



Bro. Leslie Hughes cooking for all the workers at spring cleaning. Having fun and getting it done. Story on page 4.

A discussion with an oxymoron: "I believe in facts, not faith."

You can't say "I believe THIS" without first asking, "What do I believe?"

"What do you believe?" I had a discussion recently with a man that told me he only believed in provable facts, not faith. He said with great intellectual satisfaction, that "Faith disallows questions." And then he asked me, as if to prove some great point, what I *thought* faith was. I said politely, "Well, the bible says, faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." He said, "Exactly! The church

just wants you to accept things that you can't see and not ask questions."

I just smiled and said, "Absolutely not. Everyone should ask questions. At least once. The church was founded on a question 'Who do you say that I am?' (Matt 16:15-19) In fact, faith is the ROOT of questions." He looked at me like I was crazy. I said "The bible teaches that EVERY man is given a measure of faith." He said "Yeah. So?" I said "That is what causes you to seek answers. Before you can ever claim 'I believe THIS.' you have to ASK yourself

'What do I believe?' He wasn't prepared for that, so we just sat quietly for a awhile. He then said that only science has formulas and provable facts, and that religion is nothing more than homage to man. I replied... (continued on page 4.)

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Church Wide Picnic at the Lake. May 27, 11:00am.



2013



Celebrate this Memorial Day with us at the large pavilion by the soft ball field at the lake. Bring side dishes and sports gear. Sign up at the welcome center with what dish you'll bring.

thePOG on FB:



Deborah Hughes
2 receiving the Holy Ghost
and 1 getting

baptized in Jesus namecan you say Halleluiah!!'Erbodys got time for dat!



Pastor Damon
I want to give honor where honor is

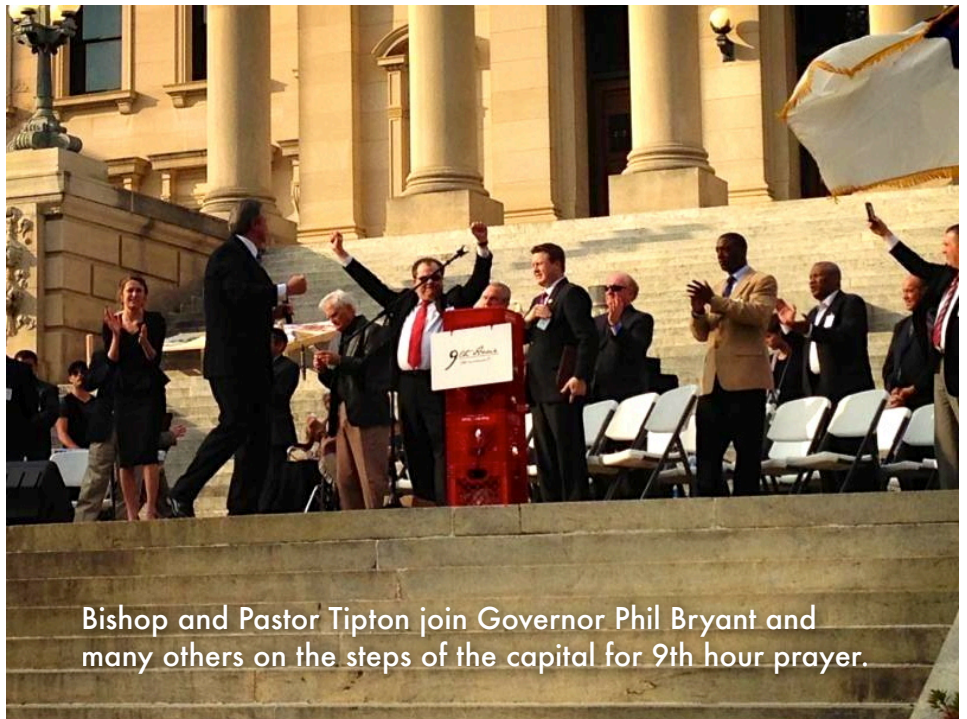
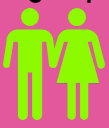
due. My Grandmother, Faye Tipton is one of the most generous, unselfish, God-Fearing ladies that I know. Every morning when she can, she is at the church praying in the sanctuary. After she prays, she goes around and cleans all the bathrooms and the kitchen. She keeps all the Baptistry towels washed and cleaned as well as the robes. She is truly one of the most amazing and Godly ladies I'm privileged to Love!



