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**Note:** All are encouraged to attend MASC meetings. Only church delegates make motions and vote, but all can enter into discussions once they have attended one meeting as an observer so as to become an understanding participant.

**The Bugle** is a quarterly publication with the purpose of facilitating communication and cooperation amongst the sisterhood churches. It seeks to uplift, edify and encourage by sharing how God is working in each of our fields of labor.

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### Appetizer



Time marches on. Spring and summer are past, and the cool evenings and falling leaves tell us that little time is left to ready ourselves for winter. Jeremiah 8:20 tells us, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Verse 22 answers that lament with this question. "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

I hope that each of us will allow Christ to impress us with the things we must do to be ready for our physical and spiritual deadlines.

This summer we resumed the annual camp meeting after a two year lapse. You can read about on pages 2 and 3. On page 4 is a list of the available camp meeting tapes. Next year's camp meeting is scheduled for May 26-30.

Speaking of meetings. Please note that a fall convocation is scheduled for October 31-November 2. That is **ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!**

Check out the bulletin board and the information page for other important dates and announcements. - editor

# ARKANSAS CAMPMEETING 2003

## Highlights

This was the first MASC Camp Meeting we've had in Arkansas in two years. After Ron and Nancy Becker, who used to be responsible for organizing the camp meetings, moved, it took a bit to figure out how to start again. The MASC chose a camp meeting committee from the participating churches and these individuals undertook the rather daunting assignment, having never done such a thing before, and having only five months to get it together. The Lord blessed their efforts tremendously.

None of the better known speakers were available because of the short notice, but by the grace of God the group of speakers that the committee was led to get turned out to be a tremendous blessing to all who attended the camp meeting. There was indeed a refreshing outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the unity in the truth was felt.

Barry Mellor, from Tennessee, gave the first meeting of each day. His topics covered what it is that makes a church where the presence of God is, and that meeting in Jesus' name means a correct understanding of the nature of Christ. His Sabbath morning talk—A Tale of Two Cities—was a compelling study on the subject of the SDA Church, Jerusalem and Babylon.



Joe and Elsa Willis, from Maranatha Medical Ministries in Honduras, presented the medical missionary work and how we each can and should be medical missionaries. The Sabbath 11:00 hour was a moving appeal by Elsa Willis for each of us to be a Revelation of Jesus Christ in our daily life. The Willis's gave a workshop on Sunday on healing edibles, showing hands on how to prepare remedies from common foods, and then letting everyone taste and see that they were good!

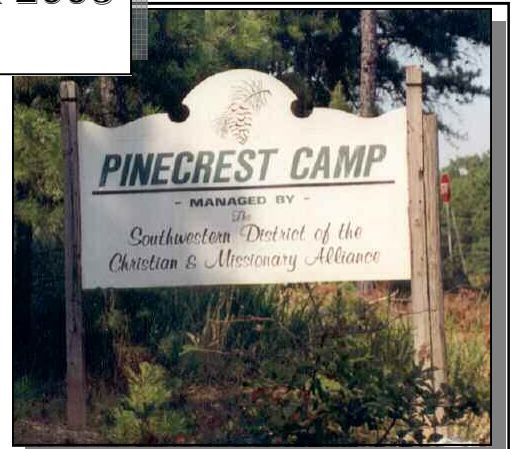
Donna Nicholas came from Oklahoma to share her passion for scripture memorization with us. She worked with the children and youth as well. On

Sabbath the children and youth shared with the adults what they had put to memory through the week.

Craig and Ann Meeker joined us from Kansas. Ann served us with her talent as pianist and Craig Meeker held the evening meetings, giving three clear presentations on what it means to live the Christian life. It's "A Race to Run", we must go, "Beyond Belief" to practical application in our daily life, and a final reminder to each of us "Examine Thyself".

Several from the local area shared with us as well. Melvin Bankhead presented what is the purpose and privilege of camp meeting. Cecilia Bankhead shared with us her study on the Sanctuary, and Jordis Bostwick, who has a local health ministry shared about her work. There were mission reports from India by Molly Collins, Africa by Joseph Class-Peters and Bro. Bankhead, and Honduras and the Island of Guanaja by Kae Borrero and Elsa Willis.

