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Living/Religion

From the Scriptures: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice." — Psalm 67:1

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Billie Buckley

Plan of action is do-it-yourself job

He made the world's greatest comeback. He had no fear of trying in his quest for the 10 toothpicks.

The verse he was fighting to recite was, "Ye shall be my witnesses — in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

"You'll witness for me in Jerusalem, in Judea and ... in Samaria and everywhere else!"

Maybe I need to stop and offer an explanation. Every year the last day of Bible school I have a big auction of treasures that are valuable to fifth or sixth graders.

In order to participate, the kids have to learn Bible verses by memory. For every Bible verse learned, every question answered, every learning game won, they are rewarded with toothpicks to use in the auction.

Getting back to the Comeback Kid — granted, the piece didn't quite fit, but he did do a good job of bluffing his way through his problem, didn't he?

Speaking of problems, I read recently that a new type of personality is beginning to emerge. You remember that before we had Type A and B personalities who responded differently to stressful situations?

Now, in addition to these, someone has discovered a Type C. Type C is an expert problem solver. Let me assure you, that's nothing new at our house. We were never presented with a lifetime guarantee for a trouble-free life. Were you?

Growing up, Son No. 2 had a problem. He hated mowing yards. So when he and Son No. 1 opened a mow one business, the first thing Son No. 2 did with his profit was to hire friend Paul to mow our yard. Problem solved.

Let me be quick to tell you that you don't have to be a carnival magician to restore the sense of balance that you are robbed of when problems report for action at your house.

Neither do you need to be a shadow dancer and try to walk or deny your problem away. Some are here to stay.

May I suggest to you that you may want to take that problem and simply face the man. On one hand, get the facts together and all the possible solutions. But, on the other hand, don't try to drown your feelings. I think there is an appropriate time to cry and rant and rave. I never do this in public, but in my private stopper points on the way to fixing a problem. I carry on at times.

Get yourself a plan to solve or to live with the problem. Then implement it — get up, move into action. As I write these words, I think of coaching Son No. 1. He is an action-packed individual — always has been, always will be. He is a goal-setter from day one. When a road block in the form of a problem stops him, he changes his game plan and moves on.

Growing up, they didn't learn this from their mama, but from my favorite husband and their, at times, not-so-favorite father.

What are you teaching your children? Do you try to protect them by solving all their problems, or do you try to ask them, "What are YOU going to do about that? What are your plans to solve this problem?"

Have you been so bold as to say, "I will not allow you to journey through this house and through my heart and mind, whining and moaning and complaining?"

Above all, remember that our heavenly father does not solve all our problems, but he is our helper in the problem-solving process. Should we not as earthly fathers and mothers relate to our children in the same way as they learn to solve their own problems?

If you do that, you might even be rewarded with 10 toothpicks.

Better still, you might find a card one day to send to your sons or daughters that reads, "When I think of you, I smile." I brought two of these cards last week.

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MISSISSIPPI JANE, PLAYED BY Jayne Dickson, and her sidekick Short Cut, played by Steve Blair (left), try to avoid Prince Demo (Ryan Puckey) while exploring the Temple of Promise.

Trekking in the temple

Original materials blaze new VBS trail

By LOHRIE J. QUINNELY

If you're bored with the Vacation Bible School material you've been getting, just write your own.

That's the approach VBS workers at the Storehouse Church took after revamping materials for last year's school, and next week the church will debut its original "Mississippi Jane and the Temple of Promise" Bible school curriculum.

Last year, after our final meeting to discuss what we could have done, we talked about writing our own Bible school curriculum, so we've been working on it about a year," said Terri Larremore, VBS director at the Storehouse Church and one of four who wrote the "Mississippi Jane" material.

Bible school at the Storehouse Church will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon July 8-12. Refreshments will be provided.

Larremore said basically, two curriculums are available in the Hattiesburg area for Bible schools. Those two curriculums are spread throughout all the churches.

"What happens if the kids go to more than one (Bible school), they usually have repetitive programs because that's just the way Bible school is," she said. "And there is more geared for charismatic churches, like ours."

"We were spending a lot of money to purchase other people's materials and then rewriting it and adjusting it to fit us. So, we just decided we'd write our own."

Larremore teamed up with school teachers Lynn Bucked, Ruby Drangh and Louise Holmes, all three members at the Storehouse, and wrote the "Mississippi Jane" curriculum. Larremore said the entire package is original, from lesson material to drama songs, crafts and recreation.

"It all relates to the curriculum," she said. "Children learn on so many different levels, even the recreation, so that the kids are not just out there kick-

ing the ball or running around the church hall relates."

The material centers on "Adventures in the Temple of Promise" and showcases different dramatic presentations, "exploring and excavating promises," Larremore said.

Church member Jayne Dickson plays Mississippi Jane and youth minister Steve Blair plays her sidekick Short Cut. Together, the duo takes children through a study of four different Old Testament children — Isaac, Samson, David and Daniel — and shows them how the promises of those children's lives are fulfilled.

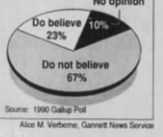
"This year's school won't be the end of Mississippi Jane, either. Larremore said when the school ends, writers and church leaders hope to publish the material and make it available for other churches.