Couples Game Night:

May 18th. 7:00pm. @ the POG. Games, laughs, and good wholesome fun will be had by all.

Every couple is welcome!
Sign up at welcome center.



Bishop and Pastor Tipton join Governor Phil Bryant and many others on the steps of the capital for 9th hour prayer.

9th hour Prayer at the Capitol

The POG was among the prayerful that gathered on the steps of the Capitol in Jackson on March 9th at 3:00. Bishop Tipton and Pastor Damon were invited to the podium to lead our state in prayers for the District and the family.

Many showed up to support prayer as a means of transforming, protecting and directing our families, churches, and government. Prayer changed the world on Pentecost in Acts chapter 2, and it's our belief that it can change the world today.

The lawn in front of the capital was covered with people bowing their heads, and praying in the Holy Ghost. This is just the beginning of the 9th hour movement, and it was launched here in Mississippi with our people involved. Please visit www.9thhour.org for more information.

E.P.I.C. End-time Prophecy Initiative Conf. - May 9th & 10th

We are looking forward to hosting the scholarly Rev. Rick Treece as he expounds on Revelation prophecy and the end time. This exciting two night conference promises to be uplifting and soul stirring. We will examine scriptural prophecy written thousands of years ago and discern any fulfillment through the current events of today. Are there signs, and events to indicate the soon coming of our King? This conference will answer questions, squelch fear, and point to Christ. Is the end-time near? **You don't want to miss it. Mark it down on your calendar.**



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A few main events written in purple. Mark them down in your calendar, invite someone, and have some fun. thePOG is the place to be.

April

May

June

9

GLOW-ray. Glow ladies ministries are talking all about hair. 6:30 @ thePOG.

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Evangelist James Blackshear will be with the POG at 3:00pm.

29&30

64th Annual District Conference. At the UPCI campgrounds.

9 & 10

E.P.I.C. @ 7:00 at thePOG with Bro. Rick Treece. End-time Prophecy Initiative Conf.

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Mother's Day & Take 5 Challenge (I Love My Church) pledge deadline.

29

Pentecost Sunday Attendance Drive & iPod Giveaway

3-7

Junior Youth camp. Registration deadline May 15th. Speaker: Llyod Squires

10-15

Senior Youth Camp Registration deadline May 15th. Speakers: Micael Ensey/Aaron Soto

21-22

Men's Canoe & Camping Trip

No one deserves a special day all to herself more than today's Mom. We look forward to celebrating each of you mothers on May 12th, 2013. Hope you enjoy

"What My Mother Taught Me..."

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL .

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear,

in case you're in an accident."

7. My mother taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me how to be a CONTORTIONIST .

And my favorite:

14. Mother taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

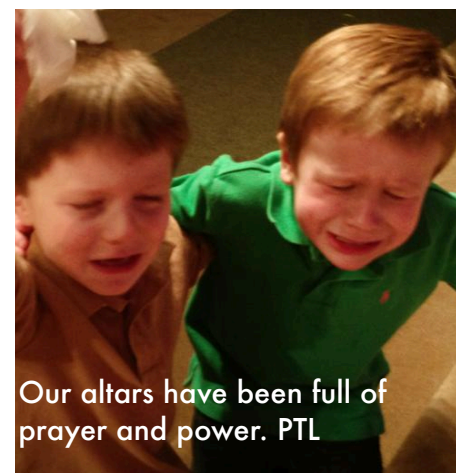
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."



Our altars have been full of prayer and power. PTL

Doughnuts With Dad

Bring the family.
Door Prizes - Laughs
Free food- Fun!
In Honor of your
"Dad-hood".



