgin-born Son of God

. . . In the divine nature of Jesus Christ

. . . In the atoning blood of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins

. . . In Sanctification as a second definite work of grace

. . . That believers may know the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

. . . In the bodily Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ

. . . In the soon return of Jesus Christ in power and great glory

. . . In an actual heaven, the reward for the saints, and an actual hell, a place of eternal punishment for the wicked

. . . In the sanctity of life

. . . In holy matrimony between man and woman

President's Message -



Rev. LaDon Dawson, General Conference President

In Joshua's day, God gave Israel the challenge, "choose you this day, whom you will serve." I

believe we still have this challenge of God today to choose whom we will serve. We need to be like Joshua, "*but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*"

As we prepare for General Conference, I urge you to be in prayer for an outpouring of God's spirit on this conference. Rev. Jerry Meggs will be our evangelist as we experience a special time of renewal. Pray for Bro. Jerry as he prepares, that he may know the heart of God and that we will have receptive hearts to allow God to speak to us. As we choose to serve the Lord, we must be revived in order to be the church of the twenty-first century.

General Conference will be on May 21-23, 2008. Come and be a part of this conference as we worship God. We need to be in prayer for our denomination. There are numerous challenges by the devil to hinder the work of our church. We must choose to follow God and "let our lights shine." May we be the light that the world needs to see Jesus, the author and finisher of our Faith.

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General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church May 21-23, 2008

**MP Campground & Headquarters
Collins, MS**

Call 601-765-0029 to reserve room(s).

**Please pray for this conference
and for the next four years
as we begin another quadrennium.**

**Guests are welcome to attend! You do
not need to be a delegate.**

Calendar of Events

(Please send information for Revivals, Special Youth Events, Homecomings and any other special dates.)

Apr 19 9 AM MS WMS Branch Meeting
MS Campground, Collins, MS

Apr 26 9 AM LA WMS Branch Meeting
Yeager MP Church, West Monroe, LA

May 21-23 General Conference
MP Headquarters, Collins, MS

June 1-4 Revival - Forest Grove, MS
Dr. John Eldon Neihof, Jr., Evangelist

June 4-6 10 AM AL Annual Conference
AL Headquarters & Campground, Ashland, AL

June 11-13 10 AM LA Annual Conference
General Conference Headquarters, Collins, MS

June 18-20 MS Annual Conference
MS Campground, Collins, MS

July 13-18 MS Youth Camp & Camp Meeting
Dr. John Eldon Neihof, Jr., Evangelist

TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew 16:37-17, 21-23, 17:1-9

Rev. Harold Jackson

Conclusion

The first person that we note in the Transfiguration is the man, Jesus Christ. The second notation is that of three simple human beings. These three men were not extraordinary men. They were ordinary Jews with an extraordinary calling. These were called of God to be apostles of Jesus Christ.

Jesus separated these men from the other disciples that they may accompany Him to the place of prayer. Jesus was accustomed to spending time in prayer both in the morning and evening. The disciples seemingly did not place prayer in such high priority as did Jesus Christ. There were three cases in which the Savior separated these men to be with Him. In each case, death was involved. In these cases, Jesus revealed His three-fold attitude toward death. In the house of Jairus, the Lord was **Master** over death when He raised Jairus' daughter from death. He spoke words of living love when He said, "Damsel (young girl), I say unto thee, arise." On the Mt. of Transfiguration, Jesus Christ was **superior** over death. He passed into the glory of the eternal without the touch of death. He revealed the glory of the resurrection before their very eyes. Later on Jesus revealed another attitude toward death. In the Garden of Gethsemane He **yielded** unto death. Christ yielded unto death as if He knew it was the will of the Father. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, death was brought upon all mankind, and our Savior had to die to save us from sin and the second death.

Why were these three disciples chosen with Christ in these three cases? Might it have been because of their attitudes toward death? When Christ first spoke of His death, Peter (I use this phrase cautiously) "came unglued." "Be it far from Thee, Lord." This may be an indication that inwardly Peter was **afraid of death**. With James and John the opposite may have been true. When their mother asked for the best seats in the kingdom for her boys, the other disciples became rather indignant. But Jesus asked a question that may have relieved the anger of the others. The question, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of?" They answered, "We are able!" Putting this a little more into our language and slang. "Oh yeah, Lord, we can handle that. We can do that with one hand tied behind us." They were **overly courageous** about death.