Pastor Terry and Jean McComb joined us from

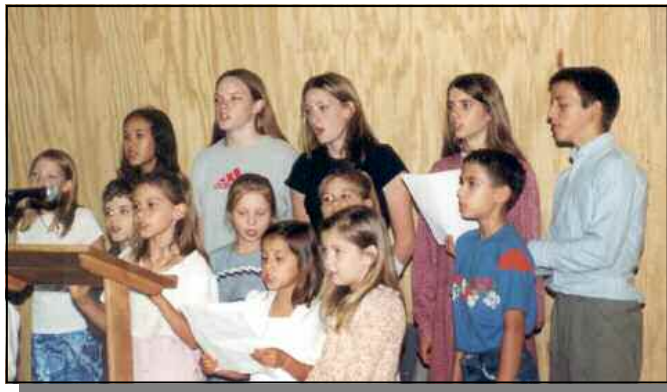
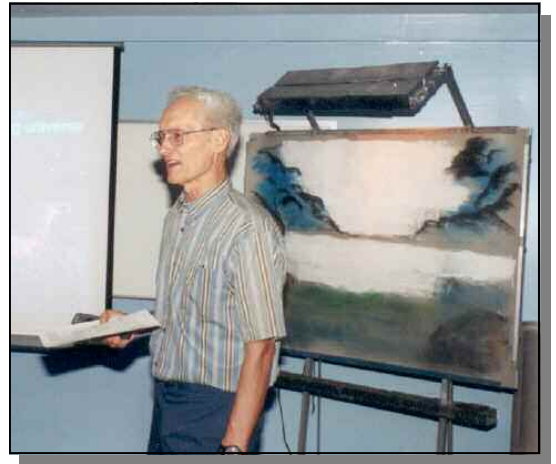


↓ Willis giving the healing edibles workshop.



Canada. Pastor Terry worked with the children and youth, keeping them spellbound with his presentations on the Creation week using his black light chalk drawings to bring home the lessons. Jean McComb gave a two part workshop Sunday, on child training with emphasis on training obedience in the first three years.

Something new and very practical this year was an experiment with three computer workshops. Many have technology that they are not completely familiar with how to put into service for the Lord. Ann Meeker shared computer basics, Pastor Terry McComb showed how to put together power point presentations and Erick Gillis taught basics of Web Design. These workshops went over quite well.



Camp Meeting special music were presented by the Children's choir and bell choir, an adult camp meeting choir and several solos, duets and quartets that were all very uplifting.

There were about 65 people who stayed at the beautiful Pinecrest facility, in cabins, campers, dorms or tents. The newly finished chapel was a most accommodating meeting place, fully air conditioned, with room for book sales and a small kitchenette. It also housed the guest speakers.

The peak attendance was 90 people, present for

the Sabbath church service—shown at right below.

Below are a few of the many comment that were received about the camp meeting.

It was my pleasure to be on your camp meeting program. I loved every minute of it... I gained a wonderful blessing from listening to the speakers and meeting so many dedicated Christian people... Donna Nicholas

Thank you for a very well organized and interesting camp meeting. We were blessed & encouraged and made some new wonderful friends. Joan Mellor

Thank you for the fantastic camp meeting! It was one of the best I have ever been to! How did you find all those fantastic speakers I



had never heard of before? David Arbour

*Thank you for inviting us! We were sooo blessed by the fellowship. McCombs*

What a blessing we received from the Arkansas camp meeting last weekend! Thank you so much for asking us to be a part of it. Ann Meeker

We very much enjoyed the MASC Camp Meeting. The speakers and meetings were very refreshing. Jim Getchell

***We thank the Lord that we had the privilege in being a part of one of the best camp meetings that we have ever attended! To God be the glory! Melvin & Cecelia Bankhead***