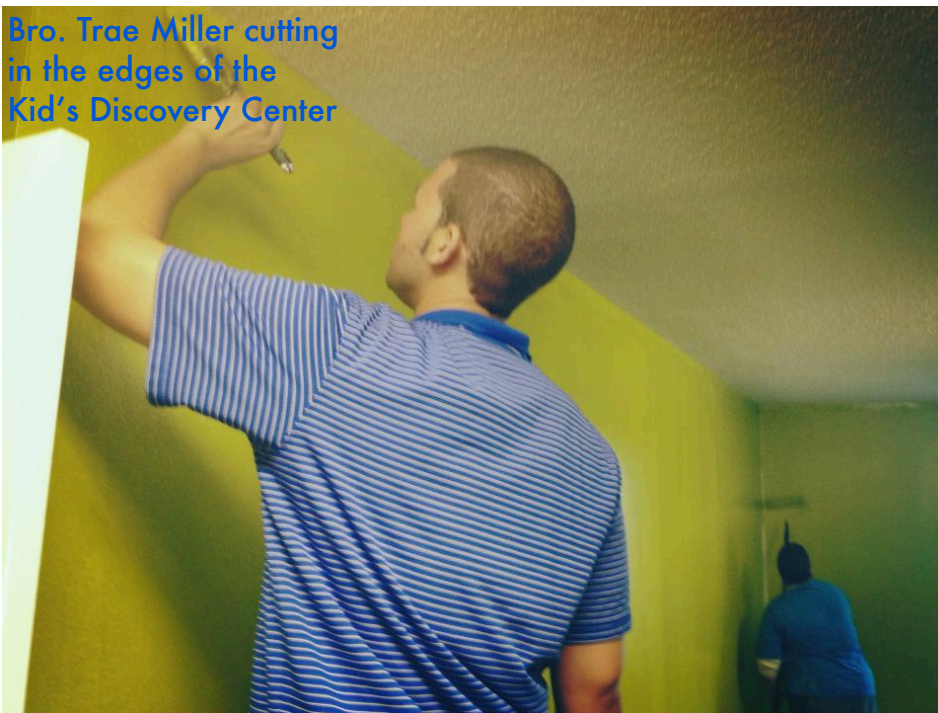
June 16th -Fathers Day- @ 9:30am

Launch Bowling

April 27th. Invite someone to class. Sign up in class.



Bro. Trae Miller cutting in the edges of the Kid's Discovery Center



Having fun and Getting it Done. Spring Cleaning.

It was early Saturday morning, clouds were threatening rain, and the temperature was dropping. It was a perfect day to stay home and stay in bed. But not for the POG faithful. Our Spring work day was scheduled for March 23rd, and when everyone else in Grenada was sleeping in, the POG was rolling out.

"It was a REAL work day" said Bro. Bobby, who touched up all the doors and frames. The church got a much needed interior overhaul. The Kid's Discovery Center got a new look, everything with carpet got vacuumed, scrubbed, and shampooed. The baseboards got touched up, and the carriage lights out front now work (thanks Bro. Charlie). The crown molding received caulk and paint, and every window got cleaned. The cob webs were removed, the baptistry was cleaned, the storage closet was reorganized, the Purpose, Ignite teens, and Launch classes all got updated and cleaned. It was a lot of fun to see everyone pulling together and getting so much accomplished. Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard to make their church look amazing. You guys

are my heroes.

What do you Believe?

(... from page 1) "Science, though important, requires a consensus of opinions and has produced almost nothing but questions, not answers or proofs." If he wanted proof of origin, salvation or afterlife, he was going to have to rely on faith.

I said "If you honestly ask yourself why you believe in 'facts' and not 'faith' you'll find the issue. Maybe it's a result of some hurt or distrust of the source. Because if you're really just waiting for facts and formulas then you need look no further than the bible and your own journey. Sighting your strong opinions, you've probably already asked yourself what you think about salvation. The fact that you've asked this internal question **proves the bible as the 'truth' formula.** You've asked the same question the jailor asked Paul in Acts 16 'What must I do to be saved?' And the fact that you asked the question, is enough to be judged according to your decision. Judgment requires payment or grace. Grace and truth came by Jesus, and (Rom 5:1) faith is the door to grace, through which you **CAN** still walk."