The disciples were probably about half asleep, when suddenly they were awakened by a most glorious sight. Jesus, Who had told them of His death, was now surrounded with the glory and power of heaven. The disciples came

to realize that Jesus was more than a mortal man. Christ was talking with two men from heaven, whom the disciples recognized. Suddenly, while being only partially awake, Peter spoke and said in his excitement, "Let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Tabernacles are dwellings for immediate use. What did Elijah and Moses need with earthly dwellings? Jesus Christ would soon be going back to heaven. According to the Bible, Peter did not know what to say. Did you ever "stick your foot in your mouth?" as the saying is used! Peter's speech was a blunder: speaking without thinking. There is an old saying that goes something like this - "Before thy tongue is accelerated, be sure thy brain is engaged." That may be a good recommendation. Consider this: Peter may have been like many believers today. They prefer to dwell on the mountaintop of religious emotional experience than to go down into the valley where there is hunger and need, and lost people. Each believer is needed in the valley where there are sinners and helpless ones.

The third scene is about two great men in the history of Israel. These men were involved in the Judaic Law and economy that Christ was about to fulfill. Moses and Elijah had important roles in the Law of God handed down to Israel through Moses. Their presence in heaven was due to their faith in the promises of God. Moses was the heroic law-giver and deliverer of Israel. Elijah was the lion-hearted prophet that "stood-up" to kings. Moses was the founder of the economy. Elijah was the reformer and revivalist. These two men were conversing with the Savior concerning His "exodus" from earth and His ministry among men. Christ's death and departure from earth was more than just the end of His human life. It included preaching to the Old Testament spirits in prison, taking the keys of hell and death from Satan, setting free the saints and righteous, and bringing them to glory. His exodus included the resurrection, ascension, and being inaugurated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus Christ was about to fulfill the Mosaic Law. This law was divided and executed in three areas: civil, ceremonial, and moral. The civil laws pertained to the laws of the nation of Israel. The ceremonial laws related to the various sacrifices, washings, procedures in the Temple, and in personal sacrifices. The moral code related to the ten commandments and the principles of them. Jesus fulfilled the civil and ceremonial divisions of the economy. But the ten commandments were brought over into Christianity, and

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the principles of the moral code were expanded. The significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah related to the fulfillment of the Law in which they had had such a great part.

The fourth scene is the voice from heaven. Just prior to this, Peter had answered both good and bad in response to what Christ had said. Peter responded with a blunder, but the voice from heaven squelched the blundering speech. Oh that today the voice from heaven might speak to suppress, and end, the blundering speech of cults, unbelievers, pagans, and the antichrist. This voice brings together everyone in Jesus Christ, if heard, because it repels all personal doctrine and perverted beliefs in "hear ye Him." When people hear the voice of Christ and His teachings, and obey "to the letter", all personal views matter not. Peter had listened to himself, to the Father, and even to Satan, now the Father is saying, hear My Son.

From the point of a great wonderful experience, the disciples move with Jesus as He makes a course to the cross. He had a few stops along the way: the triumphal entry, cleansing of the temple, and Gethsemane, to name a few. One great stop was the Garden where He surrendered totally to the will of the Father.

In a further analysis of the announcement Christ made of His death, we may conclude that Peter was suggesting the glory of Christ without the cross, even though he was not aware of the implications. There are people in the church that deny and reject the cross where Christ's blood was shed. There was an associate pastor of a large eastern church that said, "Since when does orthodoxy, church membership, or anything else require that we believe in the virgin birth, bodily resurrection, the - of all things - substi-

tutionary atonement of Jesus Christ?' Since when? since Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood there. We must believe that He is who He said, and believe what He did for salvation, and what is required to receive salvation from sin. The watered down, modernistic gospel of this age, is leaving people like the Athenians - before an altar to an unknown god.

The Transfiguration was for the disciples of Christ to endure what was set before them in a short time. But it is also that we may know the crucifixion and death of Christ was for us, also. The Transfiguration should also remind us that Jesus Christ is coming again. Are you ready? "Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you can be saved. Confess to Christ your lost condition, if you are unsaved, and He will gladly save you now.

ANNUAL BELIZE BLITZ

The annual Belize Blitz is scheduled for July 17-25. The tentative cost is \$1,000.00 per person. Please pray and see if God would have **you** be a part of this endeavor. Volunteers needed are ministers, teachers, craft workers, refreshment workers, and other 'jacks-of-all-trades'. I promise that if you have a heart to go; we will give you a job. Information packets will be available at all State WMS Branch meetings.

