



There could be a special called session of the Legislature in the middle of August. A state lottery could be part of the agenda for that special session. Whether or not these two potential situations become reality will be decided by our GOVERNOR.

Our Governor used his State of the State address in January, 2017, to push for a state lottery. Because of good men and women in our Legislature, we survived the 2017 regular session without a state lottery.

Then, because of unfinished business during that regular session, the Governor had an excuse to call for a special session in the summer of 2017. We survived that special session without a lottery.

Then came the Special Study Committee to research the state lotteries around us—that the Governor said were getting all our money. We sent the committee our letter opposing the

lottery for obvious moral and economic reasons. We are still waiting for their report—which was due before the January session of 2018.

Everyone, well, nearly everyone, thought a state lottery was a done deal during the past regular session. But again, because many of you spoke out and because of good men and women in the Capitol, we survived this past regular session without a state lottery.

I've heard that "the third time is charmed." And yet our Governor could make a fourth attempt in 20 months to save his legacy with a state lottery. If he succeeds in August, his legacy will be the LOTTERY.

Here we go again

In spite of the jobs that will be lost in our state because of a lottery, he continues to push for it. In spite of the small businesses that will shut down because of a lottery, he continues to push. In spite of asking lower income citizens to pay a bigger share of our roads and bridges, he continues to push. In spite of the fact that a lottery will put a huge burden on every church to provide food and gas for those who wasted their money on lottery tickets, he continues to push. In spite of the fact that the state's part of the revenue from a state lottery is only a drop in the bucket compared to the total budget of our state, he continues

to push for a state lottery.

How did our state economy get in such bad shape with all that money that a former Governor promised from CASINO gambling? What is the next quick cure in the future?

In the words of President Reagan, "there you go again." This issue is still on the bubble. Unless many of you speak up and contact the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Speaker, and your Senator and Representative, there could be another effort in August to start a state lottery. I hope not, and I pray not, but unless many of you contact our elected leaders, I fear "Here we go again."

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NOBTS announces Fall 2018 classes at Broadmoor, Madison

TERRY (Special) — New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS) again will be offering undergraduate seminary classes for Fall 2018 through Leavell College's Jackson Extension Center at Broadmoor Church, Madison. The following classes will meet on Mondays starting August 20:

■ Introduction to Christian Education (three hours credit), 1-4 p.m. Instructor: Jamie Holden, minister of education, Hillcrest Church, Byram.

■ The Practice of Evangelism (three hours credit), 4-7 p.m. Instructor: John Pace, senior pastor, First Church, Terry.

■ New Testament Elective: The Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark, and Luke (3 hours credit), 7-10 p.m. Instructor: Clint Ritchie, pastor, First Church, Yazoo City.

Through this extension program, NOBTS offers accredited, affordable, local theological training allowing students access to high quality seminary education without relocating. Through the Jackson Extension Center, students can pursue and obtain an Associate in Christian Ministry Degree and/or a Bachelor's of Arts in Christian Ministry Degree.

NOBTS offers classes in a variety of formats that allows students to cater their schedule to meet their needs. Students can combine classes at the extension center with online classes, workshops, conference-based courses, and hybrid courses to obtain the requirements needed for a degree.

To see the cycle of classes offered, as well as other important information about the Jackson

Extension Center, go to www.nobts.edu/Extensions/LAMS-Centers/Jackson1.html.

For more information or to start the application and enrollment process, contact John Pace, Jackson Extension Center director, at cell (601) 559-9352; church (601) 878-5735; or e-mail thepacepack@aol.com. Website: www.nobts.edu.

Jody Dean, NOBTS regional dean for Louisiana and Mississippi, may be contacted at (800) NOBTS-01 ext. 3301, or lmextasst@nobts.edu.

To begin the application and enrollment process, visit www.nobts.edu and click "Apply," then click "Undergraduate Applications," then click "Undergraduate Degree," and start the application process by providing the requested information.

SULLIVAN

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annual meeting in New Orleans in 2001.

After being baptized at age 11 into Tylertown Church, Sullivan said he received a box of offering envelopes divided into two sections — one for the church and one for various Baptist causes.

He recalled trying to figure out how to divide in half his tithe of a nickel.

"It was a wonderful day when our pastor and people came back from the [1925] Southern Baptist Convention to report we had the Cooperative Program," Sullivan

said. "We would tithe one offering and then the church would decide how it would give."

He said Tylertown Church voted to send 40% of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program.

"When we put a dollar into the offering plate, it touches the world," he said.

Draper remembers a particularly valiant but difficult battle Sullivan fought during his tenure at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"He lived courageously, as his stand supporting the 1953 Supreme Court decision for desegregation caused him to be so harassed for that stand that he

received many death threats. He had to move his family out of Nashville to a suburban area in order to get better security.

"I don't think most folks in our convention ever realized what a true champion of biblical values and principles he was, even if it was controversial," Draper said.

"He stood strong as a Southern Baptist leader, and he died with complete confidence in the Lord he loved and served so faithfully."

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