



Uncluttered Faith

One of my favorite stories concerns a bishop who was traveling by ship to visit a church across the ocean. While en route, the ship stopped at an island for a day. He went for a walk on a beach. He came upon three fishermen mending their nets. Curious about their trade he asked them some questions. Curious about his ecclesiastical robes, they asked him some questions. When they found out he was a Christian leader, they got excited. "We Christians!" they said, proudly pointing to one another. The bishop was impressed but cautious. Did they know the Lord's Prayer? They had

never heard of it. "What do you say, then, when you pray?" "We pray, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy on us.'"

The bishop was appalled at the primitive nature of the prayer. "That will not do." So he spent the day teaching them the Lord's Prayer. The fishermen were poor but willing learners. And before the bishop sailed away the next day, they could recite the prayer with no mistakes. The bishop was proud. On the return trip the bishop's ship drew near the island again. When the island came into view the bishop came to the deck and recalled with pleasure the men

he had taught and resolved to go see them again. As he was thinking a light appeared on the horizon near the island. It seemed to be getting nearer. As the bishop gazed in wonder he realized the three fishermen were walking toward him on the water. Soon all the passengers and crew were on the deck to see the sight.

When they were within speaking distance, the fisherman cried out, "Bishop, we come hurry to meet you." "What is it you want?" asked the stunned bishop.

"We are so sorry. We forget lovely prayer. We say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name ...' and then we forget. Please tell us prayer again."

The bishop was humbled. "Go back to your homes, my friends, and when you pray say, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy on us.'"

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Mississippi Development Authority accepting applications for site development grants

Press Release

The Mississippi Development Authority is now accepting applications for site development grants, which are awarded to economic development organizations and local governments through the Site Development Grant program.

The program assists public or private non-profit economic development organizations or local governments with preparing site-ready locations to attract new industry and private capital investment to the state. Grants administered through the program can be used for

improvements to publicly owned industrial property. Two types of property qualify for the grants: Ready Sites and Premier Sites. The Ready Site program requires a 100 percent direct local match, a minimum of 20 acres, and the site must be work-ready within six months and must be capable of having utilities on site within 12 months. Ready Sites are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 in funding. The Premier Site program requires a 100 percent direct local match, a minimum of 100 acres and a labor force to attract the intended market. Applicants also must submit a workforce study. Premier Sites must have attributes that distinguish them from other properties, such as being in high-demand locations, having large-scale, "mega"-development acreage or having significant utility infrastructure already in place. Premier Sites are eligible to receive up to

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\$250,000 in funding. MDA will give priority to sites served by railways or with airport or port access. Eligible applicants include cities, counties and public or private non-profit economic development entities, such as local authorities, commissions or other groups created by local and private legislation.

Grant money is available on a reimbursement basis and can be used to pay for costs such as architectural fees, engineering costs, environmental studies/assessments, clearing and grading, drainage system improvements and transportation infrastructure directly affecting the site.

Grant applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on August 1. Applications and additional information can be found at mississippi.org/sitesdevelopment. Completed applications must be mailed to: Mississippi Development Authority, Attn: Sally Williams, Financial Resources Division, 501 N. West St., Jackson, MS 39201. For more information, contact Williams at 601-359-5052 or sawilliams@mississippi.org.

Trojans seniors playing baseball All-Star game



LANDON RAWSON
Two Central Holmes Christian School baseball players were selected to play in the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools All-Star game on May 21.

WES HUDSON
the blue versus white team at Smith Wills Stadium in Jackson alongside players from other private schools in neighboring states. Rawson played catcher for blue and Hudson played shortstop for the white team. The blue team won 11-3.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church Lexington



First Baptist Church of Lexington held its Vacation Bible School the week of June 10 with the theme "In the Wild: Encounters with Jesus." Youth participants included: Brock Lawshe, Jaylen McBride, Reese Walbert, Dalton Ledbetter, Landry Lawshe, Kaylee Bethany, Avery Brenneman, Lauren Walbert, Lailon Walbert, John Franklin Johnson, Sara Drennan Word, Maddie Garland, Hannah Hood, Chloe Word, Joseph Walbert, Wyatt Nichols and Brice Robinson. (Photo submitted)

Students recipients of MAS \$1000 scholarship



Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) in March named two Holmes County students to receive the MAS Minority Caucus Scholarship, \$1000 each, and were recognized by the Holmes County Board of Supervisors on Monday, June 17. Applicants for the scholarship were required to submit a complete application, a one page biography, two letters of recommendation, an official transcript, acceptance letter from a Mississippi institution of higher learning, essay on "A Critical Issue in My County: How Can Elected Officials Best Address This Issue to Create Resiliency and Sustainability," and a list of the applicant's Local, State and Congressional elected officials with addresses and telephone numbers. Students Rabria Moore (pictured fifth from left) and Carlos Shaffer, Jr. (pictured third from right), were each recipients of \$1000. Pictured above are (from left): Henry Lockett, Holmes County chancery clerk, Eddie Carthan, supervisor district 5, Debra Mabry, supervisor district 3, Henry Anderson, supervisor district 1, Moore, Shaffer, James Young, supervisor district 2, and Larry Davis, supervisor district 4. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

NOTICE
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Tchula on Thursday, July 4, has been changed. The meeting will now be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Robert G. Clark City Hall complex.

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