AMEN and Praise the Lord! - Julie Shurley



# Camp Meeting Tapes Order Form

\$2.00 per tape plus shipping

Title	Date	Time	Speaker	# of tapes	Total Price
A Call to Service	8/20	7:00 PM	Joe Willis		
Medical Missionary Work—The Last Work	8/21	10:00 AM	Willis		
Steps to Starting Your Own Ministry	8/21	4:00 PM	Joe Willis		
Christ's Method Alone – Reaching the People	8/22	10:00 AM	Willis		
A Revelation of Jesus Christ	8/23	11:00 AM	Elsa Willis		
Healing Edibles and other Home Remedies—Workshop	8/24	11:30 AM	Willis		
The Foundation of Salvation	8/21	8:30 AM	Barry Mellor		
In the Flesh	8/22	8:30 AM	Barry Mellor		
A Tale of Two Cities	8/23	9:00 AM	Barry Mellor		
Not My Will, But Thine Be Done	8/21	2:30 PM	Donna Nicholas		
Then Delivered He unto them to be Crucified	8/22	2:30 PM	Donna Nicholas		
Hurry to Tell the Tidings	8/23	2:30 PM	Donna Nicholas		
A Race to Run	8/21	7:00 PM	Craig Meeker		
Beyond Belief	8/22	7:00 PM	Craig Meeker		
Examine Thyself	8/23	7:00 PM	Craig Meeker		
The Purpose & Privilege of Camp Meeting	8/21	11:30 AM	Melvin Bankhead		
The Sanctuary	8/22	4:00 PM	Cecilia Bankhead		
Local Health Work	8/22	11:30 AM	Jordis Bostwick		
Mission updates and Outreach reports	8/23	4:00 PM	Molly Collins, Bankhead/Joseph Class-Peters		
Child Training Workshop 1	8/24	8:30 AM	Jean McComb		
Child Training Workshop 2	8/24	10:00 AM	Jean McComb		

**Mail to:** John Graves  
119 Goldsmith Ln  
Mena, AR 71953

**Or Call in order:** (479)394-5837

**Shipping Cost:**

1-3 tapes—\$1.00  
4-7 tapes—\$2.00  
8-12 tapes—\$3.00  
13-18 tapes—\$4.00

Total # tapes	Total price
<b>Grand Total with shipping</b>	



## **Green Pastures Home School and Orphanage—India**

**India Mission Trip Report—August 2003**, told by Tania Tharasingh (Timothy Tharasingh's daughter who just graduated from Hartland College) Anita and Timothy Tharasingh. Only a part of the report is printed here for sake of space.



### **How it all began**

As I was sitting at the Hartland cafeteria having lunch one day, one of my college mates announced that he was leaving for India that summer! He asked me if I needed any help at our school and orphanage, and I said, “Yes, sure we do, it would be great if you and your team could join us and work with us at our place.”

After I graduated on June 2003, I traveled back to India and later that year in August, brothers Brian Beavers, James Hill and Jose Del Rosario arrived in India! They conducted Bible, health and cooking classes for the children, at Green Pastures Orphanage. Never before were our students, aged 7-16 yrs challenged to so thoroughly study Daniel and Revelation. Doctrinal truths from the “Seal of God” to the “Mark of the Beast,” were eagerly grasped and understood. Assignments were- to give Bible studies to one another, a wonderful way to impart what they had learnt and fix it in their minds. One of our young students Joseph aged 16, spoke on the immortality of the soul and the 2,300 day prophecy during the divine hour on two consecutive Sabbaths.

They also learned how to use and practice natural remedies like hydrotherapy, charcoal therapy and herbal therapy.

A few of our children were sick with mumps and fever. Brother James and Mrs. Tharasingh were able to treat them successfully with the aid of the natural remedies.

### **The Chapel Dedication**

The chapel dedication was looked forward to with eagerness by all at Green Pastures Home School. After almost a year, and many difficulties and disappointments, the chapel and parsonage was completed and the dedication scheduled for August 15th. Psalms 27:4 It was on a Friday morning that we entered God's house with hearts filled with thanksgiving and praise. The service though simple was very meaningful. We had speakers representing different people groups. Sermonettes, testimonies, and children reciting Scripture together with prayers of thanksgiving and sacred music sung in adoration to the Holy One, took up almost 3 hours of the morning. God was glorified and we could feel His Holy presence along with His angels.