~ Cindy Lambert, Coordinator

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A Layman's Point Of View -

Larry Davis, General Conference Laymen's President

God is Forever, No Trial Is

This verse of inspiration is one of my wife, Sonda's all time much loved verses. I was reading the Word recently and God began to talk to me about this verse:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8: 28).

God began to show me some things in this one verse.

This verse is a promise from God, and He never breaks a promise! This verse is comforting. It offers an assurance and a certainty that in spite of all the craziness of life we know that God has it all under control.

This verse gives us understanding about God and His intent for our lives. This verse also gives us hope.

If you look deeper it requires faith to believe it. It forces us to dwell in a state of faith. We have to have a walk of faith in God because the Scripture says it's impossible to please Him without it.

There is assurance that not only are we called -- we are called to His purpose, not a meaningless life of dead ends and hopelessness. This verse gives us great assurance.

This verse offers a spiritual reward. If we do His will and love Him He causes all things to work together for our good.

This verse is about LOVE. God again shows us, as

He does through thousands of others in the Bible, that HE IS A GOD OF LOVE! He has our interests, our future and our good at heart and, He intends to make it all happen according to His will and timing.

There are seasons of plenty in God and seasons of lack. He says He will never leave us nor forsake us. In fact, right now as you are reading this, the Holy Spirit is praying for us, and Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us!

Look at these two verses from Romans 8: 26-27 *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

Have HOPE! God is forever, but no trial is. God is eternal, but seasons are just that, seasons. It certainly can't be all bad if the Holy Spirit and Jesus are interceding for us right now! Hey, at least you can rest in the fact that our prayers are heard and answered. God loves you and me and He wants us to realize and know it's all under His control, no matter how it looks or seems. Let us rest in this very fact today.

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YOUTH

Rev. James McKneely, Sr.

The B-I-B-L-E

"The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the Book for Me." We sang this song as children, but it is not just a song for children. The song, just like the BIBLE, is for all ages.

The BIBLE is our guide in life as we live here on earth. It teaches us what we need to know about God, life, marriage, and raising children. As you see, this is indeed more than just a song for children, it is a lifestyle by which we should live- whether young or old. We need the Word of God to guide us as we go through this life. We can always trust the BIBLE, because it is God's Word.

In Proverbs 3:5-6, we find wisdom. In Psalms, we find God's Mercy. In Matthew we find the Savior Jesus Christ, His birth, death, burial and resurrection from the dead. In Romans 19:9-10 we find salvation for our souls with the promises of God. Verse 13 states *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Have you read any good books lately? The number one seller today is the BIBLE - full of the greatest stories ever told.

Pick up the 'old black book' called the Holy BIBLE and get your life back on track with God.

I challenge you to come and dine on God's Word and let your heart's song be "More, More About Jesus."

How Well Do You Know Your BIBLE?

- How many days did it take God to create the world?

- How old was Abraham's wife, Sarah, when God told her she would give birth to her first child? _____
- How long did the Bible's Methuselah live? _____
- How long was the great flood of Noah's day?

- Disobeying a divine directive, Lot's wife looked back at Sodom as it was destroyed. What happened to her?

- What body of water parted to facilitate the Israelite slaves' escape to freedom? _____
- While the Israelites were wandering in the desert for 40 years, food miraculously appeared on the desert ground in the morning. What was it called?

- What events immediately preceded the tumbling of Jericho's walls? _____

- According to the book of Judges, what was the physical source of Samson's strength?

- How many days did it take for Nehemiah to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem? _____
- Name two of the animals whose parts, according to the Book of Ezekiel, are part of a cherub?

- By his own account, how long was Jonah inside the big fish, or whale? _____
- Who was in jail with Paul in Philippi when an earthquake opened the jail cell doors? _____
- The Bible says Mary was shocked to learn she would be the Mother of Jesus. Why? _____

- What does the Bible say led the wise men to Jesus' birthplace? _____
- What was the first miracle that Jesus performed?

- In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' disciples traveled ahead of Him by boat across the Sea of Galilee. How did Jesus catch up with the disciples? _____

- According to the Gospels, Jesus was crucified. What happened in three days? _____
- What happened to Saul on his way to Damascus? _____

- According to the Book of Revelation, of what substance are heaven's 12 gates constructed? _____

Fill in the blanks and mail to: Youth, 722 Hwy 84 West, Collins, MS 39428 for a drawing to win a prize! For children ages 6 to 16.