"We're going to get together with our teachers and let them put their creative touches on it and polish it up, and then we'll try and have it published," she said.

Life after death

Reincarnation is defined as the "return of the soul in a new body after death." According to recent Gallup surveys, about one in four U.S. adults believes in reincarnation.

Who believes? No opinion 10%, Do believe 23%, Do not believe 67%



Magazine marks 'victory' for trio

By CHARLOTTE GRAHAM

JACKSON — Don O'Harrill quit a successful job as manager of a department store in Vicksburg to begin his march to Victory.

Victory is the name O'Harrill has selected for his new venture, a national debut with a July-August issue.

"I started working on this project in 1985," said O'Harrill, 38. "My friend Derrick Burt and I began discussing the need for some type of magazine we could relate to as Christians. We discussed the need for a positive magazine, not necessarily a religious magazine, but a magazine that contained good news."

After discovering there was a suitable market for the magazine, O'Harrill began to look for writers, artists, photographers and others. "We have a lot

of local talent, people who share our dream," he said.

O'Harrill said the magazine will contain something for the entire family — including a teen column, editorials, cartoons, wholesome advertisements and articles about art and music.

"We feel good about the God we serve," Burt said. "Because of the God within us, we see things in a good light. That's what we want to project to everyone else."

O'Harrill said Victory magazine was created to fill the gap between denominational religious publications and sensationalistic entertainment-oriented magazines.

"It is designed to deliver useful information and important news to its readers and to reveal the impact that Christian ethics and positive attitudes have on people's lives," he said.

Well-versed

Patriotic celebration spotlights nation's past

Members of 10th Avenue Baptist Church will host a patriotic celebration of America beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday.

The adult choir will present One Nation Under God, and military personnel are especially invited to attend. Many bands will direct the presentation.

Self worth workshop set

Improving self worth will be the focus of six consecutive Sunday-night sessions presented by Immanuel Baptist Church.

Bill and Evelyn Osborn, Christian counselors and lecturers, will plan each program to meet esteem needs of participants ages 13 and older. Sessions will begin at 6 p.m.

The workshop emphasizes how to be intense and ambitious about positive lives without stress. Osborn is director of clinical services at Sassafras Hill Counseling Center and is a Baptist minister and

graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. He is a licensed psychologist and president of the Mississippi Association of Mental Health Counselors.

Mrs. Osborn is a licensed professional counselor at Sassafras Hill and a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. She is past-president of the Mississippi Association of Mental Health Counselors and is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Volleyball, ice cream on tap

SANFORD — Young people at First Baptist Church here will host a night of volleyball Sunday at the church following the evening services for Sunday Night at Sanford.

Homemade ice cream also will be on tap. Interested teens are invited to participate.

Quartet to be in concert

COLUMBIA — The Covenant Quartet of Jesus County will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday in East Columbia Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

10th forum slated Sunday

FURVUS — The youth ministry of First Baptist Church here will host its 10th monthly parents forum from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the Family Life Center.

Participants will view a 20-minute film, Forum in Crisis, followed by a discussion. Adult facilitator for discussion time will be Winston Anderson. Parents of new seventh graders also are invited to attend.

Drama team to perform

The New Life Drama Company of Cleveland, Tenn. will be guest ministers Sunday at New Life Fellowship.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. The team will present a series of short skits dealing with a variety of topics including prayers and the Great Commission. The public is invited to attend.

Officers re-elected to posts

The 10th annual Session of the Mississippi District of the Methodist Protestant Church concluded represent-

Mississippi to lead state Episcopalians as 8th bishop

JACKSON (AP) — The Rev. Alfred Clark "Chip" Marble received a royal welcome from friends, family and church officials on his return to Mississippi.

Banners representing 80 parishes and missions in the state were carried during a recent parade honoring Marble, who grew up in Mississippi, for his selection to become the eighth Episcopal bishop in Mississippi.

The parade kicked off a two-hour service to consecrate and ordain Marble as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Mississippi. There are 20,963 parishioners in the Mississippi diocese.

As bishop coadjutor, Marble will hold the title of bishop, but will not reign over the diocese until the Right Rev. Duncan M. Gray Jr. retires. Marble will assist Gray until his retirement, which has not been set.

Before being elected bishop coadjutor, Marble served as assistant to the bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina for seven years.

Bishop Bruce Sidney Sanders of the Diocese of East Carolina delivered the sermon during the service.

Commending Marble for his "servant ministry," Sanders told the estimated crowd of 2,000, "Chip will walk beside you. He will never judge you. He will hold you accountable, but he will not judge."

Sanders said Marble chose "servant ministry" as the theme of his consecration and ordination service.

It "ties at the heart and center of Chip's life because he knows it to be at the center of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's heart," Sanders said.

"From servant ministry flows compassion," he said. "Chip is a man of compassion."

Gray said the clergy of the Diocese of Mississippi gave Marble vestments for his use as bishop. Traditional bishop vestments are an ankle-length cassock; cincture or sash; rochet, or white linen vestment; chalice, a loose sleeveless robe; and stole.

The bishop-elect, who has two brothers in Vicksburg, a sister in Brandon and relatives and friends across the state, said, "I have seen family members, relatives I have not seen in 10, 15, 20 years."

"We had that you may have to become bishop to get everybody together," Marble said. "Thank you for calling us back home."