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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Don Blackwell

Is it possible to be eagerly excited and heart-broken at the same time? Such is my present situation. This month I have announced my resignation at the North Charleston church of Christ, where I have been serving as the pulpit minister for the last eight years to transition into fulltime work with GBN. My resignation fills me with sadness, as it is one of the greatest congregations with which I have ever been associated. Charleston is where my family is located and where I was raised. For the last eight years Sheri and I have watched our children grow here. The North Charleston elders faithfully lead the local church and have treated me with great kindness. Leaving my family and loving brethren such as this will be one of the most heart-wrenching experiences of my life. I will be remaining at North Charleston while they look for a new preacher and while I seek to sell my house.

North Charleston church of Christ

At the same time I'm excited about the opportunities ahead. As my family relocates to Olive Branch, MS I consider the great blessings that I will have to work with GBN on a daily basis.

(1) I will have more opportunities to speak about the work of GBN. If your congregation doesn't know about the work we do, I would love to come and tell you about it. **Let's set up an appointment.**

(2) I plan to spend more time speaking and teaching on the Network. The thought of reaching potential millions with the gospel is truly thrilling.

(3) Fundraising is also on my agenda. In the last couple of years GBN has made great financial progress. We have paid off our building and all of our external debt. We now successfully pay our bills every month and have begun working on replacing old and outdated equipment.... *Continued on Page 3...*

June - August

Ken Goodwin
by Robert & Lucy Fuller

Jerry Hobbs
by Jordan & Nelda Linscomb

Jack McCall
by Leslie Putman

June Roe
by Wilma Herrington

Emily Smith & Peggy Francisco
by Robert & Carolyn Smith

Ross & Ethel Dyer and Lois Dyer
by William Dyer

Williams Hays & Gwen Watson
by Hollis & Nancy Tackitt

Jennifer Foster, Mike Stiles,
Bobby Haley, and Carol Corlew Boyd
by Walter & Mary Ann Bishop

Ken Goodwin
by Jeffry Camp

June Sanders
by Benny Sanders

Elwanda Steelman
by Kenneth & Lynne Golson

Betty Stanley Holt
by McCaysville church of Christ

Herman McKenzie
by Margaret McKenzie

Raymond & Belle Fazier
by John Ed & Jo Frazier

Betty Faye Hobbs
by Hobbs Reunion Group

Glynn Ingram
by Margaret Eads

Charlotte & Denise Simmons
by Earlean Phillips

Lewis Crowder (Husband)
by Theresa Crowder

Howard Ramsey (Husband)
by JoAnn Ramsey

Sue Scott
by Myrtle Northcutt

Harold Hammond & Tim Hammond
by Charlene Hammond

Patricia Storey & Pat Marler
by Ladies Bible Class at
Grundy St church of Christ

Barry Glenn & Bobby Jr Basford,
Steve & Gladys Bottoms,
Mack Short, and Doug Pate
by Bobby G & Eva Basford

Carol Corlew Boyd
by Larry, Linda, & Ryan Williams

James T. and Fay Brumley
by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roy Box

Margaret Tarpley
by Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Tackitt

Mrs. Johnnie Walker and
Mrs. Mildred Glenn
by Juanita M. Oliver

Thomas & Annie Joiner
by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joiner

Mr. Willard Johnson
and Tonya Wheatley
by Peggy Cooper

Ira Hughes
by Christine Hendricks

Mazel Hughes, Maxine Grissom, and
Larry Woodard
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bishop

Margaret Sullivan Johnson
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledford

Wyman Senders
by Florence Thompson

June Sanders
by Benny Sanders

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and Mrs. Mary Shipp
by Emily & Doris Hardaway

Mrs. Laurie Richards
and Mrs. Mary Shipp
by Mr. ans Mrs. Bill Hardaway

Eugene Ross, Sr.
and Hugh & Ruth Lamb
by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross

Lewis Crowder (Husband)
by Theresa Crowder

"Tee" Hubbard
by Knoxie & Lambert Goad
Greg Shubert
by Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Frazier

Norma Brooks and Virginia Robinson
by Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Lynchard

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by Ernest (Bill) W. Mathis, Jr.