2008 WMS / JMS READING COURSE BOOKS

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The Loneliest Woman in Africa - Mrs. Forsyth, the heroine of this book, lived alone for thirty years in an isolate mission station in Fingoland, Southeast Africa, amongst a wild and dissolute tribe of heathens. During that period when never moved outside a radius of twenty miles from her humble mission-house...To all who knew of her she was a marvel. The missionary under whom she worked declared that there was not one woman in five hundred who could have lived the life she lived.

Secret Power - D.L. Moody - Moody's Secret Power towers as a Classic among Classics: not only lush with the beauty of eloquence, but simple and applicable to every Christian's life. here are the instructions for tapping into the power of God so that you can live as richly, deeply, and fully as God intends.

Moody believed that the "Secret Power" - the power of the Holy Spirit - had been too much overlooked, as though it were not practical.

i am not but i know I AM - Louie Giglio - If you see life as your own one-act play and his glory as your story, you could be in for a rude awakening when the curtain finally closes on your tiny tale - and you discover that life wasn't all about you after all.

Embrace the true meaning of life as you learn to work and rest in His power, spending your life for what lasts forever the unending glory that is God's alone.

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Lydia Barnes and the Blood Diamond Treasure - Heather Wilson - Lydia Barnes is not your typical 14-year-old. Sure, she plays her iPod nonstop and rolls her eyes at her dad's dumb jokes - but she also finds herself dodging lion attacks, outwitting rebel warriors, and heading up globe-trotting adventures.

Lydia Barnes and the Mystery of the Broken Cross - Heather Wilson - On a trip to israel with her adventurous father, Frank Barnes, Lydia finds herself narrowly escaping terrorist attacks. And when money is stolen from a Christian relief agency, all the evidence points to her! With long-distance help from her geeky friend Ben, Lydia must sort out the clues and try to find the truth . . . before the terrorists strike again!

The Story of John Wesley for Young People - Marianne Kirlew
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The Missionary Record

Mrs. Dianne Reid, Woman Executive Secretary, Editor

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR BELIZE PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Nationals of Belize have formulated and instituted an effective scholarship program to aid worthy students from Methodist Protestant schools on the primary and high school level. These grants will be considered on an annual basis. The Board of Missions approved this program in 2007. Your WMS Auxiliary, Zone, Branch or Church are urged to participate in helping these students who are active in Methodist Protestant Churches, San Lazaro or Sand Hill Zion. Alabama's Branch report, by President, Rev. Martha Headley, to the recent 2008 Convention stated that grants were provided for two high school students from each of our schools (total was \$1,050). A total of \$1,283.00 was raised to sponsor primary students (8 children sponsored last year and 17 children sponsored this year.) These funds came from a variety of sources: VBS offerings, Sunday School, Penny March Money, individuals, and WMS Auxiliaries.

Belize Methodist Protestant Annual High School Scholarship/Grant Program

This annual grant is equal to the value of one year's tuition to the high school of the recipient's choice and the purchase of the necessary textbooks. The recipient of this scholarship/grant will be chosen by the Manager and Principal of the local MP primary school, along with the pastor of the local MP church using the following criteria:

He/She must be the person in the Standard VI class of the local MP primary school who received the highest score on the P.S.E. (Primary School Examination) and has regularly attended the local MP church.

Before receiving the scholarship/grant, the recipient and his/her guardian(s) must accept and pledge to comply with the following regulations by signing the form provided.

This scholarship/grant will be for a period of one year only.

The recipient of the grant will be required to attend the

weekly services at the local MP church, as well as attend their youth meetings.

This grant will cover the purchase of books and tuition for the first year only.

All money for the grant will be paid directly to the high school, and the receipts for tuition and books purchased will be the property of the local MP primary school. No money will be given directly to the recipient and/or his/her guardian(s).

The books bought will be the property of the local MP primary school, and as such must be handed into the management of the school at the end of the school year.

In the event that the recipient successfully advances to the next class, consideration will be given to allow that person to trade the books into the high school they are attending to obtain a discount on the purchase of future books.

Written authority for the recipient or his/her guardian(s) to do this must be obtained in advance from the Manager and Principal of the local MP primary school. Failure to obtain the proper authority may result in the recipient and/or his/her guardian(s) being required to provide reimbursement equal to the value of the books.

Belize Methodist Protestant Annual Primary School Child Sponsorship Program

He/she must be registered as a student of either Pancotto Primary School in Sand Hill Village or San Lazaro Methodist Protestant School in San Lazaro Village. Financial status, behavior, religious affiliation, as well as the prior educational performance of the student will be taken into account in deciding who the final recipients of the sponsorships will be.