-C. E. Batson

A NEW LOOK ^_^

3 things that are different at the POG:

1. The Loper's New Chapter

We love the Lopers, & we're proud to report they have received their approval to start a new home mission work in Cleveland MS. Though we will miss them in the Sunday School & Purpose class we know God has big plans for them. This new chapter in their life is exciting & challenging, so join us in congratulating & praying for this great family.

2. Sis. Becky is S.S. Director

As a result of the Loper's launch, Sis. Becky Lance is now our Sunday School Director. We are excited to see what God is doing in the Kid's Discovery Center.

3. ReNew's teacher rotation

Bro. Spratlin has excelled in teaching our ReNew@ 2. But this quarter we welcome Bro. Chad into the Adult Sanctuary. Next quarter Bro. Spratlin will be back in the saddle.

Singles Conference:

Speaker: Bishop David Tipton

Location: FPC Jackson

Time: 7:30pm

Register at welcome center.



ORDINARY MAKES A COMEBACK by Bishop David Tipton Jr.

Not that many years ago, I slipped back into wondering if Jesus would ever think that my real self could ever be good enough to help move the kingdom of God forward in my little world. Will Jesus ever use me to move others closer to him, or do I lack the requisite charm, education, good looks, and smooth manner? Can a former shoeshine boy, just an ordinary guy from Port St Joe, Florida really be useful in the kingdom, or am I too lacking in the basic essentials?

We don't usually say these things aloud. I'm just a regular, ordinary person who loves God and would love to do something for his kingdom. Too bad most of us are not unusual; extraordinary so before you skulk off into obscurity, let me raise your spirits with some good news.

The people of Jesus are regular, ordinary people. They are normal folks, living truly *unremarkable* lives. But these are also the selfsame people who get things done!

Allow me to illustrate. D-day was the turning point in World War II. It was planned down to thirty-second increments. Thirteen thousand planes and the largest armada of ships ever gathered were committed to the invasion. Bombs were supposed to wipe out the enemy, opening the way for Allied ground forces to land and push back the German army.

That was the plan but that's not how it actually turned out. The bombs missed the forward German troops. The Allied troops fought to reach the beach under fierce enemy

fire. Those who made it to dry land were simply glad to be alive. Most of the commanding officers were killed, so it was left to an ill-prepared and under-equipped infantry---the "normal" people---to take the attack to the enemy.

At the base of the cliffs, cringing in fear, cold and wet, and many of them without weapons, they waited for replacements. The problem was that waiting and hiding wasn't their assignment. Getting to the top of the cliffs and taking out the machine guns was.

No one could see a way to the top except a rabbit hunter from Montana. He noticed faint trails in the grass that led to the top of the bluff. Hunting rabbits had trained him to notice seemingly insignificant details that others overlooked. He led his men up the hill, eventually taking out the deadly machine-gun nests. I say its time for ORDINARY to make a comeback. It turns out that all Jesus need are five loaves and two fish of our lives---something we already have. Rather than trying to escape the ordinary, we should exploit it and attempt something small for God, something ordinary and let Him make it extraordinary! Simply offer "a cup of cold water" and leave it up to Jesus to transform it into a "well of living water."

A Thank You Letter from A Soldier- for Armed Forces Day

As a minister of the gospel and a veteran, I want to personally thank all the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of United States of America. Thank you from the bottom

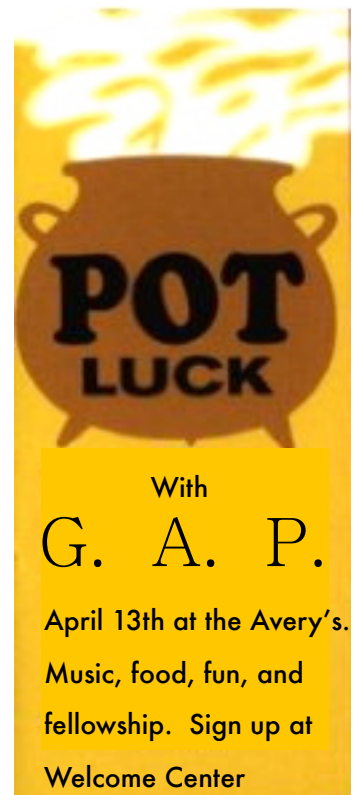
of my heart for your patriotic service and support of our country. I wish that I could shake your hand in person tell you how much I appreciate your

service. I want to further state how grateful and proud I am of everyone that serves in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force National Guard and reserves. We are all one fighting unit when it comes to the defense of our great

nation. I am thankful for Pres. Harry S Truman because he led to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together in thank-fulness for military members for their patriotic service and support for our country.

