The End of One Journey — The Beginning of Another

Days from now, confetti will fly as millions watch the ball drop in New York City, and they sing “Auld Lang Syne.” 2012 becomes history. December 2012 closes out an amazing chapter in the history of the Gospel Broadcasting Network. Since November 2005, GBN has been located in the Chattanooga, TN area. In the remaining days of this year, we move our final truckloads to our new location in Olive Branch, MS. Sadly, we leave behind many great friends. We will especially miss our Ringgold staff who will not be coming with us (Wanda, Charlotte, Suzanne, Tommy and Claude). We thank them for keeping the operation running over the last two years.

Two years ago GBN had approximately $930,000 of debt and our continued existence was in question. At that time we had no idea what the future would hold for us, but we knew that some changes had to take place. An intense effort was made to make GBN the best work in the brotherhood with regard to stewardship. We needed to increase viewership, decrease expenses and pay off our debt. We created a Roku Channel, iPhone and Android apps. With the blessing of brother Barry Gilreath Sr., we began to look for a new overseeing eldership. As we close out 2012, we must say that God has greatly blessed the work, and brethren have been exceedingly generous. After almost 24 months of penny pinching and aggressively paying on our debt, we have submitted our final payment and brought the $930,000 balance down to $0. In addition, we have paid off the mortgage on our new GBN offices in Olive Branch, where we will be located a few miles from our new overseeing eldership at the Southaven congregation.

With our debt behind us, we can now more fully focus our efforts on expanding our outreach to teach more souls the gospel. In the coming months we want to add more cable stations to carry our regular 24/7 channel. We are looking into new and original programming, as we utilize more brethren from the Memphis area. We are working on a plan for a live call-in Q&A program. We also plan to improve our tracking program so that we can share with our supporters numbers of baptisms, restorations and stories of lives that have been touched by the work of GBN.

Where are we in the transition? The week of December 17-21, we loaded trucks and moved out of Ringgold, GA. In the following days we will be transitioning phone lines to Olive Branch and starting to use our new mailing address. Effective immediately, please send all mail to: 8900 Germantown Road, Olive Branch, MS, 38654. We are already operating out of our new offices, and the studio addition on the rear of the building should be completed in early January. (See pictures of the studio on the next few pages). By February 2013, we should be filming in our new studio in Olive Branch. Our ceremonial “grand-opening” will take place on Saturday, March 30, 2013 (the Saturday prior to the MSOP lectureship). At that time our new facility will be named in honor of GBN’s founder, Barry Gilreath Sr.

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“IN MEMORY OF…”

Virginia Chaney, by Hollis & Nancy Tackitt

Edith Taylor, by Bill & Carolyn Snider

Mrs. Dee Davis, by Otho Davis

Edna Earl Dooley, by Betty and Brenda Smith

June Sanders, by Mr. Benny Sanders

Cindy Fendley, by Eunice Rayburn

John Coffey, by Christine Hendricks

Charles (Lane) Halter and Johnny McDowell, by Larry & Linda Davis

James Bobo, by Anonymous

Marguerite F. Bradford, by James Bradford

Aunt Clara McAfee, by Mr. & Mrs. Leighton McMahan, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Haske, Mr. & Mrs. Gary McMahan and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davis & family

Mrs. Ada Pugh, by Ronnie & Mary Alice Lokey

Mrs. Duene Broome, by the South Commerce Street Church of Christ, Summerville, GA

Macie Tate, Margaret Bryant, Daisy Martin Groves and Joyce Boyd, by Walter & Mary Ann Bishop

Margie Woody, by John Ed & Jo Frazier

Alvin F. Parker, by Irene M. Parker

Maidell Hemphil Parker, by William H. Parker

Charles Stubblefield, by John Paul & Mary Davis

Dawn D. Holden, by Nancy E. Basham

Grady Baynes, by Effie Johnson

Ed (Dub) Justice, by Nell Ellis

Mary Nell Cates, by Florence Thompson

J.T. West, by Jesse & Freeda Knight

Art Brown, by the Grapeland Church of Christ, Grapeland, TX

Tony McCachren, by Lorie Kuzmkowski

Caroline McPherson, by the South Pittsburg Church of Christ, South Pittsburg, TN

Harrell “Bud” Odell Collier, by the Hope Church of Christ, Hope, AR

Mr. Terry Bennett, by W.C. & Nelma Chilton

Russell Bell, by Jordan & Nelda Lin-scomb

Robert E. Vaughter, Sr., by Carol Vaughter

Raymond Cunningham, by Charlotte A. Shetter

Pictures of the progress on the new GBN studio addition on the rear of our recently purchased building in Olive Branch, MS.
IN MEMORY OF . . .