### **NUZVID (one of the cities in India where the Mission team held meetings)**

Our five days of meetings at Nuzvid were positively the highlight of our trip. Dr. Melvin Rao, who is incidentally the vice president of Salute Ministries in India, had done a wonderful job of planning with meetings and cooking classes ( with brother Del Rosario, the Food director at Hartland ) arranged to keep the team occupied from morning till evening. The morning sessions on health were taken up by brother James Hill, the afternoon cooking classes by brother Rosario and the evening sessions of evangelistic meetings by brother Brian Beavers. Sister Tania did all the musical arrangements for the meetings with a little help from her father Timothy. Brother Timothy also had the opportunity to make a presentation on True Education. Tania and Timothy also addressed a full hall of 500 young resident students of the local Adventist school for more than an hour and were able to open the eyes of many of them to the evils of competitive sports and rowdy games. All through our trip we were overwhelmed by the candid response of the young who were more than willing to do that which is right, but were being helplessly led down the wrong path by their teachers and elders. Many times this brought tears to our eyes.

An incident that needs to be mentioned here is about a musical group of young and earnest Adventists called the ‘Pilgrims’ who were holding a Week of Prayer at Nuzvid at the same time that we were there and which we now believe was ordained by the Lord. The group is very talented, but being young at heart, their presentations were frivolous and the music too syncopated to hold any sanctity. They also presented some skits which involved much clowning. Our team was very grieved to watch this and decided to speak to these young people, some of whom were from families that we have known for many years. We never ever thought that we would be able to get through to them in spite of making a special presentation just for them on music. However, the Lord be praised! In spite of bad feelings from one of the members, all the rest of them were convinced of their errors and are now making a concerted effort to change their music. As a matter of fact, they were so impressed with Tania's music presentations, that they have invited her to join them at Bangalore for Week of Prayer at a Non-Adventist school of 3000 students. Tania left this morning to work with them for a week. The Lord gets all the credit.

## Lessons on Faith by A.T. Jones

Without faith it is impossible to please God. The reason for this is that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23); and of course sin can not please God.

This is why it is that, as stated by the Spirit of prophecy on the first page of the *Review*, Oct. 18, 1898, "The knowledge of what the Scripture means when urging upon us the necessity of cultivating faith, is more essential than any other knowledge that can be acquired."

And for this cause we shall hereafter, in this place in each number of the *Review* give a Scripture lesson on faith,-what it is, how it comes, how to exercise it ,-that every reader of this paper may have this knowledge that "is more essential than any other knowledge that can be acquired."

*RH Nov. 29, 1898*

In order to be able to know what the Scripture means when urging upon us the necessity of cultivating faith, it is essential to know, first of all, what is faith.

Plainly, it must be to little purpose to urge upon a person the necessity of cultivating faith, while that person has no intelligent idea of what faith is. And it is sadly true that, though the Lord has made this perfectly plain in the Scriptures, there are many church-members who do not know what faith is. They may even know what the *definition* of faith is: but they do not know what the *thing* is; they do not grasp the idea that is in the definition.

For that reason, the definition will not be touched now; but, rather, there will be cited and studied an illustration of faith,-an instance which makes it stand out so plainly that all can see the very thing itself.

Faith comes "by the word of God." To the Word, then, we must look for it.

One day a centurion came to Jesus, and said to him: "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but *speak the word only*, and my servant *shall be healed*... When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great *faith*, no, not in Israel." Matt. 8:6-10.

There is what Jesus pronounces *faith*. When we find what that is, we have found faith. To *know* what that is, is to know what faith is. There can be no sort of doubt about this; for Christ is "the Author. ..of faith," and he says that that which the centurion manifested was "faith;" yes, even "great faith."

Where, then, in this is the faith?- The centurion wanted a certain thing done. He wanted the Lord to do it. But when the Lord said, "I *will come*" and do it, the centurion checked him, saying, "*Speak the word only*," and it shall *be done*.

Now, what did the centurion expect would do the *work*?- "*The word ONLY*." Upon what did he depend for the healing of his servant?-Upon "*the word ONLY*."

And the Lord Jesus says that *that* is *faith*. Now, brother, sister, what is faith?

