Saturday, March 30, 2013 was a special date for GBN, as it was the day of the Grand Opening of our new building in Olive Branch, MS. This date marked the end of the grueling process of relocating from Ringgold, GA to our new home on Germantown Road, just outside of Memphis, TN. The events of the day involved several speakers including, Jim Dearman, Jeff Archey, Mark Teske and Don Blackwell. The attendance was excellent. We had a full-house of Christians who showed up to help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

Our grand opening was not, however, simply an open house. It was a ceremony to honor GBN’s founder, Barry Gilreath Sr. Each speaker reflected on memories and the lasting influence of brother Gilreath. The highlight of the ceremony was the Southaven eldership revealing the large picture of Barry that now hangs in the entry of the GBN building, which was also named in his honor. Though it did not arrive in time for the dedication ceremony, a bronze plaque bearing the words, “The Barry Gilreath Sr. Broadcast Center” has now been mounted on the front of the building to welcome guests as they enter. Barry Jr. closed out the ceremony with memories of his father and thanks on behalf of the family. The entire ceremony is available for viewing at www.gbntv.org.

After the ceremony, the guests were given tours of the new GBN facility and then engaged in fellowship and refreshments. The entire day was uplifting and marked the end of one journey and the beginning of great work ahead.

Below you can see the picture of the Gilreath family posing with the portrait of Barry Sr. Next to it is the plaque that is now mounted beside the front door of the GBN building.
On February 26th, a great soldier of the cross passed on to his reward. Brother Cotham was 101 years old when he entered eternity. He spent eight decades of his life preaching, teaching and encouraging. To honor this man and give some insight into his work and life, we will be airing an evening tribute to him on Monday, May 6th at 8:00pm EDT.

John Grubb and Randall Morris will host this evening event featuring several encouraging stories about his life and several of his most memorable lessons. John worked with Perry on several mission trips in Asia and has great insight into his mission work. Randall was a close friend of Perry’s for the past 20 years and the two worked together on many projects. Together, the two help paint a picture of this great preacher. Come join us for this special evening.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY B. COTHAM

Since several of our employees did not move with us to Olive Branch, MS, hiring a new staff was one of the many tasks that had to take place during the relocation process. As of February, we made our last hire and now have an excellent team in place. You regularly hear about the management team, but I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to the people behind the scenes who make GBN function. I asked each employee to write a brief introduction of himself/herself. I’m proud of our new staff, and I thank God for blessing us with them.

Don Blackwell, Executive Director, GBN

Aaron Cozort, IT Administrator - I have been involved with computer technology, video production, and website administration for 10 years. I graduated from the Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development with an advanced degree in Bible and Apologetics. My wife, Eddy, and I have two boys. James is almost 3, and Isaiah is 4 months. I have been working with GBN since January 2013.

Adam Michael Vaughn, Production Lead - I am originally from Chattanooga, TN. I have been married for almost a year to my wife Laura who is a student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis where she is getting her degree in Physical Therapy. I have been working at GBN since June of 2006.

Michael Joseph Clarke, Production Team Member - I am 19, and I have been with Gospel Broadcasting Network since October of 2012. I am an editor at GBN, and I also have the privilege to host the programs, Lessons From A Park Bench and Text Message, which both air on the Network. God has blessed me with the opportunity to work in such a great environment. My life is so much better being here at GBN.

Jameson Marshall Steward, Accounting and Bookkeeping - I started working with GBN in February of 2013. I’m getting married to Ashley Case from Tupelo, MS in June of this summer. I am also from Tupelo, MS.

Laurie White, Receptionist - I have been married to Joel White, my High School sweetheart, for twenty-seven years. He is a 1998 graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. We labored with congregations in Booneville, MS and Chesapeake, VA while Joel was preaching full-time. After moving back to Southaven, MS, Joel became one of the deacons at the Southaven Church of Christ, and I worked as secretary there part-time until coming to work for GBN in December 2012. I am also a full-time student at North West Community College, where I’m working toward a Secondary Education degree. Joel and I have two sons, Bryan and Josh, who are both in their 20’s.
“IN MEMORY OF . . .”

