



Christian Leadership Institute

Developing leadership is the key to success in any enterprise. The military demonstrates this principle well with the academies and officer training. Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists at large have benefitted from our three colleges and six seminaries. We understand that a sharp axe cuts more wood with less effort than a dull axe.

Delegation without discipleship leads to disaster. We need Godly leaders with a Biblical World View. We need leaders who are statesmen first, politicians second or maybe third. We must be intentional and proactive in developing young men and women who will serve in public life.

The early church in Acts 6 was looking for public servants who were wise, spiritual, and honest. We need more elected officials who have these three qualities. We need leaders who have integrity and

character — but it won't happen by accident.

Wherefore, we are excited to announce to you the first CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CLI)—the first of many. This inaugural Christian Leadership Institute will be conducted in 2018 at Blue Mountain College on Monday through Friday, July 9-13. Seventy young men (high school age) will be invited from across our state to come experience a week of encouragement, equipping, and education in public service.

Iron sharpens iron. We will have fun and games; we will have recreation — these 70 are teenagers — but we will invite senators, representatives, judg-

es, preachers, military officers, first responders, and educators to come challenge these young men to “shoot for the stars.”

Registration will begin at 1:00 Monday afternoon and checkout will be after lunch on Friday. We are asking that each local association nominate a high school age young man for this Institute and provide or seek out a scholarship of \$250 for room, board, and activities during the CLI. There would be a few extra slots for associations with multiple counties on a first come, first serve basis. A second CLI is in the planning for high school young ladies.

After Jesus sent out the 12, he sent forth the 70 (Luke 10:1 KJV) to preach, teach,

and heal. We hope to inspire and motivate these 70 to lead, guide, and serve — to fulfill their civic responsibility. Christian leaders make for good “civil servants.” What if a future governor, legislator, or judge were a graduate of our Christian Leadership Institute?

The CLI is new — it is a work in progress. We welcome your questions, suggestions, and comments. We are eager to explain how your association can participate.

We request that you join us in prayer for this endeavor. II Timothy 2:2 says, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach

others also.” (KJV) What an opportunity to offer a difference in a young man's life — or better yet, to offer a difference in our state.

We are AVAILABLE to come to your association, BSU, church, or any group (men/women's rally, youth camp) to preach (revival, Bible conference), teach (Malachi, I Peter), or give a Christian Action Commission report. We work “OUT of the Baptist Building,” not just “IN the Baptist Building.” Please call, text, or email if we can help.

Be in prayer for the special called session of the Legislature beginning June 5th.

Don't curse the darkness... Light a candle!

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CZIGVX AGKV: AGKV

Clue: B = C

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Mark 6:56

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Staff Changes



NEW LIFE CHURCH, FLORENCE, has called Janna Whitehead as worship leader. She is shown with pastor Scotty Smith.



GAMORY ROAD CHURCH, GREENVILLE, has called Frank Terry as interim pastor, shown with his wife, Vickie.

College News



The alumni and friends of **CLARKE COLLEGE** have established a scholarship at **BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**. The Clarke Memorial College Scholarship will be awarded to deserving students on the basis of good scholarship, fine character, and the need for financial assistance with preference given to students whose parent(s) is currently serving in Christian ministry, primarily in small churches, with first priority to the descendant of an individual who attended Clarke (Memorial) College. Pictured are Clarke alumni (front row, l to r) Evelyn Carpenter Williams, Dianne Nelson, Lin Skelton Bagwell, and Donna Conaway Click; (back row, l to r) Walter Scott Jr., James Reed, David Goode and Terry Newman.