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by Maxine and Floyd Meeks

O. H. Phillips
by Mary Anne Phillips

Otha Moore, Medford Foster,
Grace Yound, Wayne Alexander,
McAdoo "Mack" Miller
by Carl & Patsy Hirlston

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by Alice Allen

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by Dorothy Roberts

W. A. Mayfield, Jr.
by John D and Brenda Manz

Jayne Galloway
by John Ed & Jo Frazier

Cora Mai Brown
by Hollis & Nancy Tackitt

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by Grace Gilbert

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by Billy Roy & Deborah Box

Linda James
by William O. & Glenda S. Ward

Erskine M. Brown
by Nadine R. Brown

Frank Hayes, Vernie A. Arney, Mary B.
Moore, and Louise W. Greene
by Walter & Mary Ann Bishop

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Thelma Ruth Sprayberry
by South Commerce church of Christ

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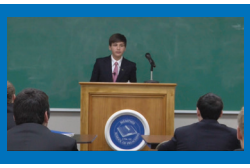
PROGRAMMING DEVELOPMENTS

Mark Teske, Programming Director

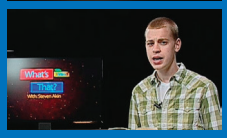
When you get right down to it, programming is at the center of what GBN is all about. We are constantly striving to add variety that will help us to expand the breadth of our teaching while maintaining adherence to the pure doctrine of Christ. Over the past several months, we have made great progress in this area.

Beginning in September, we've targeted teens. A new program called ***Foundations*** began airing with a special 1-hour presentation on **September 1st**. This special included numerous teenage men presenting lessons that were written during their week at the summer camp (*Foundations*) held at the Memphis School of Preaching.

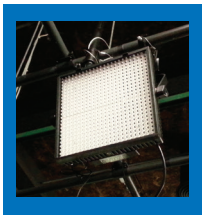


Going forward, ***Foundations*** will air weekly on **Saturday mornings at 10:30 Eastern / 9:30 Central**. The program features lessons that were presented to the teenage men by instructors at the school as well as preachers from the area. After hearing some of their instruction, some of the young men will present the lessons that they developed, as well. This program is specifically directed toward teen viewers.

Also beginning on Saturday mornings is a new teen program called ***Text Message***, hosted by Michael Clarke, which will air at **10:00 Eastern / 9:00 Central**. This magazine-style program will have various speakers and subjects that are directed toward teens. We are very excited about broadcasting faithful teenage men preaching the gospel.



We are building some additional sets in our new studio to help provide variety in our programming. We've already installed two walls that were built on casters and are hinged to the existing walls, allowing the set to fold up against the outside walls of the studio. This allows us to fit many more sets into a smaller area. Our first set (with two artificial brick walls) is complete and has already been used in production. You can see its first use in the ***Text Message*** program.



We also recently completed our purchase of the remainder of the lighting for our Olive Branch studio. These lights, along with the fresh designs in the studio, will allow us to not only add variety to our programming, but also allow us to switch between sets very efficiently.

"IN HONOR OF . . ."

JUNE - AUGUST

Bob & Jo Sisk
by Gene & Sherry Lazaro

Hunter, Haley Robert & Ryder Lynch and Jesse & Jared Jones (Grandchildren)
by Barbara Richardson Weatherspoon

Gene & Marilyn Hogan
by Rondal & Zona Hogan

Tommie Jo Brown
by Ladies Bible Class at Grundy St church of Christ

Haley, Hunter, Robert & Ryder Lynch and Jesse & Jared Jones (Grandchildren)
by Barbara Richardson Weatherspoon

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

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY
of Bill and Sally Miller, Sr.,
by their son, Bill Miller

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY
Grayson O. Gilbert,
by Grace B. Gilbert

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... We have made it our goal to be good stewards of God's money. With that said, we still have tight months. We still occasionally have supporters, due to various personal circumstances, have to discontinue their support. It is our goal to not only maintain the work that we are presently doing, but to expand it. We want to make more use of YouTube. Its potential for reaching the lost is exponential, and it is easy to track results. We are excited about our soon-to-be live call-in program.

(4) One of our immediate and long-term goals is to begin producing family-focused material. There is a great need for materials relating to the home, marriage, raising children, family devotions, etc. We believe GBN is one of the works that can help fill this great need!

Where do we go from here? We keep doing what we've been doing – holding to the truth, preaching the gospel to a lost and dying world and being good stewards of the resources that God has given us. Our goal is to reach the world, and with your help we can. The Lord has not given us a charge that He will not also enable us to accomplish.

Don Blackwell
Executive Director