Recipients receiving this sponsorship will be chosen by the Manager and Principal of the local MP primary school, along with the pastor of the local MP church using the fol-

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WMS PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL - Secretaries of Literature; Spiritual growth of our people through Bible study and the WMS Reading Course Books; Board of Publications; The Methodist Protestant Faith, Faith Press and Bookstore; Christian Radio Broadcasts; Holiness Publications - II Timothy 2:15

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Secretary of Literature: Encourage participation in the WMS Reading Course. Special emphasis on Brand L. Jenkins Memorial Easter Offering.

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lowing additional guidelines:

Before being awarded sponsorship, the student’s guardian(s) must accept and pledge to comply with the following regulations by signing at the bottom of this form.

This sponsorship will be for a period of one year only.

The student being sponsored will be required to participate in all annual school activities and must attend the weekly services at the local MP church.

The guardian(s) of the student being sponsored will be expected to be available to actively participate in the activities of the school, as well as show a general interest in working along with the school to develop the student and the school. The guardian(s) will be required to schedule monthly visits to the school to meet with the student’s class teacher, as well as the Principal to check on the general progress of the student.

All money for the sponsorship will be paid directly to the school, and the receipts for school fees and books purchased will be the property of the local MP school. No money will be awarded directly to the student and/or his/her guardian(s).

This sponsorship will cover school fees and the purchase of books for one year only.

The books bought will be the property of the local MP school, and as such must be handed in to the principal and/or management of the school at the end of the school year before the student receives his final report card. If the books received at the end of the school year are received in such a condition that they have endured undue wear and tear, the student and/or his guardian(s) may be required to compensate the local MP school for the cost of replacing such books. (In the event that this becomes necessary, normal wear and tear will be taken into consideration when assessing the final value of the books.)

If a student is awarded sponsorship for a specific school year, this will not automatically guarantee that the student will continue to be sponsored for the remaining years he/she is enrolled at the school. Students who have received annual sponsorship may be considered again for sponsorship. However, they will be re-evaluated annually taking into consideration adherence to the above criteria.

Beloved Sisters,

I greet you affectionately in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It’s a pleasure for me to be able to take paper and ink and address you.

The motive of this letter is to relate to you how grateful I am to the Lord and also to you for this interest (concern) for our Belizean children. I know that it is a work very precious that you are doing and that there are no words with which to thank you, neither to repay this great effort and the love that you feel for others. Yet, I am sure that God is taking this into account and that in His due time you will reap.

In truth I am very content and happy, and I promise that I am going to help my daughter in everything I can so that she always goes forward and that she always follows in the way of the Lord.

May the Lord bless you in a very special way.

Sincerely yours, Irma Yolanda Escalante (mother)

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very glad and happy to send you a letter of thanks in the name of my daughters, Shanaia and Daphne (Lali), my son Shanir, and myself. I really appreciate all the help you’re giving me with my children at school, because it is a big help for me. It is really very hard for me to be supporting three children at school and one at pre-school. My second son Jason will be graduating from Std. VI at San Lazaro MP School. I am very proud of him and thank the good Lord for such wonderful things happening in my life. (Jason was the recipient of the H.S. Scholarship from San Lazaro MP School.)

I was a church member of San Lazaro Methodist Protestant Church, and I am working very hard to defeat all obstacles that hinder me from wanting to walk in the way of God. And I ask you to please pray for me and my children that nothing will stop us from finding the way with God.

Once more I want to thank you very much for all the help with my children’s education. May God bless you all and love to all in the name of the Lord.

Sincerely yours, Judith Novelo

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UPDATE ON KENYA

From Bill and Melody Dearmon, WGM

The nation of Kenya has returned to a relatively stable state following the worst nation-wide violence the country has seen in many years. National leaders are working to

negotiate a settlement of the recent, disputed presidential elections. All of our Kenyan friends and the missionaries are hopeful for a lasting, peaceful solution to the conflict. The AGC Baby Center is currently receiving all necessary supplies and personnel are able to travel to and from work. Please continue to pray for this difficult situation and for the thousands of displaced Kenyans who are still struggling to return to a semblance of normalcy.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for making me a part of the sponsorship program. My mother and father have a lot of bills to pay, and the factory where my mother worked just closed down.

My family and I are most grateful for your kind assistance in paying my tuition and purchasing my books. I will study hard to be deserving of this sponsorship.