*RH Dec. 6, 1898*

## MASC Financial Report



### Cost of Aug. 2003

#### MASC Camp Meeting

Advertising	\$403.57
(printing and postage)	
Campers lodging & food	\$2,247.90
(paid for by the campers)	
Speakers Expenses	\$5,297.07
(travel and lodging)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=\$7,948.54</b>

#### Needs for 2004 Campmeeting

Speakers Expenses	\$5,500 +/-
Campmeeting Exp.	\$500 +/-

### Fall Convocation

#### Hot Springs, AR

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, '03 (See Bulletin Board)

**Need** \$ ?

(depends on # of people that come and how much donations received)

### Current Project

**Earth's Final Warning - full page ad in a Spanish Newspaper covering S.W. AR, S.E. OK, and N. TX**

**Cost** \$1,000  
**Still Need** \$ 600

**Any donations over the amount still needed will be held in reserve for putting this ad in another local newspaper.**



**Contributions should be properly marked as to what they are for and mailed to:**

**MASC  
Route 2 Box 329AA  
Mena, AR 71953**



## HEALTH NUGGET

### The Story on Diabetes

A summary of Chapter eight of *Proof Positive* by Dr. Neil Nedley, M.D.

#### What Exactly is Diabetes?

Diabetes mellitus is a condition where an abnormal response to insulin and/or inadequate insulin production causes high blood sugar levels. This is usually defined by a fasting blood sugar of greater than 125 on two occasions, or a positive glucose tolerance test. Over time, these high blood sugar levels and the other metabolic changes that go along with diabetes are extremely taxing on the body. Diabetes dramatically increases one's risk of death and disability.

All diabetics are not the same. There are two main types of diabetes: insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, often referred to as Type I, and non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, often designated Type II.

Type I diabetes is the most severe form of the disease. It typically occurs in childhood, but can develop at any age. The most common cause of Type I diabetes is destruction of the insulin-making cells in the pancreas by the person's own immune system. This is referred to as "autoimmune destruction." The specific factors that trigger this autoimmune process have proved elusive. Some of the most interesting recent research links some cases of Type I diabetes to an abnormal immune reaction to milk protein. In fact, the drinking of cow's milk may be the trigger that initiates the disease in over half of all Type I diabetics.

Regardless of the cause of their Type I diabetes, affected individuals lose their ability to make adequate amounts of insulin and are left with an absolute life-and-death need for insulin shots. Without those shots, they go into a condition called diabetic ketoacidosis, which is fatal if not promptly treated. Because of their absolute need for insulin, individuals with Type I diabetes are usually diagnosed early in the disease process. Typically they have symptoms like excessive urination, excessive thirst, and excessive hunger. They often are also bothered by fatigue and weight loss.

Fortunately, only about 5 to 10 percent of diabetics in America fall under the Type I diabetes category. The remainder are Type II diabetics. These individuals either have a problem called "insulin resistance" or a less severe underproduction of insulin than those with the Type I variety. It usually takes a combination of two factors to develop Type II diabetes. One is genetics, and the other is a poor diet—like that consumed by the average American.

Here is a brief review of some of the main facts about blood sugar and how it is controlled. The main fuel for our bodies is a simple sugar called glucose. There is a potential problem, however, with this fuel source. It can only get into each cell of the body if insulin is present. Some have compared insulin to a key that opens "the doors" in body cells so that the glucose can get into the cell. However, if there is an insufficient amount of insulin or if the locks on the doors are "gummed up" so that the insulin key has difficulty opening them, then blood sugar levels can rise. When blood sugar levels rise sufficiently, the ability of the kidney to contain the sugar is overwhelmed, and sugar comes out in the urine. The sugar takes water with it, thus leading to the excessive urinations so familiar in uncontrolled diabetes. The loss of water results in increased thirst. At the same time, sugar is not moving into the body's cells adequately. In a sense, the body's cells are starving for energy. This can cause fatigue, weight loss, and excessive hunger.

Many individuals with Type II diabetes generate plenty of insulin but their body is resistant to it. This condition can be addressed by lifestyle changes. By maintaining an excellent diet, achieving an ideal weight, and embarking on an exercise program, many Type II diabetics can control their blood sugars with these lifestyle changes alone. Because of the more subtle nature of Type II diabetes compared to Type I, it often goes undiagnosed. A person with Type II diabetes may not have any of the classic diabetes signs like excessive urination, excessive thirst, excessive hunger, fatigue, or weight loss. Of course, unrecognized diabetes still does its damage steadily and silently.