On August 31, 1949 Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day to replace the separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force days. The single day celebration symbolized the unification of the Armed Forces and the department of defense. The day chosen was the third Saturday in May. This year Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday, May 18.

I am so thankful to God for allowing me to serve in the National Guard and retired with 32 years of service with two years and three months of active duty service in Iraq. I will never forget how God protected us and brought all of us home again. I can never forget those I served with. Even though I had many responsibilities as a soldier, my most enjoyable memories where when I was allowed to also serve as a chaplain and get to preach and be a minister for them. I can truly say they received the word of God and the message of Jesus Christ with open hearts and I was proud to be counted as one of them. From a grateful heart, thank you, and God Bless America -Keith Spratlin



POT LUCK

With
G. A. P.

April 13th at the Avery's.
Music, food, fun, and
fellowship. Sign up at
Welcome Center

Buy \$5 tickets

for a chance to

Win an iPod touch



How To Buy Tickets:

1. Online at www.thepog.cc
2. Any child or teacher in the Kid's Discovery Center
3. Facebook at "The Pentecostals of Grenada"

Upcoming Events

April

- 4 --- Save Our Children Rally @ The POG 7:30 pm
- 9---- GLOW-ray All about Hair do's. 6:30 pm @ thePOG
- 13-- GAP Pot luck upper & singing @ Avery's
- 19-- Singles Conf. Bishop Tipton
- 21-- **Evangelist** James Blackshear
- 22-- Earth Day
- 24-- Conf: Missions & Evangelism @ South Haven (3 nights)
- 27-- Launch Bowling Trip
- 29,30- 64th Annual District Conf.

May

- 4--- Ladies Tea at The POG 11:00a
- 5--- Mother's Memorial Kickoff
- 7--- Teacher Appreciation Day
- 9, 10-- **EPIC** End-time Prophecy Initiative Conference @ The POG 7:00 pm
- 12-- Mother's Day & **Take 5 Deadline**
- 14-- "GLOW on the Do(or)" Spring Wreaths @ 6:30pm
- 15-- **Save Our Children Deadline & YOUTH Camp registration deadline**
- 18-- Armed Forces Day & Couples Game Night
- 19-- Pentecost Sunday
- 27-- Memorial Day Church Wide Picnic @ Lake 11:00 - 7:00
- 30-- UPC Campground Workday

June

- 3-7- Junior Youth Camp
- 10-15- Senior Youth Camp
- 14-- Flag Day
- 16-- Father's Day
9:30 Doughnuts with Dad
- 21-22- IronMen's Canoe Trip
- 29-- GLOWing Out Ladies night out @ 7:00
- 30-- Nacho Night & **Mother's Memorial Deadline**

Please visit our website for more info www.thepog.cc

Prayer Goes Back to School



Bro. Tipton was among the fine men that was asked to stand with Gov. Phil

Bryant as he signed Senate Bill 2633, the Mississippi Student Religious Liberties Act of 2013. The bill protects students from being discriminated against in a public school for expressing their religious viewpoints or

engaging in religious activities. Mississippi is among the first states to sign such legislation.



What's hap'nin':



GLOW
If you haven't been to a GLOW ladies

event, you owe to yourself to go. February's Glow canvas night was a hit (over 30 people). In April it's GLOW-ray. All about hair. Invite someone. See you there.



IGNITE
A few young ladies of the POG Ignite

Youth Praying at the Capitol. Our Youth is amazing. From prayer, to Drama Team, we have the greatest youth group in the world. Ignite, thePOG loves thee. ;-)

EPIC

Endtime Prophecy Initiative Conference

May 9th & 10th @ 7:00



Rick Treece
Speaker
From Lake Charles, LA

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