Raymond Cunningham, by the Grundy Street Church of Christ Ladies’ Bible Class, Tullahoma, TN

Ken Hobbs, by the Golden Years Class, Northside Church of Christ, Harrison, AR

Jim Towry, by Hollis & Nancy Tackitt

Mrs. Miriam Holden, by Ronnie & Mary Alice Lokey

Paul Robertson, by Ms. Leslie Putman

Tate Williams, by Randall Spake

Melba Clendenon and Clemmie Patrick, by Geneva M. Hobbs

Mrs. Ada Pugh, by Christiana Church of Christ, Christiana, TN

Herbert Jones, by Willa Jones

Caitlin Sierra Talley, Nancy Naomi Barrett and Robert Edward Lee, by Walter & Mary Ann Bishop

Harold Garrison, by Peggy E. Cooper

Donna Godsey Sweatman, by Ray & Betty Godsey

Ralph Cain, by John Ed & Jo Frazier

Charles B. Logsdon, by Mrs. Jerry A. Logsdon

Kenneth Dallas, by Jesse & Freeda Knight

Charlie Humphrey, by Larry Ashford

James T. & Fay Brumley, by Billy Roy & Deborah Box

Ruby Joines, by Raymond & Dot Curtis

Miriam Holden, by Shirley T. Powell

Mr. Lavone Byrd, by the Florence Church of Christ, Florence, MS

Henry Prosser; George & Wilodean Hutton; Johnny Shelton; Gill Rakipi; Kyle Clayborn; and Jerry Green, by Edgar & Barbara Beard

IN HONOR OF . . .

James Watkins, by Charles A. Jones

Glenn & Cindy Colley, by Dempsey & Ruth Jones

Mr. & Mrs. James Watkins, by Alan Watkins

“Our amazing youth group”, by Boardtown Church of Christ, Cherry Log, GA

Hunter, Haley, Robert and Ryder Lynch, Jesse and Jared Jones, by Barbara Weatherspoon

Louise Tankersley and Virginia Cunningham, by Charlotte A. Shetter

Louise Tankersley and Virginia Cunningham, by the Grundy Street Church of Christ Ladies’ Bible Class, Tullahoma, TN

James Watkins, by Charles A. Jones

Jordan, Lauren, Hudson & Jarrod Turbeville, by Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash

Oscar & Reba Perez; Bobby & Bettye Prosser; Edwin & Georgia Garner; Grady & Hilda Atkinson; Ann Chandler; Joy & Toni Marie Stinson; Gina Shelton; Hank, Teresa & Zack Hafner; Saundra Forrest; Deanna Cunningham; Matthew Forrest; Cheyenne & Matthew Bowman; Mike & Sabrina Newberry & family; Dottie Rakipi; and Pam Green, by Edgar & Barbara Beard

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY

of Bill and Sally Miller, Sr., by their son, Bill Miller

of sons, of sons, Bobby, Jr. & Barry Glenn Basford; friends Mack Short and Doug Pate; Steve & Gladys Bottoms, by Bobby & Eva Basford

of Grayson O. Gilbert, by Grace B. Gilbert

Connie Sparks by Jewel and Kim Wallis
Who are we reaching? The full 24/7 GBN channel is available on half a BILLION devices. That is more than any other brotherhood work of which we are aware. We are also providing outlets for other good brotherhood works to air their material, to include: Apologetics Press, World Video Bible School, House to House/Heart to Heart and Search. Our work extends their work. In 2013 we will begin working with the Memphis School of Preaching to train their students in broadcasting. As a result of our broadcasts, we enroll scores of students in Bible correspondence courses every week. We get regular reports of baptisms. Brethren who provide us programs also reap rich rewards in responses from their programs. Christians around the world are being taught, strengthened and edified by round-the-clock teaching on the Gospel Broadcasting Network. Shut-in’s feel included with teaching such as On the Lord’s Day. Old time gospel preachers, such as Guy N. Woods, Andrew Connally and Thomas Warren live on in programs as Voices From The Past. We are brainstorming new ways to expand the Network to new cable stations and even more outlets. We can reach the world in our generation via broadcasting.

The future of GBN is exciting. The debt is behind us. The work presses forward. Please remember GBN in your 2013 budget and also in your fifth Sunday contribution in December. We are in the process of moving, and the cost is substantial. We must also purchase a lighting grid for our new studio in Olive Branch. If you can help with either of these goals, we would be eternally grateful! Only heaven will reveal the good that we do together as we work to reach souls and glorify our God.

Thanks and God bless!
Don Blackwell, Executive Director, Gospel Broadcasting Network

To the right: Don Blackwell & Mark Teske in front of the new GBN offices in Olive Branch, MS.