Can the ravages of diabetes be prevented? Recently, a landmark six-year study was completed. It looked at 1441 Type I diabetics. Those diabetics who strove to keep their blood sugars as close to normal as possible (using insulin and lifestyle changes) had 76% less chance of developing diabetic retinopathy, a serious eye disease. They also experienced 54% fewer cases of significant kidney disease and 60% fewer cases of nerve problems involving the hands and/or feet. In this study, fasting blood sugars in the morning and before each meal were to be between 70 to 120. After meal levels were to stay below 180.

#### Elements Needed in a Comprehensive Diabetes Lifestyle Program:

1. Exercise—plays a powerful role in lowering blood sugar levels.
2. Proper Diet—Fiber is emerging as a critical ingredient in the control of blood sugar. In fact, some are suggesting that an abundant supply of fiber is one of the main reasons that a vegetarian diet benefits diabetics. Meal timing is also vital. Glucose tolerance decreases as the day progresses. This means that toward evening, your body's ability to handle sugar decreases. Our heaviest meal should be in the morning, emphasizing fruits and grains. We would do well to make carbohydrates the largest percentage of our diet, but not the empty calorie ones. Our energy should come from complex carbohydrates like natural fruits, grains, and vegetables.

## SHARING BULLETIN BOARD

### FALL CONVOCATION

**LOCATION:** Mountain Valley Retreat Center (Assemblies of God)  
1366 N. Highway 7 (Approx. 5 miles south of Hot Springs Village)  
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71909

**DATES:** Friday, October 31, 2003 - 7:00 PM., thru Sunday, Nov. 2 - 12:00 noon.

**SPEAKERS:** Dr. Colin Standish and Bro. Jeff Wehr from Hartland Institute

**ACCOMODATIONS:** 1) Dormitory rooms -\$13 per person per night  
2) Duplex (2 rooms with four beds each) -\$50 per side per night  
3) RV parking -\$8 per night  
4) Outdoor Camping with own gear -Free! (Bathroom facilities available)

**FOOD:** Own responsibility for most meals -Kitchen facilities available. Sabbath noon meal will be potluck haystacks. Please bring suitable vegetables, chili or lentils, chips, salsa etc. Sabbath evening meal will again be a potluck. Please bring bread, fruit and popcorn.

**Note:** Please pre-register by calling Sudhir & Dorothy Pandit at (501)767-4392 - Home or (501)984-6003 - Office. On site registration will close at 5:00 p.m. Oct. 31, 2003

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP** From Hot Springs:

Take highway 7 North through town (also called Central Avenue or Park Avenue) toward Fountain Lake. Turn left toward Hot Springs Village where Highway 5 commences. (Caution: Highway 7 appears to continue as Highway 5, but actually turns left) The campsite is located approximately three miles on the Right (east), just off the highway, south of Hot Springs Village.

**SABBATH SCHOOL QUARTERLIES** For Senior Classes  
and **Junior classes** available from **Seeds Of Wisdom Ministries**  
HC 76 Box 394  
Eagletown, OK 74734  
(580)835-2676  
sowministries@hotmail.com

Support for the **school in India** may be sent to:  
SALUTE Ministries  
P.O. Box 337  
Bismarck, AR 71929-

### August, 2003 Work Bee at the Eakin's House

The work bee was a success, with 9 able bodied helpers pitching in to put new stud walls in place where the mold had eaten away the very structure of nearly half of the Eakin's house. A concrete floor had been poured in place of the rotten pier and beam floor.

Scott and Tammy Eakins wish to thank all of you who came out to help them in this overwhelming job!

We will show you some pictures of the finished job next time.



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**INFORMATION**

**DATES**

**Next Sisterhood Meeting -  
February 15, 2004**

Bismarck Church

Sunday only starting at 9:00 AM

For accommodations call 501-865-3974.

**Important Note:**

Each church must inform the MASC Secretary who will be attending as their elected delegates, no later than **Jan. 30**

**Deadline for next Newsletter entries:**

December 30, 2003

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