Gratefully yours, Michael Davis
(Student, Pancotto Primary)

Dear Alabama Women's Missionary Society,

Thank you for the scholarship that I'll be receiving for the upcoming school year at high school. I can't explain how grateful I am for your help.

I spent days and many nights praying that God would open up the doors and touch some-one's heart so that they would offer me a scholarship. I believe in God. I know that He is working through you.

I'll do my best to make you proud of me. I'm sure you won't regret sponsoring me. I can't repay you for what you're doing for me, but I know that God will reward you gratefully for this.

Thank you once again and may God pour His blessings down on you.

Respectfully yours, Yolanda Escalante
(Recipient: Belize High School Scholarship) (student)
Pancotto Primary School Sand Hill Village, Belize

To the Alabama Women's Missionary Society



I really appreciate your scholarship grant that you all awarded to me. Thank you very much. I really needed this scholarship, because it helped my dad to spend no money to buy my books, school registration, uniforms, and many other things. So, my dad was able to buy my brother's expensive books. My brother is in 3rd Form right now. Once again thank you all very much.

This was a very great help that you all gave me.

May God bless you all!

Jason Carrillo
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NEW CHURCH AT PROGRESSO



The Men With a Mission team - Tony, Kenny, Winston and Thomas - went to Belize in February to work on the Church at Progresso. The LA Conference provided financial funds for the building up to this point. When the building is finished it will have glass windows all around with double front doors and single side doors on each side. and restrooms in the back. We hope to be finished with the church by the end of July, if finances come in. It will be a big asset to the small village of Progresso. The church that Bro. LaDon Dawson built in the late 1980s, had rotted down and was in danger of falling. Frank Robinson and I went in December and poured the foundation, columns and beam with a lot of help from Galo, Armando, and some men from the village. Bro. Maricco helps when he is not working on his job. Frank and I plan to return in April to work on windows and doors. Anyone interested in going can contact me at home (870-797-2706). I hope to have more pictures later as we build. Thank God for people that help to build His Kingdom with finances and hard work. Pray for us as we labor in Belize for the MP Churches of Belize. Pray for Bro. Claudio Leal as he has a lot of responsibility of being the Conference President. Thanks again for each one who contribute their talents and finances for our mission field in Belize. Thank you MWM for all of the hard work that you have done.

In His Services, Rev. Donald R. Smith



Church News

SPRINGFIELD (AL) - General Conference Laymen's President Larry Davis will be guest speaker at Springfield MP Church, Thomasville, AL on Sunday, June 1, 2008 for the morning worship service. Message will be directed to the laity of the church from "A Laymen's Point Of View".



OKLAHOMA - Easter Sunday was very special. We had some more comfortable chairs to sit in and a beautiful cross, constructed by Ray Smithwick, behind the pulpit. The Devers twins had cleaned and moved things around and put new blinds on the front windows. It sure seemed like new life for the old filling station turned church. We felt as though we were really in a sanctuary to worship God. The Reverends, Allen Mitchell, Larry Devers and Daniel Devers gave short thoughts on past Easter, present Easter, and future Easter based on their generation experience. Dora Busch blessed us with a special solo. Dustin Devers accompanied our hymns from the hymnals that Divide MP Church sent to us.

FOREST GROVE (MS) - Revival will be held June 1-4, 2008 with Dr. John Eldon Neihof, Jr. as evangelist. Rev. Neihof is an ordained elder in the Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association, and has been a member of the KMHA since 1991. John serves as an evangelist, song evangelist, Bible College professor and administrator. John's evangelistic ministry has taken him to numerous states. He thrills to preach and sing of the message of full salvation.



John and his wife, Beth are members of the Lafayette Church of the Nazarene, Lexington, KY. John completed the AAR from Kentucky Mountain Bible College, a BA from Asbury College, and an MA and PHD from the University of Kentucky. In addition to serving as Vice President of Development at KMBC, John teaches communications. Since 1998, he has pastored the Mount Carmel High School Church, Vancleve, KY. Beth is the Library Media Specialist at the Jackson Independent Schools, Jackson, KY. They have two children: Katie (21 & married) and Nathan (19).

PEARL (MS) - The Lord has truly been blessing and continually sending new people to our church. We are rowing in number and striving to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that we may be a shining beacon to Pearl, MS and to the world. We enjoyed Easter with a Sunrise service, breakfast, and the Lord's Supper. We are excited about the progress of the Church and ask for your continued prayers as we serve the Lord.

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