Given by Florence Thompson
In Memory of M. E. (Skeets) Bozeman

Given by Earlean Phillips
In Memory of Mother, Daughter, and Granddaughter

Given by Lorie Kuzmkowski
In Memory of Dorothy Meddings

Given by Johnny and Kim Hunt
In Memory of Mrs. Lillie Castle Berrs

Given by Mrs. Alvin Parker
In Memory of Alvin Parker

Given by Janelle Glasshof
In Memory of Wayne Glasshof

Given by Geneva M. Hobbs
In Memory of Elma & Dortha Jones and Ralph Earl Gross

Given by Hollis and Nancy Tackitt
In Memory of Faye Bartlett and Shirley Blunkhall

Given by Douglas and Shirley Hobbs
In Memory of Sylvia Parker and John Paul Davis

Given by John Ed and Jo Frazier
In Memory of Catherine Quick

Given by Sam J Wright
In Memory of Parents - Sam and Gladys Wright

Given by Kay Worsham
In Memory of Robert Nicholson

Given by Robert I. Williams
In Memory of Grandson, Tate Williams

Given by Christine Hendrix
In Memory of Betty Holt

Given by Chester A. Hill
In Memory of Hope Shull

Given by Tom and Diane Musick
In Memory of Jane McWhorter

Given by Carl and Patsy Hirlston
In Memory of Geneva Brandon, Tom Lancaster and Elmer J. Freeze

Given by Hobbs Reunion Group
In Memory of Ralph Earl Gross

Given by Walter and Mary Ann Bishop
In Memory of Herod McPeak, Maureen Sellers, Robert Phifer, Sylvia R. Parker, and Elma and Dortha Jones

Given by Edgar and Barbara Beard
In Memory of Lola Fiser Shelton, Anna Elizabeth “Izzy” and McKala Harris, Sara Bruce, Gene Stevens, Dean Lee, Helen Ann Hollinsworth, and Henry Johnson

Given by Jennifer Turner
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Springer Roads church of Christ
In Memory of Leroy Staggs

Given by Connie Turner
In Memory of Paul Davis

Given by Paul and Nydia Meacham
In Memory of Sylvia Parker and John Paul Davis

Given by Jeff and Jimmie Dean Bush
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by William C. and Nelma D. Chilton
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Nancy Cooper
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Caroline Cooper
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Rose Mary Scarbrough
In Memory of Fay Horrigan

Given by Richard and Janice Gilispie
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Brainard Bonner and Mary Ralph
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Leamon and Joyce Lorance
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Franklin and Betty Davis
In Memory of Sylvia Parker

Given by Murel Jones
In Memory of Pat Jones

Given by Larry, Donna and Ryan Williams
In Memory of John Paul Davis

Given by Alvena Davis
In Memory of Sylvia Parker and John Paul Davis

Given by Robert and Carolyn Smith
In Memory of Edith and Earnest Bickford

Given by Johnny Parker
In Memory of Martha Bonner Cooper and John Paul Davis

“IN HONOR OF . . .”

Given by Douglas and Shirley Hobbs
In Honor of Mary Ruth Davis and Children

Given by Barbara R Weatherspoon
In Honor of Grandchildren-Haley, Hunter Robert, Ryder Lynch Jesse and Jared Jones

Given by Edgar and Barbara Beard
In Honor of Libby Sanders and Family, Tommy Biele, Claudine Hayes, and Wanda Stevens

Given by David Hayes Prophater
In Honor of B. J. Clarke

Given by Mrs. Leslie Putman
In Honor of John Gipson

*To see Memorials for February and March visit our website at www.gbntv.org and click on the “Newsletter” tab.

In Memory of Barry Gilreath Sr.
GBN ON THE RADIO

Mark Teske, Director of Operations

Now that we have paid off our long-term debt and completed our relocation, it is not time to rest on our laurels. In fact, we feel quite the opposite. Now is the time to get more serious in our efforts to evangelize the world. There is presently a fantastic opportunity that we want to embrace.

The opportunity is for local congregations to own their own licensed radio station. For the first time since 1999, the FCC will be taking applications for nonprofit organizations to apply for low-power FM radio station licenses in October of this year. These stations can generally cover a 3.5 – 12 mile range from the transmitter.

While an individual congregation would be able to air their own content at any time, GBN can supplement that programming through a 24/7 network feed (distributed via the internet). Thus, the congregation can fill a 24/7 broadcasting schedule without having to produce all of the programming itself. Congregations can air their bible classes, worship services, local call-in shows, or whatever material they want to produce.

Individuals from the local congregation can control the transmitter and the material being scheduled to play remotely via internet connection. Over the next several months, GBN will be providing the details of how a congregation can take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. Due to the amount of competition in large metropolitan areas, just applying for a license does not guarantee that it will be awarded.

We are currently working to identify the most cost-effective equipment and suppliers that will work with us in a coordinated fashion. We anticipate that the entire cost of a radio station should be in the $10,000 range, which will be spread out over a period of time. If you would like more information as it becomes available, please email us at info@gbntv.org or call us at 662-874-5508.

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